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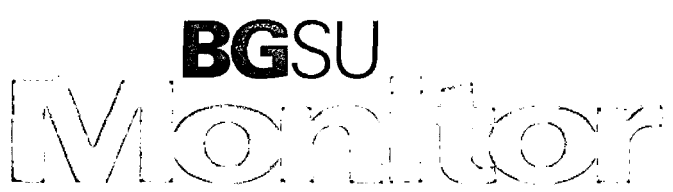
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**Lima couple thanks BGSU with gift for Stroh Center**

For more than 50 years, Allen Schmidthorst has been quietly sitting in the stands enjoying BGSU basketball. During Friday night's (Sept. 5) "Dinner at The Doyt" Falcon Club event, Schmidthorst offered his thanks for decades of entertainment by presenting a \$1.7 million gift for the future home of Falcon hoops.

His gift will fund the Schmidthorst Pavilion, which will house the team and practice area at the Stroh Center—the \$36 million convocation center currently in the planning stages. Of the building's total estimated cost, the University will raise at least \$14 million in private funds, such as the Schmidthorst gift.

Schmidthorst is a hotel, restaurant and real estate management entrepreneur from Lima. The former BGSU student is such a devout Falcon basketball fan that when he heard about the Stroh Center project, he knew that was where he wanted to make a difference.

"I've been following BGSU basketball for decades. (My wife) Carol and I are excited to be a part of the Stroh Center, especially knowing the impact it will have on our teams and the entire University," Schmidthorst said.

The Schmidthorsts own AWS Properties in Lima, a business that provides comprehensive services for office, retail and leisure properties. They have been involved in numerous hotel and motel projects in the region, including the Hampton Inn near the new Bass Pro Shops store in Wood County.

Athletics Director Greg Christopher praised the Schmidthorsts for supporting the Stroh Center project. "Allen's time at BGSU helped set a foundation for his future business success. Bowling Green is a special place for Allen, and now he is helping reshape campus through his passion for Falcon basketball.

"The Schmidthorst Pavilion will provide a quality practice space for our teams. We know that top-quality facilities help attract top-quality students and athletes," Christopher said. "This is important to BGSU as we work to enhance our athletic programs."

"We are honored that Allen and Carol have chosen to support this project," said J. Douglas Smith, vice president for University advancement. "Their gift is significant as we prepare to wrap up the Building Dreams Centennial Campaign at the end of this year. They have stepped forward to help not only the athletics program, but the University community."

**President search details shared at forum**

Faculty and staff attendees at a Sept. 4 forum learned about the search process for a new president from two representatives of Witt/Kieffer, the firm assisting in the search.

Witt/Kieffer's Jean Dowdall said that in preparation for finding suitable candidates for the president's job, she and her colleague John Thornburgh are meeting as many people and hearing as much as they can about BGSU, and have read a number of background documents.

They have met with, among others, student groups, Interim President Cartwright, members of the Cabinet, president's office staff, deans, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and

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the search committee, as well as representatives from finance and administration, academic affairs, University advancement, BGSU Firelands and the areas formerly administered by the executive vice president.

In addition, they will speak by phone with all the trustees and former President Sidney Ribeau.

"We need to get a feel for what it's like to work here and for the challenges that will face the new president, but, more importantly, we need to be able to evaluate candidates for how well they might fit Bowling Green," Dowdall said.

Two of the most common questions candidates ask are why the previous president left (to which BGSU has a "very impressive answer" in that Ribeau went to Howard University, Dowdall said) and what the institution needs to have done. "This goes back to the question of 'fit,'" she said, and whether what the university needs is what the candidate enjoys doing and is strong in.

**Recruiting process**

After gathering information, Witt/Kieffer will begin the recruiting process by sending several hundred emails to potential candidates and then following up with phone calls to those who seem especially well suited, Dowdall explained. Part of the firm's goal is to evaluate the "motivations and personal and professional aspirations of the individuals," to determine how they view the job and their level of commitment.

All the results and information will be provided to the search committee ([www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page51241.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page51241.html)), which will conduct a series of interviews in airports, followed by "deep background checks" of the leading candidates and, finally, three- to five-day campus visits.

The visits are a time of mutual evaluation, Dowdall said. The team will do what it can to "drive as much risk as possible out of the search process," Thornburgh added. "We want candidates to go into the process with their eyes wide open."

At the same time, when candidates are on campus, "everyone becomes a recruiter" and should not only "put their best foot forward" but also take every opportunity to evaluate the interviewee, Dowdall said.

The final part of the search firm's role, when a candidate has been chosen, is to help work out the agreement between the future employee and the institution.

Anyone who wishes to send comments or questions to the Witt/Kieffer team may email [BG-SUPresident@wittkieffer.com](mailto:BG-SUPresident@wittkieffer.com).

**Mathis, Hudson-Nowak honored with Community Fellowship Award**

William Mathis and Mel Hudson-Nowak, co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Group appointed by former President Ribeau in February, have been named the recipients of the 2008 University Community Fellowship Award by the Department of Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA). The award was presented during the department's 14th annual convocation, held Sept. 5.

The University Community Fellowship Award is presented each year in recognition of extraordinary contributions by faculty, staff and students to building collegial working relationships at BGSU. As co-chairs, Mathis and Hudson-Nowak are charged with providing leadership to a group of 21 individuals representing a variety of departments and offices from across the University.



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Mathis is also chair of music performance studies; Hudson-Nowak is director of internal auditing and advising services.

Nominations for the award are solicited each summer, and the University Community Fellowship Award committee, comprised of faculty and students in the HESA department, selects the recipient(s).

Previous recipients include Ribeau; Jill Carr, dean of students; Dr. Milton Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology; Dr. Linda Dobb, former executive vice president, and the Chapman Community.

**BGSU to remember 9/11**

The University on Thursday will mark the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with the "9/11 Never Forget Project: BGSU Remembers."

Beginning at 9:11 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, a ceremony will feature a video of memories from members of the campus community—including President Carol Cartwright—and remarks by Daniel Lipian. He is a May 2008 BGSU graduate who, as a program officer for the conservative group Young America's Foundation, is assisting in the organization of the 9/11 Never Forget Project on more than 200 college campuses nationwide.

The nonpartisan ceremony will conclude at about 10:20 p.m. with a candlelight vigil outside the Union. Performing at that time will be the HeeBeeBGs, a chamber ensemble of the BGSU Men's Chorus.

The day's events will begin at 10 a.m. with placement of American flags—one for each of the victims of the 9/11 attacks—in the Union Oval.

The evening ceremony will open with presentation of colors by a BGSU Air Force ROTC Color Guard, led by Cadet Jason Arnett, and singing of the National Anthem by Nate Hein, a junior majoring in vocal performance.

Speaking at 9:15 p.m. will be Pastor Matt Pardi from the campus Christian organization h2o, followed at 9:30 p.m. by the video. In addition to Dr. Cartwright, several BGSU faculty and students will appear, offering their reflections about 9/11. Producing the video are Jose Cardenas, telecommunications, and several students.

Lipian is scheduled to speak at 9:45 p.m., discussing the remembrance as a tradition that should be continued by students and the importance of 9/11 to them. The recipient of a bachelor of science degree in physics last May, he served two terms as chair of the BGSU College Republicans while a student. He also served a term as state chair of the Ohio College Republican Federation.

A slide show of images, video and audio related to the 9/11 attacks and their aftermath will precede the candlelight vigil, at 10 p.m.

**Englehart to discuss changing human rights discourse**

Human rights abuses have long been a subject of debate. On the one hand, discourse about human rights has been built on the assumption that states are the primary abusers of rights, yet human rights law assumes that states are also the primary guarantor of rights.



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Dr. Neil Englehart, political science, will discuss "Petty Despots: Rethinking Human Rights Discourse After the Cold War" at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 15 in 201A Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

His talk, which is free and open to the public, is the first in the 2008 Artists and Scholars in Residence Series organized and operated by the campus Institute for the Study of Culture and Society (ICS). The series showcases the work of faculty affiliated with the institute.

Englehart will address how human rights abuses have changed over time, how we might understand such abuses in the context of state failure and how we adapt human rights discourse to meet these new challenges.

During the Cold War, human rights discourse and activism was premised on the assumption that states could protect rights if they chose; if abuses occurred, it was because the government lacked the will to intervene or acted out of malice. Today, however, most human rights abuses occur in places where states are too weak, incompetent and ineffective to protect citizens. The problem in these cases is petty despots: warlords, rogue police or military officers, landlords and strongmen. These local power holders operate free from effective government control, and under the radar of the international community, and are therefore able to commit abuses with impunity.

Englehart's teaching and research focus on Asian politics and human rights. He is the author of *Culture and Power in Traditional Siamese Government* and co-editor of *Human Rights in the Age of Globalization*, and has been widely published, especially in the *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Political Science Review* and *Human Rights Quarterly*. Currently a fellow at ICS, he is at work on the booklength study *Petty Despots: State Failure and Human Rights*, which is based in part on fieldwork in Afghanistan, Burma and India.

**Note:** Be sure to attend a Charting Our Future strategic planning session this week. [www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning/page53972.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning/page53972.html)

**IN BRIEF**

**Scholarly conference to examine aspects of 'Ownership and Justice'**

"Ownership and Justice" will be the theme of the conference hosted by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center Sept. 18-20. Under this heading fall many issues central to political debates, from the nature and source of property rights to questions about the proper scale of taxation, government regulation and redistribution of wealth by the state. While we are in the midst of a watershed election, these issues are especially timely, say the organizers.

Dr. Gerald Gaus, James E. Rogers Professor of Philosophy at the University of Arizona, will give the keynote address at 8 p.m. Sept. 18. Gaus has written several books and numerous articles, and is co-editor of the journal *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*. His lecture is entitled "Coercion, Ownership, and the Redistributive State: Justificatory Liberalism's Classical Tilt."

Other prominent speakers include Drs. Jan Narveson, professor of philosophy at the University of Waterloo; George Sher, Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Philosophy, Rice University; David Schmidtz, Kendrick Professor of Philosophy and joint professor of economics, University of Arizona; and John Kekes, research professor in philosophy, State University of New York-Albany.

For more information on the conference, contact John Milliken, program manager, at 2-2536 or [millikjr@gmail.com](mailto:millikjr@gmail.com).



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CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 8

**Charting Our Future**, collaborative dialogue on the BGSU Strategic Plan, sessions from 8:30-11 a.m. and 6:30-9 p.m., 202A Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

**BGSU ARTalk**, "Fractured Cybertales: Navigating the Feminine," with Juliet Davis, associate professor of communication at the University of Tampa, 5 p.m., 101A Olscamp Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

**Charting Our Future**, sessions from 8:30-11 a.m. and 6:30-9 p.m., 202A Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union, and 1-3:30 p.m., Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands.

College of Arts and Sciences Forum, "Sliding vs. Deciding: How the New Courtship Paradigm Imperils Lifelong Love," with Scott Stanley, research professor and co-director, Center for Marital and Family Studies, University of Denver, noon-1:15 p.m., 201 Union. Reservations are required for the noon luncheon; the 12:30 p.m. lecture is free and open to the public. To reserve a spot, contact Mary Hitt at 2-2340 or mjhitt@bgsu.edu. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the National Center for Marriage Research.

**Guest Artist**, Joel Schoenhals, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

**Pub Unplugged**, with live acoustic music, 8-10 p.m., Black Swamp Pub, Union.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

**BGSU Firelands Welcome Back Picnic**, with music by Calypso Gypsies, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Courtyard (Rain Location: Bell Court).

**Brown Bag Luncheon**, "Gender and Temperance Reform in the Early 19th-Century United States," with Dr. Scott Martin, history, noon to 1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

**Charting Our Future**, 1:30-4 p.m., 202A Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

**Faculty Artist Series**, Jane Schoonmaker Rodgers, soprano, and Kevin Bylsma, piano, assisted by Megan Fergusson, viola; Andrew Pelletier, horn, and Charles Saenz, trumpet, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Sept. 11

**Laser Safety Training**, Environmental Health and Safety, 10 a.m.-noon, 1 College Park Building. Register at 2-2171 or www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.

**Charting Our Future**, 1:30-4 p.m., 202A Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

**International Film Series**, "No Man's Land" (Bosnia, 2001, winner of the 2002 Oscar and Golden Globe awards for best foreign language film), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

**MFA Reading**, with Chris Bloomfield, poetry, and Megan Ayers-Vidmar, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

**9/11 Tribute**, "Never Forget Project: BGSU Remembers," 9:11-10:30 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

Friday, Sept. 12

**Seminar**, "Neurologic Music Therapy: Techniques for Learning and Rehabilitation," with Deborah Layman, co-founder and co-director of Creating Connections Company, LLC, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Contact Ellen Scholl at escholl@bgsu.edu to register. Sponsored by the College of Musical Arts, Bowling Green City Schools and Wood County Hospital.

**Charting Our Future**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 202A Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

**Women's Research Network**, "This Is a Female Athlete: Middle School Girls' Perceptions of Photographic Images," with Dr. Montana Miller, popular culture, 1:30-3 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

**History Seminar**, "Researching Historical Records for African-American Studies Scholarship and Genealogy," with Reginald Washington, National Archives, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 228 Union. Contact Lee McLaird at 2-2411 to register. Sponsored by the Center for Archival Collections and the Department of Africana Studies.

**Women's Soccer**, vs. Tennessee Tech, 5 p.m., Cochrane Field.

**BGSU ARTalk**, "Ex Machine: A Brief History of Generative Art," with Debora Wood, senior curator, Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 7 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center.

Saturday, Sept. 13

**Cross Country**, Mel Brodt Invitational, 2 p.m., Creason Course.

Sunday, Sept. 14

**Women's Soccer** vs. Marshall, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.



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**Sunday Matinee**, "Metropolis" (Germany, 1927), with commentary by film historian Dr. Jan Wahl, 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

**Monday, Sept. 15**

**Community Partnership Forum**, focusing on Behavioral Connections Victim Services, with Julie Broadwell, Program Manager, 10-11 a.m., Center for Teaching and Learning, 201 University Hall. To register, call 2-6898 or email [ctl@bgsu.edu](mailto:ctl@bgsu.edu).

**Continuing Events  
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**Men's Golf**, John Piper Intercollegiate, all day, Forrest Creason Golf Course.

**Sept. 9-Oct. 5**

**Digital Printmaking Exhibition**, "Perfect with Pixel," curated by Shaurya Kumar, art, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m.

Sundays. An opening reception will be held at 8 p.m. Friday (Sept. 12) in the gallery.

**Through Sept. 24**

**Art Exhibit**, "Pure Intentions: Works on Faith and Childhood Dreams," by alumna Rachel Ackerman, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

**Through Sept. 26**

**Art Exhibit**, "Images from Sedna, Goddess of the Sea," by Dr. Joel Rudinger, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands, Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Through Oct. 25**

**Art Exhibit**, "V3:: Variations in Vision & Video, Recent Works by Jud Yalkut," Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

**JOB POSTINGS**

**FACULTY**

There were no jobs posted this week.

**Labor Postings**

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

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/](http://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**

On-campus classified:  
[www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU\\_only/page11151.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html)

**Off-campus classified:**

[www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl\\_staff/page11145.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html)

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

[www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm\\_staff/page11137.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html)

**OBITUARY**

There were no obituaries this week.

