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The subject of domestic violence to be explored through dance/opera

Art is often an effective means to explore complex emotional issues which defy interpretation through mere words.

Such a method will be used to address the issue of domestic violence in a dance/opera conceived and written by renowned avant-garde composer Dr. Burton Beerman, music.  

"Jesus' Daughter" will debut at 8 p.m. April 19 at Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

In addition to Beerman, other members of the faculty and staff will be participating in the program and in a panel discussion on domestic violence to be held at 2:30 p.m. the same day in Kobacker Hall.

In "Jesus' Daughter," Beerman uses the language of dance, music and video to speak about abuse and to look at the themes of denial, trust, betrayal and the perception of truth.

"What do we consider as truth, the dramatic protestations of the accused or the wounded plea of the womanchild?" asks Beerman.

True to his background in advanced technology, the composer has created a performance that uses many electronic effects, a method he calls "intermedia." Beerman will play the electric clarinet during the program and has wired the instrument so that its music can generate computer images and electronic sounds.

Dancer Celesta Haraszi has choreographed and will perform the dance portion of the program. She will depict a victim and the abuser using various props such as masks and interaction with computer-generated images.

The other performers include University staff members Tina Bunce, music, who will sing and perform; and Dr. Steven Cornelius, music composition and history, who will provide percussion.

The entire effect will be strongly emotional.

"You can't look passively at the opera and leave — you will be drawn into it actively," Beerman said.

The title, "Jesus' Daughter," is not literal — it is a metaphorical reference to a father figure who considers himself "godlike."

The first of five sets of the performance is titled "The Crucifixion," a metaphor for any horrifying event during which a person is rendered totally helpless. Understand.

Preparing for the upcoming performance of Jesus' Daughter are (from left) composer and musician Burton Beerman, vocalist Tina Bunce and percussionist Steven Cornelius.

The other sets, titled "Small Talk," "Silent Rage," "Illusions" and "Crucifixion Revisited," explore the victim's reactions to the dehumanizing event and follow her as she begins to heal.

Final candidates in presidential search were ranked high in evaluations

Both of the candidates selected by the Board of Trustees as finalists for the University presidency are well liked by the three campus constituent groups and were ranked high in evaluations.

Dr. Sidney Ribeau and Dr. Lee Jones also received "very strong endorsements from the Presidential Search Committee," said Judge C. Ellen Connally, chair of the search committee and president of the Board of Trustees.

The board selected Ribeau and Jones following a special meeting April 3.

The finalists were chosen from a field of six, all of whom were on campus in March for two days of interviews and meetings. Ribeau visited March 15-16. Jones was on campus March 27-28.

Both candidates were expected to return to campus last weekend for additional discussion with the trustees.

Jones is the executive vice president and provost at the University of Nebraska and Ribeau is the vice president for academic affairs at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

The "qualifications" of the two and their long-range plans for the University are what made them stand out from the other four candidates, Connally said.

In a three-hour meeting March 30 the Presidential Search Committee shared with the board all of the feedback received from faculty, staff, students, the community and others regarding the six candidates. This feedback included more than 100 evaluation forms submitted by interested individuals on and off campus.

Evaluations were submitted by each of the campus constituent groups that had time alone with the candidates and information provided by members of groups who called colleagues at the universities where each candidate works, Connally said.

"I think they both have excellent qualifications," said Pat Green, chair of Administrative Staff Council. "Each of the candidates listened to our concerns and were responsive to them." She added that Ribeau and Jones both seemed open to the shared governance concept and saw the need to develop a strategic plan for the University — two ideas which many members of Administrative Staff Council hope the president will endorse.

Dr. Dorothy Behling, chair of Faculty Senate, said that she has heard "very positive things" about the two finalists from her fellow senators.

Kathy Eninger, chair of Classified Staff Council, said CSC members came away from their meetings with Ribeau and Jones with positive comments. "Lee Jones think Classified Staff Council could work well with both of them," she said.
Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson will be the keynote speaker at the University's spring commencement ceremonies May 6.

Known for his skill in investigative journalism, Anderson was among the first to bring to the nation such stories as the savings and loan scandal and the Iran/Contra arms for hostages deal.

His column, "Merry Go Round," appears in more than 1,000 daily newspapers and is the most widely distributed in the world. Anderson has also hosted his own daily radio program, "Jack Anderson: Wash over Washington," for many years. He has also written several syndicated television documentaries and was host of "Insiders With Jack Anderson" on the Financial News Network.

He is a regular contributor to "Good Morning America" and has written two books, "Zero Time, Control, Stomari's Norma..." and "A Muckraker and Alice's Blunderland."

In addition to his writing, Anderson is active in two programs which he helped develop, the Young Astronaut Program and Citizens Against Government Waste.

Board of Trustees voice support of campus computerization efforts

At the annual Firelands College meeting on March 31 the Board of Trustees approved a motion voicing its support of efforts to increase computerization on the campus.

The trustees requested the administration to "continue the discussions in this regard and to explore all alternative avenues to accomplish this goal as soon as possible" but agreed that use of the University endowment principal for these efforts is "inappropriate," responding to a suggestion made by an ad-hoc task force regarding financing.

The cost of computerization, including the leasing of 3,350 microcomputers, has been estimated at $3.6 million per year. Running fiber optic cable to all campus buildings to increase the effectiveness of the new computers has been estimated to cost $2 million.

Trustee David Bryan called this a "very important issue" and recommended continued feedback on it from the University's constituent groups.

Judge C. Ellen Connolly, president of the Board of Trustees, said she also agreed with the importance of computerization and has received a great deal of e-mail from people regarding it.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an amended contract for President Paul Olscamp and gave him the titles "trustee professor," to be effective immediately and "president emeritus" upon the effective date of his retirement.

Following his retirement June 30, Olscamp will receive a $25,000 consulting fee for one year in return for his agreement to be available for "certain special projects" after his contract as president expires. The fee was awarded at a light of President Olscamp's "exceptional experience with the University and his expertise regarding educational issues."

The contract also allows Olscamp to assume his position as a tenured full professor in the University's Social Philosophy and Policy Center at a salary of 91% of his current salary as president and permits him a one-year, leave of absence, to be paid at his current rate of salary, beginning July 1. If Olscamp moves within Bowling Green before June 30, the University has agreed to pay his moving costs. If he moves outside of Bowling Green by Sept. 1, 1999, the University has agreed to pay for moving costs up to $10,000.

Olscamp was on vacation and was not in attendance during the meeting.

The board also:

- Approved salary increases for Gary Blackey, head football coach and assistant athletic director, and his assistant coaches.
- Approved the appointment of Jennifer Washington, an employee of Delco Chassis GM, to Firelands Advisory College Advisory Board.
- Approved a $20,000 allocation for a feasibility study of a redesign of the University bookstore.
- Approved a recommendation by the Faculty Senate's sponsoring committee on college councils to administrative and classified staff, at the discretion of the council.

- Announced the reappointment of Tracy W. L. Nelson, to terms beginning May 7 and ending May 6, 2004. Nelson, who has served on the board since 1993, is president and portfolio manager of Scudder Stevens and Clark in Cincinnati.
Faculty Senate hears request from students regarding increased computing resources of campus

Computerization of the campus has been a discussion item in many places at the University in recent weeks. Last week it headed the agenda of Faculty Senate. As the Senate is addressing the issue of computerization of the University and running fiber optic cable to all campus buildings.

Students we view the computerization of BGSU as a critical component to our education, "read the document they presented to the Senate. "Our courses are not a static picture." They are no longer just fancy typesetters. More and more, our instructors are expecting and requiring us to use computers on a daily basis. Unfortunately, many of us find ourselves wasting time trying to get access to a computer. We believe this must be given the utmost priority." The students also stressed the importance of having a campus-wide computer network with signing-in boxes containing signatures and e-mail responses to a petition regarding computerization.

There was some discussion regarding the student petition but Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Dorothy Behling asked that details of the student petition be tabled until the May meeting so the senate could have the time needed to conduct its election and other items on its weekly agenda. She suggested that the task force's proposal would dramatically enhance service to students and staff and agreed that the concepts behind the proposal are "ones that they are committed to the priority for the University." She noted, "the necessary resources for funding such a highly desirable University."

The computerization of the campus has not been identified.

In other business...

"As state funding for the State of Ohio, 1995-96," Dr. Harold Lunde, managing director, was named vice-chair/chair-elect and Dr. Keith Bernhard, assistant professor, was named secretary.

Dr. Fiona MacKinnon Stanley, higher education and student affairs, the current vice-chair, will be Faculty Senate chair in 1995-96.

Approved a resolution supporting a recommendation of the Ohio Faculty Council that the Ohio State Board of Education appoint two faculty members to serve on each of the boards of trustees of all Ohio's state universities and colleges and that they be given full voting rights.

Approved a framework for the tenure and promotion review process to be sent to the Council of Deans for possible implementation.

Approved a change in the Academic Honesty Policy, which allows students to appeal to the president's office only when a procedural error has been committed.
**Datebook**

**Monday, April 10**

Lecture, "Balanced Confidence Regions Based on Tukey's Depth and Bootstrap" presented by Dr. Arthur B. Yeh, applied statistics and operations research. 3:30-5 p.m., 330 Math Science Bldg.

Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Workshop, presented by the Coalition Against Sexual Offenses, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Court Room, Student Services Bldg. To register, call Yolanda Patton at 2-8421.

**Master Class,** presented by clarinetist Jane Carl, 4 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

BSGU Caribbean Association Presentation, "Messing With the Master Plan: Racially Mixed Pensions and Race Relations" presented by Naki Walter, American culture studies. 7:30 p.m., 111 Business Admin. For more information, call Erol Lam at 352-7143 or 2-7903.

International Film Series, "The Girl Rosemarie," 1958 German film, 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

**Guest Recital,** Jane Carl, clarinetist, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

**Tuesday, April 11**

People for Racial Justice Committee Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m., Tall Room, Union.

Faculty Artist Series, Faculty Artist Composers Forum, 11:30 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Disability Awareness, presented by Rob Cunningham, disability resources, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Personnel Training/Conference Center, College Park Office Building. To register, call Yolanda Patton at 2-8421.

Softball vs. Kent (2), 2 p.m., softball complex.

Baseball vs. Oakland, 3 p.m., Steller Field. BGSU Trombone Ensemble, directed by Dr. Paul Hunt, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Lecture Presentation, "Depression: Staying Positive," presented by Joe Clark (principal that Lean On Me was based on), 8 p.m., LeBron Grand Ballroom.

**Planetarium show,** "To Shine Almost Forever: The Incredible Lives of Stars," 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Bldg. A $1 donation is suggested.

**Wednesday, April 12**

Computer Services Seminar, PageMaker II (Mac), 10 a.m.-noon, 126 Hayes Hall. Prior experience with PageMaker or attendance at PageMaker I is recommended. Call 2-2911 to register.

**Baseball vs. Ball State (2),** 1 p.m., Steller Field.

**Guest Lecture, "Infrared Microscopy: Principles and Novel Applications"** presented by Dr. John Kato, professor of Chemistry at Miami University, 3:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall.

**Women's Studies Presentation, "Chicks Run for Men: Gender in the Underground Newspapers of the Late 1900s"** presented by Leah Harker, Ph.D. student in American culture studies and women's studies, 4-5 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Union.

**Faculty Speaker Series,** with presentations by Dr. Vincent Corrigan and Dr. William E. Lake, both of music composition and history, and Dr. Richard Kennell, musical arts, 4 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

**Thursday, Apr. 13**

**Friends Fifth Annual Essay Contest Reception,** with guest Ron Arias, award-winning senior writer at People Magazine Weekly, 4-6:30 p.m., Conference Room, Jerome Library.

**Musical Performance,** BGSU Trumpet Ensemble directed by Todd Davidson, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

**Friday, April 14**

Softball vs. Miami (2), 2 p.m., softball complex.

Men's tennis vs. Eastern Michigan, 3 p.m., Keefe Courts.

**FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS**

**Staff positions:**

- **Department of English:** Assistant director of general studies writing. Contact Personnel Services (2-8426). Deadline: April 10.

- **Division of Student Affairs/Office of Student Life:** Assistant director of student activities. Contact Personnel Services (2-8421). Deadline: May 7 or until filled.

- **Housing and Residence Programs:** Coordinator of residence judicial programs and associate director of housing and residence programs, residence life. Contact Personnel Services (2-8421). Deadline: May 7 or until filled.

- **Firelands College:** Director of clinical education for respiratory care technology in the Department of Applied Sciences. Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College, 901 Rye Beach Rd., Huron, Ohio 44833. Position open until filled.

- **Northwest Ohio Regional Library Depository:** Depository manager. Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: April 14.


- **Athletics:** Head coach, combined men's and women's swimming and diving program. (12-month, full-time). Contact Personnel Services (2-2227). Deadline: May 5.

- **Athletics:** Assistant coach, combined men's and women's swimming and diving program. (12-month, full-time). Contact Personnel Services (2-8425). Deadline: May 5.

**Faculty positions:**

- **Firelands College:** Assistant librarian in the Department of Humanities (full-time, 12-month temporary position; renewable up to 5 years). Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College, Rye Beach Rd., Huron, Ohio 44833. Deadline: May 7.

- **German, Russian & East Asian Languages:** Assistant professor of German. (tenure-track). Contact Dr. Klaus Schmidt, GREAL (2-2292).