Scott H. Seaman became Dean of University Libraries on April 1, 2008. Before coming to Ohio University, he was the Associate Director of Administrative Services at the Norlin Library at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He has an Ohio background, having received a BA (art/business) in 1982 from Wright State University. In 1986 he received his MA (art history) from Ohio State University. Then in 1987, he was awarded an MLS from Kent State University.

From 1985-1987 he was Head, Research Library/Archive, Online Computer Library Center, Bibliographic Maintenance for the National Center for Research in Vocational Education. From 1988-1991 he was Head of Interlibrary Loan at Ohio State University. In 1991 he became Head of Circulation Services at the University of Colorado in Boulder, before becoming the Acting Associate Director of Administrative Services in 1997. In 1998 he became Associate Director.
A Message From The President  
- ED BAUM

Hi,

While most of us no longer teach, we are still aware of the change in Athens when students return after spring break. I noticed this driving back from the airport yesterday evening (Sunday, March 28) and was one of a string of cars threading through the darkening hills of southeast Ohio. The town is alive again and that, combined with the natural bounce that spring brings, gives added energy to our lives that is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of energy, thanks to the energy of several people, especially Dru Evarts, we have an almost complete slate of candidates for emeriti office for the coming year:

- President: George Weckman
- Vice President: Dru Evarts
- Secretary: Anne McClanahan
- Treasurer: Ruth and Dick Nostrant
- Membership: Margaret Thomas
- Benefits: Ted Foster
- Volunteer Services: Martha Bitters
- Historian: Charles Carlson
- Emeriti Park: to be announced… one person is considering it
- Newsletter: Edith Russ
- Election

As you note, there is still one unfilled position. Might you be interested? If so, let me know (593-8675). If you want to run for either the open position or one of the others (yes, we accept nominations from the floor) just give me a call for more information (593-8675).

I hope to see you at the luncheon on April 15.

Ed

NOTES FROM OUR MARCH PROGRAM

Most of us, as emeriti, remember when medical care in Athens was quite limited. Dr. James Riesterberg, chair of the board at O’Bleness Medical Centers, provided us with a picture of health care in Athens today which is a far cry from those early memories.

He started with a brief history of O’Bleness, beginning with a lying-in birthing center in 1921 through the creation of a real hospital, Sheltering Arms, in 1947, to the building of the O’Bleness Memorial Hospital in 1970. This has been followed by specialists and specialties in the Castrop Center, the Cornwell Center, and acquisition of such facilities at the Athens Medical Lab and the Athens Surgery Center. Available centers include cardiology, cancer, wound care, and orthopedics. In addition to O’Bleness the creation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the establishment of Holzer Clinic has vastly expanded access to medical care in Athens county.

O’Bleness had some very difficult years (2006-2008) losing 15 million dollars. Part of the problem was in unreimbursed medical care, largely from taking care of patients without medical insurance. Outside consultants made a number of recommendations ranging from cutting 45 employees to administrative re-organization so that now the hospital is in the black and is working hard to serve our communities. Last year, for example, there were 3,000 admissions, 27,000 emergency visits, 23,000 outpatient treatments.

The hospital has been working with Ohio Health as an affiliate, an association which brings savings in purchasing and assistance in a number of areas.

(Ed Baum)
If you are on the east side of the Emeriti Park and sit on the Dr. Harry Crewson bench, which I did recently, and you look across the pond you can see an English Skymaster Oak tree also referred to as Quercus robur ‘Skymaster’. It was given as a “memorial” by Joseph and Janice Tucker. It was planted about ten years ago just below the Nick and Lillian Dinos Bench. As it grows, its shape is gradually becoming pyramidal. I looked at it in March, without leaves, but getting ready to show signs of life and take on a dark green foliage. (Picture shown is of a full grown tree). The ‘Skymaster’ as it grows develops a very strong central leader with wide crotch angles, and an excellent lateral branch development which makes it well suited to grow along roadways such as the Oxbow Trail leading to Baker Center. When full grown, in a few years, it will, hopefully, look like the one shown in the picture and be about fifty feet high and twenty five feet wide.

Oak trees are a type of deciduous tree. These are broad-leaved trees that shed all their leaves during one season. The oak tree is a member of the Beech family and its scientific name is Quercus or Lithocarpus. The best type of soil for a healthy and nutritious growth of deciduous trees is referred to as podzol (also spelled podsol). Oak trees can live 200 or more years.

Joe Tucker was granted the title, Professor Emeritus of Political Science on April 18, 1998. Joe came to Ohio University in 1962 as a member of the Political Science Department. In 1981 he was appointed Associate Vice President of Lifelong Learning from which he retired in 1997. In May 2000 he was elected Vice President of the Emeriti Association and served two years in charge of programs. He was nominated for President in May 2002, was elected, and served two years as President. Joe was also active on the Park Maintenance Committee which worked Thursday mornings in the Park during spring, summer and early fall performing a number of duties, including beautification.

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earnings from the one percent of contributions designated for health care, the fund runs out in 2021 if it earns an annual rate of 5% and in 2024 if it earns 8%. As the health care stabilization fund runs out, the amount retirees must contribute to their Medicare and supplemental insurance policies will increase until it runs out, they will become solely responsible for all their own Medicare premium costs and Medicare supplement costs.

Nickell, STRS Director of Health Care Services, discussed the effects of federal proposals on health care. The chief effect of proposed federal legislation will be to reduce the money going to Medicare advantage plans and that, in turn, will increase the costs of those plans to STRS members covered by them, but the federal programs should help with medical costs and decision making in a number of ways. It is also the case that if the STRS subsidies for health care paid to those who retire early (before Medicare eligibility) were eliminated, the one percent that goes to the health care stabilization fund would be sufficient to cover current levels of subsidy to those eligible for Medicare and return the stabilization fund to long-term solvency.

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The High Society Jazz Association’s April Session at Abrio’s on April 25, 3:30-6:00, will feature vocalist Emily Burhans. For further info call Pat Light, 593-1317.
RECOLLECTIONS
From the Archives of the Department of Incidental Intelligence

One fine day the administration received a request for the loan of a painting that was known to be a part of the university collection. The administration promptly responded that it would review the matter and get back to them. This initiated a frantic search for the painting. After a fruitless search the university wrote an honest response to the request stating that the painting was not available at the time.

Many months later the painting was discovered in Cutler Hall, on the 3rd floor, in the ladies room, next to a practice piano!

(Ed Russ)

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