



# The Extension



## **Emily Bingham: A Champion in Every Way** Marlene Bireley

If you live in the Miami Valley, you have undoubtedly read and/or seen the stories about **Emily Bingham**, the WSU student, who advanced to the semi-finals of the Jeopardy College Championships. **Emily** is a marketing intern for the WSU Alumni Association which is housed in the Foundation Building just above the WSURA office. Responding to a last minute invitation, she was gracious enough to visit our February Board meeting to share her experiences with the show. At the time of that meeting she had appeared in the first round, so we did not know the eventual outcome of the tournament (she was defeated in the semifinals by the eventual tournament winner), but there was no doubt that we were impressed by her grace, intelligence and confidence. She also agreed to be interviewed after the hoopla surrounding her Jeopardy appearance was over.

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In that interview and from the information available on the WSU website, a picture emerges of an outstanding young woman in every way. **Emily** has lived her whole life in the Dayton area with her mother, a retiree from WPAFB. As a child, she attended local private schools moving to Northmont (Englewood ) High School for grades 9-12. . At Northmont, she was an honor student and became very involved in Quiz Bowl, an academic competition that proved to be a great training ground for Jeopardy.

In searching for a college that would provide good scholarship support, she was accepted at several Ohio colleges but the scholarship support was not sufficient for her needs. At WSU she was accepted into the Honors Program which made her eligible to apply for the Oma Sells Scholarship. This is the most prestigious scholarship that is offered at Wright State, going to only two freshman Honors Program students each year and consisting of a “full ride” including tuition, books, housing, etc. In addition to an outstanding scholarship record, applicants must write an essay and be personally interviewed. **Emily** reports that she came out of the interview “feeling pretty good” and, indeed, she became one of the recipients.

The scholarship money has been well-spent as she has paid back the university in numerous ways. She has been active in the Rise.Shine. Development campaign by speaking to alumni groups in Tampa, Columbus, Cincinnati, Washington, D.C. and New York City. She served a two year term on the Student Government as Director of Campus Culture. She also served two years on the College of Liberal Arts Student Advisory Board. She was Operations Chair for Raiderthon, a campus dance marathon that raised \$60,000 for the Dayton Children’s Medical Center.

As a literature major and aspiring writer/publisher, she continues her involvement as an editor with the *Fogdog Review*, the annual student literary forum published by the Department of English. She has been instrumental in starting a campus Quiz Bowl team and serves as Team Captain. They have competed in various tournaments around the region and hosted a successful High School Quiz Bowl Tournament on

campus. For her many leadership activities, she has been inducted in Omicron Delta Kappa, the Honors Leadership Society.

As a marketing intern (a second major) for the Alumni Association she has helped develop a new website and an alumni survey. You may have seen her message for the Alumni Association that plays on the Nutter Center score board during basketball games.

She may not have taken home the top prize in the Jeopardy competition, but she is certainly a champion in every way and, in turn, she believes that Wright State has given her many opportunities and a first-class education. We wish her well in her future endeavors!

## Deaths

**Halyna (Helen) Christian**, December 15, School of Medicine

**Larry Ruble**, Jan. 1, 2016, painter

**Charlene T. Luciani**, January 20, 2016, Coordinator, Regional Cancer Center, School of Medicine

**Dr. Edward Classen**, February 2, 2016, Professor and Chair, Dept of Family Medicine. School of Medicine



## WSURA Spring Activities

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Tour of the WSU new Student Success Center** 11am (about an hour)  
Meet Tim Littell, Associate Dean, Student Success Center, inside the entrance facing University Hall.  
Contact: **Mary Gromosiak**  
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Cell (937) 974-4010  
RSVP by Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

Friday, May 6, 2016

**2nd Annual Retirees' Luncheon**  
"A Sense of Time and Place" - Then and Now  
11am—E.J. Nutter Center, Berry Room  
Cost per person—\$20.00 (checks made out to WSURA)  
**GUESTS WELCOME**  
Tables of 8 available for reservation  
Contact: **Mary Gromosiak**  
[mary.gromosiak@wright.edu](mailto:mary.gromosiak@wright.edu)  
Cell (937) 974-4010  
RSVP by Friday, April 8, 2016

Thursday, April 14, 2016  
Thursday, May 12, 2016  
Thursday, June 9, 2016

**Socrates Café**

**Watch the WSURA website:  
[www.wright.edu/retirees-association](http://www.wright.edu/retirees-association)  
and your emails for updated or changed  
information on upcoming activities**

## Other Activities of Interest

### Presidential Lecture Series

March 22, 2016  
Apollo Room of Student Union  
7pm

**Maysoon Zayid:** Actress, Professional Stand  
-Up Comedian, Writer

### Friends of the Libraries Workshop Series

Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
E.J. Nutter Center, Berry Room  
11am-2pm  
\$25 for friends, \$30 for non-members, \$40 for  
patrons

**Annual Luncheon**  
Speakers from Raj Soin College of Business  
will discuss Wright Venture, a competition for  
students

### Ballot

You will be receiving your annual ballot in the near future. The following WSURA members (and their WSU affiliation) have agreed to run for the offices indicated. New or current Board member is indicated.

President Elect : **Donna Schlagheck**- Professor, College of Liberal Arts- Political Science; Advisor, Model United Nations (new)

Communications Coordinator-**Frieda Bennett**- Assistant Professor- College of Education and Human Services (current Board member, new position)

### Board Members:

**Gary Pacernick**-Professor, College of Liberal Arts-English; Past President and current Chair of Scholarship Committee for WSURA

**Sheryl Provens**- Senior Accountant, WSU Foundation (new)

**James Sayer**-Professor-College of Liberal Arts-Communications; Dean, Lake Campus; Past President of WSURA

**Ruth Schumacher**- Associate Professor-College of Education and Human Services-Counselor Education; (dual appointment in School of Medicine and School of Professional Psychology). Will be retiring this summer from position as Professor of Education and Director of International Studies at Urbana University (new)

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

Judy Rose, Chair, Bylaws and Elections Chair

Our Bylaws state that the bylaws must be reviewed at least every four years. Several changes in procedure have taken place since the last changes in December 2013. Changes that reflect current practice or clarification of language are listed below and will be voted on at the annual meeting to be held prior to the WSU summer picnic. The entire text of the bylaws can be found in the front of any WSURA Directory or on the WSURA website. Changes are in bold print.

### I. Article II-Purpose

**The purpose of the Association is to initiate, promote and support opportunities for its members by providing:**

**a. Continuing involvement in service to the university.**

Rationale: Clarification of language.

### Article III-Membership

Qualifications:

**d. A free annual membership, beginning in January after retirement, is available to each new WSU retiree upon return of a membership application. e. will become d.**

Rationale: The proposed change is the elimination of this provision. It was added a few years ago as a recruitment tool. It has not proved to be successful and adds a burden to the dues bookkeeping.

### Article V.-Governance of the Association

#### Section 2: Actions of the Board

**a If any act or resolution of the Board clearly implies the need for the consent of the majority of the Association, it must be submitted to the members at a general meeting or by mail ballot.**

Rationale: Clarification of language.

#### Section 3: Officers and Duties

**Insert as b. The six elected officers shall serve as the Executive Committee.**

**Current b-f will be relettered.**

Rationale: Some of the business of the organization can be better handled by a small group. In practice, the officers have met frequently to work on issues that are then presented to the full Board. This addition routinizes the current practice.

f. (now g). The immediate Past President serves in an advisory capacity to the Board and assists with other functions as **requested**.

Rationale: Clarification of language.

#### Section 4: Fiscal Year and Terms of Office

**b. The President, Vice President and Past President** serve for a term of one year.

Rationale: Past President added for clarification.

#### Section 6: Committees

**e. Liaisons are those persons who represent WSURA in other university organizations or units that are of particular interest to WSURA members (for example, The Friends of the Libraries, the Athletic Council, the Alumni Association and the University Center for International Studies).**

Rationale: Alumni Association has been added. The official names of other groups has been clarified.

### Article VIII-Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of WSURA, all funds remaining after payment of just debts shall be transferred to the Wright State University Foundation for deposit in the WSURA **Nick Davis** Scholarship Fund to be administered as determined by the Deed for the WSURA **Nick Davis** Scholarship Fund on file with the WSU Foundation.

Rationale: Now reflects the amended name of the Scholarship.

## President's Message Dick Williams

Last year WSURA initiated a new event that we are calling the Retiree Reunion. The first edition was a great success with over 80 retirees enjoying a lunch buffet at the Nutter Center, listening to presentations by **Dawne Dewey** and **Chris Wydman** from the University Archives and reuniting with former colleagues and old friends.

This year the Second Annual Reunion Lunch will be held on May 6 and will feature a presentation about Wright State's early days by **Gary Barlow**, WSURA's first President, and Wright State President **David Hopkins** speaking about his vision for Wright State's future. The program also includes an exhibition of photographs from the University Archives showing the growth and development of the Wright State campus over the years. All retirees and their spouses or guests are invited to attend the lunch, enjoy the program and spend time with other Wright State retirees. See the Activities page for more details.

The annual campus scholarship campaign will soon be under way and I encourage all of you to contribute, especially to the WSURA Nick Davis Scholarship fund. The income from this fund is dedicated to support scholarships to outstanding students.

Nearly 20% of the over 1000 WSU retirees donated last year including \$11,610 to the Scholarship Fund. The percentage of participation has more than doubled over the past two years. Please help us continue this outstanding record of retiree giving.

## Wright Path to Retirement

WSURA supplied two panels (faculty and staff) for the Wright Path to Retirement conference held in the Student Union on February. Presenters included those who had been retired recently to those who had been retired for a number of years. Emphasis was on what to expect from retirement. A WSURA booth where brochures and information about the organization were available was also manned by Board members. About a dozen retirees participated in one of these activities.

## January Brunch at the Yankee Trace Clubhouse





## Wright Paths to Retirement

Top: Faculty Panel--**Frieda Bennett, David Garrison, Willie Gayle, Bonnie Mathies**



Bottom: Staff Panel--**Mary Kenton, Carol Stevenson, Gail Whitaker, Yvonne Wyrick**

## Christmas Brunch at the Listerman's



**WSURA Membership Form**

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Wright State Department at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Department at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Faculty  Unclassified  Classified

**Life Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 (All Ages)

**Annual Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25

**Patron** (Membership in WSURA not required):

No set amount. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions should be sent directly to the Foundation as follows:

Wright State University Foundation  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy  
Dayton, OH 45435-0001

Make your check payable to:

Wright State University Foundation

Note on check memo line: 551327 Patron Donations Fund

**Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues (please do not send cash) to:**

WSURA, Attn: Treasurer, 210 Foundation Building, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435