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Robert and Ellen (Bowen) Thompson, center, talk with students at the presentation of the couple's \$3 million donation to help fund the renovation and expansion of the Student Union. The gift significantly forwards the fund-raising effort for the project.

## Student Union receives \$3 million donation

A Plymouth, Mich., couple has given \$3 million to the University to expand and renovate the Student Union. With the help of their latest gift, the facility will nearly double in size.

Robert M. and Ellen (Bowen) Thompson, both BGSU graduates, formally presented the gift to the University on Dec. 15.

The contribution is the largest ever received by the University, according to Marcia Latta, director of development.

"This gift from the Thompsons will impact every student at the University because the union is used by everyone on campus," Latta said.

Moments before the announcement of the \$3 million gift, the University's Board of Trustees voted to name the facility in honor of the Michigan couple. The Bowen-Thompson Student Union is expected to open in January 2002.

A 1955 graduate of the University, Robert Thompson is president and former sole-owner of Thompson-McCully Co. in Belleville, Mich. Ellen Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in education at Bowling Green in 1954.

"My college education was a very pivotal time in my life," says Robert Thompson. "My mother wanted me to have a college education to build my confidence." Although not a very serious student in high school, "I worked like crazy (at BGSU) and my self-confidence did grow. I also met my wife. My college education was a life-

altering experience."

Of the couple's decision to contribute to the Student Union project, which is being financed by private donations and student fees, Ellen Thompson said, "It just seemed this (gift) would increase our happiness and our happy memories of Bowling Green."

In thanking the Thompsons for their gift, President Sidney A. Ribeau praised them for demonstrating the very values the Bowling Green learning community seeks to instill in its current students.

Both of the Thompsons were teachers when they started their successful asphalt business in 1959 with an uncle, Wilfred McCully. What began as a small paving company grew into a sizeable corporation that was sold last year to an Irish firm. At the time of the sale, the Thompsons turned over \$128 million in profit sharing to their 550 employees as a reward for their hard work and dedication.

Yet even before the sale of their company, the Thompsons were giving back to the communities where they had prospered. Nearly 20 years ago they established the Robert and Ellen Bowen Thompson Scholarship at BGSU. The scholarship is given annually to six financially needy students who have at least a 2.8 grade point average and who are employed for at least 10 hours a week. They are also members of the Presidents Club, and Robert Thompson is on the board of the BGSU Foundation Inc.

## New addresses will speed student mail delivery

Beginning Jan. 15, all those eagerly awaited packages and letters from home will reach BGSU students more quickly with the advent of a new address system for residence halls and Greek units, says Cheryl Purefoy, director of materials handling.

Each residence hall and fraternity and sorority house has been assigned a street address, which will allow for more automated mail sorting by the United States Postal Service and reduce the amount of handling by University postal service employees.

The new addresses will also aid the Bowling Green Fire Department in identifying and locating buildings in case of emergencies, Purefoy said.

"I think it will be a positive step for everyone involved," she said. "This pre-sorting will enhance mail service delivery to students and the entire campus community."

She added that the changes will not affect the process of inter-campus mail addressing and delivery.

Purefoy has been collaborating for the past year and a half with the U. S. Postal Service, Bowling Green City Planner Rick Ketzenbarger and then-acting assistant fire chief Jack Nimke to develop an address system for campus residences. The offices of capital planning

and residence life have participated in the addressing process as well.

Since the University has its own ZIP code, all incoming mail in the past was simply placed in tubs by the postal service and picked up at the city post office by BGSU postal employees. Then each piece had to be handled three to four times to be separated and routed.

"It's a very labor-intensive process, but we didn't want to lose the unique identity of our ZIP code," Purefoy said. "The new partnership with the USPS will allow the University to make use of the USPS's automation to separate student mail from the University's business mail."

Since freshmen tend to receive the most mail (an average of 6, 841 pieces a week), the biggest impact will be felt in that area, Purefoy said.

Students living on campus received a letter about the changeover before they left for winter break, and their parents also were sent a letter discussing the proper format for addressing mail to the students. The possibility of providing signage for the buildings is still being discussed, Purefoy said.

The upcoming issue of auxiliary services' quarterly newsletter, Service Attractions, will contain a listing of all the addresses.

## Firelands dean candidates to visit

Four candidates for the position of dean of BGSU Firelands will visit BGSU this month, with interviews on both the Firelands and main campuses. All will begin their visits by meeting with Provost John Folkins and Ernest Savage, dean of the College of Technology and chair of the dean search committee.

"I am totally impressed with all four candidates," Savage commented, "and I feel certain we have our next dean from among them."

All open forums for the four candidates will be held at 3 p.m. in the East Lounge at Firelands.

• James Cicarelli is dean of the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration at Roosevelt University in Chicago. He will interview and hold his forum at Firelands today (Jan.

16) and will be on main campus tomorrow (Jan. 17).

• Larry Froehlich is executive dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Marshall University in West Virginia. He will be on main campus Thursday (Jan. 18) and at Firelands on Friday (Jan. 19) for meetings and his open forum.

• Paul Panek, academic dean at Ohio State University at Newark, will be on the Firelands campus Jan. 22, when he will hold his forum, followed by an interview on main campus Jan. 23.

• James Smith, dean of the College of Education at Indiana University at South Bend, will be on main campus Jan. 24 and at Firelands on Jan. 25, including his open forum.

# campus calendar...

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**Monday, Jan. 15**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day,  
classes canceled, offices closed.

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**  
Spring semester begins.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
Classified Staff Council, 9  
a.m. to noon, Pallister Confer-  
ence Room, Jerome Library.

**Friday, Jan. 19**  
Black History Month Event,  
"School Daze," film by director  
Spike Lee, 8 p.m., Gish Film  
Theater. Sponsored by the Black  
Student Union.

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Black History Month Event,  
Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast,  
8 a.m., Commons Dining Center.  
Sponsored by the Black Student  
Union.

Young People's Concert,  
"Piano Times Two!" Husband  
and wife duo pianists Cynthia  
and Michael Benson explore the  
world of the piano through  
storytelling as well as narration  
and audience participation,  
11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall,  
Moore Musical Arts Center.  
Admission is \$2 for adults and  
\$1 for children, payable at the  
door. Parents are encouraged to  
attend with their children. Call  
2-8171.

14th Annual Reddin Sym-  
posium, "Public Education in  
Canada," 11:30 a.m., 101B  
Olscamp Hall. For information  
and reservations call 2-2457.

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
Festival Series, David  
Daniels, countertenor, accompa-  
nied by pianist Martin Katz,  
8 p.m., Kobacker Hall. Moore

Musical Arts Center. Ticket  
prices are \$34, \$26 and \$18. Call  
2-8171.

**Monday, Jan. 22**  
Guest Lecture, "The  
Stravinskian Moment," pre-  
sented by Joseph Straus, music-  
theory faculty member at  
Queens College and the Gradu-  
ate Center of the City University  
of New York, 8 p.m., Kennedy  
Green Room, Moore Musical  
Arts Center.

## Continuing events

**Jan. 18-20**  
Open Auditions for the Caryl  
Crane Children's Theatre pro-  
duction of "Yankee Doodle."  
Roles available for ages 10-adult.  
Performance dates are March 8-  
11. Auditions will be held from  
4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday (Jan.  
19) and Friday (Jan. 20) and  
from 9-11 a.m. Saturday (Jan.  
21) in McBride Auditorium,  
BGSU Firelands. Call director  
Ron Ruble at (419) 433-5560.

**Through Jan. 25**  
51st Annual Faculty/Staff  
Exhibition, presentations of  
work by current and emeriti  
faculty and current staff mem-  
bers of the School of Art, Dor-  
othy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine  
Arts Center. Gallery hours are  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Satur-  
day.

**Through Feb. 1**  
Art exhibition, "The Lop-  
sided Grin," a collection of  
visual farces and satires on  
contemporary art, Willard  
Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts  
Center. Gallery hours are 10  
a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

## Deadlines for faculty grants announced

The Faculty Development Committee is accepting proposals for Faculty Development and Instructional Improvement grants. Faculty Development grants are due Jan. 29 and Instructional Improvement grants are due Feb. 26.

Faculty Development grants are awarded on a competitive basis for projects between \$350 and \$2,500. Instructional Improvement grants are awarded in amounts up to \$1,000 for projects that lead to a demonstrable improvement in pedagogical skills and have a positive effect on student learning.

Copies of the guidelines are available on the Web at [www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/facdev/grants.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/facdev/grants.html) or by calling the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at 2-9939.

## in memory

Elizabeth Cobb, 70, associate professor emeritus of music, died Dec. 26 in Bowling Green. She joined the music faculty in 1961, retiring in 1998.

Memorials may be given to the College of Musical Arts.

Maurice Sandy, 72, associate professor emeritus of health, physical education and recreation, died Dec. 31 in Sandusky.

A 1953 graduate of BGSU, he joined the HPER faculty in 1962, where he taught until his retirement in 1985.

BGSU is an AA/EEO educator and employer.

## job postings.....

### FACULTY

VC & TE. Assistant profes-  
sor. Call Keith Bernhard,  
2-6005. Deadline: Feb. 23.

Contact Human Resources at  
372-8421 for information re-  
garding the following:  
CLASSIFIED

(Employees wishing to apply  
for these positions may request a  
"Request for Transfer" form.)

Deadline for employees to  
apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22.

Administrative Secretary 1  
(C-1-Vb)—School of Art. Pay  
grade 8.

Cashier 1 (C-5-Sb)—Univer-  
sity Dining Services. Pay grade  
3. Academic year, part time.  
Listed on and off campus.

Groundskeeper 1 (C-2-Sb)—  
Athletic Department. Pay grade  
4. Listed on and off campus.

Safety and Health Inspector  
1 (C-3-Vb)—Facilities Services.  
Pay grade 8.

Secretary 1 (C-4-Vb)—  
Capital Planning. Pay grade 6.

Secretary 2 (C-6-Vb)—  
Management. Pay grade 7.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant General Manager  
(S-147)—University Dining  
Services. Administrative grade  
13. Deadline: Jan. 12 (extended  
to Jan. 19 for BGSU employees).

Partners in Context and  
Community Project Coordina-  
tor (M-149)—College of Arts  
and Sciences. Administrative  
grade 13. Full time, grant-  
funded. Deadline: Jan. 19.

Major Gifts Officer (M-  
142)—Office of Development.  
Administrative grade 16. Dead-  
line: Jan. 22.

Educational Adviser/Upward  
Bound Program (S-004)—  
College Access Programs. Ad-  
ministrative grade 12. Deadline:  
Jan. 26.

Government Business Spe-  
cialist (M-001)—Libraries and  
Learning Resources. Administra-  
tive grade 12. Part time, grant-  
funded. Deadline: Jan. 26.

HIV Evaluation Coordinator  
(M-106)—College of Health and  
Human Services (re-advertised).  
Administrative grade 13. Dead-  
line: Jan. 26.

Director (M-128)—Alumni  
Affairs and Associate Vice Presi-  
dent for University Advance-  
ment (re-advertised). Salary is  
commensurate with education  
and experience. Deadline: Jan.  
30.

Curriculum Design Special-  
ist (M-150)—College of Educa-  
tion and Human Development.  
Administrative grade 14. Dead-  
line: Feb. 2.

Assistant Volleyball Coach  
(S-003)—Intercollegiate Athlet-  
ics. Deadline: Feb. 6.

**Correction:** The Dec. 18  
Monitor story on BGSU's  
severe weather policy con-  
tained some incorrect radio  
station information. WOHO is  
now WLQR, WFAL-AM is  
now located at 1610 on the  
dial, and WRON-FM should  
have read WRQN-FM.

## So close ... United Way nears its goal

The University is only a  
small step away from earning a  
Pillar of the Community Award  
and reaching its goal for dona-  
tions to the United Way, says  
JoAnn Kroll, director of career  
services and BGSU United Way  
2000 campaign manager.

The benchmark for the Pillar  
award is \$100,000, and BGSU  
has raised \$95,000 so far. A  
record 700 employees have  
donated or pledged to the cam-  
paign, Kroll said.

"BGSU faculty, staff, retirees,  
students and their parents have  
given so much. We want to

bring this award home as the  
ultimate recognition of their  
generosity," she said.

The deadline for the award is  
Jan. 24. Kroll urges all who have  
not yet pledged to act now to  
help reach that goal. For more  
on how to participate, call Kroll  
at 2-2356.

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