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A class of eight students led by Dr. Stuart Givens put on tape Dr. Jerome Jerome, former football coach at Bowling Green, a 75th Anniversary present—a taped collection of interviews with people formerly or currently associated with the University. For the first time, the University has oral interpretations of its history to add to its collection of written and photographic material. The tapes, which cover 52 hours with 49 subjects, are stored at the Center for Archival Collections.

The class, "Oral History of BGSU," was a joint offering by the History and Popular Culture departments during the fall semester. It was led by Stuart Givens, history and University historian, and Michael T. Marsden, popular culture and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The idea for the class developed during meetings over the past year of the 75th Anniversary Committee, on which both Dr. Givens and Marsden serve. "We wanted to create an oral archive for the University," said Dr. Marsden, adding that oral histories are not a new concept. Because of limited funding, which provided money for taperecorders and tapes for use by the students, the class was only offered in the fall. But both Dr. Givens and Marsden said they were pleased with the outcome. They are now on tape for a continuation of the collection process.

The University and students benefited from the class. It provided the students with a different view of oral history. "The University became much more human for them," said Dr. Marsden. "It is a place where people act out a higher education drama." Oral history provides personal reflections and opinions that correspond with facts and dates found in a history book," said Professor Young, a student in the class. Dr. Givens said it is important that the perceptions of those who participated in the history be recorded because they provide insights that documents do not. The class structure called for students to interview several subjects on their own. At other times, the class joined their professors in interview sessions. At the end of the term, each student presented his or her interpretation of a particular year in the University's history. The students presented their presentations on the interviews they conducted and researched. They also took a written essay examination as part of class requirements.

A variety of people were contacted about providing interviews. Dr. Givens said about 90 percent of the people contacted cooperated. The subjects represent a broad range of association with the University, including residents of the City of Bowling Green. Some of those interviewed included former faculty members Iris Andrews, Charles Barrett, Lyle Fletcher, Helenin Hall, Amy Torpenson and Ray Yeager, among others. Also interviewed were current employees, including Norma Stickler, academic affairs; Richard E. Powell, director, purchasing; Chuck L. Coddington, plant operations; Karl E. Vogt, vice president for operations, and Richard R. Eakin, vice president for planning and budgeting, as well as President Paul J. Olschap.

Interviews were also conducted with former president William T. James III, former football coach Dorothy Perry, former vice president for financial affairs Ervin Kreischer and former trustees Alva Bachman and Aneel Bryan, as well as Bowling Green's mayor, Bruce Bellard, and police chief, Galesh Ash.

"We did a shotgun method of collection," said Dr. Marsden. "Now, we need to focus." Dr. Givens said there may be a need to offer the course once every few years to gather additional and updated information. "We interviewed about 50 people and there are not that many more around to make a significant contribution in terms of information," he said, adding that there are a few people that need to be tracked down and interviewed. Instead, Dr. Marsden and Givens said they would like to see the process continued by the Center for Archival Collections.

"We met a lot of interesting people," said Dr. Marsden. "It was a good experience. I learned a lot I didn't know about the University." For Dr. Givens, the class confirmed much of the information he already knew. Associated with Bowling Green for 34 of its 75 years, Dr. Givens is nearing completion on an updated history of the University. The book is intended to complement the original history written by James Robert Green.

With the resident historian listening to their every word, students had to be careful how they presented their information. According to student James Nieman, however, the class didn't feel intimidated. "If we got to a point where we weren't sure of the information, we would ask and he would fill in the details," he said. "We didn't use him to you information, but as a learning tool. Dr. Givens isn't the type to catch you in a lie. He just corrected our mistakes."

In addition to Young and Nieman, other students included Robb Frist, Steven Heidelberg, Beth Hindy, Anael Olvera, Amy Thomas and Pat Geller. Like the subjects interviewed, the students also have become part of the University's oral archive—their voices locked on tape, asking questions that will provide future students and historians insight into the life of the University.

**Campaign begins to boost Friends**

"Friend: a person whom one knows well and is fond of, an ally, supporter or sympathetic."

At the University libraries, friend translates into tables, lights, typewriters, floor directories, conservation equipment and even a snow blower. The Friends of the Libraries and Center for Archival Collections annually contribute several thousand dollars to help improve the University library system. During the 1984-85 academic year, $7,000 was spent on special events. The organization is an invaluable asset. As a consultant, according to Paul Yon, director of the Center for Archival Collections (CAC) and acting assistant dean of libraries.

For the first time in many years, the Friends are undertaking a highly visible membership campaign. With 100 current members, the organization wants to add 300 new members in the 1985-86 academic year. "It's an ambitious goal," said Dawn Glanz, art and president of the Friends board. "We're thinking big and plan to do the best we can."

"We want to publicize what the libraries and center do for the community and increase membership, particularly among faculty because they have a vested interest in the libraries."

"In previous years we obtained members through word-of-mouth," said Yon. "It wasn't coordinated well."

The campaign will include telephone solicitations, according to Janis Pallister, chair of the membership drive. "We want to not only get Bowling Green Involved, but other organizations as well, including the Firelands area," she said. "There are a lot of people out there who read, but don't know about our programs and services and have never been asked to help. We think there are a great many people who would be happy to contribute."

The Friends support the University libraries and CAC in areas where traditional funding through budgets cannot always help. (See Friends, Page 2)
Mott receives first Olscamp Research Award

Michael Mott, English, has been awarded the 1985 Paul and Ruth Olscamp Research Award. The $1,000 award, the first major honor to recognize faculty research at the University, was presented to Mott Dec. 19 to honor his outstanding achievements in the first three years of his teaching career.

The award was established by Paul J. Olscamp and his wife, Ruth, who is a member of the communication disorders department at the University. The award recognizes outstanding scholarly or creative accomplishments during the previous three-year period. The recipient is selected by a special committee composed of members of a special committee.

Mott, who has been at the University for 3 1/2 years, earned his doctorate in English at Kent State University. He is the author of several articles on the poetry of W.B. Yeats and the story of J.R.R. Tolkien. Mott has also contributed several entries to the Dictionary of Literary Biography. His research and teaching interests include the British Romantic poets, modern poetry and the history of the English language.

Faculty/Staff

Rowney: Summit changes status quo

The recent summit meeting between Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev was promoting a friendship that transcends the people of the two superpowers.

But from a political or military standpoint, the meeting was not a summit at all, according to Donald K. Rowney, history.

Rowney has been watching U.S.-U.S.S.R. affairs for some time. He is first vice president of the International Relations Council of the Soviet East and European Studies Film in Russia, and Dr. Rowney has been involved in nearly all of the summit meeting's prearrangements, including serving as visiting research associate for a National Science Foundation grant.

Dr. Rowney is a consultant on U.S.-U.S.S.R. matters and for various regional corporations.

When asked about the nuclear arms race, Rowney said that theater was not the issue for a summit.

It's "a competition that will continue and escalate during the 1980s," he said of the two countries. "The competition is a very necessary one to continue to keep the peace and to protect our own interests.

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For Dr. Rowney, the Kremlin will be worth watching.

Sources sought for "Resources"

Donald K. Rowney's popularity with the news media and the Friends of Olscamp-Greene-Summit was promoted by on-campus interviews with the Office of Public Relations.

The interviews, in which the names and areas of expertise of some of the nation's top experts are distributed to the news media, are conducted with the assistance of the Office of Public Relations.

Use of RESOURCES has been good, Dr. Rowney said, with many interviews with the news media.

White RESOURCES has met with considerable success. In effect, it could be said, Clifton Passarelli, RESOURCES coordinator, will have no trouble, since more than one-fifth of the faculty is included in RESOURCES. We would like to see television and radio stations, contacted Dr. Rowney about his views of the media.

"The questions varied," said Dr. Rowney. "Most were about the Russian standard of living, politics, Religion and Olscamp-Greene-Summit, and the implications of the summit for the United States.

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"On the Soviet side, it is clear now that they are interpreting the summit in a more favorable light," said Dr. Rowney.

Meeting in a summit meant a separation from the Russian people of Religion. "To single out Russia as an example of the rest of the world is not very productive," Dr. Rowney said.

On the other hand, the Soviet Union also made advances in the summit, Dr. Rowney said. "The summit was perhaps a defeat for the Russian people since it was for their use.

Dr. Rowney said it is still too early to tell how long Gorbachev will survive as the Soviet leader and how well he will do in the job. The Russian leader has been consolidating his power since taking office and the summit was an important move in his efforts to solidify his role.

Dr. Rowney said the timing of the United States' summit meeting was because it demonstrated in the most beneficial manner to his domestic audience that he was in charge.

The summit meeting meant a stabilization of the relationship between the two countries. "It was a clear victory for the Russian people," said Dr. Rowney. "He showed he was not willing to accept the risk and it turned out that it was a political success as well.

Despite the meeting of the two superpowers it was a "long way to go before detente is fully achieved.

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Mott, who has published a number of books and articles, has taught English at the University since 1959 and received the award for the academic year 1964-1966. In his award address, he spoke of the "liberal arts as a way of life for every person who values freedom and knowledge." 

Sources sought for Soviet Union

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Rowney: Summit changes status quo little

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Faculty/Staff Grants

Peter C. Hilscher, College of Business Administration, $370, for "The Consequences of Price ceilings on the U.S. Owl"; Donald L. Hansen, College of Business Administration, $370, for "The Consequences of Price floors on the U.S. Owl".

Lorenzo Fadules, History, $899 from the National Science Foundation, to do research for his book "The United States and the Soviet Union: A History of the Cold War, 1947-1985".

Edward Plante, special education, $28,000, for a special education program in cooperation with the Kent public school system.

Richard Weiser and Linda Mench, College of Social Science, $18,000, for the "National Education Policy and Research" program at Kent State University.

Grant applications due

Faculty members who wish to apply for Faculty Development Grants in amounts in excess of $250 are reminded that the deadline for applications is Monday, Feb. 3. The grants are used to support faculty outside departmental service or from the office of the provost for academic affairs.

Grant applications for January 1986 will be accepted in amounts up to $250. The deadline for applications is Jan. 26. "The Application form must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Provost." 

Education publishes history book

As an illustrated history of the College of Education and Allied Professions featuring more than 100 photographs of faculty, students and buildings in the history of the College of Education, the book "History of the College of Education" will be offered for $50 to anyone interested. The book is $1,000. Copies are available at the Office of the College of Education, 14-150, or by mail order to the University Bookstore, 16-114.

The book traces the history of the Stetson College from its beginning in 1915 to Bowling Green Normal College to 1985 when its name was changed to the College of Education and Affiliated Professions. It is the first history of the college.

Robert A. Peters, psychology, a second year's research support in the Social Science, will be provided to the Department of Psychology in the Department of Social Science.

Patrick Reck, administrative assistant, will be provided with $500 for the purchase of a new$2,000 computer for research in the Department of Psychology.

Howard S. DeCastro, psychology, will provide $500 for the purchase of a new$2,000 computer for research in the Department of Psychology.

W. J. Thompson, English, will provide $500 for the purchase of a new$2,000 computer for research in the Department of Psychology.

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Education program will be available to students in the College of Education and Allied Professions. The program provides an overview of topics in the major fields of education and is designed to enhance the student's understanding of the field of education and to provide a foundation for future professional study.

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Facility and staff are reminded that because of the severe weather conditions, the University's normal attendance policy will be in effect. No credits will be awarded for absence due to the weather. Any employee who must miss work due to severe weather conditions must have their absence recorded as such on the card as soon as possible and before 5 p.m. by calling 7-2991. Faculty members should contact their respective dean to report absences for the day. All students should use the appropriate University Credit Card or call 7-2991 to record their absence. Faculty and staff should make every effort to be on time for classes and to report absences to the appropriate office or department head.

University to close for King birthday

Monday, Jan. 20, is Martin Luther King Day. A University Holiday. University offices, libraries and most retail stores will be closed that day, and all University offices will be closed.

Only those activities deemed absolutely essential by area supervisors should continue during the holiday period.

President Paul J. Cusack has asked for thoughtful consideration of the following items:

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The Student Recreation Center will sponsor a number of activities during the spring semester. Faculty members and staff must have an SRC membership.

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A University has recently been awarded $157,660 by the National Institute of Health for the support of a research project which may some day lead to a cure for "sleep apnea.

Leading the new project is Dr. Robert Hahn, assistant professor of medicine. Though his work is in the early stages, he said it has given him reason to believe that sleep apnea will be fully treatable within 20 years.

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The recipient is chosen by vote of the faculty in the department and is announced in May in conjunction with the university's Alumni Day and the Alumni Fund.

Mott has won other awards for excellence in research in recent years. He received a Ford Foundation grant in 1979-80 to study the life and work of Mortimer Menpes, a famous American illustrator of the 20th century. He also has been the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The award is named for the Olscamp's, who met while students at Brown University in the early 1940s and were married in 1945.

Research award deadline is Feb. 14

The Paul and Ruth Olscamp Research Award is given annually to a member of the University faculty for outstanding scholarly or creative accomplishments during a given academic year. It is chosen by vote of the faculty in the department and is announced in May in conjunction with the university's Alumni Day and the Alumni Fund.

For Sale

Michael Mott, English, talks with Erik Cehak, vice president for the Office of Alumni Relations, who presented him with a copy of the award.

Mott believes that the award is a recognition of his particular achievements, not the whole of his work.

"It's a great honor," Mott said. "It's not a lifetime achievement award. It's a quick recognition of one's achievements in the last year."

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FACULTY/STAFF GRANTS

Research awardee is Proto

Proto Honebein, College of Business Administration, 273050. The College of Business Administration has announced that Proto Honebein, a junior in finance, has received a $9,000 fellowship from the National Science Foundation to do research in the field of finance. The fellowship will allow Honebein to pursue his studies in finance and to work on a personal portfolio as a graduate student.

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Controversial sociologist to appear at faculty forum

William Julius Wilson, author of the controversial book The Declining Significance of Race: The Rise of Culture and Politics after 1945, will speak at the University on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. in the Altgeld Lecture Theatre. The forum will be the first in an ongoing series of Faculty/Staff Forum events scheduled for this academic year. The forum will be sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Dean of the College.

Wilson is one of the nation's foremost sociologists and the director of the Center for the Study of Urban and Metropolitan Policy at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He is a noted expert on urban poverty, immigration, and race relations and has written extensively on these topics. Wilson has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his work, including the American Sociological Association's highest award, the Distinguished Contribution to Sociology Award.

The forum will provide an opportunity for faculty and staff to engage in a lively discussion with Wilson about his research and views on contemporary issues related to race and urban policy. The event is open to the public and will be followed by a Q&A session. Light refreshments will be served.

In Brief

Scholarship honors Snyder

A new scholarship honoring George Snyder, professor emeritus of history, has been established by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Snyder Scholarship is open to undergraduate students from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The scholarship is funded by a $10,000 endowment established by Snyder's wife, Susan, and their daughter, Elizabeth Snyder. The scholarship is intended to support undergraduate students pursuing a degree in history or a related field.

"George Snyder was a beloved teacher and scholar who made significant contributions to the field of history," said Dean of the College, Elizabeth Baker. "We are grateful to the Snyder family for their generosity in establishing this scholarship in his honor."

The scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more students based on academic merit and financial need. Applications will be accepted beginning in the fall semester of 2023.

Faculty/Staff Publications


Faculty/Staff Presentations


Grant applications due

Faculty members who wish to apply for the 2024-25 academic year must submit their applications by Monday, Feb. 1. All applications must be submitted online through the office of the vice president for academic affairs.

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to remind you that the deadline for submitting grant applications for the 2024-25 academic year is Monday, Feb. 1. Applications can be submitted online through the office of the vice president for academic affairs.

Please visit the office's website for more information on available grants and application procedures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs