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Campus master plan is topic for November 11 luncheon

Steve Krakoff, Vice President for Capital Planning & Operations, is speaker

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The November 11 BGSURA luncheon will feature an informative presentation about the campus Master Plan. Steve Krakoff is currently Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations at Bowling Green State University. He and his staff are responsible for the planning, design and construction of all BGSU facilities; the operation of the university's buildings and grounds; and sustainability initiatives. Prior to BGSU, he spent most of his career in the health care industry, including positions at The Ohio State University Medical Center and Mount Carmel Health System in

Columbus, Ohio. His professional background also includes strategic planning, new business development, and negotiation of strategic alliances and hospital/physician joint ventures. Krakoff received a Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Design from the University of Cincinnati. He also was a Fellow in International Development with the WK Kellogg Foundation and Partners of the Americas.

Social time begins at 11:30 with buffet lunch beginning at noon.

Reservation form for the November 11 luncheon is on page 8.

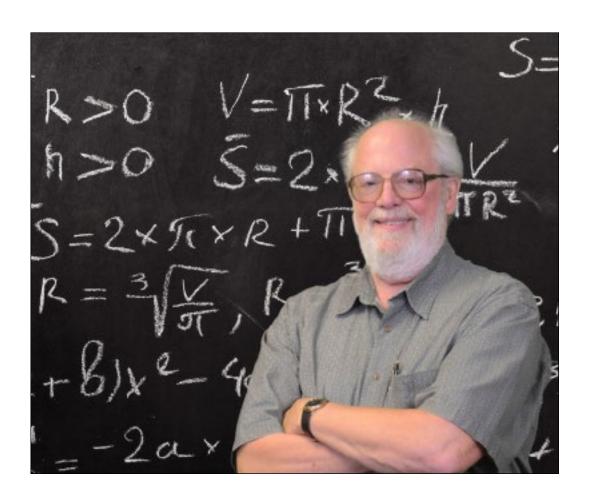
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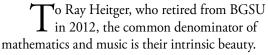
Profile -

Ray Heitger

Story and photo by Clif Boutelle



Sum of Pleasures Careers in Math and Music Add Up to a Beautiful Life



"I've been fortunate to find two fields I have been passionate about nearly all my adult life," he said.

Add a wife whom he fell in love with "the moment I first saw her" and the four children they raised, and Heitger has found the formula for a very fulfilling existence.

It all started in the Beaver, PA, located at the confluence of the Beaver and Ohio Rivers just north of Pittsburgh. His life was greatly influenced by his mother who raised him after losing her husband when her son was only nine months old.

While in high school he became interested in the sciences starting with chemistry, then physics and finally mathematics. "For a class project we had to measure the height of a flag pole, which we did using trigonometry. I thought it was cool that we were able to determine the exact height without having to climb it. That was the beginning of my love affair with mathematics," the genial Heitger recalled.

After high school he enrolled in Geneva College in nearby Beaver Falls, majoring in mathematics with the intention of becoming a college professor. He helped pay his way working an assortment of jobs including a movie theater janitor and delivering newspapers to carriers.

During his senior year, the chair of the math department told him the University of Toledo was looking for graduate students in math, so he applied, was accepted, given a graduate assistant-ship and earned a master's degree. He then began a doctoral program and though he completed his course work, he did not finish.

The reason? He was devoting more time to a budding music career, something he started in college when he heard a Dixieland Band and "it seemed like a lot of fun," which is a word that pops up often in his vocabulary. He first played the trumpet but soon became a self-taught clarinetist using math and physics principles to learn.



Clif Boutelle retired from BGSU in 1999 as associate vice president for University Relations. He's a former BGSURA board member. clif5761@frontier.com

Heitger (continued)

By this time he had met and married his wife, Betty, a nurse who worked at General Mills and later ProMedica. They have been married 46 years and have four grown children: Duke, a musician in New Orleans; Renee, an attorney in Buffalo; Andrea, an assistant professor of elementary science content and methods at Adrian College, and Nicole, a Toledo social worker. Those four have produced nine grandchildren for the Heitgers.

His first college teaching job was at Bowling Green in 1969 and he also had brief stints on the faculties at Toledo and Ball State before becoming a teacher in the Toledo Public Schools from 1972-80.

It was then that he took a year's leave to see if he could make a living as a musician. "I couldn't," he recalled, so he returned to teaching at Owens Tech (now Owens Community College). That did not last long as he took a position at Ottawa Hills High School, where he taught for the next 16 years.

In 1988 he was the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Teacher for Northwest Ohio.

He started every school year by announcing to his students "math is fun. And that was my goal—to get students interested in math and see the beauty of numbers."

Not every student bought his mantra, but there were plenty who did and one of his greatest pleasures is receiving letters from former students appreciative of what they learned in his classroom.

He acknowledges math is not the most popular subject for students and laments that more are not drawn to the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields.

He retired from Ottawa Hills in 1998 with the intention to substitute teach and pursue his growing music career.

Those plans changed in the spring of 1999, when he was asked to teach at BGSU, which turned into a full-time position for the next 13 years. "I loved being at Bowling Green and was given the title of instructor emeritus when I retired in 2012. I even got a promotion of sorts when the certificate referred to me as Dr. Heitger. Although I had started the doctoral program at Toledo, I never completed it."

"I enjoyed informing my colleagues in the department that I had seniority over them since I first joined BGSU in 1969. although it was another 30 years before I returned," he laughs.

He remains involved in the math department and spent last year helping revive the Math Ed Seminars, a series of professional meetings for math grad students, that was in danger of vanishing from the department's activities. "More people are now involved and it is being run by both the department and the College of Education math program."

Hooked on Jazz

The Cakewalkin' Jass Band, which played weekends to packed houses at Tony Packo's Café for more than 30 years, is well known in the Toledo area.

Perhaps what is less known is that one of the founders of the iconic band and still its moving force is Ray Heitger.

He became a fervent fan of Dixieland jazz while a college student. "I thought the music was beautiful and wanted to

play it," he recalled. He formed a small band back in his hometown of Beaver, PA and when he moved to Toledo in the 1960s he sought out the music scene and was soon playing regularly at Brother Bakers in Maumee.

One of his early music idols was Pete Fountain but soon became enamored with New Orleans jazz as played by Kid Ory and others. "There are many different styles of jazz," Heitger explained. "Our major influence is New Orleans music. It's a distinct style."

He acknowledges that many people call it Dixieland and "that's all right with us but there is a difference," he said.

In 1967, Heitger and the band's banjo player formed the Cakewalkin' Jass Band playing authentic New Orleans jazz. The name came from the band's theme song "Cakewalking Babies

From Home."

The band opened at Tony Packo's Cafe in East Toledo in July 1968 and immediately became Toledo's top musical group and helped make Tony Packo's one of the area's most popular eating places (a reputation boosted by Jamie Farr's role as Klinger on the TV show MASH).

They left Packo's for a brief time in 1980 to become the

featured band at Lulu's Storyville Saloon in Old Towne at Southwyck Mall. Expanding to four nights (Wednesday through Saturday) the band played in a total New Orleans setting especially created for them, including authentic Creole dishes.

A year later, Packo's realizing the importance of the band to their business success, brought the band back to a remodeled restaurant. The Cakewalkin' Jass Band was a fixture at Packo's until 2001, when management, beset by internal problems, decided to make a change.

In all the band played at Packo's for almost 32 years.

The size of the band has varied through the years but now includes banjo, string bass, piano, cornet, clarinet, drums, trombone and vocalist, a role filled by Heitger's youngest daughter Nicole.

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Mark your calendars for two special

Friday, November 1: The Pirates of Penzance – Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic light opera at 8 PM in Kobacker Hall. We will have a special "group price" of only \$8.00 per seat, a reserved section of seating and also a special presentation to accompany the performance. To reserve your seat(s) contact Pat Koehler at 419-352-6180 or email her at pkoehler3@woh.rr.com.

Thursday, December 19, 4-7: Jingle Bells, Red Bows and Wreaths of Green at Ralph Wolfe's Home Ralph has once again invited BGSURA to his seasonally adorned home in North Baltimore for a holiday party. Please join this festive gathering of BGSURA friends and enjoy Ralph's special hospitality. Please bring a beverage of choice and an appetizer to share.

To assist Ralph Wolfe in preparation, please RSVP to BG-SURA Events Committee via Margaret Tucker at 419-352-5547 or email at margarettucker@roadrunner.com.

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The band has a repertoire of more than 400 tunes and Heitger is always adding to its playlists. He listens to a lot of recordings and because he has an ear for the music is able to notate it. He also has developed a large collection of books about jazz and the figures who helped make the genre so important to American music. "I like to listen to the music and learn as much as I can about the people who play it. It gives me a feel for who they are and why they did what they did."

Since their Tony Packo's days the band has remained active playing in a variety of venues, including Ragtime Rick's First Draught and Murphy's Place. They also play at dances, dinners, weddings and parties. Other gigs include playing for jazz clubs, festivals and even funerals.

He has made numerous visits to New Orleans and is familiar with all the jazz clubs, as well as the top restaurants. "New Orleans, to me, is a magic place."

Jazz is also a family affair as his son Trumpeter Duke Heitger who has been in New Orleans since 1991 when he joined the Creole Rice Jazz Band and since that time he has become one of the most sought after players on the international scene, performing and recording around the world with a diverse roster of musicians.

The younger Heitger carries on a family tradition in the music business. As a youngster he became fascinated with the sounds embedded in the grooves of his dad's record collection, discs by Louis Armstrong, Bunny Berrigan, Roy Eldridge, Red Allen, Bobby Hackett, and Bix Beiderbecke.

The Cakewalkin' Jass Band is pictured to the right.

REPORTS

Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC) by Linda Hamilton **Observer for BGSURA**

September 5, 2013 meeting

First meeting of the new academic year Guest speaker was Chris Kingston, Athletic Director

• Shared information on his background prior to coming to BGSU and discussed his philosophy with the team summing it up as ERA – Establish the culture, Reinforce the culture; and Act with integrity

Other items:

• New Request For Proposals being issued for health care ben-



• BGSU lost \$3.3 million in state support this year. The Regents restored the cut for one year but not next year. BGSU low on most factors used in calculation of state support.

October 3, 2013 meeting

Guest speaker was Monica Moll, Chief of Police/Director Public Safety

• BGSURA Board • Shared two items: new crime stats out and member Linda Ham-revision of emergency management plan underilton retired from way. Each building will have a companion plan Finance and Admincovering all types of disasters. Due by January 2014.

Other items:

istration.

- Accenture Project: consultants hired to review Efficiency Task Force report and recommend areas identified in the report that should be considered to help BGSU operate more efficiently. Final report due December 2013.
- Retention efforts very important this year. Staff should make student interaction positive experience; consider one-stop shop for services; and be a champion of retention.
- Health Wellness Committee will hear soon the new plan options for 2014.

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 7**, **2013**. \Box



REPORTS CONTINUED

Update on Classified Staff Council (CSC)

by Tina Martini Observer for BGSURA

The first meeting conducted by newlyelected chair, Gail Houtz, was held at Firelands Campus on **July 16th**.

Mark Charvelle, Dir. of Budgeting and Operations, welcomed council to campus, gave statistics regarding student enrollment, faculty, classified and administrative staff positions and noted that fees are one-half of those on main campus.

CSC treasurer indicated that expenses for 2103 amounted to \$6,831 and projected expenses for 2014 are approximately \$7,800. There is a sufficient amount of money to cover scholarships and \$5,000 is available for special events.

Items for discussion included CSC selfnominations, appointments to the CSC Executive team, CIO Advisory Committee, committee appointments, and a discussion about the awards ceremony held in May. G. Houtz gave an ASC report for the CSC rep. who was absent. Two CSC reps are considering the chair-elect position.

The Chair Report included specific goals for 2013-14; a classification specification update (which should be ready by August); an update on the OCSHE Conference held at BGSU in June; from HR, an update on a change in personal leave which takes effect on 1/1/14; ombudsperson training/the OH Revised Code; storage of CSC items; and, the HR Color Run fundraiser.

During the **August 21st meeting** there was continuing discussion by the chair on CSC goals for the coming year; the classification specificationprocess; and, a recent meeting with HR involving job specifications. Houtz encouraged Council to review posted job descriptions. An update to the CSC Handbook has been delayed, but progress is being made. The CSS scholarship fund received a donation of \$180 from a fundraiser held in memory of M. Sponsler, a deceased employee of the University.

The chair-elect position is not yet filled. There was follow up regarding ombud-



• Tina Martini is retired from Registration and Records.

sperson training and the OH Revised Code training. I-Pad information was given and assignments made. Discussion topics included update of the CSC web page, the Falcon Health Center Open House, McDonald renovations, move-in weekend with extended hours

for many offices, parking requirements, Canvas training (which is replacing Blackboard), the Community Reads program and other special events occurring around campus.

In committee report summaries, a report was given regarding CS salary increases effective 9/1/13 and revisions to personal time effective 1/1/14. A health care update was discussed. T. Carver and G. Houtz reported on the AON Hewitt Working Group. There was also discussion regarding the reinstatement of employees following their resignations from BGSU and the University policy relative to the OH Revised Code and the OH Administrative Code. D. Lowery gave an update on the Health and Wellness Committee and also indicated that BGSU will become a Smoke-Free Campus on 1/1/14.

A general discussion took place at the **Sept. 18 meeting** before the regular meeting began. The treasurer indicated that a budget update (from the BGSU Foundation) for June, July and August has been delayed. D. Lowry will seek the chairelect position for the next year. The job audit/specification process was reviewed.

Chair Houtz asked for recommendations for speakers for 2014 CSC meetings and suggestions were made by those present. A "deregistration" update was given, Gail gave an update on present and past participants in BGLI, and Homecoming '13 information was reviewed. The meeting ended with reports from constituent areas represented by CSC members.

Next Program: March 14 2014 Speaker Barbara Waddell

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Faculty Senate Report

by Ellen Williams Representative for BGSURA

September 10, 2013 Meeting

A reception was held in McFall Gallery prior to the Senate meeting to welcome new Senators. Highlights from reports given at Senate included the following:

- BGSU moved from 104 to 102 in overall rankings of public universities in the U.S. (US News & World Report);
- The Freshman class at BGSU this fall has an average ACT score of 22.6 and an average high school GPA of 3.31 (The highest entering Freshman GPA in university history);
- Due to lower enrollment and changes in the State Share of Instruction formula, the University will have a shortfall of \$2.5 million this year and a shortfall of \$6-7 million next year;
- Administration, faculty, and student groups will address efforts to increase enrollment and retention of students in this academic year;
- There are plans for a new Honors College at BGSU with Dr. Simon Morgan-Russell as Dean;
- The first faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was negotiated between the administration and BGSU Faculty Association;
- Faculty Senate staffing was reduced from a full time staff member (100%-12month) to staffing shared by Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Government, & Undergraduate Student Government over a 9 month period of time. Faculty Senate passed a resolution calling for a mutual agreement between university administration and Faculty Senate on the level of staffing being allocated for Senate;
- Faculty Senate Offices have been moved from first floor in McFall Center. The Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) have moved into the office space previously occupied by Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate passed a resolution recommending that OED should be housed in a site that is centrally located on campus...but not in the same building as the central administration.

October 1, 2013 Meeting

Pam Pinson, former Secretary for Faculty Senate was recognized for the work that she has done for Senate over the past six years and was given a standing ovation by Senate. Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- President Mazey noted that BGSU must move toward a more sustainable funding model. She compared endowment levels at Miami University (\$536 million), Ohio University (\$409 million) and BGSU (\$118 million). She also noted that student enrollments were up at our sister institutions (Miami, Ohio University, Kent State and University of Cincinnati) while student enrollment is down at BGSU. She commented that the average student debt at graduation from BGSU was \$31,000;
- Provost Rogers called for activities to improve academic advising. He also announced that there would be a Faculty Forum in the near future on "Faculty Workloads";
- Senate passed Charter Amendments to reconcile the existing Faculty Charter with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA);
- Sara Bushong, Dean of University Libraries provided information on the United Way Campaign at BGSU with a kick off date of October 14.

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Golden Book Award

This year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship given by BGSURA sent the following note:

"Thank you very much for the Golden Book Award. The scholarship will be a great help to me this year for purchasing multiple textbooks for my upper level music education courses. I appreciate your dediction towards supporting my education at BGSU that will help me pursue my career as a music teacher."

Sincerely, Elizabeth Johnson

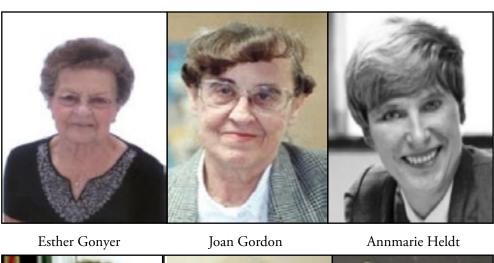


Passings

Covering the period between July 25 and September 30 2013. Photos are included when they were available.

- RICHARD CULBERTSON, 88, of Bowling Green, passed away September 2, 2013, in Toledo. Richard was a retiree of the university.
- **ESTHER GONYER,** 93, a former manager in the student union, died July 27, in Bowling Green. Esther retired from BGSU after many years of service.
- JOAN GORDON, 78, died Sept. 2 in Bowling Green. She was the public information officer for WBGU-TV from 1972-84, and made Bowling Green and Wood County her hobbies. Joan was an active board member and leader for numerous organizations, notable among them the BG Chamber of Commerce where she was executive director from 1980-1990. At the time of her death she was serving as a BGSURA director and chair of the by-laws committee. Joan was married 56 years to Dr. James Gordon, professor emeritus of journalism. Her numerous talents, energy, and enthusiasm will be greatly missed throughout the community.
- ANNMARIE HELDT, 66, passed away on September 24, in Toledo. A former director of personnel services (now Human Resources) she left the university to serve in the same capacity at the University of Toledo.
- JOHN HEPLER, 91, died February 16, in Seaford, Delaware. He was Scenic Designer and Technical Director of Theater at

- BGSU from 1949 to 1977, working both on the main campus and at Huron Playhouse. He was known for painting a mouse somewhere on every set. He retired as professor emeritus of speech and theater. After retirement he and his wife moved to Colorado where they raised and showed Irish setters and Gordon
- FAITH L. JACKSON, 77, an associate professor emeritus of communication disorders, died September 8, in Bowling Green. The mother of Dr. Judith Jackson May, leadership and policy studies, she taught at the University from 1971-1993. She and here husband Carlos Jackson were among the first African-American families to reside in Bowling Green.
- RICHARD LAYMAN, 89, a plumber in the maintenance department, died May 8th, in Rudolph, Ohio. He retired in 1993 after serving campus for 26 years.
- **HOWARD LIMES,** 90, passed away on September 28, in Bowling Green. He was the former facilities manager at the student union, and a lifelong Wood County farmer.
- SUE PERRY, 75, a former dispatcher with the BGSU police department, passed away on September 17, in Maumee.
- DAVID E. SHOPE, 87, passed away on September 12, in Bowling Green. David retired from the university, after 30 years





President's Message



• To reach Chris Sexton: csexton@wcnet. org or call 419-354-2834.

Retirees luncheons will be held at Bowling Green Country Club

Back in 1960 when I started my college career I bought two semesters worth of used books for fewer than fifty dollars. Tuition was two hundred dollars a semester and room and board was around three hundred, the whole year was a thousand dollars. What lovely memories and I do mean memories because today that thousand dollars might buy a year's books.

Several years ago the BGSURA board members walked down memory lane and collectively remembered those golden days of so called "cheap" books. We wondered what we could do to help today's students cope with the rising

costs of a college education. A book scholarship was proposed and established in the BGSU Foundation. Dr. Ramona Cormier and Dr. Harold Lunde offered a match challenge to spearhead the fund's growth. Over the years the Golden Book Award has grown to endowment status. During the recent economic downturn the endowment interest wasn't enough to award the \$500 scholarship so baskets were put on the luncheon tables for donations to make-up the shortfall. Today the interest is again adequate to the task so the basket donations are used to help grow the endowment.

We're approaching the end of

another calendar year and tax planning time. Please consider the BGSURA's Golden Book Award for a donation as you make your year-end decisions. Donations can be made payable to BGUSRA with a notation of the Golden Book Award. Mail donations to:

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Help the endowment grow so we can award two scholarships a year in the near future. Together we can make a difference in student's college experience and help create good memories for them.

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Reservation – BGSURA Buffet Luncheon at Bowling Green Cou Luncheon Monday, November 11. Cost \$15 Reservation deadline Wednesday, November 6 11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Buffet Luncheon.	Intry Club Luncheon Menu
Name(s)	— Chicken Marsala
Number of reservations @ \$15	Roast Turkey Breast Glazed Carrots Au Gratin Potatoes
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