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BGSU announces plans to buy 'University House'

The Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc., plans to purchase a home and property on South Wintergarden Road in Bowling Green to become the new "University House."

The BGSU Board of Trustees voted May 7 to sell the residence designated for the University president at 625 Hillcrest Drive. Estimates for renovating or rebuilding the 44-year-old home were significantly higher than the \$750,000 authorized in February 2003 by the foundation's board of directors.

This February, the board authorized exploration of the feasibility of purchasing other property. It now intends to buy 19.1 acres at 700 S. Wintergarden Road. The property is divided into two parcels—a home site on 5.74 acres, to be purchased for \$750,000, and a 13.36-acre parcel, to be purchased for \$350,000.

The South Wintergarden property meets the needs that the foundation board sought to address when it initiated the renovation project for the Hillcrest house. Unlike the house at 625 Hillcrest, in which public and private spaces aren't separate, the Wintergarden home includes areas that are suited for public entertaining and private living. In addition, its design is conducive to hosting formal dinner parties as well as larger gatherings. It can accommodate 200-250 guests.

BGSU also envisions the home's use for charitable and community events, in addition to fund-raising functions for the University. It will provide "room to breathe" without being intrusive to the neighborhood, as larger gatherings at the Hillcrest house could be.

The foundation considers the purchase an investment, particularly considering the potential for an increase in the value of the 13.36-acre parcel, said J. Douglas Smith, vice president for University advancement and president and CEO of the BGSU Foundation, Inc. The city of Bowling Green has no restrictions that would prohibit development of the parcel, whose entire frontage on the north and west sides runs adjacent to the 14th and 15th fairways of Stone Ridge Golf Club.

Current University President Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau was the fourth BGSU president to live in the Hillcrest house, which hasn't been significantly renovated since a multipurpose room was added in 1974.

He moved into a BGSU-leased condominium on Larchwood Drive in November 2002 so architects could evaluate the house and devise a plan for renovating or rebuilding it. In keeping with his contract, Ribeau receives a monthly housing allowance of \$2,750, which is comparable to a rental payment.

The Hillcrest house was part of the University's plans for upgrading campus buildings, but major renovation or rebuilding proved to be cost prohibitive due to state requirements that all labor be performed at commercial prevailing-wage rates. Last November, with estimates for demolishing and rebuilding exceeding \$1.1 million, Ribeau asked the foundation to explore other options.

"With the acquisition of this property, we look forward to establishing new traditions that more deeply connect the University to the community. It is our hope that over the decades to come, the house will be a gathering place for all and a welcome extension of the BGSU campus," Smith said.

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Gary Hess chosen to lead Ohio historians association

Gary Hess, Distinguished Research Professor of History, has been named president-elect of the Ohio Academy of History.

Hess was elected during the group's annual meeting in April. He will serve as president-elect this year and president next year, followed by a year as past president.

He becomes the fifth BGSU faculty member to lead the organization, which is largely made up of university and college professors, some high school history teachers, archivists and government historians.

In existence for about 85 years, the roughly 500-member group is "one of the oldest and most active associations in the country," Hess said.

The academy seeks to promote the development and dissemination of historical knowledge among the citizens and students of Ohio. It promotes high standards of historical scholarship and teaching in the state's schools, colleges and museums. OAH also issues awards for outstanding publication, teaching, service, dissertations and public history.

Hess said there are several items of particular interest to the academy now. "Promoting teaching standards in the public schools is an issue that will continue to absorb interest," he said. Another is insufficient state funding for museums and cutbacks that adversely affect historical sites.

"The Ohio Academy of History is the major professional organization of historians in the state. Our faculty have been involved with the academy since the beginning," said Peter Way, chair of the history department. "Gary's being named president is indicative of his stature in the field, both inside and outside of Ohio. It reflects well on our department and BGSU."

This is Hess's second presidency of a professional society. In 1991, he was president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

A widely known expert on the Vietnam War, he is the author of *Presidential Decisions for War: Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf*, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in 2001, as well as *Vietnam and the United States: Origins and Legacy of War*, and *The United States' Emergence as a Southeast Asia Power, 1940-1950*.

In March he published an online opinion piece called "Bush as 'War President': The Lessons of History" on the History News Network.

Family ties bind Whitmires, BGSU

BGSU has been a family affair for Duane and Diane Whitmire, so it's no surprise that when their youngest son, Daniel, received his bachelor's degree in education on May 8, his father presented the diploma.

"It's a sense of accomplishment for us to see him graduate," said Duane Whitmire, whose two older sons, David and Doug, are also alumni, as are Doug's wife, Kylie, and Daniel's fiancée, Kelli Fairchild, who received her degree last August.

The family tradition began with Duane, who earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1968 and a master of arts degree three years later. He has also worked at the University since 1975, most recently as director of the Student Technology Center and part-time computer science instructor.

Diane Whitmire, administrative secretary to Faculty Senate, has been a staff member since 1967 and was a 2002 recipient of the Honorary Alumnus Award.

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The only family member who isn't a BGSU alumnus in some fashion is David's wife, Annie. She took classes at Bowling Green but graduated from the University of Toledo (where her father-in-law went on to earn a Ph.D. in higher education). Her husband, however, is pursuing a second BGSU degree, a master's in educational administration and supervision, while teaching at Springfield High School in Holland. David Whitmire is also an assistant coach for the Falcon baseball team.

Duane Whitmire plans to remain at the Student Technology Center through 2004-05, when Diane will retire as well. At that point, they will have given a combined 70 years of service to the University.

"The Student Technology Center will be a hard place to leave," said Whitmire, who will formally "retire" this June 30 but will return to his administrative and teaching duties after a 60-day period. "It's a job where I can't wait to get to work every day because I work with students all the time."

The center is unique among public colleges and universities in Ohio, and has been studied by other institutions interested in creating similar operations on their campuses. Designed to help students develop the technology skills needed to succeed in both their classes and the job market, the center offers individual and group training, class workshops, digital video camera rentals and, during fall semester, the Northwest Ohio Technology Fair.

Whitmire, who hopes to continue teaching beyond next year, joined graduate assistant Chris Allen to showcase "StudentTech" to state legislators at a breakfast in Columbus last month. The same day, the Bowling Green Community Foundation announced that the center was among 26 recipients of grants for community projects. A \$1,000 grant will be used to develop a Virtual Student Technology Center at Bowling Green High School.

IN BRIEF

Nominations sought for community fellowship award

The Division of Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) has issued a call for nominations for the 2004 University Community Fellowship Award.

The award is presented each year at the annual HESA convocation in recognition of extraordinary contributions by faculty, staff or students to building collegial working relationships at the University.

HESA sponsors the award to recognize a person or persons' commitment to organizational development through the fostering of mutual respect among all members of the college and University community.

HESA faculty and students are not eligible to be nominated. A nomination form, letter or memo addressing the criteria should be submitted by Aug. 13 to HESA Chair Mike Dannells, 330 Education Building or michaed@bgnet.bgsu.edu. The selection will be made by members of the Fall Convocation Committee.

For a list of criteria or more information, call 2-0381.

Help out at campus picnics

Dining Services is seeking volunteers for the upcoming convocation and all-campus picnics.

The convocation picnic will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, on the lawn in front of Prout Chapel. The all-campus picnic will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10 on the lawn in front of University Hall.

To sign up, visit <http://dining2.bgsu.edu/> from any on-campus computer.



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CALENDAR

Monday, May 17

Fund Administrators Training Sessions, "Understanding Your Foundation Account" and "Development 101," 2:30-4:30 p.m., first floor of Miletic Alumni Center. For reservations, call 2-2424. Sponsored by the BGSU Foundation, Inc., and the Office of Development.

Wednesday, May 19

Dissertation Defense, "Sex Differences in Verbal and Nonverbal Communication: A Content Analysis of Moneymaking Movies," by Amy Capwell Burns, communication studies, 3-5 p.m., 310 West Hall.

Continuing Events

May 14-June 14

Art Exhibit, "Cream of the Crop," award-winning pieces from the spring 2004 Undergraduate Student Exhibit, Union Art Galleries, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends.

May 17 and 19

Speech and Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Cleanings, 9-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., by appointment only, 200 Health Center. Call 2-2515. Provided by the BGSU Speech and Hearing Clinic.

May 18 and 20

Open Forums introducing the PeopleSoft administrative systems, at 11 a.m. on May 18 and 9 a.m. on May 20, 314 Union. Another forum will be held at 2 p.m. May 26, same location.

May 21-June 8

Planetarium Presentation, "Transit of Venus." Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays, 7:30 p.m. June 6 and 7:30 a.m. June 8 (when Venus lines up with the sun for the first time since 1882).

JOB POSTINGS**FACULTY**

Popular Culture. Instructor (two positions). Call Bernice Aguilar, 2-2981. Deadline: May 26.

Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies. Visiting assistant professor/instructor. Call Linda Hamman, 2-7234. Deadline: May 31.

Marketing. Instructor/Executive-in-Residence. Call Bob Wu, 2-2041. Deadline: June 7.

Teaching and Learning. Lecturer (classroom technology). Call Leigh Chiarelott, 2-7352. Deadline: June 7.

Firelands Applied Sciences. Instructor/lecturer. Call the dean's office, 2-0623.

Review of applications will begin June 11.
Economics. Instructor (two positions). Call John Hoag, 2-8231. Deadline: June 18.

Communication Studies. Professor/director. Call the department, 2-8349. Deadline: Oct. 1.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions.

Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

View a job description at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The following position is being listed on and off campus simultaneously.
Secretary 1 (C-30-Ve)—School of Intervention Services. Pay grade 6. Full-time, grant-funded position. Deadline: 1 p.m. May 21.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

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Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (V-039)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications began May 14 and continue until the position is filled.

Grants Accounting Manager (R-040)—Finance and Administration. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: May 21.

Assistant Dean of Students (R-042)—Office of Campus Involvement. Administrative grade 17. Deadline: June 4.

Coordinator—Business and Operations (R-043)—Department of Chemistry. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: June 4.

Instructor/Supervisor Mass Spectrometry Facility (R-044)—Department of Chemistry. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: June 4.

Director and Physician in Chief (04-017NF)—Student Health Services. Salary

is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications began March 31.

Residence Hall Director (V-018)—Office of Residence Life (three positions). Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until all positions -are filled.

Staff Internal Auditor (R-077)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications began Dec. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

University General Counsel (04-004NF)—General Counsel/Office of the President. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. Review of applicants began March 1. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.