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Ohio State Newark Reaches Enrollment Record

The Ohio State University at Newark has seen another increase in student enrollment, with a headcount of 2,310 for autumn quarter 2006. In contrast, ten years ago, the headcount was 1,611, while the headcount for fall 2005 was 2,183. These numbers represent a striking 43 percent increase over a ten-year span, and 5.8 percent over last year. In addition, there are 1,102 new students enrolled this quarter, a 20 percent increase from last year.

Ann Donahue, Director of Enrollment, said she attributes the dramatic growth in the numbers of new freshmen to more students wanting the experience of being a “Buckeye” in a smaller environment. “Students at Ohio State Newark this year are coming from 71 of Ohio’s 88 counties and 64 have countries of origin outside the United States,” said Donahue. She added that Ohio State Newark students will “enjoy the resources of a world-renowned research institution at a small, accessible campus.”

In addition to record enrollment, Ohio State Newark’s student body also has grown more racially and ethnically diverse. For example, in 1996, 4.6 percent of students were members of racial or ethnic minorities. During fall 2006, however, the number of students representing racial or ethnic minority groups increased to 11.6 percent of the student body. Moreover, a campus environment that supports cultural diversity is important to Ohio State Newark students, who recently gave the campus high ratings for its cultural climate. According to a Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Survey, students rated a positive environment for students of all cultural backgrounds as one of the most important dimensions of campus life, and on a 7-point scale, gave the campus a satisfaction rating of 5.70 on this item.

Further, the residential student population at Ohio State Newark is even more diverse than the campus’ overall student population. More than 20 percent of the students at the Newark Residence Hall, a facility which can house 180 students in 45 fully furnished apartments, are members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

In developing a new strategic plan, the campus established a taskforce to research additional housing opportunities. Citing the roles additional campus housing could play in broadening access to Ohio State, enhancing student success, and increasing the diversity of Ohio State Newark’s overall student body, the taskforce recommended creating campus housing to accommodate an additional 120 students.



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A Message from the Dean and Director



The mission of The Ohio State University is to advance the well-being of the people of Ohio and the global community through the creation and dissemination of knowledge. In helping the university fulfill its mission, the Newark campus serves as a point of access to the university for students who are place-bound or who desire a more personal environment. We provide such access by extending courses that allow students to prepare for future coursework at the Columbus campus or to complete university programs here that align with community, regional, or state needs.

Over the past year, the faculty, senior staff, and the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University at Newark engaged in strategic planning that led to a new vision for the campus, a vision that ties us more closely to the university's Academic Plan as well as to Ohio's economic and educational goals. We aim to improve Ohio's future by genuinely extending the Ohio State experience beyond the Columbus campus to the greatest number of Ohioans as possible. Thus, we are looking not only toward the future of our students and our campus but also toward the future of Ohio.

To fulfill our vision, we are taking bold steps to develop our campus to its full potential, to broaden the learning opportunities we offer our students, to support research that contributes to the world-class reputation of Ohio State, and to reach out to the communities of Ohio. I hope that this issue of *Profiles* reveals our promise by highlighting a few of the recent programs, events, and research opportunities found at Ohio State Newark.

As we continue to look toward the future, we also will honor our distinguished past when The Ohio State University at Newark celebrates its 50th Anniversary in October of 2007. I invite you to visit us, to affirm your membership in the campus community, and to reflect with us as we move toward a better future together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William L. MacDonald".

William L. MacDonald, Dean and Director

Freshmen Get a "Jump Start" on Courses

The Ohio State University at Newark recently announced the creation of its new Jump Start program. Open to all incoming freshman, this innovative program will give students the chance to get a "jump start" on the upcoming academic year.

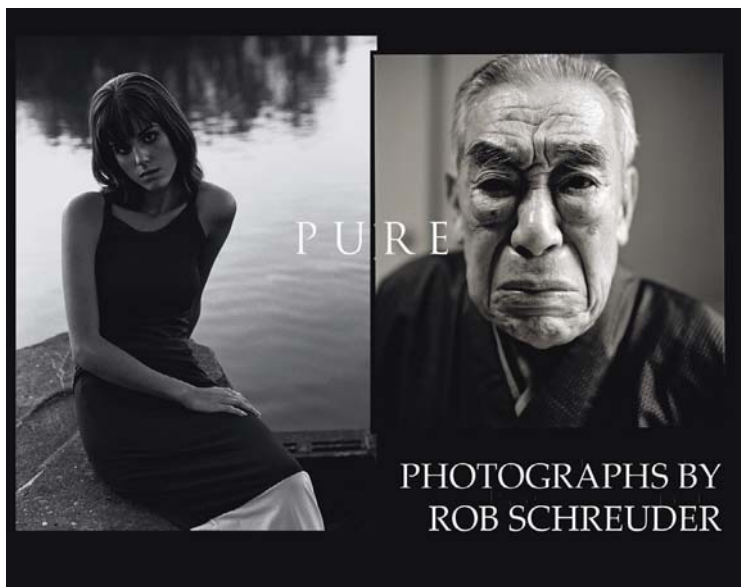
Those enrolling in the new program will take specific classes during the summer prior to their freshman year. Following the completion of the summer quarter, as well as the successful completion of enrollment requirements through spring registration, students will receive a rebate for their summer 2007 Jump Start courses—up to a maximum of \$2000. Participants also will receive a stipend for their summer books and have the opportunity to meet with academic advisors before the typical fall rush.

"Jump Start will be an excellent opportunity for students who wish to get ahead before the school year even starts," says Ann Donahue, Director of Enrollment. "Students will be able to complete their preparatory classes, which will give them an advantage when scheduling for fall quarter classes. This opportunity, combined with the rebate, makes the Jump Start program invaluable to incoming freshman."



For more information on Jump Start, visit the program's webpage at www.newark.osu.edu/enrollment/JumpStart.asp.

LeFevre Gallery Hosts *Pure*



Pure, an exhibit by international photographer Rob Schreuder, will be on display at The LeFevre Gallery at The Ohio State University at Newark from January 8 through March 2. The artist was celebrated at an opening and reception on January 12, to which the public was invited. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in an informal discussion with Rob Schreuder at that time.

Hailing from the Netherlands and still based in Amsterdam, Schreuder is an international artist whose work spans four continents and over 18 countries. With a clientele including *Vogue*, Sony Music, UNICEF, and NIKE Europe, Schreuder's photojournalistic style is modern and distinctive with a timeless, classical edge. Working in both color and black and white, and digital and analogue, his work blends a photojournalist edge with polished commercial magnetism.

Schreuder recently finished an artist-in-residence program at The Works in Newark, where he captured Licking County's rich community through photographs of its people and scenery.

The gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am-5:30 pm; and closed on Sunday. For more

Newark Earthworks Center Gains Approval

The Newark Earthworks Center (NEC) was deemed an official Center by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees on December 8, 2006. This honor is especially significant as there are very few sanctioned Centers among the regional campuses. The proposal for the interdisciplinary academic center was submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs in 2005.

Within the past decade, the Newark Earthworks was named one of the 70 wonders of the ancient world and has been featured in numerous state and national publications, and at the Art Institute of Chicago, according to Dr. Richard Shiels, NEC Interim Director and Associate Professor of History at The Ohio State University at Newark. The Center has drawn visitors from Asia, Europe and across the country who travel to Newark to tour the site, study, teach, and learn.

Dr. Shiels; Marti Chaatsmith, NEC Coordinator; and Dr. Lucy Murphy, Oral History Project Director and Associate Professor of History, took the lead in establishing the NEC. According to Dr. Murphy, the Center strives to "improve interest in developing collaborative research methods, designing projects, collecting and interpreting information in partnership with Native people." The Center plans to create ways to share that information with the general public, K-12 teachers, Native communities, as well as students, staff, and faculty at Ohio State Newark.

The NEC hosts Newark Earthworks Day, an annual event created to raise public awareness of the Octagon



Participants in the 2006 Newark Earthworks Day.

Moonrise. This natural occurrence happens when the moon rises to its northern-most position over the central axis of the geometric mounds (Earthworks) before moving southward again. Held on the Ohio State Newark campus, Newark Earthworks Day features Native people, archaeologists, and others. Look for additional information regarding upcoming events hosted by the NEC, including courses, lectures, and teacher training.

Faculty Lecture Series Continues...



Dr. Andy Roberts presents during the November Faculty Lecture.

The Ohio State University at Newark Faculty Lecture Series, which kicked off last November with Dr. Andy Roberts presenting “Complex Signals & Communication in a Capricious Habitat,” continues this year. In early February the series featured Dr. Stephanie Brown, Assistant Professor in the department of English, who presented “History, Romance and Real Black Writers: The Mysterious Disappearance of Frank Yerby from the African-American Literary Canon.”

Dr. Brown’s discussion focused on Frank Yerby, an author whose work has long been overlooked by scholars. Unimpressed with Yerby’s use of the “costume novel” genre as well as his often contradictory political and artistic stances, critics dismissed him as “the Prince of Pulpsters,” even as readers worldwide made him one of the best-selling African-American authors of all time.

The next Faculty Lectures Series event will be on Thursday, May 3, 2007, as Dr. Sara Staats, Professor of Psychology, presents “30 Years of Hope.” Dr. Staats began studying and researching hope in the late 1970s at Ohio State Newark. She defines hope as “an interaction of wishes and expectations for self and others” and constructed an instrument to measure hope. In her upcoming lecture, she will discuss hope as a hall-

mark of normal human functioning and will share her recent interest in hope as a correlate of heroism. Over the years, Dr. Staats has included Ohio State Newark students in most of her research efforts and hopes to continue this pattern into the future.

The Faculty Lecture Series is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the office of William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director at Ohio State Newark.

All lecture times are 7 pm and take place in the Reese Center Ballroom on the Ohio State Newark campus. Attendees are asked to RSVP one week prior to each lecture. For directions, more information and to RSVP, please call 740-364-9517.

Annual Student Research Forum

The Research Forum is open to all Ohio State Newark students. Any students currently conducting research or preparing research proposals are encouraged to submit an abstract in one of the categories outlined below. Poster presentations will take place on March 8, 2007, in the Reese Center.

Posters will be judged by a diverse panel of Ohio State Newark faculty who will select category winners and provide valuable feedback to poster entrants. Student Research Grant recipients and/or those planning to present a poster at the Denman Poster Forum in Columbus, are especially encouraged to submit an abstract.

Categories are: *Research Proposals*—representing the commitment of a faculty member to advise the student in a student-generated research proposal.

Completed Research—representing an active or completed research project with at least some pilot data available.

Prizes in both categories are: First Place—\$250; Second Place—\$100.



A participant at the 2006 Student Research Forum presents his poster to the panel of judges.

Vision Becomes Reality: State of the Art Library & Student Center

When the doors open to The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, it is anticipated that not only will the face of the campus change but so will its feel. Structurally and symbolically this 81,000 square foot building will be the union of information access and the information generation. The new facility will feature 25,000 square feet of library space housing an ever-changing array of research tools both print and digital for teaching, learning, and research, making it the intellectual crossroads of the campus.

Additionally, the facility will greatly enrich the campus' ability to serve the community, providing unparalleled public access to information and higher education resources in a state-of-the art facility.

Completely open to the public, the combined library and student center will feature a transparent design coupling warm and inviting open spaces with private study rooms and a community meeting room, which will be available free of charge to local non-profit organizations. A modern food court, various lounges and activity areas, and a new bookstore will also be located in the new facility.

Clearing earth for the building pad began in October along with the construction of the underground utilities. Work on the structure of the building is scheduled to begin in summer 2007 with an anticipated completion date of summer 2008.

"The new library will embrace the dramatic advancements in information technology that are transforming traditional libraries into twenty-first century facilities," commented Dr. William MacDonald. "This new building will improve our students' access to the OSU library system, ranked among the top 20 national universities' libraries." The existing Newark campus library is extremely small and is the only one of the four Ohio State regional campus libraries that has not been recently upgraded.

The building was made possible through the foresight and generosity of its namesakes – John L. and Christine Warner, who are credited with the unique concept of combining the library and student center into one facility. The Warners' generous donation consists of a \$4.5 million lead gift, followed by the establishment of three charitable remainder trusts of varying amounts and years.

It is through the vision of Mr. Warner and the Warner family's magnanimous gift that the educational experience of students for years to come will be enhanced by The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center.



A New Year Means New Faces on Campus

This past fall, Ohio State welcomed two new faces to the campus. Joining Ohio State Newark as tenure-track professors were Tiyi Morris, African American/African Studies and Damini Wu, Mathematics.

Morris earned her Ph.D. in American Studies-History from Purdue University and joins Ohio State Newark from DePauw University, where she taught 20th century American history, Black studies, and women's studies courses.

Damini Wu earned his Ph.D. in Pure Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was an instructor, teaching assistant, and mentor at his alma mater before coming to Ohio State Newark. His research interests include complex differential geometry, analysis and partial differential equations, and dynamical systems.

Be a Buckeye Brainiac...

- The average class size at Ohio State Newark is 27 students.
- Ohio State Newark opens its doors to the community with a rich offering of art, theatre, music, and educational events, many of them at no cost to attendees.
- The Learning Assistance Center offers a full program of assistance and accommodations for students who are physically challenged or have learning disabilities.
- Ohio State Newark is now in its second year of offering the RN to BSN program.
- The Ohio State Newark Math Center celebrated its 20th Anniversary this past fall. Nearly 24,000 students have been assisted in the Mathematics Learning Center.

Student Builds with Habitat for Humanity



Alexander Matthews

As president of the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge team at Ohio State Newark/COTC, Alexander J. Matthews is eager to get the word out about the group's activities. Foremost on the list is a trip to New Orleans during spring break 2007. Of the 28 participants signed up for the trip, 25 are students and three are staff members.

"We will be building homes in New Orleans. We do not know what we will be doing specifically, because different houses are in different stages, and it is an ongoing process," says Matthews. "We will be staying at Camp Hope, which is part of the St. Bernard Parish community."

Matthews' current focus is to hold fundraising events on and off campus in order to cut individual trip expenses to a minimum. Each group is responsible for funding their trip, which can cost over \$200 per participant for one week.

"We have had two fundraisers thus far: a chili supper and bucketing money at the Wal-Mart in Newark," says Matthews. Ongoing fundraisers include selling \$10 shares, which anyone can buy. Share buyers will receive a postcard and possibly a PowerPoint presentation after the trip.

"We also have a paper house fundraiser which allows campus departments to support the student group by donating \$20," said Matthews, adding, "For each \$20 donation, the departments will have a house constructed in their name and put in a display case."

Matthews, 19, is a freshman majoring in electrical and computer engineering. He joined Habit for Humanity last year, although his interest in the organization was sparked in his hometown of Bryan, OH.

"What most people don't realize is that the area is still in great devastation and in need of help. It speaks volumes for a group of students to use their spring break—when they could vacation and relax—to improve the living conditions of people they don't even know. I am very excited about becoming a part of something great," said Matthews.

Collegiate Challenge advisor Derek Thatcher, Program Manager, Student Activities, said, "Alex is an outstanding and committed student leader who draws upon the dynamic energy of the group. He is a joy to work with."

Alumnus Remains on Campus and in Class

Kim Foster always dreamed of becoming a Buckeye. While growing up in Heath, Ohio, during the 1970s, her plan was straightforward—enroll at The Ohio State University after graduation from Heath High. However, the lure of military service also began to appeal to Kim. She spent three years in the Army upon graduation, and then several more in the National Guard, living out of state. Eventually, she moved to the Columbus area and began work at a car dealership, becoming a successful sales manager.

Years passed and Kim was well established in a career, but her dream of earning a degree at Ohio State remained alive.

In 2002, Kim returned to her hometown to help care for her father. At that time, she also took her first steps toward fulfilling her long-time dream and enrolled at The Ohio State University at Newark. "I was nervous about returning to school after so many years," says Kim, "but the faculty and staff at Ohio State Newark made it easy."

In addition, Kim loved the small class size, which she proudly notes comes with all of the prestige and advantages of a world-class university, but has the added convenience of being close to home.

Kim approached her classes with zeal, completing her bachelor of arts degree in history in 2006 after only two years. "The best part is that I was able to complete my entire course of study at Ohio State Newark," she adds with a smile.

Further, Kim says that in addition to earning a degree, she also found a true home. She's currently the gateway manager in the Central Ohio Technical College academic advising office, which shares the campus and many staff members with Ohio State Newark. "There's no doubt about it. I think of this as my home," says Kim.

Perhaps that's why she's also a student again herself. Immediately after graduation, Kim enrolled part time in the master of social work (MSW) degree program at Ohio State Newark. "I love the MSW program," adds Kim. "The professors come from so many different backgrounds, but they all are experts in their fields. They have opened my eyes to even more possibilities."



Kim Foster

Ohio State Newark at a Glance



Students enjoy a catered lunch following the 2006 Convocation. This year's convocation featured philanthropist Ethan Zohn, winner of *Survivor: Africa*.



Richard Bringsthem leads the procession to the Opening Ceremony at the annual Newark Earthworks Day.



Newark elementary students show their Buckeye Pride at the annual Beat Michigan Pep Rally, held in Adena Hall on November 14, 2006.



A toddler is overwhelmed at the Santa Visit and Holiday Concert when he realizes his Christmas list was forgotten at home.



Demetra Fotis, a current freshman at Ohio State Newark and state chess champion, contemplates her next move.



Construction continues on the future John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center.



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Ohio Chautauqua to Visit Ohio State Newark

The Ohio State University at Newark has been selected to host Ohio Chautauqua in June 2007. Sponsored by the Ohio Humanities Council and The Ohio State University's Humanities Institute, Ohio Chautauqua is a five-day event that combines living history, music and entertainment, education, theater, and audience interaction in an exciting cultural event the entire community can enjoy.

It will take place from June 20-24 beneath a circus tent on the lawn of Ohio State Newark. With World War II as the theme for 2007, scholar-actors will bring to life Franklin Roosevelt, Margaret Bourke-White, Pearl Buck, Benjamin O. Davis, and Rose Will Monroe. Each evening performance will feature a different historical character.

Each regional campus of The Ohio State University has the opportunity to host the annual summer event. Dr. William L. MacDonald, Dean and Director of Ohio State Newark, is "proud to take part in Ohio Chautauqua, and is excited to share the event with the community."

Ohio Chautauqua 2007 is free and open to the public. For more information, or to volunteer, please call 740-364-9635.



A Buckeye Celebration

The Ohio State University at Newark will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in October of 2007. Make sure to visit the Ohio State Newark webpage at www.newark.osu.edu in the coming months for information regarding this exciting event in the campus' history.