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Time and Change – *Again*

By Nancy Wardwell

Students really loved Beanie Drake. (My dad was one.) That’s why they named a new Student Union in his honor 25 years after he retired!

Edward S. “Beanie” Drake was the Manager of the first Ohio Union when it opened in 1913 and served students in that capacity for 33 years!

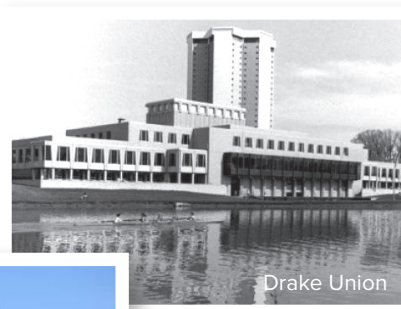
He retired in 1946 having advised many student organizations, overseeing the Union cafeteria and other food venues, and he helped found, among others, the Ohio Staters, Inc. He was a lifelong member.

That first Ohio Union, (now called Enarson Hall) is on 12th Avenue and provided one room for women. Happily, for the increasing number of female students, in 1924

Pomerene Hall was built as the Women’s Union. (It is now home to Art History and Computational Sciences.)

In 1947 students petitioned for a new Ohio Union - for men and women. Construction began on High Street in June 1949 and the “Dream Union” opened in 1951. It provided for student activity until it was demolished in 2007 to make way for the newest Ohio Union. The present building was completed in 2010, is a masterpiece, and has earned a ranking of 8th among the Best Student Unions in the United States!

Across campus, by the late 60s dorms had been built on West Campus, quite a distance from High Street – so in 1969 construction began for a second innovative Ohio



Drake Union



Above: The first Ohio Union, now Enarson Hall. Right: Edward “Beanie” Drake



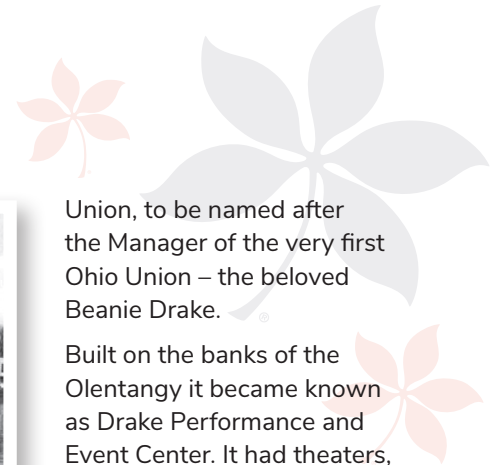
Union, to be named after the Manager of the very first Ohio Union – the beloved Beanie Drake.

Built on the banks of the Olentangy it became known as Drake Performance and Event Center. It had theaters, beautiful dining facilities, and conference rooms. Early in its history it provided a venue for Physical Education classes in canoeing and sailing (imagine trying to make headway in a sail-fitted canoe when the wind was coming from the south – and the current was moving to the south). The canoes were available to students

for their use when classes were not in session.

Change is a theme of this story – and you guessed it – the OSU Department of Theater is moving to its state-of-the-art new building on College Drive at 18th Avenue, becoming part of our new Arts District. The hospital expansion and the relocation of Cannon Drive requires the demolition of Drake Center but not without one last Celebration! A Farewell to the Drake Celebration will be held April 21 at 6 p.m. Make reservations with the Theater Department.

Time and Change. There are changes that signal loss, but in the evolution of OSU Student Unions it has meant growth for the better – and many good memories.



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FROM: The President

Greetings to my OSURA colleagues,

Atmospheric rivers are plumes of moisture which carry water-saturated air from tropical oceans, north and south of the equator, delivering unrelenting rain or snow to bordering landscapes. They are typically 250 to 375 miles wide and a thousand miles long. While an incredibly important source of annual regional rainfall, they may cause events similar to hurricanes with intense rainfall, cyclone-force wind, and significant increased wave heights on coasts.

Atmospheric rivers are becoming more frequent in and along the eastern half of the U.S., moisture originating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, but they are not usually as serious as those impacting the western U.S.

The winter of 2023 witnessed a series of atmospheric rivers sending unprecedented amounts of rain (2 to 3 feet), 30-foot waves on the coasts, and 100 mph winds in drought-parched California.

Glad my dear family and I live in Columbus, Ohio.

Enough! Stay well.

Hallan C. Noltimier
President of OSURA

FROM
MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE...

We would like to hear from you!

What do you feel is the most valuable benefit of belonging to OSURA?

Please take a moment to send a quick response to osura.membership@gmail.com and let us know what you think.



Friends

The Friendship Committee is one of the OSURA's earliest committees! Before all the electronic access, one of the things we did was let members know about the various agencies that could help solve some of the problems of retirement. The other and continuing mission is support for members who could use encouragement when they are lonely, ill, grieving – or celebrating! We have a team who send those messages – but they rely on YOU to let us know who could use a note of caring.

Please – when you know of someone who could use a card – let us know!

Contact any Friendship Committee member, or Sally Dellinger, (dellinger.1@osu.edu) or Rose Hart (rose_hart@hotmail.com)

Welcome New Retirees

Peggy J. Barnum

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Karen D. Boyd

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Christina Marie Brown

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Melinda J. Byrns-Kaps

James Cancer Hospital

Kathryn J. Daniszewski

Student Life

Kevin David Evans

Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Barry Willard Geary

FOD Operations

Jennifer Jean Gerardi

James Cancer Hospital

William Scott Haupt

Strategic Enrollment

Joyce Ann Hendershott

James Cancer Hospital

Peggy Marie Johnson

Administration and Planning

Lori Elizabeth Lang

University Hospital

Peter Eric Larsen

Dentistry

Elizabeth Ann Marschall

Arts and Sciences

Ronald Joseph Miller

James Cancer Hospital

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Cardiovascular Medicine

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Dennis Jay Wolfe

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Elizabeth Diane Zeigler

Business and Finance

OSURA Walking/Hiking Opportunities

Join the OSURA Walking/Hiking Group in May for the following opportunities:

- **May 12 (Friday) at 11 a.m.:** **Quarry Trails Metro Park**, 2319 Quarry Trails Dr, Columbus; 2-to-3-mile easy hike with a visit to the historic cemetery; pet friendly; socialize with lunch afterwards.
- **May 29 (Monday) at 11 a.m.:** **Ariel Foundation Park**, 10 Pittsburgh Ave, Mount Vernon. We will meet in the main parking area near the Rastin Tower; climb the tower for a great view of the park, see the ruins of the PPG Plant, walk the labyrinth, climb the terraces and walk around the lakes; 3 to 3-1/2 mile easy hike; pet friendly; socialize with lunch afterwards.



Walkers and Hikers were at Blues Creek in February

If you have any questions, please email Sandy Bell at sib9716@outlook.com or call/text at 740-833-6374.

What's Cooking?

I hope you had a chance to attend the cooking class led by OSU Extension Educator and Registered Dietitian Jenny Lobb in March. There will be two more classes at 1 p.m. on May 4 and July 19. Come and learn how to make healthy food choices and techniques for using fresh produce available during various times of the year. Recipes will be shared and a cooking demonstration and tasting will be included in each class.

There is no charge for the class, but registration is requested so there will be enough supplies for everyone attending. You can register at go.osu.edu/OSURAMay4 and go.osu.edu/OSURAJuly19 for these remaining classes.

All classes will be held at the Kunz-Brundige Franklin County Extension Building located at 2548 Carmack Road, also known as the Waterman Farm on the OSU West Campus.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy Bell at sib9716@outlook.com or via phone/text at 740-833-6374.

Calendar of Events

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 4 (Tuesday) Benefits Committee

Time/Place: 9:30 a.m.

April 11 (Tuesday) Board Meeting

Time/Place: 9:30 a.m.

April 26 (Wednesday) Membership Meeting

Time/Place: 10 a.m.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

April 7 (Friday) Walking/Hiking Group

Challenge Level 2-4

Everyone welcome, so lace up those shoes. Be prepared for a 2-mile hike with a couple of small hills and one short, steep rise. Don't say you weren't warned. :-)

Time/Place: 11 a.m. – Shale Hollow Park, 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center
Arranger: Sandy Bell (sib9716@outlook.com /cell 740-833-6374 – Walking/Hiking SIG)

April 13 (Thursday) Photo Society

Program: Speaker – Dr. Bob Rashid
Time/Place: 5:15 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. dinner 7 p.m. program; OSU Faculty Club.

You MUST make reservations for dinner (options limited) by calling 614-292-2262 by April 10.

Cost: on your own

Arranger: Nancy Verber (nwverber@gmail.com – Photographic Society SIG)

April 17 (Monday) Walking/Hiking Group

Challenge Level 2-4

Everyone welcome. It's a moderate hike with some hills and stream crossings; Pet friendly

Time/Place: 11:00 a.m.– Spring Valley Nature Preserve, 1539 Columbus Rd SW, Granville, OH
Arranger: Sandy Bell (sib9716@outlook.com /cell 740-833-6374 – Walking/Hiking SIG)

April 18 (Tuesday) Craft Group

We will have a special guest, and we will make a small arrangement from white wooden roses. **Supplies you should bring:** Tea cup, saucer, and glue gun. If you do not have a glue gun, you can borrow one at the meeting. Please RSVP to marycull.4@gmail.com

Time/Place: 1:30-3 p.m., Whetstone Library, 3909 N. High St.
Cost: \$9.00 for the homemade roses and greenery
Arranger: Mary Cull (marycull.4@gmail.com – Craft Group SIG)



April 19 (Wednesday) Lunch Bunch – Senior Scams

A representative from the Ohio Attorney General Office will discuss Senior Scams, how to prevent becoming a victim and what to do if you do get scammed.

Time/Place: 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale

Cost: On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., program at approximately 12 noon.
Contact Person: Steven D'Ambrosia (steven.dambros@gmail.com) & Elenore Zeller – Social Committee

April 27 (Thursday) Dinner Series – Keeping You Safe

Speaker Rich Nagle, Chief Information Security Officer, will discuss what the most critical current threats are to our digital security, and what are some of the best practices to protect systems.

Time/Place: 5:15 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. lecture; OSU Faculty Club
Cost: \$35 (service charge included)
Registration Deadline: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by April 21.
Arranger: Carol Newcomb (newcomb.28@osu.edu – Dinner Series SIG)

April Book Club

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper. Our virtual play this month features inheritance (always a good thing, right?). Cornelius Vanderbilt, the greatest "robber baron," amassed a vast fortune and the cachet of a famous name. Anderson Cooper, the 3-greats-removed grandson, reveals in a bit of a gossipy fashion in *Vanderbilt*, the triumphs and tragedies of the heirs.

Contact: Lee Hill (rmhlmh@att.net – Book Club SIG)

Registration Instructions

- 1. Registrations requiring payment:** Registrations can be made by going online to osura.osu.edu or by calling 614-292-2281 or 1-800-762-5646. Your registration is not complete until payment is made, so have your credit card ready. Checks are no longer being accepted.
- 2. Registrations NOT requiring payment:** Registrations will be made through the Arranger's email provided in the description of the event.

CHALLENGE LEVELS

- 1 Light** – may include a few stairs.
- 2 Moderate** – may include a few sets of stairs.
- 3 Moderate +** – may include climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain.
- 4 High** – may include lots of walking, climbing stairs, hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 8 (Saturday) Franklin Park Conservatory & Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

Challenge Level 3
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Celebrate Nature Clothed in Kaleidoscope Spring Splendor inside & outside FPC. Experience colorful Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit and demo. Cherry trees are in full bloom in Franklin Park for the spectacular Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival! Exotic music, dances, gifts, food, more...

Meet by: 8:30 a.m., at Franklin Park Conservatory front entrance

Return: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$35 Non-Members of FPC, \$20 FPC Members; cost includes admission fee, lunch, and docent fee.

Registration: Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by March 1.

Refund Deadline: March 15

Arrangers: Alabelle Zghoul and Marlinda Iyer (Marlindaiyer@yahoo.com – Travel/Cultural Arts Committee)

April 13 (Thursday) VIRTUAL Coffee Hour for New Retirees

Time/Place: 9-10 a.m.
Arranger: Sandy Bell
(sib9716@outlook.com – Membership Committee)

NEW

April 14 (Friday) OSURA Online Directory Workshop

NEW

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Bring your laptop – assistance will be provided to log in, change privacy settings, and find information on other OSURA members. RSVP to osura.membership@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers attending. Questions? Email osura.membership@gmail.com, call Sandy Bell 740-833-6374 or Marie Taris – mtaris4@att.net, phone: 614-537-1162.

Cost: Free

Time/Place: 1 p.m., Whetstone Library

Arranger: Marie Taris and Sandy Bell (Membership Committee)

April 28 (Friday) BalletMet – Swan Lake

Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Experience the swan maidens, the delicate creatures of water and air in arguably the most famous ballet ever to be created.

Time/Place: Box office opens at 9:30 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Performance begins at 11 a.m., Ohio Theater, 39 E. State St.

Cost: \$25.20 (admission ticket)

Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osura.alumni.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by April 20. Credit card preferred.

Tickets will be held at Will Call.

Arranger: Marilyn Blackwel (blackwell.4@osu.edu – Cultural Arts Committee)

Upcoming Events

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting

May 4

Arranger: Sandy Bell
(sib9716@outlook.com)

Walking/Hiking

May 12 – at Quarry Trails

May 29 – at Ariel-Foundation Park, Mount Vernon

Arranger: Sandy Bell
(sib9716@outlook.com)

Lunch Bunch

May 17 – “Glaciers and the

Environment” presented by Professor Lonnie Thompson

Arranger: Steven D’Ambrosia (steven.dambros@gmail.com) & Elenore Zeller

Here is a link to
our events:

<https://osura.alumni.osu.edu/events/>

In Memoriam

Virginia G. Allen

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OSURA Spotlight

Meet Paul Zumfelde!

Prior to my career at The Ohio State University, I was in the military. During parts of 1966 and 1967, I served as a conscientious objector in a combat unit of the 4th Infantry Division. I was philosophically opposed to killing people in an unjust war. The Army did compel me to carry a weapon but no one knew that I never put ammunition into my rifle. Many years later, in November 2021, I was honored with induction into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame because of my professional accomplishments and community service.

After serving in the military, I earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University. In July of 1971, I began working at The OSU Extension in Trumbull County as a County 4-H educator. My wife Suzanne and Kristi (age 1) lived in downtown Warren for two years and two months. Son Brett was born soon after we moved in. One of my goals was to increase the number of campers each year. In my second year we increased camp enrollment from 89 campers the first year to 151 campers and my third camping season we enrolled 322 campers from Trumbull County.

My other major accomplishment while serving in Trumbull County for three fairs and three camps was the opportunity to build the second and third permanent structures on the fair grounds. These included a 4-H display building for all non livestock projects as well as showers, rest rooms and a clothes-changing area for use by youth with livestock projects.

In August 1973 Eastern Michigan University offered me a graduate assistantship in the Office of International Studies and a scholarship. This enabled me to finish



Paul Zumfelde

a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. After graduation, both Michigan State University and Ohio State University offered me positions as a 4-H educator. The salary offers being almost identical, I chose to take the position as Central Ohio 4-H Educator. I served 8 counties in and around Franklin County and worked with eleven counties that camped at 4-H Camp Ohio.

While I loved the three years of working under Jim Helt in the Mt Gilead Area

Extension Office and Bea Cleveland and Fred Bruney at the state 4-H Office, I missed the daily contact with a large group of 4-H advisors and members. Moreover, I wanted my children, then aged 7 and 5, to have a closer relationship with their grandparents in Wauseon and with Suzanne's family in Ypsilanti, Michigan. So, I took a position in my home county of Fulton County.

From July 1, 1977, until my retirement I served as Fulton County 4-H educator. My goal in Fulton County was to build one of the largest and best 4-H programs in Ohio. I started the second County 4-H Endowment Fund and continued working across Ohio and other states also to encourage every county in America to build their own endowment funds for educational programs. In 1995, I accepted an offer to retire early from OSU at the age of 51. By the time of my retirement Fulton County had nearly \$250,000.00 invested in the OSU Foundation and 72 other counties had started their own endowment accounts.

My second retirement came 10 years later when I resigned as Director of the Western Region Office of Lutheran Social Service of NW Ohio. My third retirement came after 6 years of teaching Success Seminars and classes in Critical Thinking at Northwest State Community College.

In retirement, my wife and I enjoy travel in the USA and internationally as much as possible. At home we enjoy cheering our two grandsons at sporting and academic events. At age of 78, I am facing health issues as a result of contact with Agent Orange during my time in Vietnam.

Elections are Coming in May

CHECK YOUR MAY NEWSLETTER for the election ballot and information about the 2023 candidates or watch for an email from OSURA with a link to online voting. Your vote will help direct the future of OSURA. This year's positions include:

- ✓ Vice President/President-elect
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Three Members-at-large

The **vice president/president-elect** is an ex officio member of all committees and as president-elect succeeds the president.

The **treasurer** shall supervise all receipts and expenditures of OSURA, and oversee the preparation and distribution of financial reports.

Members-at-large handle various activities according to the needs of the organization.

FROM: The Benefits Committee

OPERS Report

By Darian Torrance

The OPERS Board did not meet in February. Staff from OPERS have published several blogs on-line, including one that details the new asset allocations approved by the OPERS Board during the January meeting. The new asset allocations were approved to increase alternative investments and reduce allocation to public fixed income, public equities and Risk Parity. Included in that blog was a link to the OPERS Investment Plan for 2023 (2023-Annual-Investment-Plan.pdf (opers.org)). Highlights from this plan include:

- Analyzing and reviewing investment managers and portfolios to determine how management fees can be reduced by “bringing assets in-house.”
- “Reviewing the mix of external managers in the Emerging Markets Debt and High Yield sub-asset classes to achieve lower fees and higher excess returns.”
- “Wind[ing] down the remaining assets in the terminated Hedge Fund allocation.”

In 2022, staff reduced the cost of managing investments over the prior year by reducing “externally managed public market assets and [through] lower management fees negotiated by Staff.”

“The total cost to manage the OPERS asset base is \$488.7 million or 46.8 basis points.”

Initiatives from the OPERS 2023 Investment Plan are:

- “Implementation of an upgraded Portfolio Management system for Private Alternatives.
- Review of High Yield, Risk Parity, and Private Equity benchmarks.
- Research and implement a stand-alone investment grade credit portfolio.
- Research return enhancing and risk diversifying strategies, including enhanced derivatives use.
- Continue the expansion of the internal Risk Parity program.”

STRS Report

By Jerry Newsom

The Callan investment consulting firm offers advice to many public pension plans and collects data on the investment returns of each plan. At the February STRS Board meeting, Callan reported that STRS investments ranked right near the top, at the 5th percentile over the last five years, with well-below average risk. Since our pensions are paid mainly from investment returns, this matters very much to us. Management of STRS finances a half century ago was below modern standards, with worsening bottom line, but the strong stock market in the 1980s and 1990s came to the rescue. This generated optimism at the end of the 20th century that caused STRS to increase the pension formula, which unfortunately occurred just as investment returns started tanking in the first decade of this century. That put STRS again in a hole; if investments did not go well, continuing to pay pensions could deplete assets in the system (called a “death spiral”). A decade ago, the STRS Board took the painful but necessary steps to return the system to viability:



OPERS Fact

STRS owns a lot of stock and in the last six months of 2022 it voted on 8,098 proxy issues, voting for management recommendations 83% of the time.

employee contributions were increased and retiree cost of living adjustments were suspended. As a result, the projected time it would take for assets to grow to equal liabilities dropped from 40.2 years in 2013 to 11.5 years in 2022. We’re not there yet but under the leadership of the Board and the skill of investment staff, we’re a lot closer than we were. However, recent years have seen a lot of false claims about STRS, with critics reporting “facts” that are directly contradicted by the findings of external auditing firms. The goal seems to be to convince active and retired teachers that the leadership of STRS has to be replaced. The investment strategy espoused by some of the critics, putting the money in a stock index fund, would be devastating if we had a repeat of the down market of two decades ago. Why is so much disinformation being

spread? I can’t find anyone who knows for sure, but as one person close to STRS put it, “Ninety billion dollars.” STRS has a lot of money, and gaining control over the investments could be very lucrative, while our pension system could end up in a precarious state.

The Ohio State University Retirees Assn.
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Retirees were very generous with their contributions to community agencies! One hundred and four donors gave \$69,120, and again, are among the most giving units in the University.

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