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Ground broken for Sebo Athletic Center

The last time BGSU constructed a building for intercollegiate athletics, William Jerome was president of the University and Lyndon Johnson was president of the United States.

That was some 40 years ago, but with the Dec. 2 groundbreaking for the University's Sebo Athletic Center, a new facility for Falcon athletics is on the way.

Bob and Karen Sebo of Salem, Ohio, for whom the structure is named, contributed \$3.5 million toward a goal of \$7 million being raised to support construction of the facility. They, along with President Sidney Ribeau and Athletic Director Paul Krebs, took part in the groundbreaking ceremonies at the north end of Doyt Perry Stadium.

Also lifting shovels were Sharon Cook of Upper Arlington, chair of the BGSU Board of Trustees, and Falcon football linebacker Teddy Piepkow of Clark Lake, Mich., a senior marketing major and president of the BGSU Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

The unique, three-story structure will become the new "front door" of Perry Stadium. With approximately 42,500 square feet, the center will provide modern sports medicine-rehabilitation and strength-training facilities; a balcony overlooking the playing field; offices for the football coaches; teaching space for coaches and players; a video editing room; team meeting rooms, and a coaches' conference room.

"There are few events in a lifetime where you can look back and say, 'Boy, I remember that day,'" said Krebs, addressing the more than 100 onlookers who gathered for the groundbreaking. For the BGSU athletic department, Friday was one such day, he said.

"This is an extremely important element of a vision we have for intercollegiate athletics," added Ribeau. The University aims to field competitive teams in every sport, and "this facility will give us an opportunity to do that," he said.

BGSU offers 18 varsity sports and is one of only 14 schools in the nation with NCAA Division I football, hockey, and men's and women's basketball. The center will benefit all varsity sports programs and more than 430 student athletes.

Sebo, a 1958 graduate of Bowling Green, is a member of the University's Board of Trustees and a staunch supporter of Falcon athletics.

A good athletic program benefits the entire University, Sebo said. "Winning teams generate a really positive attitude" on campus, and those good feelings stay with students as they become alumni who support academic, as well as athletic, programs, he explained.

In Division I, "you really have to be strong and well-conditioned to compete," he noted, expressing his hope that the center will contribute to the health of student-athletes and to successful recruiting and teams.

"I love BGSU, and the only thing I can say is, 'Go Falcons,'" Sebo added.

To date, 79 individual and corporate donors have pledged \$5,218,730 for construction of the Sebo Athletic Center, which is scheduled for completion in 2007.

Contributions to the center are counted as part of Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University. The focus of the \$120 million fund-raising campaign, which continues through December 2008, is to increase scholarships, enhance faculty and leadership positions, strengthen programs, build for tomorrow and sustain the University. More than \$86 million already has been committed to the campaign.

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The general contractor for the new facility is J. L. Judge Construction Services of Detroit, and the architects are Sink Combs Dethlefs of Denver and Technicon Design Group of Ottawa, Ohio.

Trustees reach agreement with police, grant president raise

The University reached an agreement with its campus police department Dec. 2 when the board of trustees voted to accept a collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Police Local 103.

Retroactive to April 28, 2005, the agreement extends to April 27, 2008, and grants campus safety employees a 3 percent raise yearly for three years. In addition, they will receive a market adjustment for the first year of \$1.80 hourly for police officers and 65 cents hourly for dispatchers.

In other action, the board granted President Sidney Ribeau a 3.25 percent raise and extended his contract two years, through June 30, 2010. Effective Jan. 1, the raise will bring his current salary of \$286,443 to \$295,752.

This is the first time in three years that Ribeau has accepted a salary increase. In recent years, he has chosen to either decline his raises or donate them back to the University.

The board also approved special fees for students in the Partnerships in Context and Community (PCC) and the Honors residential programs.

PCC had been funded by a five-year grant, but now will require a student fee of \$275 per semester in order to continue.

The Honors Program—whose office is moving into Dunbar Hall, the Honors residence hall—plans to increase programming in order to be a more effective connection between the residential and academic aspects of the program. The trustees approved a \$150-per-semester fee for those students.

At the Financial Affairs Committee meeting earlier in the day, board members heard Craig Cornell, director of Student Financial Aid, give an overview of the University's aid programs and their impact on admission, retention and student success.

There is a clear connection between meeting students' financial needs and attracting and enabling them to continue through to graduation, Cornell said. Financial support, combined with other student-success programs, has helped increase the University's overall graduation rate, which, compared to institutions with similar demographics, exceeds predictions by 12 percent, he added.

For 2004-05, BGSU awarded \$171,911,151 in aid, with 13,569 students, or 68 percent, receiving some assistance, Cornell said. Aside from federal grants and loans, work programs and state grants, institutional aid accounts for 25.7 percent of the total aid awarded.

When tuition increased in 2004, BGSU added significant aid in the form of Access Scholarship Grant programs, which have proven highly successful in attracting and retaining students, Cornell said. For example, the Falcon Soars scholarship, which matches Ohio Instructional Grant funds, helps the neediest students. Students receiving that scholarship have a 78 percent retention rate.

"There's been a lot of interest in that program," Cornell told the board. "In fact, the governor has mentioned it in his talks."

Another access program, the Orange and Brown scholarship, addresses students with both

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high academic skills and high needs, and has a 92.1 percent retention rate.

In addition, BGSU's "grid" scholarships, instituted in 1996, take some of the guesswork out of financial planning for students and their families by guaranteeing scholarship money to high-achieving students. The University Professors Scholarship, for example, provides full fees to students with the highest grade point averages, and has a 95.1 percent retention rate.

"It's an expensive program but it allows us to compete for the best students," Cornell said.

The "return on investment" is great, he said, noting that, since 1996, BGSU has seen a 32 percent increase in applications. Moreover, in targeted areas, such as the high-achieving and out-of-state students, enrollment has grown by leaps and bounds. There has been a 122 percent increase in students with 30-plus ACT scores since 1996, he said, and a 132 percent increase in out-of-state students. In addition, the number of students of color has increased by 135 percent since 1997.

When asked if the University could ever cut back on any of its financial aid programs, Cornell and Ribeau pointed out that the demographic of college-age students in Ohio is flat and expected to remain so until 2026. That, together with the falling graduation rate in the state, makes for a very competitive environment for attracting students, and incentives for out-of-state students will be increasingly important. "In Ohio," the president added, "over 40 percent of students are still first-generation college students, and they tend to have the greatest need."

"If we don't maintain and even increase our aid, we might find ourselves going in the opposite direction," Cornell concluded.

Also at the committee meeting, Dr. Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration, presented the results of a review of state-owned educational facilities based on their condition. The state's campus academic buildings are facing "block obsolescence," the report says, and are in need of renovation.

BGSU has several buildings, notably Jerome Library and the Life Sciences Building, in need of major rehabilitation, according to the report. The cost to update the library would range from \$18 million to nearly \$23 million, the report finds. Similarly, the Life Sciences Building would cost between roughly \$16 million and \$20 million to renovate.

Unfortunately, the amount allocated by the state for capital improvements has dropped, Dalton said, and BGSU is now receiving only \$12-\$14 million every other year, "which gives us a handle on the magnitude of the problem."

Donors, preferring to give to scholarships, tend to be reluctant to give to buildings and are even less likely to pay for their upkeep, Ribeau pointed out.

Fraternity members, alumni give back to BGSU

Current members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity have united with chapter alumni to make a significant contribution to future students' educational experience at BGSU. The chapter has reached the \$90,490 mark in its \$300,000 "To Better the Man" fund-raising campaign.

On Nov. 28, the Gamma Zeta chapter presented two checks to the University. The first, for \$16,335, was raised by undergraduates in the chapter and represents pledges over the next five years. The second, for \$746,155, came from alumni pledges.

Attending the ceremony were chapter alumni from as far back as 1950—in the person of Jim Cameron, a founding member—and Joe Zimmerman, a 1979 graduate who helped make the alumni check presentation. Former chapter presidents were also in attendance, including

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Gordy Heminger, now coordinator for Greek Life in the Office of Student Affairs, and Rocco Sciarra, last year's leader, who presented the undergraduate check along with current president Aaron Shumaker.

The effort is "a positive example of how alumni and undergraduates can work together for the common good," Douglas Smith, vice president for University advancement and president of the BGSU Foundation Inc., told those gathered for the occasion. "Giving back makes a statement about what you feel is important and sends a message to fellow students about what is important."

"It was very beneficial to see undergraduates contribute so much," commented Ed Leedom, a 1989 BGSU graduate and president of the Alumni Council, after the ceremony. "It was a phenomenal effort on their part."

Most of the \$300,000 to be raised will go toward scholarships, with \$48,000 dedicated to campus leadership programming open to any BGSU student. Resources will be given to Student Affairs annually in the form of matching funds.

"The national fraternity has emphasized leadership for the last 10 years, and we wanted to be able to share that locally," Leedom said.

"I'm so pleased by that, and proud as punch," echoed Cameron.

The idea for the fund-raising campaign came about when the fraternity celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BGSU chapter in 1950, Leedom explained. "I'm proud to be part of an innovative initiative here on campus," he added.

Also at the event, Zimmerman was presented the prestigious Delta Beta Xi award, on behalf of the national fraternity, in recognition of his outstanding service to Alpha Sigma Phi.

BG Mayor Quinn quizzes ASC representatives

What ghost is said to occupy the University Bookstore? And under what tree is the time capsule prepared by the class of 1940 buried?

These were but two of the BGSU trivia questions Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn posed to Administrative Staff Council representatives at a Dec. 1 appreciation luncheon, during which the council members competed to show off their University knowledge.

Before beginning the game, the mayor told the representatives he is "extremely pleased with the way things are going" between the city and the University.

"In the last few years, we have tried to build a better relationship and to bring students in," he said. "The BGeXperience has been especially successful. We've had community people come and talk to the freshmen, and it seems to be working. We've been looking for something like that for a long time."

With that, the mayor, a BGSU alumnus, stepped into the role of quizmaster, asking questions based on information found on University Web sites.

Some of the questions revealed the ways in which times have changed on campus, such as "What was the first name of Frieda Falcon?" The now-politically incorrect answer: Mrs. Freddie Falcon.

In the end, Paul Pawlaczyk, University advancement, tied with Michael Ginsburg, student life, with 14 points each. Ginsburg broke the tie by correctly answering "Prout Hall" to the question "The bookstore occupies the site of what former campus building?"

By the way, the answers to the first two questions are "Alice Prout" and "No one knows."

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IN BRIEF**Madigan, Fink take on new roles**

The new year will find two University employees in new positions, the provost's office has announced.

Dr. Dan Madigan, currently director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, has been named interim director of the scholarship of engagement initiative, a newly created position.

Bonnie Fink will step into the role of interim director of the CTLT, effective Jan. 1. She is a lecturer in the College of Technology and the Advanced Technology Education degree-completion program in Continuing and Extended Education and IDEAL.

A national search for a permanent director of the CTLT will be launched this spring, with hopes of having someone in place by July.

Learn to deal with stress at seminar

Stress management will be the topic of a brown-bag lunch seminar next week. Hosted by Administrative Staff Council, the event is open to the entire campus community and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in 315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Dr. Craig Vickio, clinical psychologist and director of the BGSU Counseling Center, will be the speaker.

Beverages and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Michael Ginsburg at ginsburg@bgsu.edu.

WBGU-PBS premieres BGSU Fine Arts Showcase Program, Arts Extravaganza 2005, and art auction

WBGU-PBS will premiere its Arts Extravaganza 2005 at 8 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 8). The program gives viewers an inside look at the School of Art. Pledge breaks in support of the station will originate live from the Dorothy and Ashel Bryan Art Gallery at BGSU.

"This is your opportunity to support WBGU-PBS and get an original piece of art made by BGSU art students and faculty members as a thank-you gift," said Station Manager Ron Gargas. A limited number of original pieces of work will be offered as thank-you gifts to those who pledge support to WBGU-PBS.

BGSU students have donated hand-blown glass Christmas tree ornaments and hand-made ceramic cups in support of WBGU-PBS. A limited-edition print and four glass vases, created by BGSU faculty members and donated to the station, will also be available.

In addition, several BGSU faculty artists have donated original works of art that are being auctioned off in support of the station.

Bids for these items can be made at the station's online Arts Extravaganza 2005 auction site, now available at wbgu.org. Starting Dec. 8, bids can be made by calling 1-800-410-2727. The deadline for final bids is 2:30 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 10) at the conclusion of the live auction segment that begins at 12:30 p.m. that day.

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Monday, Dec. 5

Support Group, Caring for Yourself while Caring for Others, "Dealing with Holiday Stress," noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 108A Hanna Hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Assembly Room.

Guest Artist, Canadian singer-songwriter Allison Crowe, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Seating is first come, first served. Sponsored by the Canadian Studies Center.

Kwanzaa Celebration, 6-9 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Tickets are \$12, on sale at the Union Information Desk.

Women's Basketball vs. Duquesne, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Movie, "Corpse Bride," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Holiday Hobbies with Heath," by Heath Huber, former community educator at the Women's Center, noon-1:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Visiting Scholar Lecture, "Justice Breyer's 'Active Liberty' and Constitutional Interpretation," by Dr. Ken Kersch, political science, Princeton University, 3-5 p.m., 4000 Business Administration Building. Hosted by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center and the Department of Legal Studies.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Pandora's Box Alternative Film Series, "Zapatista Women," 8 p.m., 308 Union.

Friday, Dec. 9

Last Day of Fall Classes.

Instructional Forum, "How to Make the Portal Work for You," a hands-on instructional forum to introduce MyBGSU, 2 p.m., 128 Hayes Hall.

Movie, "Corpse Bride," 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Hockey vs. Clarkson, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Arts Extravaganza, hosted by the School of Art, 6-9 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Live performances, student art displays, faculty art exhibition, "Small Monuments" exhibition, demonstrations, graduate studio tours,

silent auction and Japanese Tea Room presentation. Artwork will be for sale to support student organizations.

Hockey vs. St. Lawrence, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Dec. 11

Movie, "Corpse Bride," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Monday, Dec. 12

Finals Week begins.

Continuing Events

Dec. 5-7

Auditions for BGSU Theatre's spring production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," 6-9:30 p.m. Dec. 5-6, 400 University Hall. Callbacks are on Dec. 7. Prospective cast members may sign up for auditions on the call board outside the Department of Theatre and Film office, 338 South Hall. For more information, call the department at 2-2222.

Through Dec. 22

Planetarium Show, "Secret of the Star: A Show for Christmastime," 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. \$1 donation suggested. The planetarium show is followed by stargazing in the observatory, if weather permits, on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Through Jan. 8

Art Exhibition, "The Poe Road Public Art Project: Student Proposals," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Through Jan. 18

Art Exhibition, 56th annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Closed Dec. 18-Jan. 9.

Through Jan. 18

Art Exhibition, "Small Monuments," including artists Dan Dove, Julia Fish, Matthew Kolodziej, Christine Kuper, Wendy Miller, Susan Umbenhour, Paul Yanko and Charles Kanwischer, School of Art, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours

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JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

There were no jobs posted this week.

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

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Off campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

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www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

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<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/execvp/file14456.pdf>

OBITUARY

Robert "Bud" Hurlstone, 53, died Nov. 27 in Perrysburg. An internationally known glass artist, he developed and headed the glass program in the School of Art, where he began teaching in 1978.

Lillian Arnold, 91, died Nov. 28 in North Baltimore. She was a retired food service manager in the Student Union.

Willa Mae Spears, 79, died Nov. 28 in Bowling Green. She had been a supervisor in the laundry department at the University for 32 years.