Trustees approve improvement spending

At its Dec. 11 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved nearly $3 million in capital spending on auxiliary facilities.

Approximately $52 million will be used to continue ongoing improvements in residence halls on campus, including creating space for a living-learning center on the first floor of Kibbitt Hall. The plan is that eventually Chapman Community will move into the space.

The package also includes funding for projects such as replacing 10 golf carts and purchasing a beach cart and hand picker for BGSU's Forrest Creason Golf Course; buying a new Zamboni for the Ice Arena; continuing to replace seating at Perry Stadium; upgrading the sound system at Memorial Hall; replacing a snow plow truck with purchasing network software for the Student Health Center.

Most of the funding for the projects comes from depreciation reserves for renovation and repair projects that are set aside annually in auxiliary area budgets, according to Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration. The exceptions are projects being funded through surplus balances at the golf course and health center.

Trustees also approved the purchase of a parcel of residential property at 1372 E. Wooster Street. The property, which is located on the southwest corner of East Wooster and State streets, could become an important piece in any long-range strategy addressing the entrance to either the campus or the city of Bowling Green, the board was told.

The University will purchase the property for $141,000 from John and Sheril Shaler with private funds. The five-bedroom house is rented to six students and earns $1,200 monthly in rent, with an additional $210 from rental of extra parking spaces.

The board also granted President Ribeau limited authority to purchase property on behalf of the University. The purchase is expected to be completed in two months.

The property concerns is the quad­rant that begins at the intersection of East Wooster Street and South Mercer Road; south on Mercer Road to its end; west to the terminus of Scott Hamilton Drive; continuing west to the intersection of Scott Hamilton and Mansville Street; north to Clough Street; west to Summit Street; north to Thurlow Avenue; east to Thurlow Street, south to East Wooster and east to Mercer Road.

The total price of any purchases must not exceed $750,000.

According to Ribeau, the university will be given a 19 percent raise by an unanimous vote, boosting his salary to $270,000 from $237,272.

Board president David Bryan, in moving to grant the salary increase, said that Ribeau has accomplished what the presidential search committee had hoped for in unifying the campus.

Private giving is up considerably; enrollment has increased; athletics is in place and many other goals and objectives have either been achieved or are well under way, he said.

In other action, the board adopted a policy allowing the university to approve any new names or name changes for all University properties, facilities and academic entities. The policy states that the board may delegate authority to the president for naming.

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HOLIDAY WISHES TO THE BOWLING GREEN COMMUNITY

In the midst of all the activity brought on by the combination of holiday events, the end of the semester and the approaching start of a new year, I wanted to take a moment to send my warmest holiday wishes to each one of you in our community.

For me, this time of year is always filled with a variety of emotions, but it seems more so this year than in the past. It is a time for reflection, reconnection and renewal.

This year has challenged us to think about what is important to each of us and act accordingly. And the result of that reflection is what we have always known: The most important things in life for us are the most enduring—family, friends, community and a sense of spirit filled with gratitude and hope for the future. It is a feeling that I can sense as I walk around our campus.

This holiday season, I hope that you rediscover what I have, that each of us possesses an extraordinary gift—the gift of ourselves, which we can freely give to each other, to all those around us and to the world.

Please know that whatever your holiday plans and wherever they may take you, I'll be wishing you safe travels, time with those you love and all the wonder and joy this time of year brings.

President, Bowling Green State University

Two fall commencement ceremonies scheduled

The University will hold separate graduation ceremonies for students earning graduate degrees and those earning bachelor's degrees on the main campus. It is the first time BGSU has held a separate commencement for the Graduate College in December.

More than 1,000 students are expected to graduate, including 213 students who will receive advanced degrees. The Graduate College will hold commencement at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in 101 O'neal Hall. The speaker will be Joe M. Skariah, president of the Graduate Student Senate.

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Academic Charter amendments recommended by Faculty Senate clarifying election procedures for senate officers, creating a new Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Affairs and clarifying the faculty improvement leave application process.

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Monday, Dec. 17
Final exams begin.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
"Dissertation Defense, "Determinants of Cordon Use to Prevent HIV Infection Among Female Commercial Sex Workers in Chennai, India," by Sanjambhi Venu, communication studies, 1-3:30 p.m., 310 West Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 19
Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m.-noon, Fallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, Dec. 21
Graduate College Fall Commencement, 7 p.m., 101 Olcamp Hall. Tickets are not required.

Saturday, Dec. 22
Fall Commencement, Undergraduate colleges, 10 a.m., Anderson Arena, Memorial Hall. The DePue Brothers Holiday Concert, featuring Alex DePue on fiddle and Mark Wade on hammered dulcimer, 7 p.m., Kohacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Winter Break begins, residence halls close at 2 p.m.

Continuing events
Through Dec. 23
Planctarium Show, "Secret of the Star," a show for Christmas, at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 22. Planetarium. $5 donation suggested.

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FACULTY
There were no positions posted this week.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8431 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED
(Employee wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

The following positions are listed on and off campus. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21.

Golf Course Supervisor (C-176-Sb)—Student Affairs. Pay grade 9.
Sales Clerk 2 (C-178-179-Sb)—University Bookstore/Pergrine Shop. Two-part-time positions. Pay grade 4.
Sales Clerk 2 (C-177-Sb)—University Bookstore/Pergrine Shop. Twelve-month, part-time. Pay grade 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Bookstore Director (M-090)—University Bookstore.

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Spring into wellness
Employees can walk away the winter doldrums at Eppler South this spring, and receive encouragement and information at a series of wellness talks.

Beginning in January, employees may walk the track in the Eppler gym from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The lectures are scheduled for Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and 21, March 21 and April 4, on a variety of topics.

Look for more details in upcoming Monitors.

Allen receives 'Spirit of BG' Award
Neal Allen, Office of Admissions, has been named the fall administrative staff winner of the Spirit of BG Award.

Allen was recognized for the warm welcome he extends to prospective students and for his continued interest in their progress after they are enrolled.

He received an engraved paperweight.

Winter break campus dining hours set
University Dining Services has announced the hours of service for Founders Dining Hall during winter break. All dining centers are closed between Dec. 22 and Jan. 1.

Founders will be open the following schedule:

Jan. 24 Closed
Jan. 25-28 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jan. 31 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Jan. 30-31 Closed
Jan. 12-13 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Jan. 7-9 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

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