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Findlay couple boosts BGSU arts center

Findlay residents Thomas and Kathleen Donnell have announced a \$750,000 gift to support the Wolfe Center for the Arts.

Their gift will provide for the main theater within the planned arts center on campus. In addition to the theater, the new facility will contain classrooms and production and studio spaces to link students and faculty in the School of Art, the Department of Theatre and Film and the College of Musical Arts.

The arts center project, which is part of Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for BGSU, was initiated when the state awarded BGSU \$8.7 million in capital funding to build a state-of-the-art arts complex. The University is raising additional funds to complete the facility.

"Tom and Kate Donnell are valued members of the Bowling Green State University family," said President Sidney Ribeau. "For many years they have supported the University; their gift to the Wolfe Center for the Arts is another indication of their commitment to the arts and to northwest Ohio."

Their relationship with BGSU started when Donnell pursued an MBA from the University in the early 1970s. For more than 30 years, the Donnells have maintained ties with BGSU through their interests in education, the arts, athletics and international experiences. He is a past director of the BGSU Foundation Board and played a key role as a member of the campaign task force that helped determine the need for the current fund-raising campaign. The couple are members of the BGSU Presidents Club and supporters of various University initiatives, including the Arts Campaign and the creation of the present Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

"We are delighted that Tom and Kate are supporting this important initiative," said Dr. Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Their gift will help ensure that BGSU theatre and music students can learn and perform in a facility that inspires them and allows them to fulfill their creative potential."

"We are pleased to be a part of this project," said Thomas Donnell. "We enjoy the arts and have a passion for supporting the arts and Bowling Green State University."

"Additionally, our friends Fritz and Mary Wolfe's involvement in the arts center lent a lot of credence to the project for us," he added.

Donnell, who is chairman emeritus of Fifth Third Bank, Northwestern Ohio, began his career with Fifth Third Bank (formerly First National Bank of Findlay) in 1974. He rose through the ranks, serving in various capacities throughout his career. In 1989, he was named chairman and CEO of Fifth Third Bank of Northwestern Ohio, and he was elected to the board of Fifth Third Bank of Toledo. He retired in December 2003.

In addition to his professional work, Donnell has been active in the Findlay and Hancock County community. He is a member and past chair of the finance and investment committee of the Community Foundation of Findlay-Hancock County and was co-chair of the steering committee that established the foundation in 1992. He also serves as a corporate adviser to the Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County and is secretary/treasurer of the Donnell Foundation. Previously he was a trustee of the University of Findlay and the Toledo Museum of Art.

The Wolfe Center for the Arts will serve as home to BGSU's nationally recognized Department of Theatre and Film. Additionally, the building will support teaching and creation of collabora-

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tive art in the areas of digital art and animation, musical theater and opera, and performance art and electronic composition. The arts center will embody a sense of energy and creativity for all arts and emphasize the importance of embracing the arts in student development.

BGSU's *Building Dreams Campaign* has raised more than \$110.8 million to date. The \$120 million campaign runs through December 2008.

Roger Anderson to be honored by Alumni Association

Dr. Roger Anderson of Bowling Green, an associate professor emeritus of political science, will receive an Honorary Alumnus Award at the Alumni Association's 2007 Alumni Awards dinner Friday (May 11).

Anderson is an active volunteer within the Bowling Green community. He joined the BGSU faculty in 1967 and taught for 31 years in the political science department, serving as chair and graduate coordinator of the department. He was also chair of the BGSU Arts and Sciences Council and a longtime member of Faculty Senate.

His community involvement as a former city council member, coordinator for the Black Swamp Arts Festival, and a member of the Bowling Green Human Relations Commission, Community Foundation, League of Women Voters and Symphony earned him the distinction of BG's Man of the Year in 2005. He also has provided leadership for the BGSU Retirees Association since 2001 and for the BGSU Friends of the Library Board.

Also receiving the Honorary Alumnus Award will be Laurence Bettcher of Birmingham, Ohio, who is president of Bettcher Industries. A longtime friend of BGSU, primarily at BGSU Firelands, he is chair of the Firelands Development Board and a past president of the Firelands Advisory Board. He and his wife, Karen, established a scholarship in 2004 for high school graduates from Erie, Huron and Ottawa counties interested in manufacturing. Through his company, Bettcher fosters internships and co-ops for scholarship recipients.

This year's other award recipients are Derek Eiler of Atlanta; J. Michael McGuire of Charlotte, N.C., and Gerald Baker of Canton.

Eiler, the chief operating officer of The Collegiate Licensing Co., is the winner of the 2007 Recent Graduate Award. As COO, he serves on the company's senior management team, helping to direct corporate strategy and internal operations. He also is a frequent licensing industry spokesperson. A 1993 graduate of the BGSU sport management program, he was honored in 2002 as an Accomplished Graduate of BGSU's College of Education and Human Development. He frequently returns to campus to speak to students in the sports management program about licensing, career planning and networking. In 2006, he established the S.M.A.R.T. Network, which is intended to re-establish the sport management program's relationships with its extensive range of alumni working within the industry.

McGuire, the Alumni Community Award recipient, is the Carolinas managing partner for Grant Thornton LLP, overseeing the four offices that comprise the company's practices in Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro, N.C., and Columbia, S.C. The 1982 BGSU graduate helped rescue Arthur Andersen's Carolina offices after the Enron scandal and turned them into the successful Grant Thornton LLP accounting practice. He participates in the BGSU Arts and Sciences Council, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and the United Way of Central Carolinas Board of Directors. He earned his undergraduate degree in accounting and management information systems in 1982.

Baker, recipient of the Alumni Service Award, has demonstrated his support of his alma mater through service on the Alumni Association Board. He is a past director of the board and is currently a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Advocates Board. An attorney, he established his own law practice in 1981.



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The 2007 awards dinner will be held at Snook's Dream Cars, 13920 County Home Road, Bowling Green, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m. The cost to attend the BGSU Alumni Awards dinner is \$35 per person. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Development at 2-2424.

Faculty, staff explore possible journeys of an 'eBus'

You could almost see the ideas sparking among faculty and staff May 1 when the University was visited by an eBus—a converted city bus equipped as a self-contained, high-tech classroom, complete with satellite Internet access, onboard generators and air conditioning.

Hosted by the Office of Service-Learning and the College of Arts and Sciences, the bus was brought to campus by Dr. David Springett, president of the Community College Foundation, to introduce the idea of the mobile unit and see if there was potential for its use at BGSU.

The eBus Program was founded in 1998 by the chancellor of the California community college system to train California teachers to integrate technology into their curricula. It later evolved, through the Community Connect program, into a nationwide program offering a variety of services on site to people who would otherwise not have access to them.

The buses traverse the country, from Florida to Vermont to the West Coast, teaching computer and Internet skills to people in low-income and rural areas, administering the GMAT exam and tests for state jobs, helping people write resumes, helping first-time home buyers apply for mortgages, teaching financial literacy classes and offering schools without technology resources a fully equipped classroom. "We're here to bridge the 'digital divide'" for those without access to technology, said Springett, the founder of the program.

Following Hurricane Katrina, six eBuses spent a year in Louisiana and Mississippi serving as communication centers for the Federal Emergency Management Administration, local police departments, municipalities and schools. "Sometimes we were the only communication available," he said.

"Whatever your imagination can come up with, you can do," he said. "When you reach out into the community, these things do make a difference."

BGSU faculty and staff at the presentation and tour were intrigued and enthusiastic. Dr. Bob Midden, chemistry and director of the Chapman Community, asked Springett if an eBus could be outfitted to conduct water testing and learned that it could.

"I thought the eBus program offered some interesting and potentially exciting opportunities," Midden said later. "I like the idea of the ability to take computer technology and other kinds of technology, along with instruction and interaction with the community, on the road."

Midden said he is exploring the possibility of launching a project to characterize the Maumee and Portage River watersheds, using community volunteers and collaborating with a variety of area agencies and organizations. "Such a bus would be a valuable asset," he said.

He is also intrigued, he added, by the way the buses are funded through corporate sponsorships and their potential for meeting an important need for engagement—transportation.

Dr. Radhika Gajjala, interpersonal communication, was also impressed with the eBus. "I see great uses for it in our classes and for research projects here at BGSU with the increasing focus on service-learning and on scholarship of engagement," she said.

"For instance, I teach courses in feminist research methods and in digitally mediated identities and computer-mediated cultures—all of which involve both going out into the community to do ethnographic field work, collecting of oral histories, one-on-one interviews and

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community-based focus groups as well as studying online contexts that are produced by such community members.”

The eBus could help with that research, she said, and would have been well suited to a previous project. “Last year, my students and I did research projects involving Perrysburg Heights Community Center teens and children who were also using the Internet (instant messaging and MySpace), so my undergraduate students went to the Heights to interview the children and to observe their use of the Internet. Then they came back to the computer lab and connected to the same children and teens via social networking systems online such as MySpace and Facebook. This interaction led to my students understanding how stereotypes are produced online while also dispelling their stereotypes about communities such as Perrysburg Heights.”

Dr. Jane Rosser, director of the Office of Service-Learning, encourages all faculty and staff who might be interested in exploring the possibilities an eBus could offer to contact her at jrosser@bgsu.edu or 2-9288. The Office of Service-Learning is located in 309A University Hall.

Falcons to embark on June barnstorming tour

The Falcons are going on the road next month with a barnstorming tour, bringing coaches, players and staff from 18 sports to meet alumni and friends around the region.

Each event will feature autograph sessions, raffles, silent auctions, BGSU merchandise, and food and beverages. All visits will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome—encourage family and friends to come.

Admission to the following events is free with advance registration, or \$5 at the door.

The first stop on the tour will be the Cedar Point Center at BGSU Firelands, on June 5. Sponsored by Richard Hargrave.

- June 6, Kettering Country Club, 211 Carpenter Road, Defiance. Sponsored by Hubbard Printing.
- June 11, the Fremont Country Club, 2340 E. State St., Fremont.
- June 12, the Shawnee Country Club, 1700 Shawnee Road, Lima. Sponsored by former BGSU trustee and co-chair of the Building Dreams Campaign Kerm Strom and his wife, Mary Lu; alumni Van and Tracey Wright '77, and Moulton Printing.
- June 21, the Findlay Country Club, 1500 Country Club Drive, Findlay.
- June 26, Camden Falls, 2460 S. State Route 231.

Admission to the following two events on the tour is \$10 per person and \$5 per child, with a \$20 maximum per family.

In the Cleveland area, the tour stops on June 14 in the Jeffrey Banquet Hall at the 100th Bomb Group Restaurant, 20920 Brookpark Road.

On June 19, the Falcons visit the Toledo Zoo, in the Nairobi Event Pavilion.

For more details or to register, contact BGSU Athletics at 2-7100 or rbcoats@bgsu.edu or visit bgsufalcons.com.



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IN BRIEF

BG@100 to hold open forum

A BG@100 open forum will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (May 10) in 315 Bowen- Thompson Student Union to provide an update on the progress of work in the student phase of the project. Project information is available online at www.bgsu.edu/bgat100.

Changes announced for 127 Hayes and 122 Jerome Library computer labs

As of May 4, the 127 Hayes Hall computer lab has been taken offline in order to begin preparations for the move of the Student Technology Center to this area. The computer lab in 122 Jerome Library will also be unavailable in order to complete renovations during the summer months.

Users needing computer facilities are directed to use the computer labs in 25 Hayes and in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, as well as other spaces listed at: www.bgsu.edu/its/labs/schedule/index.html.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 8

Baseball vs. Wright State, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Thompson Student Union. Project information is available online at www.bgsu.edu/bgat100.

Wednesday, May 9

Northwest Ohio Arts Exchange (NWoAX), study of the economic impact of northwest Ohio arts, 9-11 a.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. For more information, contact Sara Turner at wsara@bgsu.edu.

Friday, May 11

Baseball vs. Buffalo, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Thursday, May 10

BG@100 Open Forum, update on the BG@100 project as work progresses in the student phase, 1:30 p.m., 315 Bowen-

Monday, May 14

First Six-Week Term of Summer Classes Begins.

**Continuing Events
May 12-13**

Baseball vs. Buffalo, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

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/.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>



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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.

Off-campus classified:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

OBITUARY

Esther Pugh-Farlee, 90, died April 27 in Grand Rapids. She had been a cook at the University before her retirement.

Valerie "Violet" Zurcher, 93, died April 28 in Findlay. She retired from her position as a food supervisor in 1969.