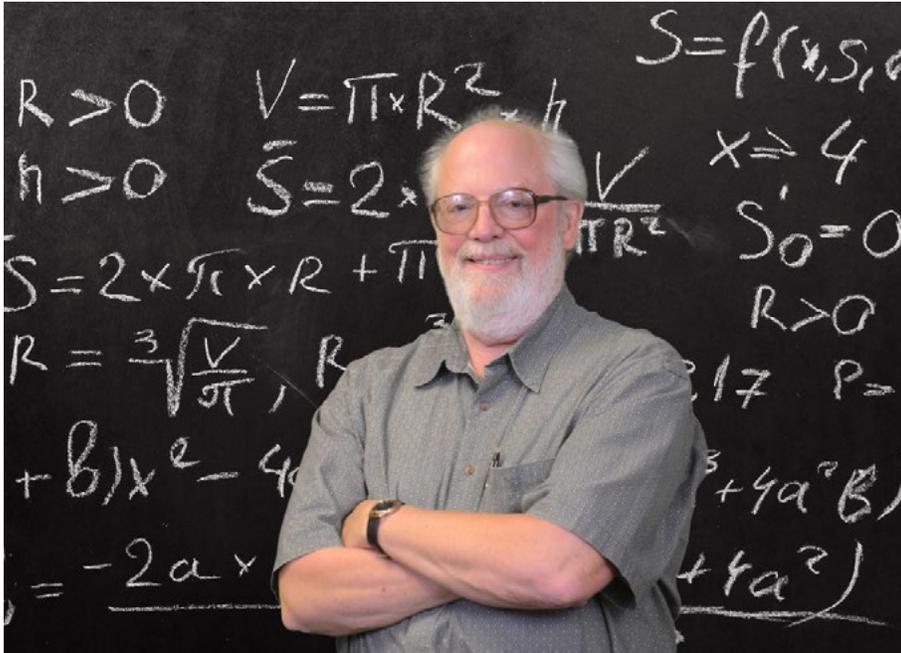




Music, Math and Cake Walkin' Jass Band Melodies



Ray Heitger is speaker/performer for joint BGSURA-UTRA luncheon April 14

Ray Heitger was the featured Profile in the October 2013 BGSURA Newsletter.

Ray's love affair with math began in high school and continued through college at Geneva College and graduate school at University of Toledo. While in college he started a second love, of Dixieland music, and taught himself to play the clarinet. He blames his music for not completing his doctorate in mathematics.

His teaching career encompassed an early stint at BGSU as well as short stints at UT and Ball State before teaching in Toledo Public Schools from 1972-1980. He took a year off teaching math to see if he could make a living as a musician. The next year found him teaching at Owens Tech (now Owens Community College) and then moved to Ottawa Hills High School for the next 16 years. His final 13 years before his retirement in 2012 were spent teaching at BGSU.

Ray was a founding member of the Cakewalkin' Jass Band, in 1967, and the group played weekends to packed houses at Tony Packo's Cafe for more than 30 years. They specialize in authentic New Orleans jazz. After Tony Packo's had internal management problems, the band has played in a variety of venues--dances, dinners, weddings, parties, jazz clubs, festivals and even funerals.

Ray will talk about the history of the Cakewalkin' Jass Band and about his history with music and math, and hopefully he will play some tunes.

Social time begins at 11:30 with buffet lunch beginning at noon. This is the annual joint luncheon with the UT Retirees Association so please come and welcome your UT colleagues.

Reservation form for the April 14 luncheon is on page 4.

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REPORTS

Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC)

by Linda Hamilton, Observer for BGSURA

January 9, 2014 meeting

No guest speaker

Other items:

- Accenture Project: President Mazey is forming working committees to review project recommendations for comments/suggestions. Six committees are:



• BGSURA Board member Linda Hamilton retired from Finance and Administration.

- o Organization-Employees and Benefits; Student Services; Core Administration; Research/Advancement; Aux. Operations/Facilities; Education Platform

- Outreach Activities: a social activities survey has been sent out to staff seeking feedback on current and future events, including social hours, staff activities and a progressive dinner event.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014. □

Update on Classified Staff Council (CSC)

by Tina Martini, Observer for BGSURA

The guest speaker was Dr. Brad Colwell, Dean of the College of Ed and Human Dev., who explained the differences among arbitrator, mediator, advocate and ombudsman.

An Accenture Oversight Committee will be formed to oversee the planning of working committees who will examine the Accenture Efficiency/Opportunity Study. A final meeting for the AON Hewitt Salary Review was conducted toward the end of January.



• Tina Martini is retired from Registration and Records.

Classified staff volunteered for the annual MLK Day of Service. The University-wide Smoke-Free Policy is now in effect. The new Personal Leave Policy was reflected in the January 17 pay. The safety of pedestrians crossing at the Mercer crosswalk was discussed. The dissemination of W-2 forms was given.

In 2-3 years, the endowed corpus of the CS Scholarship Fund could generate an interest of \$3000 for CS scholarships. Division and committee reports were given. □

Faculty Senate Report

by Ellen Williams, Representative for BGSURA

January 14, 2014 Meeting

Highlights included the following:

- A proposal for a new Minor in Coaching was presented by Adrian Turner. The State of Ohio is poised to require certification for coaches preparing them to handle concussions incurred during sporting events. The proposed minor would include required coursework for this new certification. The proposal was approved by Senate.
- John Ellinger, Chief Information Officer provided an update on several online technology activities at the university, including: Replacing Blackboard with Canvas as the online venue for courses; Offering potential add-ons such as Course Evaluation Kit, NBC News Program, Plagiarism Check Program; Providing a pilot study at Firelands Business College for the Faculty Tenure/Promotion Review Process; and future projects such as remodeling the BGSU Home Page, and adding a Faculty Advising Program and Career Engagement System.
- BGSUFA liaison Larry Coates again voiced concern over the approximate 12% reduction in faculty over the past two years at BGSU. In particular, he questioned the justification for the recent nonrenewal of 30 NTF.
- **President Mazey's report:** There are no projected State Budget cuts foreseen to Ohio's Higher Education Institutions; Capital funding requests have been made by BGSU to the state for \$25 million to renovate Mosely Hall and for \$1 million to renovate the Allied Health Building at Firelands Campus; South Hall is scheduled for a \$24 million renovation; Disability Services is currently being housed in College Park and there is a likelihood that they will remain there; The budget for next year will be very dependent on next year's student enrollment figures; Student retention has increased by 1.25% this year; The Accenture Report has included the following six primary areas of concern: Organization related to employees and benefits; Student stipends; Coordination of ITS; Research and Advancement; Auxiliary Services; and Educational Platform (Ad hoc committees have been formed to address each of these areas of concern. Faculty Senate has been asked to appoint faculty representatives to each of the ad hoc committees.)
- **Provost Rogers' report:** There has been some reorganization at administrative levels...Dr. Joe Frizado (Vice Provost for Academic Operations and Assessment and Interim Dean for the College of Technology...) will be in charge of Enrollment Management (Albert Colom resigned as Vice President for Enrollment Management.) and Dr. Venu Dasigi (Chair of the Department of Computer Sciences) will be appointed as Interim Dean for the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Enrollment will continue to be a major focus at BGSU...current enrollment is slightly down at the undergraduate level



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PASSINGS

For the period January 1-31, 2014.

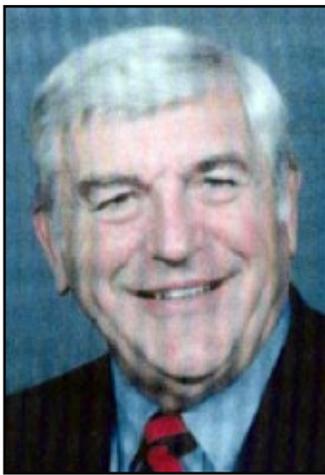
■ **JAMES RUEHL, 83**, an associate professor emeritus of health, physical education and recreation, died Jan. 17, in Bowling Green. He was with BGSU from 1956-1984. A 16-year member of the football coaching staff, he later became director of the Ice Arena and, in 1982, commissioner of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

■ **RALPH FRANK, 95**, a professor emeritus of geography, died January 21st in Bowling Green. He taught at the University from 1956-1985. His regions of expertise were Japan and Ohio.

He was also a musician and was known for playing works of Ohio composers to his students the last day of class.

■ **BERYL SMITH, 90**, of Bowling Green, died January 3rd in Bowling Green. He was the Director of Student Financial Aid from 1971-1983. From 1983 until his retirement in 1988, he served as Assistant to the Treasurer.

■ **NANCY TUCKER, 68**, died January 23rd, in Bowling Green. She served many departments as secretary during her tenure at BGSU.



James Ruehl



Ralph Frank



Beryl Smith



Nancy Tucker

Faculty Senate Report *continued from page 2*

and slightly ahead at the graduate level; The financial audit for BGSU was very positive and we appear to be on good financial footing; There are plans to have a public forum on the BGSU Budget; Letters went out in early January to all faculty who were to receive market adjustments to their salaries; and the work on the renewal of the General Education Curriculum and the review of the Core Curriculum will continue.

• **Issues and Concerns:** Holly Meyers requested that the Senate Office get proposals out to Senators further in advance of Senate meetings.

Mark your calendars for the May 12, 2014 luncheon. Dr Neocles Leontis will speak on “Radically Improving Your Health Through a Whole Foods Plant-Based Diet”. This will be the last luncheon of the program year and last chance to see your BGSURA friends until September.

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President's Message



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**Retirees luncheons will be held
at Bowling Green Country Club**



Bowling Green Country Club

This winter I've spent a considerable amount of time trying to figure out how to interest BGSURA members in taking a more active part in the organization. I realize that some no longer live in this area and others travel to warmer places for the winter. But there still should be quite a few of us hardy winter warriors here to keep things running. I say should because my recent experience trying to yet again replace our vice president and our OPERS/OCHER representative has

left me wondering.

There are many small tasks that don't require a lot of time but might take a bit of computer skills such as composing flyers or programs. Others like office staffing or committees may take more time than anything. These jobs taken together make BGSURA move forward. When a small group of individuals are continuously called upon to do all the work they soon become overworked and discouraged.

We currently have an active board and a dedicated group of committee members. But if we are to move forward we need people to say "yes" when the call comes to serve. Remember the old saying that many hands make light work. Please lend a hand and make our work light. □

Information on health care changes for OPERS retirees can be found at www.OPERS.org/healthcare.

Reservation – BGSURA-UTRA Buffet Luncheon at Bowling Green Country Club Luncheon Monday, April 14. Cost \$15

Reservation deadline Wednesday, April 9

11:30-Noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Buffet Luncheon.

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$15 _____

1. How to pay by mail:

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____ PAYABLE TO BGSURA.

Send Reservation Form and Check to:

Gaylyn Finn, BGSURA Treasurer,

966 Deer Ridge Run, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

2. Reservations by e-mail: gfinn3@woh.rr.com. Pay by cash or check at the door.

Luncheon Menu

*Amaretto Chicken
Swiss Steak
Glazed Carrots
Buttered Noodles
Garden Salad
Rolls and Butter
DESSERT
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea*