



## Upcoming Events:

- **Homecoming (Tent Singing)**—September 29th: 5:00 PM (4:30 Call)
- **Music Discovery Day**—October 15th
- **Retreat**—October 26th (6:00pm—9:00pm)  
October 27th (10:00am—3:00pm)
- **Apple Bob**—October 29th—November 2nd

## RAMBLINGS OF AN ERRANT DIRECTOR

I love Men's Chorus. There is something so special about this ensemble- the mixture of male energy, vocal sound, strength, and virility; yet also the enormous care and sensitivity to text, emotion, music, artistry and community... a rare blend of elements goes into this Men's Chorus!

One hundred and twenty five of you... ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE men, singing... like our bumper sticker says, **REAL MEN SING!** And boy, do you fellas sing. The collective attitude toward the music, toward each other; the male conviction and dedication to our tasks at hand... is something to grasp. They say that men learn best by **DOING**, rather than talking about or thinking about things... that is not to imply that men do not like to talk or think (although, being a man, I must say that **DOING** is my learning track of choice as well). So, getting physically involved with our music, with singing, with making sounds (some pleasant and some not so much so...), and then in team-work; making excellent sounds together, striving to do this as a team; **DOING** this all together- the same things at the same time! All of these components make this ensemble special. Add to that the unique aspect that this is



**BOLWING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS**, with its rare history, expectations of greatness, pride in a job well done, and always endeavoring to **RAISE THE BAR**; something we all strive to do in **EVERY** rehearsal and performance, week after week, concert after concert, year after year, and I think you have our **VISION QUEST** for the semester, and perhaps for all time. That is almost the very definition of **NOBILITY**.

I am enormously proud to be the director of this outstanding group of men. I reflect fondly on the men who have been in this ensemble over the last 6 years, who are present now, and even throughout its history; even though I was not immediately connected to them at that time. I am now. We are now. Connected that is - in a mutual endeavor, purpose, quest. To be excellent, and to represent this storied ensemble in the best possible way. That gives purpose to life. There are two things we all need in life: **REAL** community (not posing, not faking, not pretend community), and collective purpose. Got it? **BGMC**.

—William Skoog

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*If you have any problems with this publication, I have no journalism skills and I don't care.*

*"Where all words fail, music speaks"*

—Hans Christian  
Anderson

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## MEN'S CHORUS

### FUNDRAISERS

Brothers in song,

I can't express how excited and how proud I am to be apart of America's Finest Singing Machine, The Bowling Green Men's Chorus. Not only as a member but as a nominated and elected officer. All of your confidence in me has really made my work as your fundraising coordinator enjoyable and eager to do more for this brilliant organization. As you all know this year and next we need to work as diligently and efficiently as possible to do the things we aspire to do. For those who are unaware of the significance of funds, be prepared. This year we are going to be as lucrative as possible and creating enough revenue to do what this chorus as always aspired to do, Euro-tour. Gentleman this is not a small undertaking. It is going to involve a lot of time, energy, cooperation and some good ol' fashion harmony. I don't think this is too big of

a vision for this world class chorus; we just need to make it happen. The way we make it happen is, you guessed it *fundraising*. Without raising funds we are stuck "toting our own bags" and paying out of our pockets for a trip to Europe. The fact is, it can't be said enough, this organization needs some real team cohesion to get this ball rolling. Keep an eye out for



*Eddie Bialorucki "gets comfortable" at the annual bachelor auction*

fundraisers, come to and participate anyway you can. Every cent counts and I don't know about you all but at the end of my college career I want to wear a sweatshirt that says "Worlds Finest Singing Machine."

In Brotherhood and Song  
Alex Zimmerman  
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Worlds Finest  
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Machine"*

### EUROPE! A DREAM OR REALITY?

Some of you freshmen may have heard the idea of a European tour tossed around. Everyone is wondering if Europe is a dream or just a reality. Currently, according to Brent Sibert, we have approximately \$9,000 in the bank account. We are looking at \$22,000 in expenses this year for busses alone for our concerts and mini-tours. The cost of a European tour is somewhere close to \$300,000. This would mean

we would have to raise at least \$400,000 before we could go on a European Tour. This is a massive undertaking for the chorus. It comes down to around \$3,000 per person that would need to be fundraised. So to answer the question, Europe is far from a dream but we must start working hard to make it a reality.



*Like Dr. Scoog, RD  
Mathey doesn't like to  
update his bio photograph*

### TODAY'S CHORUS, TOMORROW'S HISTORY

As Alumni Historian, many Chorus members ask me what exactly I do. Hopefully this article will give a little insight to the position of Alumni Historian. My two main tasks are to preserve a historical record of this year's Chorus activities and to act as liaison between us, and the Alumni Chorus. The biggest way I do this is to go to the Annual Alumni Reunion Concert. This year, approximately 60 men from RD

Mathey's (the former chorus director) first year, all the way to last year's graduates were there to celebrate their Chorus and brotherhood. I have many other tasks in the officer corps. One of them includes tour video editing, being the most visible part. If you have any questions about the history of the chorus, or current traditions, please ask me!

—Eryk Grycza

*If you are interested in knowing more about the BGAMC (Bowling Green Alumni Men's Chorus) go to their website at*

***[Http://www.bgsuamc.org](http://www.bgsuamc.org)***

*Or click the Alumni tab of the BG Men's Chorus Page*