Trustees had packed agenda at April meeting

The Board of Trustees ended the academic year by saying goodbye to some members and representatives who are moving on to other ventures. Trustee Del Latta, who leaves after nine years on the board, was honored in a resolution presented by trustee Michael Marsh, who said, "Del is a real legend.

Mary Beth Zachary, chair of administrative staff council, and Laurel Zawodny, chair of classified staff council, gave their final reports, as did Marcus Popovich, president of Undergraduate Student Government, and Steve Dietrich, president of Graduate Student Senate. All reported many accomplishments this past year. And after 21 years on Faculty Senate, including several terms as an officer, Leigh Charette, educational foundations and inquiry, said in this report he will not seek further office. "I feel its time to let some of the younger faculty members begin to take on the leadership roles," he said.

President Sidney Ribeau said that of the six years he has been at BGSU, this year has been by far the most extraordinary in terms of everyone working together toward a common mission. Though faced with some weighty issues, all constituent groups contributed in their own way, demonstrating their remarkable commitment to the University, he said.

Tenure and/or promotion were granted to 34 faculty members (see related story).

The board also approved a change in the way new employees may go for vacation and personal leave days. Now, once an employee is past the probationary period, he or she may begin to use vacation days as they are earned rather than having to wait a full year to take any vacation.

Revisions to the University's alternative retirement plan were approved so as to bring it into compliance with recent changes in the Ohio Revised Code. Among the 14 changes, the term "continuously employed" has been deleted and employees no longer must wait one year from termination to

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James Smith of Indiana University named new dean of Firelands

James M. Smith, dean of the School of Education at Indiana University South Bend, has been named dean of BGSU Firelands College.

John Folkins, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced Smith's appointment to the position on April 11.

"Dr. Smith brings to the University a breadth of experience in academic leadership and administration," Folkins said. "I have every confidence that he will create an environment in which Firelands faculty, staff and students will be encouraged to meet their aspirations and unite to further enhance the college.

Smith will take over the post at the University's regional campus in Huron effective July 1, replacing William Balcer, who has served as interim dean the past two years and will return to his faculty position in the psychology department on main campus.

"We all owe a debt of gratitude to Interim Dean Balcer for building morale and critical relationships within the college, the University and the community," Folkins noted. "During the past two years, he forged a path on which Dr. Smith will lead Firelands College toward future success.

Smith is a native of Washington Court House, Ohio. After receiving his doctorate in educational leadership from Miami University in 1988, he became an assistant professor and director of the Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals at Butler University.

In 1992 he moved to West Texas A&M University as an associate professor and director of the Collaborative Educational Leadership Program/Coordinator of Doctoral Studies. There he revamped educational leadership programming and initiated university-school partnerships

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BGSU's Trustee Valerie Newell (right) and Eloise Clark (center), interim chair and trustee professor of biological sciences, congratulate Robert Huber, biological sciences, on his receiving tenure and promotion. Faculty were honored at a reception.

Faculty celebrate granting of promotions and tenure

Thirty-four faculty members were presented to the board of trustees by Provost John Folkins and their respective deans for tenure and promotion at the April 9 meeting. Folkins said the event marked a "major milestone in the careers of the faculty" present. He described them as "outstanding teachers and true scholars.

The board approved promotion to full professor for 10 faculty members. Two faculty members, Myra Merrit, performance studies, and Dr. Ronald Scherer, communications disorders, received both tenure and promotion to professor, while 15 faculty members were approved for tenure and promotion to associate professor.

Four faculty were granted tenure and three more were promoted to associate professor.

Those named full professor were Janet Ballweg, art; James Evans, geology; Daniel Madigan, English; Pamela Allison, Jacoby Cunanec and Vikki Reane, all human movement, sport and leisure studies; Kathleen Farber, School of Leadership and Policy Studies; Joseph Havranek, interinstitutional services, Alan Lord, accounting and management information systems, and Christopher Buczell, performance studies.

Those receiving tenure and promotion to associate professor were Robert Buffington, history; Carla Celli, romance languages; John Farver, geology; Robert Huber, biological sciences; David Meel and Craig Zirbel, both mathematics and statistics; Marina Oshana, philosophy; Haowen Xi, physics and astronomy; Nancy Beck and Russell Schmull, both performance studies; Victor Fung, music education; Carol Hess, music composition and history; Gregory Rich, marketing, and John Forney and Julie Rabine, both information services, libraries and learning resources.

Receiving tenure were Kevin Fung, psychology; Sergey Shpetorov, mathematics and statistics; Gregory Garske, intervention services, and Jean Hines, family and consumer sciences.

Those promoted to associate professor were Timothy Jarkovic, natural and social sciences, BGSU Firelands, and Kelly Brougham and Linda Brown, information services, libraries and learning resources.

President's Lecture Series: Promoting an Ecology of Character

"Negotiating Difference in the Academy: Forging Proactive Academic Policies"

Presented by Michael Martin, chair, ethnic studies department. Monday, April 23

1:30 p.m., Fisher-Fuller Room, Jerome Library
Distinguished alumnus

Clyde Willis, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, welcomes Michael Bird, president of the American Public Health Association, to the University. Bird, an alumnus of BGSU, delivered the Neil E. Baker Lecture in Public Health on April 6. The event was simulcast to more than 3,200 boards of health nationwide. Bird, the first Native American to head the APAH, is now a consultant based in Albuquerque, N.M. He previously served more than 21 years with the Indian Health Service, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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for various phases of training for school administrators. In 1994 he received the West Texas A&M University Teaching Excellence Award given to the outstanding teaching professor.

Smith has served as dean of the School of Education and as a professor of educational administration at Indiana University South Bend for five years. As the chief academic officer for the division, he has overseen approximately 100 full- and part-time faculty.

At South Bend, he has partnered with faculty to obtain grant funding from national, regional, state and local sources. Among those grants was a $324,223 Lilly Endowment Grant to Support of K-12 College Preparatory Initiatives awarded in 1998, which provided comprehensive pre-collegiate awareness activities for low-income and at-risk youth.

Co-editor of The Journal of College Student Personnel, Smith also has worked with area school districts. An example of such collaborative work included the formation of Hamilton Alternative High School, a public alternative school for at-risk youth in the city of South Bend.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education at Miami University in 1979 and his master's degree in educational administration from Xavier University in 1981. He did postgraduate studies in guidance and counseling at Xavier from 1981-83. He received the John W. Shreve Award as the outstanding doctoral candidate from Xavier University in 1986.

He began his career in education as a classroom teacher in the Fairfield (Ohio) City Schools. He was an elementary principal in the North Union Local Schools in Richwood, Ohio from 1984-86.

Pargament interviewed for HBO show

Kenneth I. Pargament, psychology, who is known widely for his research on how religious beliefs affect health, was interviewed for a program which first aired April 15 on HBO.

Pargament was interviewed nearly two years ago for the program "A Question of Miracles," produced by Carlton Television in London, U.K.

The program is also scheduled to be broadcast at 1 p.m. Wednesday (April 18) and at 9:45 a.m. April 21.

According to its British producers, the program focuses on two Christian Charismatic faith healers, Reinhard Bonnke and Benny Hinn.

The English and international version of the production takes the form of two one-hour programs, with the second hour considering the much wider issues of religious faith and healing.

Pargament, who has published widely in his field and has received awards for his research, was interviewed in Boston by the British production company about those broader issues.

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receive a distribution; contributions are extracted from local income taxes, and the time period for new employees to choose an ARP increased from 90 to 120 days. Once the decision to participate in an ARP is made, it is irrevocable immediately instead of after 90 days so that contributions will begin immediately.

Approval of funding to install lighting in Perry Stadium to permit night games was given, along with adding more lighting in the parking lot and sidewalks adjacent to the football stadium. A continuing goal has been to improve safety in those areas.

Thefts from autos in lot 6 was the most-reported crime last year, and it is hoped that the improved lighting will ameliorate that problem. In all, the project will cost about $1 million, with the money coming from the earnings in a debt-service reserve fund which the University was required to establish in 1967 when 40-year bonds were sold to pay for the stadium, Ice Arena, Student Health Center and the Student Services Building.

In other business, an increase in fees for students who choose to live in two of the residential learning communities on campus was also approved. Students living in Partnerships in Context and Community will pay an additional $50 per semester, while those in IMPACT (integrating Moral Principles and Critical Thinking) will pay an additional $200 a semester.

Also at the meeting, the board made some additions to the Student Code of Conduct. The crime of plagiarism has not been previously addressed in the code; the trustees' vote made it an official offense to commit arson at the University or in the community. The board also added electronic harassment and stalking to the harassment and offenses portion of the code.

In addition, the board formally amended the mission of BGSU Firelands to include serving the community by providing access to selected BGSU four-year and master's level programs on the Firelands campus.

Food history nominated for Beard award

Years of scholarly research by two BGSU faculty members are paying off in a big way: Their book, The Cambridge World History of Food, has recently been named a finalist in the Writing and Reference category of the annual James Beard Foundation Awards. The winner will be announced April 30 in New York City.

Co-editors Nell Kiple, Distinguished Research Professor of history, and Kriemhild Cone Ornelas spent more than a decade compiling the first world history of food and nutrition.

"Its rather humbling to think that a century from now it will be looked at as the first world history of food ever written," admits Kiple, who with his co-editor wife has become something of a celebrity since the book's publication.

Now in its second printing, the boxed, two-volume reference book is expected to go into a third printing soon, according to the publishers.

Each volume contains more than 1,000 pages of information. Together they cover everything that is known about food and nutrition since human life began. Topics range from the diet of prehistoric man to vegetarianism to the politics of food. There's also a food-plant dictionary.

A 40-member international board of experts in food and nutrition helped the editors to identify some 200 writers from more than a dozen countries who contributed the various entries.

As part of their research, the editors traveled to food markets around the world and sampled some of the many foods described in the book.

It wasn't long before Ornelas decided to stop teaching classes (she had taught in the depart­ments of ethnic studies and sociology) so she could devote herself full time to assembling the publication. Fluent in Ger­man and Spanish, she translated writers' submissions into English and edited their work for a consistent writing style.

"It was just an incredible learning experience," said Kiple, whose most recent previous works included editing the massive The Cambridge History of Disease and Pests, Pests and Plague, a book about the diseases that nearly wiped out Europe in the Middle Ages.

Although Kiple and Ornelas are taking a sabbatical from academic life at this point next year, they're being kept busy by their publishers. In addition to working on two other books related to food, they are on the publicity circuit, giving interviews and making personal appearances.

The Cambridge World History of Food, which retails for $150, is available from online booksellers as well as bookstores nationwide and abroad-including the Uni­versity Bookstore.
Poet Nathaniel Mackey to read

Nathaniel Mackey, one of the major African American voices in contemporary poetry and prose, will read from his work on Thursday (April 19).

The evening will feature selections from Mackey's several collections of poetry, as well as from his two jazz-inflected prose works, R黑龙z Horseback and Djibril Boughouss's Run. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery. For more information, contact Ed Whipple at 2-7122 or whipple@bgsu.edu.

Call is out for new Faculty Fellows

Faculty and staff are invited to become "Faculty Fellows" for the fall semester. The mentoring program, now in its third year, brings University employees into Compton Hall and other residence halls to meet with students for meals and activities. In addition to the monthly meals, Fellows are invited to attend all events as well as special get-togethers.

The program is designed to give students regular times for conversation with and advice from adults familiar with the University and to bridge academic and residence life.

Those interested in participating should call Terri Capellman, Compton hall director, at 2-3626, or by email at capellman@bgsu.edu.

Cedar Point tickets offered to campus

University employees may purchase tickets to Cedar Point Amusement Park at a discounted rate. The tickets available are adult Good Any Day ($257.73) and Soak City ($17.30). Tickets can be purchased at the University Bookstore from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and will be available online April 16. Cedar Point Park opens daily beginning May 6.

Correction

In the April edition of President's Perspective, an incorrect title was inadvertently given for Robert Cole's book. The correct title is Lives of Moral Leadership.

Ed Whipple to serve NASPA in two roles

Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs, was recently elected to serve in two positions within the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). He will be serving a three-year appointment on the association's Foundation Board as well as a separate, three-year appointment on the board of the association's National Academy for Leadership and Executive Effectiveness.

The Academy explores ways of improving training and development opportunities for senior-level higher education administrators in the area of institutional leadership.

As Family Campaign 2001 gets into full swing, it is important for employees to realize their gifts serve another purpose beyond the actual dollar amount they donate, according to Janet Schroeder, development officer for corporate giving.

A high level of employee giving sends a strong message of support for the University, which can be a factor in outside donors' decisions about which institutions they choose for giving.

"Frequently, in making their contribution decisions, foundations will be interested in the support the institution receives from the people who know it best," she said. "Companies are impressed that a state institution like ours has such strong support from our university and staff. It was wonderful that last year almost half our employees donated to the Family Campaign."

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do it today. The more of us who participate, the more we can encourage outside support, Schroeder said.

McKee receives national recognition for service learning

For her ongoing efforts to lead young people into meaningful service learning, Sallye McKee, vice provost for academic outreach, recently received the Servant Leader Practitioner Award from the National Youth Leadership Council, in association with Youth Service America.

McKee heads service learning efforts at BGSU, spearheading the Literacy Serve and Learn Program, which brings BGSU students into the Toledo public schools as tutors, among other academic outreach efforts. She was a national mental in the University's joining the Ohio Campus Compact, part of a national organization that provides support and opportunities for service learning to college campuses. She has helped to integrate into the culture of BGSU the tenets of service learning, service, experiential learning, academic integrity and authentic youth engagement.

According to the NYLC, "To lead through service is a quality which is stimulated by a leader who nurtures and engages others. We seek to recognize someone from our field who, through their example, inspires young people to become servant leaders."

From the roots to the leaves to the soil, every part of a tree contributes to its growth. Like a tree, communities thrive by the partnering of young people and adults who work side by side in mutual respect.

Awards received a commemorative plaque and were honored at the National Service-Learning Conference in Denver April 4-9.

The National Youth Leadership Council's mission is to "build vital, just communities with young people through service learning. In its 12 years of service-learning leadership, the National Service-Learning Conference has highlighted and promoted service learning as a way of teaching and learning that builds academic and citizenship skills while renewing communities.

Milt Hakel to head national committee

Ohio Eminent Scholar Milton Hakel, psychology, has been elected to chair the United States National Committee for the International Union for Psychological Science. The committee coordinates the participation of U.S. psychologists in international congresses, and seeks to foster research collaborations. Upcoming congresses will be held in Singapore in 2002, Beijing in 2004, and Athens in 2006.

The committee also advises Bruce Alberts, president of the National Academy of Sciences, regarding U.S. involvement in international psychological projects and activities.

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Monday, April 16
Economics/Sociology Joint Colloquium, "Social Origins and Educational Attainment in Canada," with Reza Nahkaie, University of Windsor. 4-5 p.m., 119 Olscamp Hall.

Tuesday, April 17
PERS Representatives Visit Campus. General information sessions at 10 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. in Room 136, Field House.

Early Music Ensemble, directed by Mary Navig, musical arts, noon, Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Classical Guitar Ensemble, directed by Chris Buzzelli, musical arts, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, April 18
Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m.-noon, Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. Arts & Sciences Forum, with Nick Del Calzo, on his Triumphant Spirit exhibit. The noon soup-and-sandwich buffet is $6.95; free lecture at 12:30 p.m. followed by book signing. For reservations, call 2-3240 or email mjhj@bgnet.bgsu.edu. To improve adequate seating, lecture-only attendees should also call.

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Care for the Earth: Religious Communities and the Environmental Movement," with Suze Rite Weinken, Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, noon, 107 Hanna Hall.

Thursday, April 19
Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology Workshop, "HTML Formats," 9-11 a.m. To register, contact Jane Thompson at jehomp#bgnet.bgsu.edu or 2-6698.

Panel Discussion, "The Spirit of Survivors," 2:30-4 p.m., 121 West Hall. Sponsored by the history department.

Poetry Reading, with African American poet Nathaniel Mackey, 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Ober Bryan Gallery; Fine Arts Center.

Trumpet Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Beyond BG, celebration in honor of graduating seniors, featuring food, music, contests, entertainment and the presentation of the Outstanding Senior Award and Beyond BG Scholarships. 6-10 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Friday, April 20
Women’s Research Network Series, "Out of the Research Closer: Methodological, Theoretical and Personal Challenges of Conducting LGBT Research," 9:15-11 a.m., 107 Hanna Hall. College of Health and Human Services Forum, "Impact of Child Support Enforcement on Non-marital and Marital Births: Is it Different by Racial and Age Groups?" with Cher-Chung Huang, social work, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 209 Olscamp Hall. ICS Presentation, "A Father’s Secrets," by Sharmas Ben-Tov, English and creative writing, 3:30 p.m., 117 Olscamp Hall. Collegiate Chorale and University Women’s Chorus, 8 p.m., Kohacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Faye Paulsen Lecture, "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard," with Judy Shepard, mother of murdered University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, on becoming more proactive in preventing hate crimes on campus. 2 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Sunday, April 22
Symphonic Band, with guest soloist Velt Brown, tuba, 3 p.m., Kohacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, April 23
President’s Lecture Series, "Negotiating Difference in the Academy," with Michael Martin, chair of ethnic studies, 1:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Continuing Events
April 16-19
Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

April 20-23
Sibs' n Kids Weekend, activities for siblings and other family members of BGSU students and staff. For details, visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/crest/involved/sibskids.html.

Through April 25
Photography Exhibit, "The Triumphant Spirit," portraits and stories of Holocaust survivors by BGSU alumnus Nick Del Calzo, McFall Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday-Sunday, April 22, 1-4 p.m. The gallery is closed April 20.

April 16-25 and April 29-May 2
MEA Thesis Exhibitions/BFA Senior Thesis Exhibitions, Dorothy Ober Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, opening reception on April 28, 7-9 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and

chapel services.

Benner and White show Spirit of BG
Bryan Benner, associate vice president for finance and administration, is the administrative staff winner of the March Spirit of BG Award.

Benner was cited for his "genuine compassion and caring for all BG employees. He will receive a hand-blown vase created by Ona Magan, School of Art."

Sandy White, payroll officer, is the classified staff winner of the award for the month of March and a check for $750. Her nominators noted that she has been "a steady influence in the lives of many students for over ten years on campus. She is very caring and is a listening ear for many."