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Green Wednesday Launches in Newark

Student-initiated program encourages good environmental choices

It's easier to be green than some may have thought. Take the students who organized Green Wednesday, a campus-wide initiative to raise awareness of environmental issues. All it took was a vision, some planning, and the recruitment of faculty and staff members to help out.

In 2008, LeFevre Fellows classmates Chris Barrington, Nate Helsler, Trisha Nicholson, and Nicole Thorpe were given the task of creating and implementing a campus community service project. Deciding to utilize Barrington's dream of helping people make good environmental choices, they settled on a green project. They began their process by soliciting the assistance of faculty and staff.

With input from Marilee Martens, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, Barrington contacted Rose Hart, Ph.D., coordinator of the mathematics center and a longtime leader of recycling initiatives on campus; Robyn Hoffman, grants development specialist, who acquired give-aways for the Green Wednesday kickoff event; and Francesca Amigo, public relations specialist, who provided publicity.

Soon the students had enlisted John Berry, VP for enrollment management & student affairs for Central Ohio Technical College and director of student affairs for The Ohio State University at Newark, who provided funding as well as his talents as emcee for the kickoff. Ohio State Newark Dean/Director William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., and COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D., joined the effort, offering funding as well as agreeing to speak at the kickoff.

Green Wednesday was officially kicked-off in late 2008 in the John L. and Christine Warner Library & Student Center. The event was attended by members of the campus community, children from the Newark Campus Child Development Center and students from Par Excellence Academy School, who stomped empty soda cans in a symbolic gesture. Green Wednesday t-shirts were given away, along with green wristbands, magnets bearing a recycling theme, and reusable shopping bags.

Green Wednesday has joined forces with existing campus recycling programs, helping to foster a unified effort in improving our landscape, now and for the future.

"We've asked the campus community to wear green on Wednesdays," said Barrington. "We want to raise awareness of environmental issues by providing a visual reminder of the multiple decisions made every day that directly affect the environment."

In addition to being encouraged to wear green, the campus community will receive, via email, a weekly Green Report each Wednesday, with current campus recycling statistics and relevant information and facts about the environment.



The Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee receives a Go Green t-shirt from student organizer Chris Barrington.

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A Message from the Dean and Director



Many of us are searching for reasons to be optimistic about higher education during the present economic crisis. Looking forward to the start of another term as Dean and Director in the fall of 2009, I am finding many reasons to be optimistic about how The Ohio State University at Newark will weather the crisis.

In four of the past five years, our enrollment has hit record highs, and both graduation rates and retention rates have been increasing for a number of years. Clearly, our students are finding a way to succeed. Our faculty members, too, have been succeeding. They brought in more external dollars by way of research grants and other similar funding over the past three years than they have over any other three-year period in the history of the campus. Furthermore, student satisfaction with instruction increased during this decade and is above the national average.

Our community support has been stellar as well. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the local community and wise investments of state dollars, we recently opened the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center—a \$20 million building—on time, on budget, and without debt.

Each of these accomplishments is remarkable, but collectively, they reveal that we are mutually investing in the common good. From my perspective, that investment is what will get us through the present turmoil. Our community has a long history of investing in Ohio State Newark's faculty, staff, and students, who in turn have been investing themselves in making the world a better place, our common mission. I believe that together we have the momentum necessary to carry us through this economic crisis.

I do not mean to suggest that things are going to be easy. We will need to make adjustments, and we will need to make sacrifices. We will also need to continue investing in each other. I thank you for your investment, and I promise you mine in return.

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

In January, Ohio State University Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph A. Alutto recommended to Ohio State University President Gee and the Board of Trustees that Dean William L. MacDonald be reappointed for a second five-year term, from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

“The Newark campus, under the leadership of Dean MacDonald, has made significant advances,” said Vice President Alutto. “I am confident that, with his leadership and the efforts of the faculty and the staff, Ohio State Newark will continue to make progress toward the goals of your strategic plan and of the university.”

Be a Part of Something Great!



At The Ohio State University at Newark, nearly 2,500 students enjoy all of the advantages of a small college setting on the 165-acre campus while being supported by the resources of a large, world-class university. Known for teaching excellence, with nearly 100 percent of the faculty having doctoral degrees and with an average class size of 25, Ohio State Newark offers students a distinctly personalized experience. Students can attend classes full or part-time, during the day, or in the evenings. Bachelor's degrees may be completed in early/middle childhood education, general business, English, history, and psychology; and master's degree programs may be completed in education. Students may also begin their general studies at Ohio State Newark, and then later apply for admission into a specific program at the Columbus campus. Ohio State Newark offers just as many opportunities outside the classroom as it does inside the classroom. Students can get involved in academic and social organizations, student government, cultural events, and intramural and intercollegiate sports. Be a Part of Something Great - at Ohio State Newark.

Trustee Emeritus Named Philanthropist of the Year



Outstanding
Philanthropist of the Year
J. Gilbert "Gib" Reese.

J. Gilbert Reese, a Trustee Emeritus for The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College, was recently named 2008 Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the Central Ohio Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Reese is only the second Licking County citizen to receive the honor.

The award is presented to an individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a community, national and/or international level.

"Gib Reese has dedicated decades of service and leadership to the Newark campus," said Jennifer W. Roberts, Ohio State Newark and COTC director of development.

Reese chaired the 1966 capital campaign to purchase land in Newark for a regional campus of Ohio State, and in 1971 he provided leadership in creating COTC, the two-year technical college co-located with Ohio State Newark. Through the years, Reese has contributed instrumental leadership and support to many vital projects associated with the Newark campus, including construction of the Martha Grace Reese Amphitheatre and the John Gilbert Reese Center, Chairman of the Newark Campus Development Fund, advocacy for both endowed and current use scholarship dollars, as well as providing invaluable encouragement to others to provide philanthropic support to the campus.

"He is the epitome of the word philanthropist," added Roberts. "He is a leader with a vision of improving the quality of life for people. Licking County is a better place to live, work and play as a result of J. Gilbert Reese."

In addition, Reese was honored in 1979 with Ohio State's Distinguished Alumnus Award, and in 1997 with the university's prestigious Distinguished Service Award, reserved for those whose service to the university is truly eminent. Reese earned his B.A. in Economics at Ohio State in 1949 and his Juris Doctor in 1952. He was awarded the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) 2006 Maureen C. Grady Award for Special Achievement.

Campus Serves up Exceptional Dining

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Inside the
John L. and
Christine Warner
Library and Student Center**

**Hours:
M - F, 7 a.m. - midnight
Sat & Sun, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(On weekends, The Bean Counter
offers gourmet coffee,
as well as soups, sandwiches and
desserts)**

He's worked in the kitchens of nationally known establishments such as New York City's Rainbow Room, Copacabana, and the Time Cafe, and now brings his professional chef experience to The Ohio State University at Newark.

Forrest Shirkey, managing director of campus dining, oversees all food service operations, including menu preparation, catering, buying, and supervising eight regular and 120 student workers.

The Table of Contents (TOC), the campus's new marketplace concept dining area, located in the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, allows Shirkey a wealth of creative opportunities to practice his art. Featuring seven distinct food stations, the TOC gives customers a wide variety of made-to-order options, including fresh-brewed coffee and latee, international cuisine, build-your-own salads, paninis and wraps, as well as rotating Blue Plate specials highlighting classic American comfort food. In addition, Shirkey noted that the TOC is one of the few restaurants in Licking County

that serves stone hearth-baked pizzas with dough made from scratch. According to Shirkey, about 80 percent of the products used by the TOC are grown or produced in Ohio. During the summer months, virtually all of the fresh produce will be locally grown.

The beautiful Warner Center, with its warm wood tones, fireplaces, and floor-to-ceiling windows, is a striking and inviting spot for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. The public is always welcome.

"Pay us a visit at the TOC, or call us about catering your event on campus," said Shirkey. "I stand behind everything we serve, and don't know where in Licking County you will find better value and quality per dollar."

Shirkey holds an Associate of Science in Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts from the Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, New York.



Forrest Shirkey, managing director of campus dining, brings creative flair and years of expertise to the Table of Contents dining and campus catering.

Making a Difference at Ohio State Newark

Chris Barrington had a nice gig with Abercrombie & Fitch: He'd gone from being a clerk in a local store to a general manager in New York City, then a district manager in Cleveland. He enjoyed his work, yet had the feeling that he wasn't tapping in to his potential.

"I knew I wanted to do something meaningful," said Barrington. Thus began his journey in the pursuit of higher education.



Chris Barrington is making a difference at Ohio State Newark, and getting a great education.

Barrington, 26, graduated from Pickerington High School in 2001 and enrolled at Ohio State Newark, but left school to work full time. Even with his lucrative career in the making, Barrington knew he'd return to college one day.

When he decided to complete his undergraduate degree, Barrington chose Ohio State Newark.

"I'd been out of school for five years," he said. "Ohio State Newark was the obvious choice for me – I knew the transition back to school might be difficult." The small class sizes and lower tuition at Ohio State Newark were both selling points, he said.

Now a junior pursuing a B.S. in psychology with minors in chemistry and life sciences and a focus in pre-medicine, Barrington has fully embraced his college experience. He is the president of Introspect (Ohio State Newark's club for psychology students) and is the vice president of the Laurel Collegiate Society. He is also a member of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology.

Barrington's involvement has gone beyond academics. In late 2008, he spearheaded Green Wednesday, a project aimed at raising awareness of the daily environmental choices people make – among the campus community and beyond.

"Last summer I started to realize what a mess I was making," he said, regarding recyclable opportunities and his "carbon footprint." He looked at other people and the waste they produced and saw the potential global impact.

He began to change his own habits, and then decided to take it further. "I wanted to have wider impact and to help change the culture," he said.

It was important to get students involved, he said.

"It's about the future as much as it is about the world today."

Barrington used an opportunity in his LeFevre Fellows class to realize his dream. Working closely with faculty, staff and leadership on the campus shared by Ohio State Newark and Central Ohio Technical College, he orchestrated Green Wednesday.

"Chris was able to translate his passion for the environment into a creative opportunity," said Marilee Martens, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology and Introspect faculty advisor. "He takes initiative and looks for opportunities to make a difference."

The next stop for Barrington will be his transition to Columbus, where he will complete his pre-med coursework in psychology. "If I could finish my pre-med work like I can my psychology degree here (in Newark), I would," he commented.

"I was surprised, at first, at the faculty here. There is a stigma about Ohio State Newark, that it's sub-par," he remarked. "That stigma has no founding!"

As a student worker on campus, Barrington works regularly with faculty and staff in the testing center and in his tutoring position.

"My experience is that the faculty members are experts in their fields and are truly interested in their students' success," he said earnestly.

Barrington plans to go on to medical school once he finishes his undergraduate studies. After participating in OSU's service learning project in Nicaragua over winter break, Barrington thinks he might like to return there to work as a doctor.

His advice to potential and new Ohio State Newark students: "Don't take all the talent here for granted. Stay busy and learn outside the classroom," he said. "Make a difference!"

Celebrating Black Heritage Month

The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College celebrated Black Heritage Month by exploring the lives of some notable Black Ohioans. On February 19, the campus hosted a special multimedia presentation honoring the life of a Tuskegee Airman from Ohio. "Howard Arthur Tibbs - Citizen, Musician, Air Corps and Tuskegee Airman, A Part of the Greatest Generation," was presented by the airman's son, Phillip Tibbs. During the lecture, Phillip Tibbs utilized his father's memorabilia as a springboard to historical perspectives of World War II, the culture of the Army Air Corp, military aviation, and the human and social interactions in America circa 1943-1946.

In addition, a book signing was held on February 26 featuring the works of author Rita Jackson, including: *Underground Railroad of Licking County*, *African American Trailblazers of Licking County*, and *Dr. Andrew Samuel Burton, 1st Black Doctor in Licking County*.

The campus's 6th Annual Black Heritage Dinner was held on February 26, in the John Gilbert Reese Center. A capacity crowd filled the Reese Center ballroom for this student led event that explores the accomplishments of African and African American social and political activists, authors, politicians, poets, and humanitarians.

Faculty Lecture Series 2008-2009

“How to Build a Universe” to close Faculty Lecture Series season

G. Bruce Mainland, Ph.D., professor, physics, will close the Faculty Lecture Series (FLS) on Thursday, May 7, 2009, with “How to Build a Universe: Leptons, Quarks and Dark Matter.” Mainland will discuss the historical search of the fundamental building blocks of the universe with an emphasis on the possible structure of quarks and leptons and the experiments that suggest dark matter exists.

The season was opened on November 6, 2008, when Elizabeth Weiser, Ph.D., presented “What Should We Do Now? Rhetoric and National Decisions.” Weiser, an assistant professor of rhetoric in the Department of English, highlighted key findings from her new book, “Burke, War, Words.”

Melissa K. Jungers, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology followed on February 5, with “Cognitive Aspects of Music & Language.” Jungers presented evidence from speakers, musicians, and children showing that what we hear alters what we say or play.

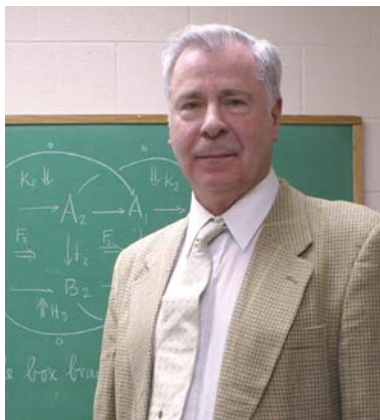
Hosted annually by William L. MacDonald, dean/director of The Ohio State University at Newark, the Faculty Lecture Series is a forum in which faculty share their areas of expertise. In this forum, students learn outside the classroom and the community can participate in a lively discussion and exchange of ideas.

All lectures in the series begin at 7 p.m. in the John Gilbert Reese Center. The FLS is free and open to the public. A reception with refreshments follows each session.



The public is invited to attend Ohio State Newark's popular Faculty Lecture Series. The free events are held three times annually in the John Gilbert Reese Center on campus.

Scholarly Research Leads to International Collaboration



An active scholarly research agenda enhances teaching for Professor of Mathematics Howard J. Marcum.

Mathematics has taken Howard J. Marcum, Ph.D., literally around the world. During a year-long sabbatical in 2007-2008, The Ohio State University at Newark tenured professor of mathematics lectured at conferences and worked collaboratively with other top mathematical researchers around the globe. His lengthy itinerary included stops in South Africa, Brazil, England, Nova Scotia, and a six-week tour as an invited faculty member at Fukuoka University in Japan. In the past, he's also spent a partial year at England's Oxford University, and for five years taught at the Instituto de Matemática, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Marcum's research has led to an extensive publication record in some of the discipline's top journals. He has published four articles with Japanese collaborator Nobuyuki Oda, with two more articles authored by the pair forthcoming in 2009. In addition, during the early spring, Oda will journey to the United States to spend several weeks at Ohio State Newark.

A mainstay of Ohio State Newark's math department, Marcum noted that during his 30-year tenure in Newark, he has taught virtually every course the department offers.

“The level of faculty expertise is very high at Ohio State Newark,” said Marcum. “Many of the faculty members have active research programs, and as a long-time educator, I know that a student's classroom experience will be much deeper and richer with a professor who has contributed to the discipline, rather than someone who is just teaching for a quarter,” he added.

Marcum, a Newark resident, earned a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree at Indiana University. His mathematical specialty is homotopy theory, a sub-discipline of algebraic topology, which studies the properties of spaces.

“Howard's scholarly research and contributions to the discipline are very impressive,” said Ohio State Newark Dean and Director William L. MacDonald, Ph.D. “He is a terrific example of the very high level of faculty expertise that Ohio State Newark enjoys.”

Education Forum Brings New Perspectives to Campus



Ohio State graduate Halley Macioci stands with her dad, Charlie Macioci, alongside her autumn quarter 2008 History of Modern Education poster project.

Education students at The Ohio State University at Newark took part in a special autumn quarter 2008 final, when they presented poster projects and participated in round table discussions on the history of modern education. The students were accompanied by friends, family members and significant others, who came to share their own educational experiences and support the class. Over cookies and cider, small groups engaged in lively, thoughtful discussion on topics such as the place of religion in public schools, the inequity of funding between wealthy and poor school districts, and the historical oppression of minorities.

"I think that this was a great benefit for the students," said Adrian Rodgers, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, who organized the forum for his History of Modern Education class's final project. "It not only helps prepare the students for public speaking, but through sharing with community members, will give them additional insights into the role of education."

Senior education major Halley Macioci brought along her dad, Charlie Macioci, who was especially impressed with the passion the students displayed for their field, as well as the exceptional campus facilities.

"This is the first time I've been to Ohio State Newark," said Macioci, "and

I have to say that the campus is much larger than I expected. It's very impressive."

Halley Macioci, who presented a poster project on how classroom teachers have been viewed historically, also wrapped up the lively evening with a short recap of the forum's topics and discussion on trends in the history of education. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education in December, the future teacher plans to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University to pursue a master's degree in education.

Ohio State Newark Eased College Transition for Grad

A native of Newark, Ohio, Jack W. Stickle, II, is a first-generation college graduate. He attended Ohio State Newark from the summer of 2000 to the winter of 2002, and then transitioned to the Columbus campus. He completed his B.S. in agriculture in 2005. Stickle said that Ohio State Newark helped him to ease into the college experience.

"Ohio State Newark was close to home and affordable," he said. "The flexibility it offered me was invaluable."

Stickle was a student associate at Reed-Egan Funeral Home in Newark while he attended Ohio State Newark. He was inspired to continue in the field and went on to earn an A.S. in mortuary science from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Stickle, 27, plans to stay firmly planted in Newark. He feels a strong connection to the community; his sense of obligation to be of service to his fellow community members is deep-seated.

As the owner of Henderson-VanAtta Funeral and Cremation Service in Newark, he said, "This is a family business. It will always be a family business."

When Stickle attended Ohio State Newark, the campus had yet to add the John Gilbert Reese Center or the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center. The additions are good, he said, and remarked that the "growth of students will continue" because of them.

"The new buildings and expanded programming is good for the campus," he said, "and enhances the college experience for students."

"Get involved, get to know people and read!" he advised new students. "Don't be afraid to ask questions of everyone."

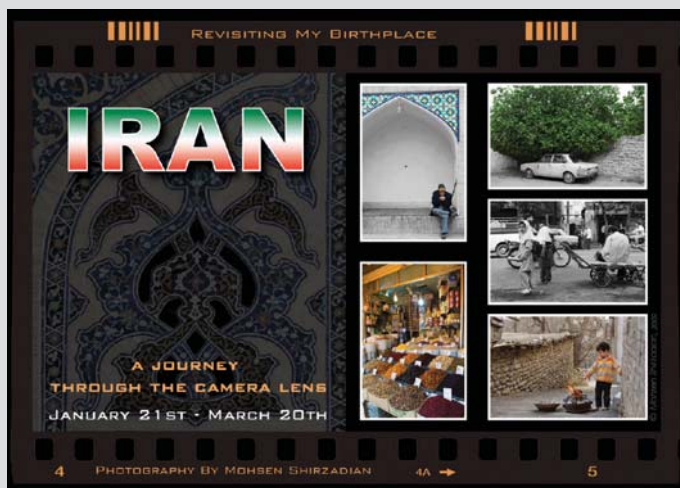


Ohio State alumnus and local business owner Jack Stickle began his college career at Ohio State Newark.

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Arts Come Alive at Ohio State Newark



LeFevre Gallery News

Photographer Mohsen Shirzadian's "Revisiting My Birthplace: A Journey through the Camera Lens," is currently on display at the LeFevre Gallery. Now an Ohio resident, Shirzadian captures images of his native Iran through his photography. The exhibit will be on display until Friday, March 20.

Chad Sines will close the gallery's season in late spring (exhibit dates to be announced – see web for information.) The painter is a Newark native; his work is colorful, imaginative and bold.

Visit www.newark.osu.edu for details of upcoming exhibits. The gallery is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is no fee to visit the gallery.

Campus Concerts are Free and Open to the Public

Friday, March 13

University Chorus Concert

"Liebeslieder (Love Song) Waltzes," Opus 52 and other selections from Johannes Brahms
Founders Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 5

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"Humor in Music," a program of whimsical choral works, from "Yankee Doodle" to "Bohemian Rhapsody"
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Wednesday, April 15

Great Performers Series

Anupama Bhagwat – North Indian Classical (Hindustani) music on sitar with table (hand drums) accompaniment. At this GPS performance only, please only bring children who are able to sit quietly!

More information, Dr. Emoff at 740.366.9271 or emoff.1@osu.edu
Alford Performing Arts Hall, John Gilbert Reese Center, 7 p.m.

Enjoy Live Theatre at Ohio State Newark

March 5, 6, 7 and 12, 13, 14 (Thurs-Sat.)

Winter theatre production- Two plays by Israel Horvitz:

The Indian Wants the Bronx and Line.

\$3/students; \$4/general public

Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 & Friday, April 3

Auditions! *The Laramie Project*

Black Box Theatre, LeFevre Hall, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Spring Reading: *Ambrose Bierce's Devil's Dictionary* - FREE

The John L. and Christine Warner Library & Student Center, 7:30 pm

May 28, 29, 30 (Thursday – Saturday) and June 4, 5, 6 (Thursday – Saturday)

Spring theatre production – *The Laramie Project*, by Moisés Kaufman

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Tuesday, March 10

COTC Health Career Expo! - FREE

Learn about Nursing, Sonography, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, and Emergency Medical Services. To register call 740.366.9139 or email mrice@cotc.edu by March 6 The John Gilbert Reese Center, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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Thursday, April 30

AutoCAD Hands-On Workshop – FREE

For more information: Heather Pursley at hpursley@cotc.edu
LeFevre Hall, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

May

Thursday, May 7

Faculty Lecture Series - FREE

Bruce Mainland, Ph.D., Professor, Physics

"How to Build a Universe: Leptons, Quarks and Dark Matter"

Reese Center Ballroom, 7 – 9 pm - RSVP to 740.364.9517 or rsvp-newark@osu.edu.

Thursday, May 14

Ernest Gaines, A Talk by the Author, *A Lesson Before Dying*

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