



## **Dr. Charles A. Henzie**

Dr. Charles A. Henzie earned his bachelor's degree from Butler University in 1936. He began his outstanding teaching career as a music educator at Manual High School in Indianapolis and remained there as Director of Bands for nine years. Henzie earned his Master's degree from the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music and in 1946 became the Butler University Marching Band Director for the next twenty years. Under his direction the BU Marching Band grew in both size and musicality. In 1948 the band became the first in Indiana to use an 8-to-5 marching style with the chair step. Soon after, flag girls and twirlers were added under the name of "Halftime Honeys."

Henzie earned his doctorate at Indiana University in 1960. He was a professor of music at Butler University, retiring in 1978 as acting dean of the Jordan College of Fine Arts. Previously he was Director of Graduate Studies for 23 years and Chairman of the Music Education Department for 20 years.

Dr. Henzie was the guest conductor of many county band festivals and clinics throughout his distinguished career. He was a member of many musical and professional organizations. Dr. Henzie was a past president of Gamma Chapter, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national music fraternity. He was also a past president of the Indiana Bandmasters Association, the Indiana Music Educators Association, Indiana Opera Theater and was a member of the Board of Directors of Young Audiences of Indiana. Dr. Henzie was the music coordinator for the White River State Park games and Director of the Hook's Indiana All-State Band. He also had been coordinator of bands for the "500" Festival Parade for 11 years and the National Sports Festival ceremonies. Dr. Henzie was a mentor to many young band directors in Indiana and some of his students, including Mike Leckrone and Gary Smith became directors of "Big Ten" and other university bands.

Dr. Henzie also coordinated and directed many summer music camps including the Smith-Walbridge Band Camp and the Butler University Summer Music Camp.

In 1996 Dr. Henzie was inducted into the Butler University Athletic Hall of Fame for his service to the University. Dr. Henzie was the recipient of the Butler University Alumni Association's Butler Medal in 1972. In 1979 he was named Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Otis Bowen and Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut proclaimed a "Charles A. Henzie" Day. He was named Outstanding Musician of the Year in 1987 by the Indiana Music Educators Association. Phi Beta Mu recognized him as Outstanding Bandmaster in 1977 and he was elected to the Gamma Chapter Hall of Fame in 1982. Dr. Charles Henzie passed away in June of 1999. He and his wife, Ruth, were the parents of two children: Charles L. Henzie and Marilyn J. Cook.