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A Lifetime of Service

Since its inception in 1957, The Ohio State University at Newark has enjoyed the steadfast support of numerous community leaders, organizations, and individuals. As enrollment grew through the years, so has the campus's ability to serve its rising student population, thanks to the generous continued assistance of the community it serves.

Two exceptional examples of this enduring service and patronage can be found in Howard E. LeFevre and John Gilbert "Gib" Reese. Both of these extraordinary men have devoted a lifetime of support to the advancement of higher education and have been a driving force in bringing higher education to the citizens of Licking County.

Both earned degrees from Ohio State long before the idea of regional campuses had taken shape. Howard LeFevre graduated in 1929 with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. Gib Reese earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1949, and continued on at Ohio State to receive his law degree in 1952. Both decided that they wanted to help bring the possibility of earning a college degree to others who otherwise might never have the opportunity.

They were an integral part of the team of visionary Licking County leaders who worked to found Ohio State Newark in 1957, and through the decades both have continued to serve Ohio State Newark in many capacities. The two are Emeritus Trustees for not only Ohio State Newark but also for its sister institution – Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). In addition, their unwavering passion for providing access to higher education led them to serve as campus advocates with the Ohio Board of Regents as well as state government.

Their leadership extends to the Newark Campus Development Fund, a permanent, locally controlled endowment that provides funding for innovative projects and scholarships at Ohio State Newark and COTC. Mr. Reese serves as chairman and Mr. LeFevre as president for this important and influential organization.

While firmly devoted to Ohio State Newark, their support reaches beyond Licking County to The Ohio State University as a

whole. In recognition of his extraordinary service to his alma mater, Mr. LeFevre was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Ohio State Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture in 2002.

In addition, both have been honored with Ohio State's prestigious Distinguished Service Award, reserved for those whose service to the university is truly eminent. Mr. LeFevre was honored in 1976, and Mr. Reese in 1997.

Howard LeFevre and Gib Reese have remained staunch in their commitment to higher education. Both have truly given liberally of their time, leadership, and financial support through the years, from their vision for locating the physical campus of Ohio State Newark, to leading fundraising efforts for the purchase of land and construction of campus buildings, to funding endowments to ensure future success. They have been exemplary leaders who have shepherded and stood with the many others who have supported this campus from its inception.

As Ohio State Newark concludes its year-long 50th Anniversary celebration, it is a fitting time to recognize the contributions of these men and the countless others who have supported this campus and helped ensure its growth.



Howard E. LeFevre



John Gilbert "Gib" Reese

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A Message from the Dean and Director

These Hallowed Halls

Campus Buildings Reflect Commitment and Caring of Local Leaders

First-time visitors to The Ohio State University at Newark often remark with appreciation regarding the campus's beauty and size.

Indeed, as the largest of Ohio State's regional campuses, it is with no small amount of pride that we warmly liken Ohio State Newark to a small liberal arts college, complete with picturesque open spaces, art, music, and theatre facilities, laboratories, technologically equipped classrooms, and ample space for student gatherings or recreation, including a residence hall and gymnasium.

Through the decades our campus has grown to include six academic buildings, including the forthcoming John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center, which will formally be dedicated in October of this year.

Many of these hallowed halls that our students, faculty and staff now daily tread would not exist without the extraordinary philanthropy and foresight of local benefactors who have long committed to developing our campus to its greatest potential, and to making a liberal education accessible to all citizens of Licking County and Ohio.

LeFevre Hall, dedicated in 1993 and named for benefactor Howard E. LeFevre, houses the LeFevre Art Gallery and the Black Box Theatre, as well as music studios and drafting and design laboratories. Affectionately known by the simple moniker LeFevre, this modern structure has become a focal point for artistic expression on campus.

The John Gilbert Reese Center, which opened in 2004, contains not only technologically advanced classrooms, but also the 600-seat Alford Performing Arts Hall, the Melissa Warner Bow Grand Hall, an executive boardroom and a Cyber Café. The Reese is a favorite gathering spot for students and faculty, and is used by many community and business groups.

The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center will increase the campus's library space twofold, and will also feature the Sleight Community Room, dining areas, and reading areas with open views of an impressive and inviting stone hearth.

Each building provides space that some might find sacred, and all play a vital role in making a difference in people's lives by extending the Ohio State experience beyond the Columbus campus. The intrinsic merit of each is incontrovertible.

Ohio State Newark is grateful for the continued support and leadership of the countless community members who have helped provide a much richer college experience for our students, and who through their vision, have created a strong educational community in Newark that assists in advancing the mission of The Ohio State University.



William L. MacDonald

William L. MacDonald, Dean and Director

Graduates: Find Your Passions!



Over 200 guests attended The Ohio State University at Newark Graduation Celebration on Tuesday, May 20 in the John Gilbert Reese Center's Alford Performing Arts Hall. The Graduation Celebration recognizes Ohio State Newark students prior to their official commencement in Columbus with the rest of their Ohio State University class.

The keynote speaker was Gene Smith, vice president and director of athletics at The Ohio State University. He encouraged the graduates to "search for your passion," and to "find something that lets your passion breathe."

Other speakers were William L. MacDonald, dean/director of Ohio State Newark and Marlene Eader, chair of the board of trustees.

The Lyric String Quartet provided musical accompaniment to the traditional processional. Seventeen faculty members were joined by members of the dean/director's cabinet as they processed in full academic regalia through the Reese Center, into the Arts Hall and onto the stage. The University Chorus, under the direction of Paul D. Sanders, Ph.D., performed two songs. They were accompanied by Jackie K. Dawson, pianist.

Of the 280 students being recognized for their academic achievements, 143 have earned their Bachelor of Arts degrees and 137 have earned Associate of Arts degrees.

Bachelor of Arts degrees were earned in the fields of accounting, animal sciences, anthropology, art therapy, biology, communication, economics, education, English, environmental policy and management, evolution and ecology, family resource management, finance, general business, history, logistics management, marketing, nursing, political science, psychology and social work.

Warner Library and Student Center Nearing Completion



The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center Ribbon Cutting

Friday, October 3, 2008
Details of the event will be forthcoming.

Please save this date on your calendar so that you might be able to celebrate this special occasion with us.

The vision for The John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center is now a reality, as the structure of this state-of-the-art facility nears completion. Construction began in the spring of 2007 and since then the community has been able to view its progress on the Web (www.newarkcampus.org/studentlife/Warner/camera.asp). The campus is now preparing to move various services and resources over the summer months.

The nearly 84,000 square foot building features 25,000 square feet of library space, nearly double the current space of the library located in Founders Hall.

“The new library will embrace the dramatic advancements in information technology that are transforming traditional libraries into twenty-first century facilities,” commented Dr. William L. MacDonald, dean and director for The Ohio State University at Newark. “This new building will improve our students’ access to the Ohio State library system, ranked among the top 20 national universities libraries.”

The Warner Center will feature a modern food court, student affairs offices, student organizational space, a learning commons, various lounge and activity areas and a new bookstore. Through volunteerism and student employment, the center will offer first-hand experiences in citizenship and will educate students in leadership development, social responsibility, multiculturalism and values.

Spaces that will be available to non-profit organizations at no charge include the library, dining hall, bookstore, public spaces (lounges), and the Sleight Community Room.

The building was made possible through the foresight and generosity of its benefactors – 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.

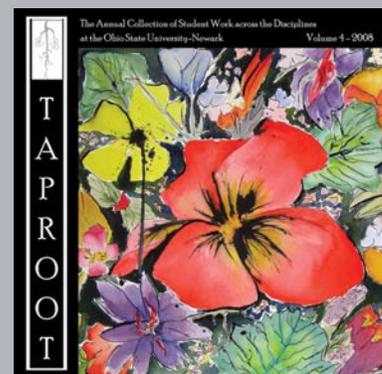
Taproot Provides Creative Outlet Across Disciplines

Students at The Ohio State University at Newark recently published the fourth volume of *Taproot*, the student and alumni interdisciplinary journal. The publication features essays, fiction and creative non-fiction, photography, artwork, and poetry, with several submissions the winners of university prizes. In addition, this year *Taproot* also appears online, featuring Web access to the same content as the print version as well as multimedia submissions.

This year’s editorial board consisted of Samantha Boring, Ashley Caggiano, Jonathan Holmes, Camille Knoderer, Dustin Oyler, David Pennington, Nick Powell, and Lee Waller. Elizabeth Weiser, Ph.D., assistant professor of rhetoric, composition and literacy, served as the group’s faculty advisor.

During the next academic year, *Taproot* will continue to evolve, with a new set of students at the helm in the winter quarter 2009 class of English 662 Literary Publishing. Members of the class learn about the history and theory of print and digital publishing and then gain hands-on production experience while publishing *Taproot*.

Copies of *Taproot* are available at the Customer Service Desk in the John Gilbert Reese Center on campus, or visit the online edition at www.newark.osu.edu/OSUenglish/taproot.



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Student Award Winners



Gloria Brown, Barnes Award winner.

Gloria Brown is the 2008 recipient of the Robert Barnes Academic Excellence Award. This prestigious award is the highest academic honor given to a graduating student at The Ohio State University at Newark. Additionally, Brown completed an honors thesis in education and has been an outstanding campus citizen. She has been president of the Laurel Collegiate Society for honors and an honors-eligible student for the past two years, and treasurer of Kappa Phi Kappa, an education program honor society. Brown received a B.A. with distinction in Education at Ohio State's spring commencement ceremony.

Rachael Moore is the recipient of the John Mount Award. This award is given to a student who began his/her career at Ohio State Newark and finished at the Columbus campus. Moore received a B.A. in Art Education this spring. In addition to a fine scholarly record, she has engaged in considerable community service during her collegiate career.



Rachael Moore, John Mount Award winner.

Ohio State Newark Students Dazzle at Conference

First undergraduate panel ever to present in 39 years

Undergraduate students wowed attendees of the College English Association (CEA) annual conference in St. Louis on Friday, March 28. The Ohio State University at Newark students Sarah Boulard and Michael Morrison and their former classmate Mason Nojonen, now attending classes in Columbus, presented to the conference.

Their panel presentation, "Identifying the Other, Masking the Self: The Rhetoric of Travel Writing," had previously been selected by the president of the CEA as his designated "Presidential Forum." The presentation was selected in part because, to the knowledge of the conference organizers, this was the first undergraduate panel ever selected to present during the 39 years of an annual conference held by the 69-year old association.

The students presented to a full room on Friday morning and took 30 minutes of questions from the audience, who rewarded them with a round of applause.

According to the students' advisor, Elizabeth Weiser, Ph.D., assistant professor, rhetoric, composition and literacy, some audience members remarked that they wish they "had been as poised as an undergraduate."

Boulard spoke on "Traveling Through Time;" Nojonen on "Discovering the Travel Writer;" and Morrison on "Speaking with Authority."

"I don't think I have been prouder during my four years here," said Weiser. "They were really superb." She is working with the students on a joint article to be presented this summer.



From left: Michael Morrison, Elizabeth Weiser, Mason Nojonen, and Sarah Boulard.

Complete Your Degree at Ohio State Newark

The Ohio State University at Newark offers general studies coursework applicable to all undergraduate degree programs at The Ohio State University. In addition, upper-division courses are offered in several departments. Entire degree programs may be completed at Ohio State Newark in the following areas: Early/Middle Childhood Education (B.S.Ed.), General Business (B.S. or B.A.), English (B.A.), History (B.A.), and Psychology (B.S. or B.A.). Master's degree programs in Education (M.Ed. in Early/Middle Childhood and the M.A. in Integrated Teaching and Learning) and in Social Work (M.S.W., part-time) can be completed at Ohio State Newark.

Thirty Years Strong: Kyle Morgan

In summer 2007, Kyle Morgan retired from her position as director of advising at The Ohio State University at Newark. Unconventional to the core, she returned to that same job in autumn 2007.

Morgan, a New Jersey native, came to Ohio to go to college. She quit after three years, working as a secretary at Ohio State University to put her husband through college. During that time, she was a part-time student at Ohio State Newark. "I have fond memories of taking classes from Ruth Scott and Jim Bradley," she mused. Morgan quit being a secretary to go to school full-time in Columbus where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences and went on to earn a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling.



Director of Advising
Kyle Morgan

In 1976, just months after graduation, Morgan landed a job as advisor at Ohio State Newark. At the time, sharing the campus with Central Ohio Technical College was still a new concept. Morgan has witnessed many changes over the years, all of which have impacted the feel of the campus and helped to establish the cooperative relationship the institutions enjoy today.

When Morgan started her position, enrollment at Ohio State Newark was 985; today, it is 2,505. In 1976, there were three advisors and soon there will be eight. Morgan supervises a staff of eleven. "Advising was not viewed as a 'profession' back when I started...but OSU has always been on the leading edge," she stated.

With the addition of the Warner Library and Student Center, Morgan is confident that the campus will continue to attract more students from across Ohio. "More students than ever before are choosing Ohio State Newark," said Morgan, adding "and probably even more would choose this campus if we had more housing."

Many students transfer to the Columbus campus and that transition can be a challenge. "To transfer to Columbus, students at the regionals must have completed 45 credit hours and have at least a 2.0 grade point average now," Morgan stated. The advisors provide assistance with that transition process, as well as monitoring academic progress and referring students to support services such as Study Skills lab, Math Center, Career Services, and Writing Lab.

As director of advising, Morgan works closely with colleagues at the other regional campuses and represents Ohio State Newark on several Columbus campus committees. She is a member of the National Academic Advising Association.

"How fortunate I am to have a job that I truly love," Morgan said. "It is so rewarding to be able to help students maneuver through the paperwork, the overall process to achieve their goals. I love to see the light bulbs go on for them!" she said. Her commitment to the campus is evident: Morgan has been advising students for more than 30 years.

Morgan resides in Granville with her husband, Larry; son, Spencer; and their 3-legged dog, Livi. Spencer will be attending The Ohio State University in autumn 2009.

Faculty Accomplishments - Spring Quarter 2008

In addition to teaching at The Ohio State University at Newark, faculty members write articles for topic-specific journals, write books and receive grants and awards. Below is a compilation of Ohio State Newark faculty accomplishments for spring 2008.

Assistant professor of English **Stephanie Brown's** "Bourgeois blackness and autobiographical authenticity: Rereading Ellen Tarry's *The Third Door*" appeared in *African American Review*. Dr. Brown also contributed an article, "Anybody's Protest Novel?: The Case of Chester Himes" to *Invisible Suburbs: Non-Canonical 1950s Fiction in the U.S.*

Jill Coleman, assistant professor, psychology, with Y.Y. Hong, wrote "Beyond nature and nurture: The influence of lay gender theories on self-stereotyping" for *Self & Identity*.

Alcira Dueñas, assistant professor, history, published an article called "Fronteras culturales difusas: Autonomía étnica e identidad en textos andinos del siglo XVII," in the March 2008 issue of *Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Etudes Andines*.

Karen Goodell, assistant professor, biology, received a Columbus Zoo/OSU Cooperative Grant for \$24,000 for a project entitled "Simultaneous Restoration of Plant and Pollinator Communities in Altered Habitats." The research is being conducted at The Wilds.

G. Bruce Mainland, professor, physics, wrote "Zero-Energy Solutions of the Bethe-Salpeter Equation for a Spinor-Scalar System Exchanging Photons," for *Progress of Theoretical Physics*.

Marilee A. Martens, assistant professor, psychology, and colleagues SJ Wilson, and DC Reutens wrote "Williams syndrome: A critical review of the cognitive, behavioral, and neuroanatomical phenotype" for *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*.

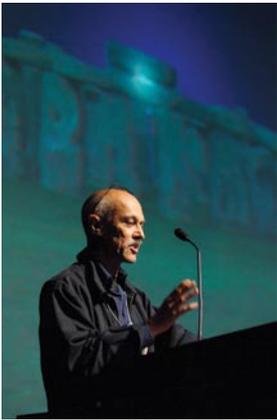
Adrian Rodgers, assistant professor, education, co-authored *The Effective Literacy Coach*; it has been nominated for the Ed Fry Book Award.

Elizabeth Weiser, assistant professor, English, presented "Making it Matter: The Importance of Timebound Analysis" to the Rhetoric Society of America in May 2008.

Damin Wu's "Kahler-Einstein metrics of negative Ricci curvature on general Quasi-Projective manifolds" was accepted for publication in "Communications in Analysis and Geometry." Wu is assistant professor, math.

For specific details, please visit www.newark.osu.edu/IntheSpotlight/Features/FeatureTwo.asp.

Newark Earthworks Day - May 3, 2008



(left) Lionel Sims, Principal Lecturer of Anthropology, University of East London, discusses the similarities between Stonehenge and the Newark Earthworks.



(right) International and regional experts and scholars, along with Native Americans, focused discussion on Newark, Stonehenge in England and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon in Mexico during panel discussions at the John Gilbert Reese Center on campus.

(right) Heath Mayor Richard Waugh, Licking County Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Susan Fryer, and Ohio Historical Society Director William Laidlaw cut the ribbon re-opening the renovated Great Circle Earthworks Museum.



(below and right) To the sound of armadillo guitars and a drum, ten guests from Mexico led ceremonies with Aztec dance inside the Great Circle.



(right) Bradley Lepper, Ph.D., Ohio Historical Society Curator of Archaeology, leads a tour at the Great Circle.



Newark Earthworks Day photos courtesy of Timothy Black.

Arts Come Alive at Ohio State Newark

LeFevre Art Gallery summer exhibits

The LeFevre Art Gallery will be open through summer, featuring a variety of exhibits. The annual Comfort Cottage fundraiser took place on June 21. The fundraiser consists of an exhibit of work by local artists auctioned off at a reception.

On June 27, the Licking County Arts (LCA) annual juried art show opened with a reception from 6 - 8 pm. The annual juried show allows artists to compete for cash awards and is open to beginning and professional artists. The LCA show will run until August 8.

The Southeast Ohio Water Color Society (SEOWS) will host an art making workshop on August 23. The public is invited to participate. (Please contact the gallery for times and location).

SEOWS will open an exhibit on August 29 with a reception from 6 - 8 pm. The show will run until September 29.

The gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am-5:30 pm; closed on Sunday. For more information, please call 740.366.9369.



Great Performer Series closes with Cinco de Mayo celebration



Over one hundred people attended the Cinco de Mayo celebration and concert at The Ohio State University at Newark on May 5 at 7 pm. People danced in the aisles of the Alford Performing Arts Hall in the John Gilbert Reese Center after they enjoyed free Mexican food. Award-winning Jesse Ponce and his five-piece band played "norteño" music, an accordion-based music from northern Mexico and Texas.

Previous artists featured in the 2007 - 08 Great Performer Series include jazz guitarist Joel Harrison and fiddler/violinist Darol Anger.

Harrison and his ensemble performed at the Alford Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, October 14. Anger entertained a packed house on February 9 in

the LeFevre Hall Black Box theatre.

Previous years have brought such artists as Columbus-native Christian Howes, a jazz violinist; virtuoso acoustic guitarist and composer Jim Volk; local folk-rock guitarist/composer Nathan Hiltner; and Chuchumbe, a group from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Presented by Dr. Ron Emoff, associate professor, Ethno/musicology, the Great Performers Series is offered free of charge and endeavors to share exciting, live music with the community.



Award-winning musician Jesse Ponce (center) and his band closed the 2007-2008 Ohio State Newark Great Performers Series with a Cinco de Mayo concert.



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Campus Calendar of Events

Licking County Arts annual juried exhibition

Exhibition of artwork by local artists
LeFevre Art Gallery - June 27 - August 8

Summer Quarter 2008

Monday, June 16

Summer classes begin – Ohio State Newark & Central Ohio Technical College
For more info, visit the web (www.newark.osu.edu or www.cotc.edu)

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Thursday, July 3

A traditional family-friendly event!

Classic Brass - 6 p.m.

Heisey Wind Ensemble - 8 p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

Free admission and parking

Concessions

Grounds of Ohio State Newark and

Central Ohio Technical College

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