On any day of the week, campus visitors stopping by the beautiful John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center will find students hanging out in the game room, or drinking coffee while working on their laptops in a cozy corner of the library; study groups chatting in the Table of Contents dining area; or perhaps simply two friends taking a moment to catch up, nestled in the comfy armchairs in front of the glorious floor-to-ceiling windows.

Typical scene that you might find at any small college, right? Well, —yes, and no.

With the opening of the Warner Center in autumn 2008, the campus has been given new life. While scenes of congregating students are typical at Ohio State Newark today, it's all a very recent phenomenon.

“Upon its opening, the Warner Center immediately became the hub for campus life,” said Director of Student Life John Berry, “from academic support services, to the bookstore, game room, or the marketplace dining area.”

For the first time at Ohio State Newark, all student academic support services, student life, the library, campus dining, and bookstore are now under one roof. And what a roof it is.

The building's extraordinary union of form and function has attracted international attention. Judges from the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) selected it as one of five international winners for the 2009 Facility Design Award of Excellence. In addition, the facility garnered a Bronze Citation in the 2009 American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase, the premiere competition honoring education interiors excellence.

Students now have an inviting environment in which they can study, receive learning support, organize activities, relax, and dine with other members of the campus community. The building provides outstanding intellectual and physical nourishment for student life, nourishment that the campus has long needed.

“Many have commented that the change to campus feels like it occurred overnight,” commented Ohio State Newark Dean/Director William L. MacDonald. “That feeling is due, most likely, to the fact the building came to life immediately upon its opening, making us all aware that the potential for the growth of the work campus culture had been looking for release.”

It was Christine Warner Powell and the late John L. Warner's lead gift that made the building a reality.

“The campus has entered a new era,” added MacDonald. “Thanks to Chris and John's generosity, and many others, we are now much more able to enrich the lives of our students, faculty, staff, and community members.”
A Message from the Dean and Director

Board Demonstrates Commitment to Students

Universities expect boards of trustees to build and maintain relationships with important external constituencies, and, in turn, external constituencies expect boards to make strong cases for supporting university endeavors. One of the strongest things a board can do to convince external constituencies of the value of a university initiative is to demonstrate its own commitment to the cause. The Ohio State University at Newark Board of Trustees recently did just that by seeking to endow a scholarship fund for Ohio State Newark students.

At its September meeting, the board discussed how to set up such a fund and make awards after learning about Ohio State's Students First, Students Now initiative. After the group reached an understanding of the process of awarding scholarships, Board Chair Robin Coffman issued a challenge to the other trustees by announcing that he would contribute $7,500 toward the $50,000 the board needs to endow the fund.

Robin's commitment is exemplary, and the board's collective effort demonstrates the high value of its leadership. Our trustees recognize that private contributions are vital to providing access to higher education, and that perhaps now more than ever before, access to higher education is vital not only to the future of our students but also to the future of our communities, at all levels. Our trustees have made the case for Students First, Students Now, and have pledged an investment in the initiative. On behalf of our students, I offer thanks and approbation.

William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director

Ohio State Newark Board of Trustees

The Ohio State University at Newark Board of Trustees elected new officers and reappointed three members for additional terms for the 2009–2010 academic year.

Robert (Robin) Coffman of Coshocton was elected Chair; Eschol Curl, Jr., of Granville will serve as Vice Chair; and Richard Gummer of Hebron as Secretary/Treasurer.

Reappointed for additional three-year terms were Eschol Curl, Jr., Dr. Thomas Hall of Newark, and Dr. Lynda Weston of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Coffman has been a board member since 2002; Mr. Curl has previously served as Secretary/Treasurer and has been a member since 2003; Mr. Gummer has been a member since 2004. Dr. Hall previously served as president of the board of trustees and has been a board member since 2003. He has also served in the roles of Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Weston has been a member since 2006.

Other board of trustee members are Girard (Jerry) Besanceney of Hebron; Marlene Eader of Gahanna; Robert McGaughy of Newark; and Lisa Whittaker of Columbus. Laura Lewis of Granville will continue in her appointment as Newark Campus Representative to the Alumni Advisory Council.

The changes were effective July 1, 2009.

Become a fan of Ohio State Newark on Facebook and Follow Ohio State Newark on Twitter @OhioStateNewark

www.newark.osu.edu
Convocation Speaker Inspires
On September 22, 2009, over 400 students, parents, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate Convocation, an annual autumn event that welcomes new and returning students to The Ohio State University at Newark. The program provides a rare opportunity for most of the incoming students and Ohio State Newark faculty and staff to gather in one space. As is tradition, the Convocation ceremony opened with faculty members dressed in full academic regalia processing into the Alford Performing Arts Hall in the John Gilbert Reese Center.

The keynote speaker, Tony Hall, received a standing ovation for his moving speech. Hall is a three-time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and a former U.S. Ambassador to Rome. The longest serving representative in Ohio history, Hall served in the U.S. House of Representatives for almost 24 years.

Hall recounted experiences from his life to impress upon the students the importance of being of service. Throughout his career, both as a public servant and in the private sector, Hall has been a tireless advocate for addressing hunger around the world, and has visited more than 100 countries where hunger is widespread.

Reminding the students of their good fortune, Hall said, “There are children in the world who will never see a ceremony like this.”

“Do what’s in front of you” rather than be overwhelmed by the big picture, Hall told the students. He said that "this land is full of opportunity" and urged them, whatever they do, to “do justice, do love, do kindness, and to walk humbly.”

Other speakers at Convocation 2009 included Dean/ Director William L. MacDonald, who told the students to “be engaged, to contribute in the classroom.” He then led the audience in a traditional call and answer of “O-H-I-O.”

Erica Ward, psychology student, shared from her own experiences on “What it means to be a Buckeye,” telling the group that by being part of Ohio State, “I represent something greater.” Ward went on to tell the group “because of my education here, I am a stronger -yet humbler- person.” Paul Sanders, associate dean, led the attendees in singing “Carmen, Ohio,” the Ohio State University alma mater, which was followed by encouraging words to the incoming students by John Berry, director of student life.

The Newark Appalachian Scholarship Fund
When Barb Bruner and Kathy Millard realized that a large population of their outreach area doesn’t have access to region-specific scholarships, they took action. Both employed by The Ohio State University at Newark in the admissions office, the women set out to increase the scholarship opportunities for Appalachian high school students.

Bruner and Millard first met with Ohio State Newark’s Director of Development Jennifer Roberts, who made them aware of a new fundraising drive, Students First, Students Now, part of the Students First initiative that was introduced by President E. Gordon Gee in December 2008 to ensure continued access to education for Ohio State Students. Students First, Students Now includes all outright and deferred gifts and pledges toward student aid.

The women met with guidance counselors from the high schools in the four Appalachian counties that the institution serves, and then finally with Faith Phillips, financial aid director at Ohio State Newark. With Phillips’ help, the scholarship application was created.

The Newark Appalachian Scholarship fund began with money that Bruner, assistant director of admissions and Millard, office assistant, contributed, and several other staff members have contributed since.

“We would like to get more information out to others on campus and in the community so they may also contribute to our scholarship,” said Bruner.

“We awarded over $1,000 to three deserving students,” said Millard of the Newark Appalachian Scholarship’s first recipients.

Those students were Karah Walser of Sheridan High School and Heath Holman of New Lexington High School, both in Perry County, and Jenni Gilmore, of Riverview High School in Coshocton County.

“There are 323 students from the four eligible counties who are currently attending Ohio State Newark,” said Bruner.

Eligibility for the Newark Appalachian Scholarship is determined on the basis of financial need as established by federal guidelines as well as demonstrated academic success; applicants must be residents in Coshocton, Knox, Muskingum or Perry County. For details regarding eligibility, see the financial aid web page and to contribute to the fund, visit the “Alumni & Friends” page, both on www.newark.osu.edu.

Putting Students First

“Do justice, do love, do kindness, and walk humbly.”
Convocation 2009 speaker Tony Hall

www.newark.osu.edu
Given Williams, Ohio State Newark Fisher College Bachelor of Science in Business Administration student.

Given Williams is looking forward to graduating this coming spring, and The Ohio State University at Newark gave her the keys to completing her undergraduate degree. The mother of two will complete her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration through Ohio State’s celebrated Fisher College of Business completely at Ohio State Newark.

Before enrolling at Ohio State Newark, the 2002 Zanesville High School graduate completed two years toward a bachelor’s degree in education at another university, but was unsure that education was really the field for her. After working and spending some time away from higher education, she enrolled at Ohio State Newark in autumn quarter 2007, and has attended full time since.

Juggling the demands of a growing family while attending college has been challenging. Her first daughter was born in 2005, five days after her husband deployed to Iraq. Her second daughter arrived in November 2008. With two young children at home, Williams’ time was extremely limited. But the BSBA degree’s convenient once-a-week evening classes enabled her to continue working toward a degree. She completes the 40-minute drive from Zanesville to Newark after her husband arrives home from work, enabling him to be at home with the children while she is attending classes.

A member of the National Honor Society in high school, Williams knows what it takes to excel academically, and she has been invited to become a member of Ohio State’s chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

She has been especially impressed with the personal attention she has received at Ohio State Newark. “My advisor here, Kyle Morgan, is the first college counselor who made me feel like I could do this - that I could complete my degree. She treated me as a person and not as just a number.”

As Williams finishes her degree, she is hoping to land an internship for next summer. The Fisher College’s excellent reputation is an enticement with not only local employers, but large, national and international firms, she explained. Come next spring, Williams will be among the elite who can say that they graduated from Ohio State Fisher’s College of Business.

“...I couldn’t believe that I could complete my entire Fisher College of Business degree entirely in Newark.”

Given Williams

7th Annual Campus Commitment Provides Needed Community Services

Each year, students, faculty, and staff at The Ohio State University at Newark step into the community to lend a hand, as they take part in the annual Campus Commitment. The 7th annual campus commitment took place on Monday, September 21, with 74 participants serving 10 Newark agencies.

“This community service project is held in concurrence with the effort at the Columbus campus and is one of the nation’s largest single-day service events held at a college campus,” said event coordinator Casey Ray, student activities program manager.

“Campus Commitment is a great opportunity for new and returning students to join with faculty and staff members to make a difference in their community and learn more about the agencies within the area,” said Ray.

This year’s volunteer teams included 69 students, six faculty members, and nine staff members. The morning of the event, students signed up to spend the day working at one of the 10 participating agencies, with a faculty or staff member signing on as a team leader. The groups set out at 1 p.m., some by bus, and others by van; one group was able to walk to their destination, the Newark Campus Child Development Center.

The other agencies served were: Carol Strawn Center; Center of New Beginnings; Kraner Behavioral Health; Licking County Coalition of Housing; Newark Earthworks; Par Excellence; and the Salvation Army.

Campus Commitment is part of Welcome Week at Ohio State Newark and Central Ohio Technical College (COTC), a weeklong flurry of events geared at helping students become familiar with their new surroundings and classmates. This year, 500 Ohio State Newark and COTC students participated in Welcome Week events.

“In the post event surveys 65 of the 69 students wanted to do this event again!” said Ray. “Most shared that they were glad that they were able to help and did not realize how much a little help is appreciated!”
Earn an internationally recognized business degree – right here in Newark

Respect. Prestige. Recognition. Faculty members at The Ohio State University’s renowned Fisher College of Business believe that when it comes to education, reputation is everything.

So, when students earn a Fisher College Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) at The Ohio State University at Newark, they earn the same respected degree offered at the Columbus campus.

The Fisher College has earned high praise: the 2010 U.S. News and World Report rankings placed the Fisher College’s undergraduate business degree 16th in the nation overall, and 7th among public universities.

Developed and taught by leading Fisher College faculty, the regional campus degree program combines minimal classroom instruction with distance-learning technologies, reducing students’ time on campus. Online portions of the courses may include lecture notes, video, self-tests, live discussions and group projects. In-class sessions are used for discussion, case analysis, homework review, presentations, quizzes, and tests, as well as video conferences. Students can also access course materials from home using a recent version of Internet Explorer.

Diane King, CPA, CVA, is the business degree program coordinator at Ohio State Newark.

“The Ohio State University and the Fisher College of Business require separate admissions processes and have different acceptance criteria,” she noted. Admission requirements to the BSBA major at Ohio State Newark are the same as the Fisher College undergraduate business degree at the Columbus campus. Students need to complete foundation coursework in English, math, accounting, economics, and computer science before applying for admission to the BSBA. Transfer credit grades are considered, and students must have a 3.00 GPA or better to be considered for this selective program.

The combination of online learning and video conferencing works well, added King. Courses are offered in the evening at the regional campuses to accommodate the schedules of both non-traditional as well as traditional-age students.

This challenging, team-oriented undergraduate business major gives students a well-rounded business foundation, giving them the flexibility and skills to meet the needs of any business they might join.

Students Experience Cultural Richness without Going Far from Home

Virginia Cope, Ph.D., wanted her students to experience the gifts that many travel abroad programs offer, but was aware that such courses can be expensive. How, then, to expose students to a cultural cornucopia without leaving the United States?

Her answer: New Orleans.

“It’s the most international city in America,” said Cope, associate professor of English, “and it doesn’t require passports or present language barriers.”

Cope was able to make the trip happen with the help of her colleague Stephanie Brown, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, and a grant from the Diversity Enhancement Committee at Ohio State Newark.

“New Orleans was the perfect site,” said Brown. “People have visions of it as either a party town or a victimized town – they don’t often see the complexities of the city and the rich history there.”

Students selected research topics before the trip, and then researched their topics once in New Orleans. They created web projects that reflected their experiences. (The students’ final projects can be found online. See end of article for URL.)

Fifteen students took the 5-credit travel course, “English 294: Abroad in New Orleans,” which included the 5-day trip to New Orleans.

“One student, Bobby Van Horn, took a long, hot walk to the funeral home in town that is largely responsible for jazz funerals,” said Cope. There is a tape of his interview on the Web site.

“When I went to New Orleans, I thought I was just going to visit a typical big city,” said Robert Van Horn, a junior psychology major. “I had no idea how passionate they were about their cultural roots, and how they have striven to preserve and adapt their traditions in a way that makes New Orleans an almost foreign place.”

“This was a unique experience for many of the students,” said Brown. “They were able to learn to be human participants in their research.”

Detailed information about the course, including the syllabus and students’ projects, can be found at http://abroadinneworleans.wikispaces.com/syllabus.
Christine Warner Powell and the late John L. Warner Recognized

In recognition of their extraordinary service to the university, Christine Warner Powell and her late husband, John L. Warner, have been honored with The Ohio State University 2009 Distinguished Service Award. University President E. Gordon Gee presented Mrs. Warner Powell, a Granville resident, with two Distinguished Service Award Medallions at the university’s 2009 summer commencement ceremony on August 30. Established in 1952, the Distinguished Service Awards are a unique recognition of individuals who have served Ohio State in a truly outstanding fashion.

“I was very surprised to learn about this award,” said Mrs. Warner Powell. “It is a great honor, and I think that John would have been thrilled to receive it.”

It was this remarkable couple’s lead gift that initiated the planning for Ohio State Newark’s most recent academic building, the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, which was formally dedicated before a crowd of several hundred well wishers on October 3, 2008.

In addition to philanthropic support, Mrs. Warner and her late husband also provided campus leadership and extraordinary vision. Mr. Warner served as a board member of the Newark Campus Development Fund (NCDF), and at his death Christine Warner assumed his role on the NCDF board. Additionally, he served as honorary chairman for Our Campus for Tomorrow, the Newark component to the Ohio State Affirm Thy Friendship Campaign.

With the opening of the Warner Center, the campus has been redefined, not only in appearance, but in function and character. The building’s inviting spaces immediately made it a natural gathering space for all across the campus community.

“Thanks to Chris and John, whose lead gift made the building a reality, our campus culture is now flourishing,” said Ohio State Newark Dean and Director William L. MacDonald. “The campus has entered a new era because of their generosity, and we are now much more able to enrich the lives of our students, faculty, staff, and community members.”

“Students will benefit from this building for years and years to come,” said Mrs. Warner Powell, “and I am grateful that I was able to be a part of that.”

Local Colleges Collaborate to Raise Education Awareness

There’s something new afoot in the Newark City Schools. Second graders are talking about college — yes, college. Eighth graders are learning about career choices and what type of education they will need for a specific job. It’s all part of a new early awareness program called PEAK (Providing Early Awareness and Knowledge) that is working to foster college aspirations in elementary and middle school students. In fact, part of what makes the PEAK initiative so special and unique is that five local organizations have joined forces to collaborate in implementing the program: COTC, A CALL TO COLLEGE, Newark City Schools, Denison University, and Ohio State Newark. The entire partnership has named itself CAN DO Access, drawing the acronym from the first letter of each participant’s name.

Katie Rappaport is one of three Ohio Campus Compact/AmeriCorps VISTAs working on the project. Rappaport, Ohio State Newark’s VISTA, has counterparts at both COTC and Denison.

The 2009 Depauw University graduate has had her hands full since arriving in Newark in August. The first PEAK activity for second graders, Celebrity Reader Week, held the week of October 5, involved providing each second grader in the Newark City Schools with their own copy of the book *I Know I Can*, and lining up local professionals to read the book aloud in classrooms. A charming story of a group of animal characters trying to determine what they want to be when they grow up and how college fits into those plans, the book helps introduce to younger students the notion that post-secondary education is possible for everyone, what college is, and why attending college is worth the effort and expense.

Rappaport, who earned a double major in communications and anthropology/sociology, is thrilled to be in Newark and to be part of such an important project.

“I’m hoping that my work will have a positive impact on the community,” said Rappaport.

Through mid-October until early December, Rappaport and her fellow VISTAS will be helping the second graders learn all about the Licking County Library. Each Tuesday, different second grade classes will take a field trip to the library, including a hands-on tour and a dramatic reading of the book *The Little Engine that Could*, complete with local college students volunteering as “conductors.” Parents of students who don’t currently hold library cards will receive information on how to sign up their child.

“For many children, coming to the library will be a great day of firsts - first dramatic reading, first exploration of the library, first library card,” noted Rappaport. “I’m so proud to be a part of that.”
Arts Come Alive at Ohio State Newark

Campus Concerts are Free and Open to the Public

The Ohio State University at Newark
Department of Theatre
Season 2009-2010

Auditions: Thursday and Friday, January 7-8, 7-9:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre.

Reading: Three Dark Tales. Friday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, free.

Winter play: Psych. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 4-6, and March 11-13, 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, $3 students, $4 public.

Auditions: Thursday and Friday, April 1-2, 7-9:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre.

Readings: selections from Beowulf. Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center.

Spring play: 30 Neo-Futurist plays from Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 27-29 and June 3-5, 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, $3 students and $4 public.

Friday, December 4
University Chorus Holiday concert
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The John Gilbert Reese Center
For more information: 740.364.9635 or rsvp-newark@osu.edu

Thursday, February 11
Great Performers Series
Jason Vieaux, classical guitar concert
Vieaux often plays a mix of contemporary and “traditional” compositions.
Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 8 p.m.
For more information: Ron Emoff @ 740.366.9271 or emoff.1@osu.edu

Wednesday, March 10
University Chorus: “Songs from the Shape-Note Tradition”
Founders Hall, 8 p.m.
For more information: 740.366.9315 or white.1291@osu.edu

Thursday, April 8
Tim Sparks, acoustic guitarist, solo show
A featured event of the Great Performers Series; Sparks will perform a solo show on acoustic (steel string) guitar, with an opening set by Columbus guitar virtuoso Jim Volk.
Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 8 p.m.
For more information: Ron Emoff @ 740.366.9271 or emoff.1@osu.edu

Autumn 2009 production of Painting Churches.
Buckeye lover and Newark resident Florence Kurtz recently received a special visit from the Ohio State Newark/COTC Titan mascot to celebrate her 100th birthday.

December 2009
Tuesday, December 1
COTC Discovery Days - FREE
Open to anyone with an interest in furthering their education. Learn about careers and educational opportunities at COTC.
Meet faculty, participate in hands-on lab activities, and learn about college financial aid options.
The John Gilbert Reese Center, COTC Newark Campus, 5:30 p.m. campus tour, 6 p.m. information session.
To register or for more information call 740.366.9222 or 1.800.963.9275 (ext. 494)

Friday, December 4
Holiday Celebration, including visit with Santa - FREE
Meet Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies at 6 p.m.; holiday concert by the University Chorus from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The John Gilbert Reese Center, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
For more information: 740.364.9635 or rsvp-newark@osu.edu

January 2010
Thursday, January 7 – Friday, January 8
AUDITIONS: “Psych” (winter quarter production)
Black Box Theatre, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Information: Director Dave Williams @ 740.366.9474 or williams.1341@osu.edu

Friday, January 15
COTC Discovery Days - FREE
Open to anyone with an interest in furthering their education. Learn about careers and educational opportunities at COTC. Meet faculty, participate in hands-on lab activities, and learn about college financial aid options.
The John Gilbert Reese Center, COTC Newark Campus, 9:30 a.m. campus tour, 10 a.m. information session.
To register or for more information call 740.366.9222 or 1.800.963.9275 (ext. 494)

Friday, January 15
“Three Dark Tales” – winter quarter reading - FREE
John L. and Christine Warner Library & Student Center
Constance Corkwell Baldwin Fireside Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
Information: Director Dave Williams @ 740.366.9474 or williams.1341@osu.edu

Thursday, January 21
COTC AutoCAD Workshop – FREE
Join COTC’s experienced faculty for a workshop exploring the fundamentals of AutoCAD.
LeFevre Hall, COTC Newark Campus, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
To register or learn more, call Michael Rice @ 740.366.9139 or mrice@cotc.edu

February 2010
Thursday, February 4
COTC Discovery Days - FREE
Open to anyone with an interest in furthering their education. Learn about careers and educational opportunities at COTC. Meet faculty, participate in hands-on lab activities, and learn about college financial aid options.
The John Gilbert Reese Center, COTC Newark Campus, 5:30 p.m. campus tour, 6 p.m. information session.
To register or for more information call 740.366.9222 or 1.800.963.9275 (ext. 494)

Non-Discrimination Statement
The Ohio State University at Newark does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, color, veteran status, and/or disability. General information, questions, concerns, or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, John Berry, Warner Center Suite 226, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator, Connie Zang, at the same location.