

# Jeff Detrow

Class of 1973

Jeff Detrow has been interested in radio since he was 14 years old, when he had his first radio job in Wooster at WWST. He's been a radio personality in Wooster, WRFD Columbus, WMJC Detroit, WFYR Chicago, and is currently on the air in San Diego, where he is known by listeners for discussing his Wooster roots.

Jeff and his co-host Jerry Cezak have been together for 28 years and are known for their philanthropy as well as their charming voices. The pair has put their power over the airways to good use and has promoted campaigns for *Becky's House* for victims of domestic violence and a drive to collect a million dollars in three hours for victims of the 2004 wildfires.

His greatest inspiration is the appreciation that God made him and others in fine arts a little differently than others. "I like that He designed me that way and gave me a talent that reaches people's hearts and makes a difference in their lives," says Detrow.

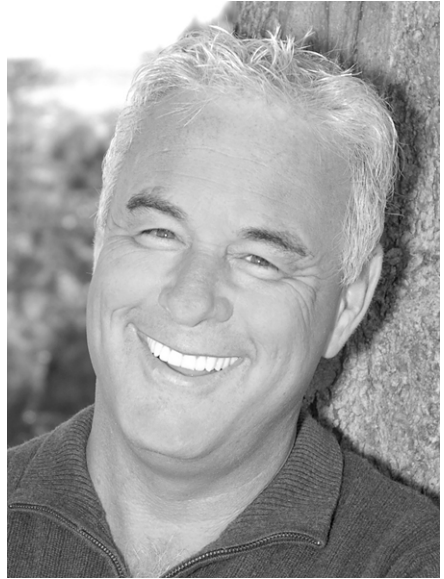
Jeff's brother Jon, who nominated Jeff for the Hall of Fame, claimed that Jeff had parental motivation to get into radio. Their mother offered Jeff the choice of going on radio or mowing lawns. "Jeff took the easy way out," Jon said.

His favorite thing about fine arts is that each day starts with a blank slate. "Everything is born of our imaginations and we are only limited by what we are willing to dream, imagine or create."

Jeff believes that his activities in high school helped pave the way to his career. "I am naturally shy, almost painfully shy. My high school experience in theater, music and speech helped me to realize that though that's my innate nature, I don't have to be defined by that."

Active in Radio Club, Key Club, band, chorus and theater at Wooster High School, he also won the Democracy Patriotic Speech-writing Contest and even shook President Nixon's hand while accepting his prize. Jeff graduated in 1973.

— Tricia Stefancin, *student interviewer*



***“Though I left Wooster on the night I graduated, never to return to live there, I never left Wooster in my heart. Never forget where you came from... never forget where you're going”***