Pam Benoit joined Ohio University on July 1, 2009, as Executive Vice-President and Provost. Dr. Benoit brought to the university 20 years of experience as an educator, a scholar of communication, and an administrator charged with improving quality and accessibility.

Following the receipt of an MA in Communication from Central Michigan University and a PhD in Communication from Wayne State University, Dr. Benoit joined the faculty at Bowling Green State University. In 1984 she accepted a position in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She has authored or co-authored a number of books, book chapters, articles and reports, and has been the recipient of many awards.

In 2006 she became the Vice Provost for Advanced Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at Missouri and made substantive contributions to the university’s success in the areas of enrollment, management, diversity program review, economic development, recruitment of students, faculty and staff, and strategic planning. In each of her administrative positions, Dr. Benoit, who is a trained mediator, was actively involved in resolving conflicts and providing conflict resolution assistance to students and faculty through grievance and appeals panels, targeted programming, and the campus mediation service at Missouri.
Over fifty new emeriti will be inducted into our distinguished status at the luncheon on September 15. We hope that most, if not all, will be with us that day for a personal welcome from the provost and us. We also hope that most, if not all, will join our association and continue to meet with us monthly.

Current members: Please welcome these new retirees and recommend membership. Here are a few selling points you can share with them:

Our luncheons bring former colleagues together as few other events do. Keeping in touch with faculty friends after retiring is not as easy as it might seem. Even though Athens is a small city, friends can go for months or years without crossing paths. Twice recently I asked emeriti where they were living now, and was surprised to hear “Athens.”

News about the university from the horses’ mouths, so to speak, keeps us abreast of developments. After all our years of involvement we are pretty much out of the loop in retirement, and media news reports pale beside the presence of the newsmakers.

Your board and other association members lobby and agitate for your benefit. We keep in touch with STRS, PERS, and the state government through the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees. At OU, too, we try to keep our eyes out for problems or issues of concern to our membership. (We are still working on the parking fee matter.)

And we are cheap – not tawdry, but inexpensive. Modest membership dues and good food at a reasonable price (continuing $14 per lunch this year).

George

NOTES FROM DR. JOHN KOPCHICK’S LUNCHEON PRESENTATION ON JUNE 16

Dr. Kopchick came to O.U. in 1987 as the Milton and Lawrence H. Goll Eminent Scholar in Molecular and Cellular Biology from distinguished work at Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories.

John related the development of a global hormone receptor antagonist, now marketed under the name Somaverrt, by Pfizer. His initial work was in developing a synthetic growth hormone. Initially this was obtained from the pituitary glands from cadavers, but a virus attacked that supply. This work led to the discovery of a growth inhibitor in 1989.

Initially pharmaceutical companies were not interested because of the relatively small market for a growth inhibitor which would be used primarily to treat acromegaly (sometimes known as giantism). The drug works in 95% of those suffering from acromegaly.

He founded a company, Sensus, which extended his work and paved the way for clinical trials in 1993. Sensus was purchased by Pharmacia which in turn was purchased by Pfizer. This has led to $75 million in royalties to O.U.

A part of this success was due to Ohio University’s Technology Transfer Office which has served as a model for other universities.

John is now working on a diabetes inhibitor.

Ed Baum
NEW EMERITI

Emeriti Administrators
Bebee, Richard – Dean of Ohio University Chillicothe
Bird, Charles – Vice President of Ohio University
Boyd, Alan – Director of International Student and Faculty Services
Hogan, Terrence – Dean of Students
Murray, Thomas - Director of Wellworks
Rota, Josep - Professor of Communications and Associate Provost for International Studies
Shostak, Thomas - Dean of Lifelong Learning

College of Arts & Sciences
Arhangelsskii, Alexander - Mathematics
Bloomfield, Josephine - English
Butcher, Jared - Chemistry & Biochemistry
Cantino, Philip - Environmental & Plant Biology
Crowl, Samuel - English
DeMott, Robert - English
Eckes, Alfred - History
Glasgow, Jacqueline - English
Lindskold, Svnn - Psychology
Popovich, Paula - Psychology
Rollins, Mark - English
Rothwell, Gar - Environmental & Plant Biology
Shelly, Robert - Sociology
Thompson, James - English
Vedder, Richard - Economics
Wolf, Thomas - Mathematics
Zook, John - Biological Studies
Zucker, Arthur - Philosophy

College of Fine Arts
Bova, Joseph - Art
Eckes, Sylvia - Piano
Eldridge, Aethelred - Art
Laruka, Robert - Art
Pease, Patricia - Voice
Steele, Louise - Music Therapy
Young, Sylvester - Music Education

College of Health Sciences & Professions
Denham, Sharon - Nursing
Tennant, Kathleen - Nursing

College of Osteopathic Medicine
Chila, Anthony - Family Medicine
Dane, Peter - Family Medicine & Emergency Medicine

Patton College of Education & Human Services
Johanson, George - Educational Studies
Young, Robert - Higher Education & Student Affairs

Regional Campuses
Venkatachar, Arun - Physics & Astronomy/Chillicothe
Bush, Lawrence - Mathematics/Eastern
Noble, David - English/Eastern
Watkins, Bari - History/Lancaster
Thamburaj, Parinbam - Chemistry/Zanesville

Russ College of Engineering & Technology
Curtis, Robert - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
Radcliff, Roger - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Scripps College of Communication
Cambridge, Vibert - Media Arts & Studies
Cooper-Chen, Anne - Journalism
Daniels, Tom - Communication Studies
Hagerty, Sandra - Journalism
Mould, David - Media Arts & Studies
Pecora, Norma - Media Arts & Studies

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD WICKE, 86, died June 6, 2011, at Duke Medical Center of complications of a stroke. Born in Chicago, he earned his undergraduate degree, an MA in Philosophy and a PhD in Mathematics at the University of Iowa. He taught at Bucknell, then moved to Albuquerque to lead the Pure Mathematics Unit of Sandia Laboratories. He came to teach mathematics at OU in 1971, retiring in 1997. Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dawn, 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

ELIZABETH DAKIN, 91, died June 15, 2011, in Athens. Born in Cadillac, MI, she married Robert Dakin in 1945. The Dakins moved to Athens in 1967 when he became a founding director of OPIE at OU. Elizabeth is survived by Robert, her husband of 65 years, a son and daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren.

RAY WAGNER, 81, died July 14, 2011, in Athens after a battle with cancer. Born in Hershey, PA, he earned a BS at Manchester College, an MA at Ball State University, and a PhD at OU. He joined the faculty of the School of Dramatic Arts and Speech at OU in 1967, taking early retirement in 1995. After full retirement in 1999, he taught as an adjunct professor as needed. In addition, he pursued a new career as a radio host on WATH. Ray is survived by his wife, Tish, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

WHOM DO I ASK?
Questions about OU Emeriti & OU Emeriti Association
Our web page is at http://www.ohio.edu/emeriti.

A few questions that came to us with this year’s forms:

*I paid for a Lifetime Membership some time ago. Do I have to keep sending in a membership form each year? NO - A Lifetime Membership is for life - Single for emeriti only, or Dual for emeriti and spouse. Return a form only if your information changes. If you are in doubt about your status, contact Ruth Nostrant (nostrant@ohio.edu or 593-5194).

*Our household had a single Lifetime Membership, but the emeriti spouse died this year. Can I still be part of the Emeriti Association? YES - a spouse can be part of the Emeriti Association. Now you will pay for a single membership ($15) on an annual basis. Contact Ruth if you have questions.

*I looked at the Emeriti Directory online recently. I have a different email address now. Can this be corrected? YES - the online directory was added to the emeriti page last year to replace the printed directory. The information will be updated on a regular basis. Contact Margaret Thomas (thomasm@ohio.edu or call 593-8765).

*SOMETIMES I receive the Emeriti Newsletter and sometimes I don’t. Can this be corrected? YES - all emeriti receive the September, October, May and June newsletters. Only Association members receive other months. Contact Margaret if you are experiencing a problem with newsletters.

Other questions? Please send to thomasm@ohio.edu to add to our next article.

UPCOMING EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

October 20: The Future of Journalism Ethics
Andy Alexander, newly retired ombudsman of The Washington Post

Program Committee for 2011-12
Dru Riley Evarts, chair; Richard & Wally Bald; Joe & Lynda Berman; Jim & Marlene Bruning, Chuck Carlson, and Milt Ploghoft

Please get any thoughts or suggestions you have to one of these people.
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**September 2011**

**AFAN Fall Reception**

**OCTOBER**

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