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Program

Reception

Welcome
Dr. Beverley J. Pitts, Provost
and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dinner

Remarks
Dr. Blaine A. Brownell, President

Presentation of Omegas
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President Brownell
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Mohammad Behforouz received his doctorate in organic chemistry from Indiana University. After a short, but extremely productive stay at Monsanto Corporation, he and his wife, Nancy, returned to Iran where Mohammad became professor of chemistry at Shiraz University. Toward the end of his work at Shiraz, he served as acting dean of his college during the revolution, and on two separate occasions, Mohammad took sabbatical leaves to study with Michael Cava at the University of Pennsylvania and Nobel Laureate E. J. Corey at Harvard University.

Following the revolution, Mohammad and Nancy left Iran with their three children and a few suitcases. Soon after arriving at Boston College to teach and work with T. R. Kelly, Mohammad was lured to the Midwest and Ball State University.

Bringing extensive teaching and research experience to Ball State, he quickly established a world-class research program in which he and his students synthesized many new potential anti-cancer compounds. Highly funded by several agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and the American Cancer Society, Mohammad has worked with nearly 100 undergraduate and graduate research students and several visiting scholars. In addition to being named Researcher of the Year, and receiving the first patent issued to a Ball State faculty member, Mohammad was named a George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor in 1993.

Mohammad is a truly valued colleague who has had the patience and drive to be notably successful in world-class, and yet student-centered, scientific research. His kind and giving nature and his extreme intellect are characteristics that have set a standard for the Department of Chemistry, and his service to the department, university, and scientific community has been exemplary.

Nancy Behforouz

Nancy Cook Behforouz came to Ball State University nearly 20 years ago. She brought with her a wealth of experience as an assistant professor at Shiraz Medical School in Iran, a research fellow at Harvard Medical School, and a graduate of Harvard School of Public Health. These experiences served her well as she taught and educated students in the areas of immunology, microbiology, parasitology, and virology. Her knowledge of medical schools also prepared her well as she advised students in the premed/dent/med tech and allied health related fields for more than a decade.

Nancy's dedication and skills in these areas were rewarded in 1997 when she was recognized with the Ball State University Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. Of this she is appreciative, but her true calling is in the training of students in the sub-discipline of immunology and related research. She has collaborated with Sandoz in studying immune reactions in parasitic diseases and with Eli Lilly and Company on
pharmaceutical development for treating AIDS. She holds patents for the work jointly conducted in this field with her husband, Mohammad.

Nancy serves as a role model for women and actively contributed to the Women in Science (WISC) initiatives at the university. She is the model of a teacher-scholar, staying abreast in her discipline and incorporating new technologies into classroom and laboratory experiences for our students. Finally she has been recognized as a leader in her field. She has been elected and served in several offices, including president and national counselor, of the Indiana branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Nancy's professional demeanor, her respectful attitude, and her insightful comments will be sorely missed as the department moves into uncharted territory of new biological realms. Her innovative suggestions on curriculum, her dedicated efforts to promote better involvement of women and underrepresented groups in the sciences, her guidance to the preprofessional health professions, and her brilliant and creative mind cannot be replaced on the faculty. The mold has been broken. We look forward to Nancy's involvement in more community and family centered projects in the future.

Richard D. Carr

Richard Carr has been a member of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences for 27 years. He came to Ball State University with a freshly completed doctorate from Brigham Young University and a rich background as a family and marriage therapist, as well as a school counselor. Over the years his marriage and family relations classes have been very popular, with long waiting lists for enrollment.

Richard was the director of the department's weight management program, co-directed a weight management program for teenagers, and was involved with Ball State's wellness program. Topics of presentations and workshops that he conducted include such themes as stress and obesity in families, family communication, the role of the father, weight management, and redefinition of sex roles. He was instrumental to the department's successfully attaining Certified Family Life Education program approval, and he contributed extensive service to the department, particularly as the chairman of the curriculum committee and the salary committee.

Throughout his academic career, Richard has maintained a successful marriage and family therapist practice, which enabled him to bring currency to the classroom. Upon retirement from the university, Richard will expand his therapy practice to a full-time position administering the Union Chapel Counseling Service. Some of his extra time will be spent fly fishing in Montana and enjoying family travels.

Richard has been a valued colleague and will be missed by both students and faculty. We wish him well in the next phase of his career.
Elaine Cotner began her career at Ball State University in 1987 after completing her master’s degree here. During completion of the master’s, she had the opportunity to serve as a graduate assistant in the Office of Admissions. Her performance in this capacity was so outstanding that she was named an assistant director of admissions in 1987.

Elaine was, and is, a dedicated professional with skills that are applicable in several areas, as evidenced by her being named acting director of orientation while still serving as assistant director of admissions in January of 1990. Her energy level and enthusiasm for work resulted in still more responsibilities as she was named associate director in June of 1990; the acting director of admissions in September of 1996, during the search for a new director; and finally, senior associate director in July of 2002.

Elaine has done an outstanding job in every phase of her career. She has been an inspiration for many younger staff members, a wonderful teacher and friend. She has approached her responsibilities with a sense of fairness, dignity, and respect for others.

Elaine has been a loyal and valued colleague who will be missed by all. Retirement, however, will not find her sitting idly. We fully expect her to spend considerable time doing what she loves most—sailing!

John Cranor

John Cranor is a 25-year veteran of the Department of Political Science at Ball State University. He retired from the university in 2002 to pursue a secondary career in public service with the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D. C. John received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Missouri at Columbia. His master’s degree is from the University of Arizona and his bachelor’s is from Colorado State University.

John was director of the master’s of public administration program and graduate advisor in the department. He was instrumental in assisting advisees in their career choices. He helped several of his advisees attain prominent postgraduate fellowships, including the Presidential Management Intern Fellowship in Washington, D. C. and the Governor’s Fellowship in Indiana. John also was a long-time member of the University Research Committee.

John’s research interests included electoral politics and personnel management. His publications include the co-authored “The Anatomy of a Gerrymander,” published in the American Journal of Political Science and “An Experimental Study of Reliability in Evaluating Benchmark Position Descriptions Using the Oliver System” in Public Personnel Administration.
In 1991, John took a leave of absence to work with the U. S. Department of Personnel Management and received a Meritorious Service Award. In 1989, he received a grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to conduct research on local government response to federal mandates. John was active in Planned Parenthood of East Central Indiana and was a Democratic precinct committeeman in Muncie.

John and his wife, Amira, currently reside in the District of Columbia. We wish him well in his retirement.

Raymond DeKeyser

Since 1967, Raymond DeKeyser has served Ball State University and the Department of Industry and Technology. Although Ray has taught numerous courses during his career, his major focus and specialization have been in the areas of machine tool processing, material science, strength of materials, and perishable tooling. Regional manufacturers recognize him as an expert in those areas.

In addition to his years of service to the department, Ray was active in the American Society of Materials International. He has a well-deserved reputation as a knowledgeable faculty member who cares about his students.

In his retirement, Ray hopes to spend extra time at his lakefront property in northern Indiana. His colleagues and students will miss him and join in wishing Ray much happiness.

Patsy A. Donn

A native Texan, Patsy Donn arrived at Ball State University in 1964 following the completion of her doctoral degree at the University of North Texas. She has served the university in a variety of capacities since then, including professor of counseling psychology, chair of the Department of Counseling Psychology and Guidance Services from 1969 to 1978, director of the Counseling Center from 1978 to 2002, and director of Counseling and Health Services since 2001.

The Counseling Center has achieved national recognition for excellence under Patsy's leadership. Since 1983 the center has been approved as a doctoral internship site by the American Psychological Association. Our testing office, partnering with Educational Testing Service, is now offering computer-based testing. Recently, Patsy has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the innovative iSeeTV project in Ball State's Health Center.

The recipient of many awards and honors during her long and distinguished career, Patsy was recognized as Ball State's outstanding administrator in 1996 and received the Jack Beyerl Outstanding Professional Award from Student Affairs in 2000.
Patsy has been a wonderful mentor and role model for the many staff members she has worked with during her career. Her expertise regarding student health issues, her genuine concern for others, and her dedication to students and colleagues will be sorely missed. An avid supporter of Ball State athletics, look forward to seeing Patsy frequently at Ball State sporting events.

David Gadziola

David Gadziola received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Maryland in 1968 and took a position at Ball State University the same year. He now retires after 35 years of teaching British literature and honors humanities, and after serving as the announcer for Ball State football games for nearly the length of his career.

Although David has served on many university and department committees, including the University Senate Finance Council and the Committee on Admissions and Credits, the most visible monument to his service to Ball State is the Robert Bell Building. David was a member of the planning committee for the building, and directed the department's move from the south end of campus – for which he was honored with “David Gadziola Day” in September of 1984. As the person responsible for the department's allocation of space in the new building, he referred to himself as “space head” for a good time afterward.

A scholar of Victorian literature, David has published a number of reviews in Choice. He also writes poetry and travel narratives, and wrote the department's transition plan for the shift from the quarter system to semesters. He was a member of Project Standfast, which was funded by a $300,000 grant from Digital Equipment Corporation, where his team designed software for instruction materials used in teaching literature, creative writing, and composition. For many years, he was active in the National Collegiate Honors Council.

In addition, David's service to the department and university includes: visiting assistant editor, Steinbeck Quarterly, 1973-74; resident director, London Centre, 1975-76; chair, Select Committee on Student Attrition and Retention, 1979-80; chair, Ball State Professional Policies Council, 1981-82; director of undergraduate studies in English, 1985-88; and chair, British and World Literature Committee, 1992-93.

Deborah Governor

Deborah Governor served the School of Extended Education in a variety of staff positions in Indianapolis for more than 12 years. During this period, she was the processing agent for Ball State University programs for off-duty United States Army personnel and some civilians in Lawrence Township, and was ultimately promoted to the position of program manager. As a staff employee, she received the A. Jane Morton Award in 1997.
In 1998, Deborah completed her doctorate in adult and community education from Ball State. She was appointed to the professional position of program director in 1999 and served in this position until her retirement in June of 2002.

✦ Mary M. Hagopian ✦

Mary Hagopian is a name that has been synonymous with outstanding voice teaching at Ball State University since 1982. Hundreds of students have benefited from Mary’s extensive performance background and insightful pedagogical expertise.

Prior to joining the faculty here at Ball State, Mary enjoyed an impressive professional career in Germany and Austria, performing an array of dramatic soprano roles with a host of leading opera companies. Her educational preparation at Butler University, New England Conservatory of Music, and the Hochschule für Musik in Berlin paved the way for a lifetime of teaching and performance.

In 2001, Mary was granted a sabbatical leave to revisit Germany and assess the current atmosphere for the support of operatic performance. The result was a published article, “Germany Revisited,” in which she shared her wisdom concerning the conditions and opportunities for American singers in Europe.

We wish Mary the very best in her retirement, knowing that her legacy will live on in the teaching and performance careers of her talented students.

✦ Jeffrey Hall ✦

With degrees in landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts and Iowa State University, Professor Jeffrey Hall came to the Ball State University Department of Landscape Architecture in 1979, after 15 years of teaching at Rutgers University. In 1980, Jeff became chair of the department, and in 1982, he was appointed associate dean of the College of Architecture and Planning, a position he held for 16 years. He was named acting, and then interim, dean of the college from 1999 to 2001.

In addition to his responsibilities as both teacher and administrator, Jeff was instrumental in the 1981 chartering of the Ball State (Tau) Chapter of Sigma Lambda Alpha, the national landscape architecture honorary society. Jeff’s involvement with the national organization of Sigma Lambda Alpha led to his service as its national president for two terms.

As a college dean, Jeff was responsible for the careful development of the college’s first-year admissions program and environmental design curriculum, the nurturing of the college’s numerous student organizations, and the stewardship of the college’s outstanding educational resources. Notable during his tenure was the successful transition that enriched the studio environment with access to state-of-the-art computer facilities. Throughout his years at Ball State, Jeff maintained his connection
to CAP and landscape architecture students through his teaching of the history of American landscape architecture.

The college and department recognize Jeff’s many years of service and celebrate his rich contribution to the CAP community.

Linda Hall

Linda Hall is retiring after serving the students of Ball State University for 16 years. Her first assignment was in the Department of Secondary Education as the academic program assistant working with Indo-Chinese students. In that position she used her highly developed counseling and organizational skills in helping a special group of students adjust to and succeed in the academic environment.

When she joined University College in 1989 as the academic development coordinator for athletics, Linda took a position that involved a new approach for Ball State in working with student athletes. With Linda’s leadership and determination, what started as an experiment has developed into a model academic support unit for the nation. Many are familiar with the excellent academic performance of Ball State athletes over the past few years. This achievement is the result of dedication and hard work by many people, from the coaches to the athletic administrators to the staff of the Learning Center and Academic Advising. Right in the center of all these folks, directing and coordinating the academic support services, has been Linda Hall.

A sensitive, wise, and tireless advocate for the academic welfare of student-athletes, Linda has guided and developed the support services with a commitment to strong, equitable services for all athletes. As retirement approaches, she continues to lobby for even better staffing and services.

Linda has been a fine colleague and able administrator, but as many, many Ball State athletes from over the past few years will attest, what’s particularly special about Linda is her caring, consistent, and tireless efforts to help every single one of her student-athletes achieve academically to the highest degree. She will be missed by the staffs of University College and Athletics, as well as by many student-athletes. We all wish Linda and her husband, Jeff, a wonderfully busy and happy retirement.

James Hightower

James Hightower joined the Department of Modern Languages and Classics at Ball State University in the fall of 1979. In addition to teaching every French course in the catalog, Jim shouldered the responsibility of coordinating multiple sections of beginning and intermediate French for more than 20 years. Throughout his career, he also trained and supervised the French teaching assistants, preparing them to be better teachers of beginning and intermediate French courses. A very student-oriented
colleague, Jim served as faculty sponsor of the university French Club and Alpha Mu Gamma national foreign language honorary. For seven years, he served as director of French Weekend Workshops, held on the Ball State campus for high school students from across Indiana.

During the 1980s, as part of the department’s efforts to reach out to Indiana secondary schools, Jim was an officer in the Indiana Association of Teachers of French (IAATF), first as treasurer, then as vice president and president. In 1996, he was recognized by the American Association of Teachers of French and received their National Treasurer of the Year Award. In 1999, he was named University French Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Association of Teachers of French.

A long time advocate of CAI, Jim was one of the first faculty members at Ball State University to become actively involved in the use of technology to enhance foreign language teaching. He eventually published a software authoring system that enabled teachers of French, German, Spanish, or ESL to write on-line exercises, which students could access through the CAS system on the Ball State VAX. In addition, Jim personally developed more than 300 French programs that were used in all his classes. In 1988 and 1989, Jim was awarded a $29,000 grant by the Indiana Department of Education to train Indiana high school teachers in the use of CALL. More recently, he collaborated with a colleague in the Department of Modern Languages and Classics in developing an authoring template to deliver multimedia lessons on a Windows platform using a laser disk player.

Jim’s hard work and devotion to duty will be missed in the Department of Modern Languages and Classics.

† Ruth H. Howes †

Ruth Howes joined the Ball State University Department of Physics in the autumn quarter of 1976.

During her tenure in the department, Ruth has taught a wide range of courses ranging from introductory conceptual physics and introductory astronomy to graduate-level electricity and magnetism. Her contributions to the improvement of teaching physics and physical science span several decades. Beginning at the time of her arrival on campus and continuing to the present, Ruth has collaborated with Ball State colleagues to improve general education and university core curriculum courses.

As the George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Ruth has brought positive recognition to herself, the department, and the university. She served as a Congressional Fellow under sponsorship of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She then served as a National Science Foundation program director for the physics division of undergraduate programs. This was followed by service as the national president of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Through her research, Ruth has dealt with issues that are important to society in general, as well as for women in particular. She conducted research in arms control.

The faculty and students of the Department of Physics and Astronomy will miss the creative energy and academic enrichment that Ruth has brought to the department. We wish her the best of everything in her “retirement,” as she assumes her new position as chair of the physics department at Marquette University. Ruth and her husband, Bob, also plan to travel, visit with family, and enjoy their summer home in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

### Alain Joyaux

Alain Joyaux received his bachelor of fine arts and master’s degree in studio art, as well as a master’s degree in art history from Michigan State University. While a student at Michigan State, he was employed as an assistant at the Kresge Art Museum and later was assigned there as a graduate assistant. In 1978, he became the acting director of the Kresge, and shortly thereafter, was appointed assistant to the director of the Flint Institute of Arts, a position he held until he came to Ball State in 1983. With this hiring, the university recognized the need for a professional director who could devote full attention to the management and direction of the museum.

Under Alain’s able leadership, the museum’s collection has grown in stature and quality, encompassing an array of historical and contemporary paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, coins, photographs, decorative arts, furniture, and ethnographic works.

The fall of 2002 witnessed the grand reopening of the Ball State Museum of Art, after undergoing an impressive $8.5 million renovation and expansion. The nearly $50 million collection can now be viewed in chronological sequence in a truly professional environment. Three galleries have been dedicated to special exhibits, such as the Rodin sculpture presentation that coincided with the reopening. Alain has clearly been the driving force behind this highly successful construction project.

Alain and his wife, Aimee, will relocate near Richmond, Virginia, where they will undertake a second renovation project, having concluded the refurbishment of their historic home on Main Street. We wish them the very best.

### Sandra W. Kelly

Sandra Kelly leaves Ball State University after more than 25 years of dedicated service. Her tenure began in the College of Business, where for ten years she was publications editor and alumni and development coordinator. But she is best known for her role as special assistant to the president, working with John Worthen for 14 years and
subsequently with Blaine Brownell for two years. Sandra's multifaceted responsibilities in this position included writing letters, drafting speeches, creating brochures and programs, and designing Ball State ties and scarves. She was the person who chose recognition gifts for university employees, honorary degree recipients, and foreign visitors, as well as those given by university administrators and faculty when on international trips.

Clearly, hers was not an 8:00 to 5:00 job. Sandra was ever present to help plan and then to oversee every detail of functions such as the Omega Dinner, the Athlete-Scholars Luncheon, the Honorary Degree Dinner, and the Faculty and Professional Personnel Service Awards Luncheon. Known for her inimitable sense of style and timing, she also coordinated the campus events for visiting dignitaries, including Henry Kissinger, President Jimmy Carter, Senator Joseph Biden, Terry Waite, Birch Bayh, and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

As if her Ball State responsibilities weren't enough, Sandra also found time for numerous community activities, including the Muncie Human Rights Commission, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the United Way Campaign Cabinet. An active member of the Muncie Sunrise Rotary Club, she served that organization as secretary and president. Because of her extensive civic involvement, she was honored by the City of Muncie with the Spirit of Chief Muncie Award.

Had not personal health problems forced Sandra to curtail her active professional lifestyle, she would, no doubt, still be fulfilling her diverse Ball State responsibilities. We thank you, Sandra, for being the consummate "special assistant." We wish you good health and much happiness.

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In her 18 years as an academic advisor, Lana Kennedy has distinguished herself as a dedicated advisor for freshmen, a wise and caring advisor for nontraditional students, and an organized and thoughtful coordinator in the AC Advising Center.

In her work with freshmen, Lana was always a good listener and a committed advocate, and she brought these values into her work as the first advisor to direct University College's service for nontraditional students. In the latter role, she developed excellent communications with the nontraditional student population, and she functioned as the staff advisor for the nontraditional student organization.

When Lana became the coordinator of the AC Advising Center, she quickly developed a close, informed relationship with each department she was serving. She added to that the extra responsibility of being the advisor to several hundred students pursuing the bachelor of general studies degree, a role that required a lot of patience and problem-solving skills.
In addition to being a highly professional and committed advisor, Lana always has been a positive, upbeat, supportive colleague. Her Advising Center colleagues will miss her, but are excited about her retirement plans—which might include a cabin in Tennessee—and we wish her a most joyous future.

+Adele King+

In the fall of 1986, Adele King joined the Department of Modern Languages and Classics at Ball State University as an associate professor of French. In 1991, she was promoted to full professor. The university, department, and especially the French section have been enriched by Adele’s contributions. She served as chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Classics from 1991 to 1994. From 1991 to 1992, she was a member of the Task Force for Europe Year; from 1987 to 2000, she served on the Women’s Studies Committee; and she was a member of the University Film Committee from 1989 to 2002. She received summer research grants in 1987, 1990, 1995, and 2001.

Adele has been active in various areas of research. From 1996 to 2001, she served as editor of Women in French Studies, a national journal. During her years at Ball State she has published more than 20 articles, two books—Rereading Camara Laye (2003), and French Women Novelists: Defining a Female Style (1989)—and edited a collection of essays, Camus’s L’Etranger: Fifty Years On (1992). In 1998, she received Ball State University’s Outstanding Faculty Research Award. She also has edited an anthology of Francophone African short stories in translation that will appear next year.

Adele has been especially active in teaching in three fields of specialization: twentieth-century literature, women’s writing, and African literature. Ball State French students thank her for her work in the classroom where she has taught French language, civilization and culture, and literature at all levels.

+John Koumoulides+

Professor John Koumoulides retired in December 2002 after 34 years of teaching, research, and service at Ball State University. His extensive studies include an international education in Greece, Montclair State College, the University of Maryland, and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University. He came to Ball State in 1968 after a brief stint at Vanderbilt University.

John always has had a passion for sharing his love for ancient, and especially Greek, history with his many students at Ball State. Not only did he establish a minor in ancient studies, but he raised considerable money to grant his students scholarships for study here, as well as in England and Greece. He also was the driving force in the Provost’s Lecture Series and the Town and Gown Lecture Series, both of which are
particularly bright stars in the constellation of Ball State programs. These and other services were recognized last November when Governor Frank O’Bannon appointed John a Sagamore of the Wabash, a particular achievement for an immigrant who became a Hoosier by adoption.

During his 34 years at Ball State, John wrote 12 books on monasteries in Greece, Cyprus, and the history of democracy. He also has been a Fulbright scholar and a visiting scholar at both Oxford and Cambridge.

John is retired from Ball State, but is currently a Fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., where he is completing a book on the history of Cyprus. John epitomizes the immigrant to America who, through hard work and talent, rose to a position of influence and respect in middle America.

John McCabe

John McCabe came to Ball State University in 1972 to join the Department of Accounting and assumed a central role in teaching financial accounting courses. Prior to his arrival, John was an officer in the United States Air Force and completed his graduate studies at the University of Nebraska and Pennsylvania State University. Shortly after his arrival, John began an extended relationship as the faculty advisor for the Ball State chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Having established his position in the department, he began his graduate studies at Indiana University and earned his doctor of business administration degree in 1982.

During his years at Ball State, John assumed various roles in the university’s governance system. He served on the University Professional Affairs Council, the Academic Freedom and Ethics Subcommittee, the Salary Subcommittee, the University Academic Policies Council, the Admissions and Credit Committee, the Academic Resources Committee, and the Finance Committee of the Governance Efficiency Task Force. Within the College of Business and the accounting department, John was a member of the Graduate Faculty Committee, the Curriculum Development Committee, the Computer Usage Committee, and the Technology Committee.

Throughout his Ball State career, John reached out and shared his accounting knowledge and skills with various service groups and organizations outside the university community. He played a variety of roles associated with the WIPB Telesale and the Cardinal Greenway. He has been the treasurer of the Masterworks Chorale, St. Francis of Assisi Newman Parish, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the Muncie Sailing Club.

John is a colleague the department will miss, but we are confident that the greater Muncie community will continue to benefit from his service.
Jim McElhinney, professor in the Department of Educational Studies, completed his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 1961 and joined the faculty at Ball State University that same year. During his tenure, he has served as director of the doctoral program in adult, higher, and community education (22 years) and as chairperson for the Center for Lifelong Education (nine years).

Jim has been a key figure in adult and community education in Indiana, as evidenced by his receipt of the John R. Craddock Lifetime Achievement Award for the Indiana Adult and Continuing Education Association and the Kirkpatrick Achievement Award for Service from the Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology. His contributions to graduate education at Ball State are inestimable. He has chaired more doctoral committees and more dissertation committees (approximately 75) than any other faculty member in the history of the university. This contribution as a mentor was honored by a former student’s establishment of an endowed scholarship in his name.

Jim’s teaching, research, and service activities have focused on ethnographic research, program evaluation, and staff development. He has served important elected roles in the Indiana Association of Adult and Continuing Education, the Indiana Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Commission of Professors of Adult Education, and the Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference.

Jim recently was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the State of Indiana and received the Bellringer Award from the Indiana Department of Education. He is admired by students and his colleagues – in part for his physical ability to consistently walk the eight floors of Teachers College to and from his office – but primarily for his tireless efforts and dedication to teaching and learning. Jim will be greatly missed and forever appreciated.

Kay McNitt has had a long and distinguished career at Ball State University. Retiring after 33 years, she has taught our students, been instrumental in developing systems to enhance our services for students, and provided leadership for the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management division in a senior role as systems coordinator and manager of budgets.

Kay is a tireless employee who always says “yes” when there is a new project, need for information, or a tough issue to solve. She supports her colleagues with her outstanding work, but also with a “can do” attitude that makes even the remotely possible become a reality.
Kay has been a key person as our university has valued our students’ welfare. She always looks for ways to help students learn. They also are beneficiaries of Kay’s behind-the-scenes work to make our customer service truly “everything you need.”

Those of us who have had the privilege of working with Kay over the years know that there is no kinder and more caring colleague on campus. She spends a lot of time trying to make sure we do things right, but she is highly motivated also to do what is fair and just for our students, faculty, staff, and the public we serve.

Her many friends, colleagues, and admirers wish Kay all the best as she enjoys the opportunity to pursue new interests and spend more time with the family she cherishes.

Barbara Myers

Barbara Myers received her bachelor’s degree in education from Ball State University in 1962 and a master’s degree in speech pathology in 1972. She has been employed at Burris Laboratory School as an assistant professor of speech-language pathology since 1972.

Barb has spent her 31 years at Burris dedicated to serving children with special needs. She works diligently to make certain that every child has an individualized program of services that will help them succeed in their schoolwork and daily life. Her efforts on their behalf have allowed students to flourish and grow into strong productive individuals.

Barb is a well-respected member of the faculty who works tirelessly in her service to Burris and Ball State. She is a staunch supporter of doing what is best for children everyday.

In her retirement, Barb plans to travel, spend more time with family and friends, and give some long overdue attention to her garden and home.

Sung-Jae Park

Sung-Jae Park is a professor of sport and physical education and director of the Far East Asia Programs. He received a bachelor’s degree in business from Yeungnam University and a bachelor’s in physical education from Yongin University, Korea; a master’s degree from Ball State University; and his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University. During his tenure at Ball State, he has taught and served in numerous administrative positions over the last 36 years.

Jae has been active and served various professional organizations in numerous positions, including American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; 1988 Olympic Games Evaluation Committee; National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education; International Council for Martial Arts Education; and Asian Studies Committee.
He has helped schools, universities, and organizations from around the world to develop international education opportunities, thereby building better understanding and relationships among people of the world. Since 1967, he has developed various faculty-student exchange programs with universities in Korea, China, Japan, Belgium, Uruguay, and Thailand.

An outstanding athlete in judo, Jae presently holds an eighth-degree black belt. He has served various positions in state and national judo organizations, including president of the Indiana Judo Association, which named him Father of Indiana Judo in 1972.

Jae's research and presentations are focused on "Sport and Physical Education as Nation Building" and "Physical Education, Sports, and Developing Countries." He has been an invited speaker for numerous organizations.

Additional notable honors include Sagamore of the Wabash; Award of Distinction by The Ohio State University, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Distinguished Outstanding Professorship Award by Shanghai Teachers University, Wuhan Physical Education Institute, China; Hurley Goodall Distinguished Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the Minority Students; and honor awards by the American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness.

Jae has left a legacy of excellence and opportunity for Ball State's Far East Asia Program. He will truly be missed.

Wayne A. Payne

Wayne Payne arrived at Ball State University as an undergraduate in 1961. He returned to Ball State as an assistant professor in 1971 after receiving his doctorate from the University of Tennessee. Upon his retirement, Wayne will mark 42 years of association with Ball State, 32 of them as a faculty member of the Department of Physiology and Health Science.

Wayne taught primarily in the areas of personal health and the health aspects of aging. He taught in a variety of locations around the state, as well as at the University's London Centre and in the U. S. Department of Defense master's in public service program in Germany. During one special assigned leave, Wayne taught sixth grade health education at Parker City Elementary School.

In 1982, Wayne embarked on a project that would consume a major part of his professional life for the next 21 years. With Dale Hahn, he began work on a personal health textbook. In 1986, the first edition of Understanding Your Health was published. This spring will find Wayne beginning work on the eighth edition of this successful textbook, while an abbreviated edition, Focus On Health, is in its sixth edition.
Wayne has served on a wide array of department, college, and university-level committees and councils, and was active in the community, serving on the board of Planned Parenthood of East Central Indiana and the Alpha Center for Adult Day Services. In 1994, the Center for Gerontology recognized him for Achievement in Teaching. In 1999, the Department of Health and Safety, College of Human Ecology, of the University of Tennessee recognized him as the outstanding doctoral graduate.

In his retirement Wayne plans to continue writing textbooks and teaching for the department on a limited basis.

Ralph L. Place

Ralph Place became a faculty member of Ball State University's science department in 1963. He then became a member of the physics department in 1965, which later became the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1974. In 1983, Ralph began a joint appointment as professor of physics and astronomy and professor of computer science.

During his tenure at Ball State, Ralph has taught a wide range of courses ranging from introductory physics, astronomy, and computer science to graduate-level quantum mechanics and computer vision. He wrote syllabi for and offered the physics department's first master's degree courses in quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, and electricity and magnetism. With a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in 1990, he also developed a computer vision for the Department of Computer Science.

Ralph has been a student advisor at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. From 1972 to 1983, he served the physics and astronomy department as its administrative assistant and was primarily responsible for the development of the department's applied physics and computer-assisted instruction programs.

Throughout his career at Ball State Ralph has been a pioneer in using computers for both research and instruction. Beginning with the first remote computer terminal on campus, which was used for academic purposes (at a speedy 110 baud rate), Ralph also had the first microcomputer in 1977, a 16k Altair. He received an NSF grant in 1986 to establish a CSNET at Ball State. CSNET was the first link to the Internet for Ball State faculty. In February of 1987, he established the domain name “bsu.edu” for Ball State during a phone call from NSF about domain names.

The faculty and students of the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Physics and Astronomy will miss Ralph as a talented teacher and a creative colleague with a quick and subtle sense of humor. We wish him the best of everything in his retirement.

During his retirement, Ralph and his wife, Cecelia, plan to travel, visit with family, enjoy their grandchildren, and participate in summer golf matches.
Robert D. Rickel

Bob Rickel began his career at Ball State University in 1970 as an instructor of physical education and head baseball coach. In 1984, he became totally involved with the exercise science program as an instructor and advisor, and assisting with the evaluations of interns.

In the summer of 1997, Bob became the exercise science internship coordinator, placing between 80 and 90 interns each year in various sites across the United States. In 2002, he was appointed coordinator of the undergraduate exercise program.

Among the most gratifying aspects of his career at Ball State are the many baseball players who went on to play professional baseball. Being named the 1992-93 Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor also was rewarding.

During his retirement Bob plans to remain active with Cardinal Greenway, where he holds office and has been a volunteer since 1996.

Glenda Riley

Glenda Riley came to Ball State University in 1991 as the Alexander M. Bracken Professor of History. She received her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1967, and came to Ball State from the University of Northern Iowa. Glenda's principal interests are in women in the American West, and she has taught U. S. history to 1877, women in U. S. history, and a number of honors colloquia and graduate seminars. In all of these classes her students consistently talk about Glenda's love for, and profound knowledge of, her subjects. Her enthusiasm in the classroom is infectious.

Glenda is a prolific and rigorous scholar. Since her arrival at Ball State 12 years ago, she has published *Divorce: An American Tradition* (1991); *A Place to Grow: Women in the American West* (1992); *The Life and Legacy of Annie Oakley* (1994); *Building and Breaking Families in the American West* (1996); *Prairie Voices: Iowa's Pioneer Women* (1996); *Women and Nature: Saving the “Wild” West* (1999); and *Taking Land, Breaking Land: Women Colonizing the American and Kenyan Frontiers, 1840-1940* (2003), as well as many other volumes and articles. She also has won many awards, including Best Article of the Year Award from *Journal of the West* (1993), Ball State University's Outstanding Researcher Award, and a Fulbright research award for Kenya (1996). She serves on many editorial boards and is a consultant to a number of projects.

With the purchase of a small horse ranch near Capitan, New Mexico, Glenda will now integrate her work more fully into her life. With her will go her contesting horse, Mac the Stat, and her four dogs—Tess, Cody, Dusty Rose, and Honey of a Yellow Dog. The Department of History and all of Ball State University will sorely miss Glenda's strong and leading company.
Andrea Seger — named one of Street & Smith's Super 50 Women Sports Executives in 1998 — completed her twenty-seventh year at Ball State University and her seventh as the university's director of intercollegiate athletics in June of 2002. She announced her retirement in February of 2002 and her last official day at Ball State was June 30, 2002.

Andi came to Ball State in 1975 as an assistant professor and assistant athletics trainer. In 1983, she was named Ball State's director of intercollegiate athletics for women, under the school's split department system. In January of 1995, after a 12-year tenure heading the women's athletics program, the university combined its men's and women's programs and selected Andi as the first-ever director of intercollegiate athletics for its newly combined program.

Not only was the hiring a first for Ball State, but the school became one of the most unique universities in the country when it selected a female as its director of intercollegiate athletics. The announcement of Andi's appointment January 13, 1995, made her one of only four women in the country to oversee a combined men's and women's NCAA Division IA athletics department.

Horst F. Siewert

Fred Siewert started his career in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management in 1975. He completed his Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and used his training in aquatic organisms to serve as a basis for teaching courses in water resources, water quality, and wastewater management.

His rapport with students was a joy to observe. The Center for International Programs recognized his extraordinary and innovative efforts in providing students an international learning experience in natural and cultural resources of central Europe in the field study that he frequently led. He also developed and fostered an exchange program with the Warsaw Agricultural University in Poland.

Fred's research focused on the relationship between the biological community and water quality in ponds and rivers. Much of his research was collaborative with the 17 master's degree students whose committees he chaired. He trained and served as a mentor to many professionals in the water resources field. The Indiana Wildlife Federation recognized him as Water Conservationist of the Year in 2002.

The contributions Fred made to the department are many, and his talents will be missed. We hope that he takes time out from gardening and fishing to come back to West Quad to brighten our halls with his smile and warmth.
Paul W. Stout

Paul Stout, cartographer and map librarian, began working with University Libraries at Ball State in 1976 as its first map librarian. Over the years, through Paul's leadership, the collection has grown to more than 150,000 maps, which are widely used in various teaching departments.

Paul received his bachelor's degree in geography from Ohio Wesleyan University. From 1962 to 1974, he held various positions in cartography in the United States Air Force. While stationed in Viet Nam during 1970-71, Paul managed Air Force mapping programs in Southeast Asia. He received his master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University. Paul is one of only two other librarians who have been selected by the Library of Congress to participate seven or more times in its special summer map projects.

Paul has been active in professional organizations related to map librarianship. For several years he was a representative of the American Libraries Association to the Cartographic Users Advisory Council, an advisory body to U. S. federal mapping agencies.

Patricia E. Szuch

Pat Szuch began her career with Ball State University more than 17 years ago as a career information technician in what is now the Career Center. She created, wrote, designed, and edited career resource materials and also developed and organized the first campus career resource library.

After gaining experience through other job opportunities, she returned to the university in 1992 as director of capital giving. Ball State had recently completed the Wings for the Future Campaign and had set as a goal a new Alumni Center to be located on the corner of Bethel and Tillotson Avenues. Pat organized and coordinated the campaign to build the new center. Her passion for Ball State, combined with her fund-raising knowledge, helped successfully complete the fund drive and made the new facility a reality.

During the Above and Beyond Campaign, Pat assisted the College of Architecture and Teachers College in achieving their fund-raising goals.

Many generations of Ball State students, alumni, and friends will benefit because of Pat's efforts to improve lives and provide opportunities throughout the university.
Byron Torke

Byron Torke has dedicated his life to the understanding of man and nature in harmony or conflict. For 28 years he has been a professor of biology, teaching a course load as varied as the diversity found in the biological world. His knowledge of the biodiversity found in nature is awesome. He is a walking encyclopedia for the systematic and taxonomic nomenclature of living forms. An afternoon in the field with this man is truly a positive experience remembered by students and colleagues alike.

Byron has served as an integral part of the Aquatic Biology and Fisheries Center at Ball State University. For several years, he served as the Clean Lakes Coordinator of the Indiana State Board of Health and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. He was directly involved with conducting diagnostic feasibility studies of Lake of the Woods, Lake Waubee, and Skinner Lake in northern Indiana, while overseeing studies on several other Indiana lakes.

His teaching has centered on biological principles courses and specialty courses of aquatic botany, aquatic entomology, marine biology, and invertebrate zoology, serving students enrolled in the popular aquatics option and center, which is housed within the department. His personal research focused on the ecology of microcrustaceans in the Great Lakes region, culminating in a recent international publication.

Byron’s broad knowledge of the biological world, his skills in the aquatic sciences, and his willingness to share this information with all who wish to learn will be sorely missed in the department. His cooperative nature and perspective on issues will likewise be missed. His continued involvement with nature societies (Audubon Society, Indiana Native Plants and Wildflowers Society, and Nature Conservancy) will occupy an even greater portion of his time as he looks to the future after Ball State University. His colleagues wish him well as he changes roles.

Eugene Wagner

Eugene Wagner came to Ball State University in 1971 from Eli Lilly and Company. During his seven years at Lilly, he was involved in the early studies of a newly developed class of antibiotics known as cephalosporins. Today, cephalosporins are one of the mainstays of antibiotic treatment of infectious illnesses.

When Gene came to the university, he joined the chemistry department and the Center for Medical Education. As such, he was involved in the establishment and expansion of the Center for Medical Education in Muncie. This unit, which is a conjoint project of Ball State University and the Indiana University School of Medicine, began with only four first-year medical students. During Gene’s service within the Center, it grew to add a second year of study and now serves 16 first-year and 16 second-year medical students. Gene became assistant director of the Center for
Medical Education in 1991. Under his leadership, the center was able to move into a newly constructed, state-of-the-art facility three years ago.

Gene continued to study antibiotics and their interactions with host cells during his service at Ball State, and soon added ascorbic acid as a research interest. In recognition of his excellent teaching and research, he was tenured at Ball State University in 1976.

Throughout his service at Ball State and within the Center for Medical Education, Gene has been an educational innovator, and has provided strong positive leadership for the center’s programs. He will be missed.

Molly Wantz

Ball State University has been a second home for Molly Wantz. After completing bachelor’s, master’s, and Ed.S. degrees in health and safety education at Ball State, she served as a contract faculty member for several years. Then from 1973 to 1975 she taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, before returning to Ball State in the fall of 1975.

Molly’s training and career have been in school health education with emphases on teaching methodologies, curriculum development, and teacher training. Molly served as the Growing Healthy teacher training workshop coordinator for the State of Indiana for 13 years.

She has received numerous awards for her work in education, including the Distinguished Service Award as a Growing Healthy teacher training facilitator from the National Center for Health Education in 1989 and the Dairy and Nutrition Council Award in 1987. She has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the American School Health Association and has been elected a Fellow of that association.

Since reorganizing Ball State’s health science internship program in 1980, Molly has served as the program’s only director. During this period she has expanded the program from a handful of sites to more than 200 sites. “Directing the internship program has given me a chance to meet and interact with each of our health science students, and I found that very rewarding,” Molly says.

When she retires after a 41-year association with Ball State, Molly plans to continue her hobbies: gourmet cooking, traveling, and spoiling her four grandchildren. We will dearly miss Molly in the department.
Shirley Weber received her bachelor’s degree in home economics from Ball State University in 1962 and a master’s degree in education in 1967. She has been employed at Burris Laboratory School as an instructor of home economics since 1968.

Shirley is a well-loved, well-respected member of the Burris faculty. During her 35 years in teaching, she has always been known for her devotion to her students and to her profession. She truly believes that every child can succeed and continues to demonstrate that conviction each year. She serves as a mentor and lead teacher to many of our new faculty, and her colleagues believe that there is no task too difficult for her to perform. She is the epitome of what it means to be a team player and professional educator. Her contributions to Burris will be long remembered and she has served her school well.

Shirley has been a successful contributor to vital committee work for the university, particularly the University Senate, and puts forth a tireless effort in those activities. She is an outstanding teacher and student advocate.

Many of Shirley’s students return after graduation to thank her for all she has done for them. She has been a second “mom” to many of them. A perfect example of this was when a Burris graduate called Shirley over spring break and talked to her at length concerning his deployment to Iraq.

In her retirement, Shirley plans to spend more time with her granddaughters, to visit Montana, and to continue to judge horse shows and write textbooks for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.