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Vietnam-era divisions still shaping politics, culture: Gary Hess

Forty years ago, with the United States supporting a South Vietnamese government on the verge of collapse, incumbent President Lyndon Johnson campaigned as the peace candidate against Republican challenger Barry Goldwater.

"We don't want our boys to fight for Asian boys," said Johnson, but less than a year later, he took the country to war—a war so divisive that both supporters and opponents of the war in Iraq point to its lessons today.

Vietnam's continuing legacy was Gary Hess's topic for a Sept. 30 presentation in a packed Mylander Room in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. A Distinguished Research Professor of history, Hess is also currently a fellow at BGSU's Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, which sponsored his lecture.

Vietnam was controversial from the beginning, and "the divisions still cut through American society," said Hess, the author of several books and now working on another that traces and analyzes the 40-year debate. At the center of that debate is a search for lessons, an effort to explain America's only lost war and to avoid a repeat, he said.

By the late 1960s, the perspective of so-called "doves" became the orthodox view—the U.S. was ignoring the history of Vietnamese nationalism with the French, and Americanization was doomed to fail, Hess noted. From the doves' viewpoint, American security wasn't at stake, and "the war was fundamentally unwinnable," he said.

"Hawks," meanwhile, became increasingly frustrated by what they saw as wrong-headed strategy that couldn't meet military objectives. But "hawkishness became fashionable," Hess said, on Nov. 3, 1969, when President Richard Nixon appealed for the support of "the great silent majority" in a speech to the nation.

Pledging "peace with honor," Nixon asserted that defeat comes only from within—referring to anti-war activists—and called for patriotism and unity with the president. Since then, Hess pointed out, those themes have become part of conservative ideology and a dominant force in American politics.

Also opposing the orthodox view, even from the war's start, was revisionism that argued the war was justified and winnable, and interjected "if only" history into the debate, he said.

Revisionists have contended the outcome would have been different if only:

- the U.S. had recognized the war was a conventional war of aggression by North Vietnam, had bombed the North from the beginning and had blocked its ports to halt supply shipments from its Soviet allies. Isolating North Vietnam would have crippled Hanoi, and the insurgency in South Vietnam would have "withered on the vine."
- the U.S. had won the "hearts and minds" of the South Vietnamese through an expanded pacification program.
- civilian leadership had let the war be waged to win, without misrepresentation by the media and other internal opposition.

The latter, "failure of will" argument was embraced by some conservative Democrats who turned to the GOP after other Democrats gravitated to the 1960s counterculture, Hess said. They later became part of a neoconservative movement that emerged in the 1980s and 90s, and has proponents at the top levels of the Bush Administration, including Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, he said.

Whether revisionism is sound history can't be proved or disproved, he said, but its clash with the orthodox view of Vietnam continues to influence U.S. culture. In part, that's because the conflict shaped the views of current leaders who came of age then. Its

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importance runs deeper due to the emergence of, and reaction to, the counterculture—a factor that he maintains has contributed to less civility in political discourse.

The ongoing debate has now been extended to Iraq, where Hess sees both similarities and differences with Vietnam.

In both places, men and supplies have easily been able to cross a porous border, and credibility has been an issue with the U.S.-backed governments. But unlike in Vietnam, where the enemy was clearly defined and its objectives were known, it's difficult to see the Iraqi insurgents' vision for the future beyond driving out the U.S. and the new government it supports, he said.

Most people in the Third World have a grasp of the American experience in Vietnam and think they could outlast the U.S. under similar circumstances, he pointed out. Noting the added element of people fighting for their home territory, he believes the insurgents in Iraq cast themselves in some historical role, "as irrational as they may seem."

"The level of loss in Vietnam is just staggering," Hess said, noting that the 58,000 American casualties helped make the war so divisive and Americans, eventually, war weary.

Conservatives assert that the 1,000-plus deaths in Iraq, while tragic, are a small sacrifice compared to Vietnam, and that the U.S. must stay the course, he said. But war weariness, he added, is possible again with a populace that's always dissatisfied when it sees what's perceived as lack of progress and chaos.

Campus urged to 'power down'

As the leaves outside turn red, a flurry of green is sprouting indoors across campus. Stickers advising faculty, staff and students to "Power Down" are appearing on light switches, computers and office machines.

In keeping with the adage "less is more," the University is encouraging everyone to conserve energy whenever possible by turning off computers, lights, copiers, printers and other equipment that uses electricity.

Spearheaded by the Office of Finance and Administration and led by Craig Wittig, director of BGSU's recycling program, Power Down aims to raise the campus community's awareness that simple changes such as turning off a light can have a large, cumulative impact.

"There are thousands of us using lights and office machines," Wittig said. "By making even these small changes, we can have a very positive effect on our energy use and cost savings."

The mantra for recycling is "reduce, reuse, recycle," which the University is attempting to apply to energy consumption. While campus is doing well with recycling, reducing consumption is also very important. "Recycling has more of a global or national impact, but reducing our consumption is something that really affects us locally," Wittig said. "It all ties together."

The initiative began about two years ago when BGSU Environmental Programs students conducted a study to estimate how much power the University uses. They found that 96,347,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity are used on campus per year—enough to supply more than 12,000 average American homes with power for a year, Wittig said.

Student employees in recycling are now placing the Power Down stickers in offices and academic departments. The stickers are scheduled to go up in residence halls over winter break.

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BGSU to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BGSU will observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month beginning Wednesday (Oct. 6) with the third annual Silent Witness Unveiling in 101B Olscamp Hall.

More than 30 life-sized silhouettes will be unveiled during the noon ceremony, commemorating women from northwest Ohio who were murdered as a result of domestic violence.

In addition to honoring the victims, the event is designed to generate awareness about domestic violence, create advocacy to end it, and encourage legislative action to stop violence in the community.

The month's events will continue Oct. 19 with training on the link between animal cruelty and family violence, and the following two days, Oct. 20 and 21, with the Clothesline Project and the "Hands are Not for Hurting" event.

Set for noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Ice Arena Lounge, the Oct. 19 session will explore the link between cruelty to animals and other forms of abuse. The Transformation Project at the Women's Center is hosting the free training in collaboration with the Humane Society of the United States and Prevent Child Abuse Ohio. Due to limited space, reservations should be made before Oct. 13 by calling the Humane Society at 419-352-5141.

Both the Clothesline Project and "Hands are Not for Hurting" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21 at the Education Building.

The Clothesline Project, on the adjacent lawn, is a visual representation of T-shirts that bear witness to violence against women. The Phoenix Connection of Wood County provides the shirts, created by Wood County residents who have been directly affected by violence.

In conjunction with the Clothesline Project, "Hands are Not for Hurting" will be held on the Education Building steps. The event encourages students, faculty and staff to show their commitment against domestic violence by creating handprint testimonies.

The month's events will conclude Nov. 3 with the re-shrouding of the Silent Witness silhouettes. Friends, family members and supporters will gather at Prout Chapel at noon for this tribute to the women who have lost their lives to domestic violence. The event is a reminder that no woman affected by domestic violence will ever be forgotten.

For more information about Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, contact Deidra Bennett in the Women's Center at 2-7253.

Recent staff retirees to be honored

More than 30 classified and administrative staff members who have retired in the last several months will be honored at a fall tea Dec. 1 at Mileti Alumni Center.

The most recent addition to the list of retirees is Karen Gerken, educational administration and leadership studies, who retired effective Oct. 1 after more than 23 years at the University.

Following is a list of other classified staff retirees who will be recognized at the Dec. 1 tea, by month of retirement and including the years they were hired:

May

N. Luck Anderson, management, 1979; C. Jean Suelzer, University Libraries, 1984; Joyce Burt, ITS, 1978, and Sharon Biggins, Graduate College, 1981.

June

Linda Weatherbee, Sherry Haskins and Catherine Long, all College of Education and

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Human Development, 1969, 1974 and 1972, respectively; Sally Soule, facilities services, 1979; Kathie Carson, University Dining Services, 1987, and Richard Gullufsen, public safety, 1974.

July

Rodney Carson and Eric Johnson, both facilities services, 1988 and 1985, respectively; Beverly Magrum, post office, 1989; Sheryl Sockman, ITS, 1986; Marilyn Dewyre, human movement, sport and leisure studies, 1972; Marilyn Geiger, College of Education and Human Development, 1977; Nancy Pfouts, College of Technology, 1987, and Susan Paxton, registration and records, 1988.

August

Nancy Malone, Chapman Community at Kohl, 1977; Cheryle Abke, University Bookstore, 1978; Karen Miller, printing services, 1986, and Marshia Boice, financial aid, 2000.

September

Nancy McDonald, academic enhancement, 1979, and Charles Lewis, public safety, 1980.

Recent administrative staff retirees include Jane Schimpf, assistant vice president for auxiliary services; Rebecca McOmber, registrar; Lee Norden, coordinator of library information, ITS; Duane Whitmire, director of the Student Technology Center; Betty Ward, manager of budgets and operations in the College of Arts and Sciences; Janice Ruffner, purchasing director; Nancy Mueller, director of end-user computing systems training, and Ronald Zwierlein, senior associate vice president for student affairs.

IN BRIEF**Disability Services for Students changes name**

To better reflect its expanded role of working with all individuals on campus who have disabilities, the Office of Disability Services for Students has changed its name to Disability Services.

“The name is more representative of the work we do in assisting all members of the BGSU community—students, faculty and staff—who have disabilities and meeting their needs for accommodation,” said Rob Cunningham, director of Disability Services. The goal is to give the office an institution-wide focus, increase awareness and maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“We want to let people know what their options are and be proactive in addressing their needs resulting from disability,” Cunningham said.

The roughly 500 students with disabilities remain the largest population served by the office.

Disability Services, part of the Student Affairs division, also collaborates with Human Resources to address employment-related mandates of the ADA.

Disability Services’ location (413 South Hall) and phone number (2-8495) are unchanged.

Estate planning seminar scheduled

The development office is sponsoring “Mission Organization—Taking Control and Advantage of Your Estate Planning Options,” a free seminar set for Oct. 27 in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Due to limited seating, early registration is urged for the 10 a.m. seminar, which will

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feature Pamela Davidson of Davidson Gift Design. Davidson, who formerly worked as an examiner in the Internal Revenue Service's Gift Estate Tax Division and practiced law in Indianapolis, will discuss the latest information affecting estate plans as well as charitable gift strategies and ways to increase income.

A complimentary luncheon will follow the seminar at noon in 207 Union.

To register, contact Lisa Bowen at 2-7600 or lisage@bgsu.edu.

New support group formed on campus

"Caring for Yourself while Caring for Others" is a support group for women caregivers that has begun meeting Mondays at noon in the Women's Center, 108A Hanna Hall.

The Counseling Center is sponsoring the support group, which is open to faculty, staff and graduate students seeking resource information, support, and coping techniques. Facilitators are Elizabeth Yarris, psychologist in the Counseling Center, and Azita Afshar, a psychology intern. Participants should bring their lunch to the meetings.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at 2-2081.

Free family movies offered

Off-Campus Student Services and the Bowen-Thompson Student Union are sponsoring a series of free family movies at the Union Theater.

Upcoming shows are "Stuart Little 2," to be shown at 3 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 9), "Spider-Man 2," at 7 p.m. Oct. 22, and "Finding Nemo," at 3 p.m. Nov. 20.

In addition, the Union Food Court is offering Movie Meal Deals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Fridays and 4:30-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, contact the union at 2-9000.

Schulman concert venue changed

Because a large crowd is expected, the site of today's (Oct. 4) concert featuring Broadway singer and actor Craig Schulman has been moved from Bryan Recital Hall to Kobacker Hall in the Moore Musical Arts Center. The free concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Next BG@100 open forum is Oct. 12

The next BG@100 open forum will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 in 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The forum will include a demonstration of the BG@100 Human Capital Management system. Plan to attend to learn more about the BG@100 project and the plans for implementing PeopleSoft administrative systems.

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Monday, Oct. 4

Support Group for Women, "Caring for Yourself while Caring for Others," noon, 108A Hanna Hall. Sponsored by the Counseling Center. Bring your lunch.
Concert, featuring Broadway singer and actor Craig Schulman, with pianist Sue Anderson, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Center for Family and Demographic Research Workshop, "More SAS" with instructor Kelly Balistreri, noon-1 p.m., 315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Email cfdr@bgnnet.bgsu.edu to register.

College of Arts and Sciences Forum, "Reproducing Nature: The Technology of National Parks," presented by Richard Grusin, chair of the Wayne State University English department, 12:30-1:15 p.m., 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Call 2-2340 or email mjhitt@bgnnet.bgsu.edu for more information.

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands.

2004 Currier Lecture, "An Insider's View from Washington: Thoughts on the 2004 Election," presented by Juan Williams, Fox News political analyst and NPR senior correspondent, 7:30 p.m., 202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by the Department of Journalism and School of Communication Studies. Reception and book signing to follow.

The Student Composers Forum, featuring graduate and undergraduate students. 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Brown Bag Lunch, "The Silent Witness Unveiling," noon-1 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall, presented by the Transformation Project in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

6 O'Clock Series, "Atkins, South Beach, Eat Right for Your Type?" discussion led by Chris Haar, 6 p.m., 222 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Call 2-9000 for information.

Lecture, "What German-American Day Means to Wood County and Northwest Ohio," by Geoffrey Howes, German, Russian and East Asian languages, 7 p.m., Wood County Historical Center and Museum, 13660 County Home Road.
Guest Artists, the Early Music Ensemble from Ionian University, Corfu, Greece, will present an all-Baroque recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Contact 2-8171 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 7

International Film Series, "Belye rosy (White Dew)," a 1983 film from Belarus, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, first floor, Hanna Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Free Family Movie, "Stuart Little 2," 3 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater. Sponsored by Off-Campus Student Services and the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Discussion, "Political Issues that Affect Racial/Ethnic Communities," 6-8 p.m., Union Theater.

Continuing Events

Through Oct. 6

Art Exhibit, sculpture by David Collins, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Oct. 9-12

State Fire School

Oct. 11-12

Fall Break, No classes.

Through Nov. 23

Planetarium Show, "Space Dreams: Our Quest to Explore the Universe." Shows are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested.

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There were no faculty postings this week.

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Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

View job descriptions at: www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The following positions are being advertised on campus only. The deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Administrative Assistant 2 (C-79-Re)—Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Pay grade 10. Twelve-month, full-time position.

Cook 1 (C-88-Ve)—Dining Services. Pay grade 3. Twelve-month, full-time position.

The following positions are being advertised on and off campus.

Grants Coordinator 2 (C-84-Ve)—Grants Accounting Office. Pay grade 10 (\$16.04). Twelve-month, full-time position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Groundskeeper 1. Recreational Sports (four nine-month, part-time positions). Pay grade 4 (\$11.77).

- Other Fields and Facilities (C-80 and C-81-Ve)
- Forrest Creason Golf Course (C-82 and C-83-Ve)

Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Clerk 1 (C-85 and C-86-Ve)—Parking and Traffic. Pay grade 2. Two nine-month, part-time positions. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15.

Secretary 1 (C-77-Re)—School of Teaching and Learning. Pay grade 6. Twelve-month, part-time position (grant funded). Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at: http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

Biology Coordinator (04-110NF)—Natural and Social Sciences, BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Oct. 8.

Web Applications Developer (V-111)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Oct. 8.

Program Coordinator (R-112)—Division of Student Affairs. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Oct. 15.

Applications Developer (V-108)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Oct. 22.

Industrial Hygienist (04-114NF)—Environmental Health and Safety. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: Oct. 22.

Applications Developer (V-053)—BG@100 Project. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began July 2 and will continue until the position is filled.

Manager, University Dining Services (V-035)—Division of Student Affairs (Re-advertised). Two positions, administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the positions are filled.

Coordinator for Greek Affairs (V-091)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications began Aug. 27 and will continue until the position is filled.

Internal Auditor (M-080)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications began Sept. 10 and will continue until the position is filled.

Director, Office of Educational Outreach (04-100NF)—BGSU Firelands. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began Sept. 17 and will continue until the position is filled.

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Terry Chapman, 65, died Sept. 5 in North Baltimore. He retired in 1998 after 33 years as a custodian at BGSU.

Robert Ackerman, 59, died Sept. 24 in Springfield, Ohio. A lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, he worked at the University between 1989 and 1996 as part-time chief flight instructor.