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# Monitor

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Grandmother honored

Scholarship embodies meaning of 'Family' Campaign

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Laurel Zawodny about her grandmother, Louisa Strock

Laurel Zawodny has found a great way to continue her support to the University and its students while honoring her grandmother's legacy of commitment to education.

An administrative assistant in the president's office, Zawodny recently established a scholarship in honor of her grandmother, Louisa Strock.

In addition to providing support for a BGSU student, Zawodny's establishment of this scholarship will help the 2005 Family Campaign reach its \$1 million goal. The campaign provides an avenue for faculty, staff and retirees to create a stronger University by pledging their support to the areas most important to them, and especially to student scholarships.

The scholarship is the latest development in Zawodny's dedication to the University. She began

working as a student employee in the Bursar's Office, became a full-time employee there in 1994, and graduated in 1995 with a degree in education. Zawodny also was chair of Classified Staff Council during the 2000-01 academic year.

"My mother, Charlotte (Strock) Shrider, graduated from BGSU in 1972," she said. "So, my grandmother has had two daughters, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter graduate from BGSU.

"Although my grandmother would be quick to point out 'the most important thing I can show for my lifetime is my family,' this remarkable woman's life demonstrates exceptional professional achievement."

Louisa Strock graduated from Liberty Center (Ohio) High School, where she was class valedictorian and a Wright Scholarship Medal recipient, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1937. She then taught at Liberty Center High School, worked with her father in the family-owned local newspaper, The Liberty Press, while her brothers served in World War II and, as a wife and mother to six children, tutored before returning to teaching at Liberty Center's elementary and high schools.

In 1968 she completed a Master of Arts in English degree with a graduate minor in French from BGSU. She taught at Liberty Center High School until her retirement in 1985, and now teaches courses at Northwest State Community College.

Strock was honored for her

work in Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Society for women educators and is involved in her community's various committees and political campaigns as well as the local theater and historical society.

"My grandmother's professional accomplishments do not begin to speak to her heart and witty personality," said Zawodny. "I wanted to begin this scholarship to honor her for many reasons. She is an inspiration to our entire family. I wanted to pass on her inspiration to others who attend her alma mater."

The first recipient of the Louisa M. Strock Transfer Student Scholarship for the spring 2005 semester is Ashley L. Kasten, a math education major from Liberty Center.

The scholarship will be awarded annually and designated for undergraduates who are transferring as full-time students to BGSU. The recipient must have completed 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 system.

"Last year, the Family Campaign exceeded its goals with almost 54 percent participation and \$935,500 in gifts and pledges," said J. Douglas Smith, vice president for University Advancement. "The campaign has had great momentum over the past several years and we hope to speed up that momentum even more as we challenge faculty, staff and retirees to reach our \$1 million goal. With inspiration from campus leaders like Laurel, I'm sure we will succeed."



# Retiring professor's love for libraries and students prompts gift

**T**hanks to the vision and generosity of a retiring faculty member and the creativity of BGSU art students, a new study space to benefit all students is being created at William T. Jerome Library.

The seventh floor will be divided into activity zones beginning with a high-activity social area and cyber café, opening into a commons area with research stations and small group meeting spaces and then on to quiet study spaces.

The project began when Dr. Janet Parks, Distinguished Teaching Professor in human movement, sport and leisure studies, retired from a 39-year teaching career last year. At her retirement reception in the library, she announced a \$20,000 personal gift to the University Libraries for a student study area. Her friends and colleagues also contributed, raising more than \$45,000 for the project.

"The University Libraries has always depended on the generosity of friends like Janet Parks," Libraries Dean Dr. Lorraine J. Haricombe said. "Professor Parks knows that at the heart of every great university is a great library. Her generous gift to the University Libraries epitomizes her love for libraries, for students, and the library's role in their education. As we engage students in their own education, it is important that we provide opportunities for intellectual discovery and a physical environment that contributes to self-directed learning and collaborative investigation and research."

Phase I of the project, two group-study rooms, will be featured at an April 26 open house, Haricombe added.

## Student Health Service, sociology make headlines

BGSU staff and faculty have seen wide media exposure recently as they have contributed their professional knowledge to some pressing social issues.

Dr. Glenn Egelman, director of the BGSU Student Health Service, has been quoted in newspapers around the world about the importance of college students having health insurance.

A growing number of public universities are requiring that students have health insurance before they are admitted, to save the uninsured from huge bills and college hospitals from getting stuck with the cost.

Such a requirement is under consideration at BGSU. Egelman says students need to be educated about the importance of health insurance. Something as common as appendicitis could result in a

big medical bill, he points out. "It can happen to anyone, at any time, and it can definitely happen to young people," Egelman says. "We see students who have to leave school because of something that can't be predicted."

First published by the Associated Press and written by John Seewer, the story appeared during



Dr. Glenn Egelman



BGSU students visiting the library participated in a "derby" to vote for their choice of chairs to be used in the re-designed seventh floor study area.

The project provided a concrete opportunity for some real-world, hands-on learning for the students of Lori Young, art. They studied the directive provided with Parks' gift, noted the budget, analyzed the needs, and presented their proposal to library administrators, who accepted it.

They then produced a floor plan of the project built to scale, and even contributed some of the labor in painting the hallway and other tasks. The student designers also found a creative way around a typical problem, Young said. While the space had to be designed with students in mind, it is often difficult to get their input. So when it came time to choose the chairs for the study spaces, the design team decided to present several choices and get passers-by to sit in them and vote for their favorites.

Those who wish to partner with Parks and friends in realizing Phase II, construction of the cyber café, may designate gifts to the Janet Parks Library Fund through the BGSU Foundation, Inc.

February in media worldwide, including the Pravda (Russia), The Guardian (U.K.) and the Gulf Times in Doha, Qatar. CNN, MSNBC, ABC and CBS news were among the American media that posted the story on their Web sites. The story also was published in numerous U.S. newspapers, from USA Today and New York Newsday to the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle.

The sociology department also has been in the news recently. Dr. Laura Sanchez gained national visibility when she appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" Feb. 15 to discuss her research on covenant marriage. Adopted by three states, notably Louisiana, this new marital contract seeks to strengthen couples' commitment and reduce divorce rates.

In addition, the 2004 edition of the Journal of Marriage and Family "is all about Bowling Green," said Dr. Wendy Manning, director

of the Center for Family and Demographic Research. Sanchez, a center affiliate, served as guest editor for a special edition on "International Perspectives on Families and Social Change."

Included in the journal is an article by Dr. Gary Lee, sociology, and doctoral student Padma Srinivasan.

A seven-member team of sociology students also contributed to the success of the issue, Manning noted.

"This issue of JMF is a great accomplishment," Manning said. "It is wonderful to see both Bowling Green students and faculty featured in the leading family journal."



Dr. Laura Sanchez

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special programs to help kick off  
the centennial campaign.  
Some of those events are  
listed here. Please check  
the sponsoring college for  
more information on a particular  
event or visit the Office of  
Development's Web site at  
[http://giving.bgsu.edu/  
development/buildingdreams](http://giving.bgsu.edu/development/buildingdreams)  
for a complete listing.

**A P R I L 6**

**The Four Freshmen at BGSU**  
College of Musical Arts

**A P R I L 8**

**6th Annual Ned E. Baker Lecture in Public Health**  
College of Health and Human Services

**A P R I L 14**

**Community Engagement through the Arts**  
College of Arts and Sciences

**A P R I L 16 - 23**

**Master of Fine Arts Exhibition I**  
School of Art

**A P R I L 21**

**President's Lecture Series with Wolfgang Preiser**  
College of Education and Human Development

**A P R I L 22**

**Playwright Edward Albee speaks on**  
**"The State of Theatre and the Arts in America"**  
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**A P R I L 29**

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**featuring Frank Maguire, Maguire Communications**  
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**A P R I L 30**

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