

## Office for Diversity sets forth accomplishments for Board

By George Mauzy

At the Sept. 13 meeting of Ohio University's Board of Trustees, Special Assistant to the President Erik Perry addressed the trustees on the Office for Diversity's accomplishments in its first year of existence.



Perry

Perry stated that he is pleased with the University's commitment to improving diversity. He appreciates the senior leadership and college deans' support for diversity programs, pointing to the fact that every college has a staff member with diversity responsibilities. Perry also said it was encouraging that the total number of college and enrollment representatives has more than doubled since July 1999.

Perry said his office's primary goals for the 2002-03 academic year include coordinating the student diversity recruiting and retention efforts on campus, improving the retention rates for upperclassmen, encouraging greater collaboration among the orientation programs designed to serve underrepresented populations, developing the Office for Diversity's Web site and creating academic districts for underrepresented students. The goal of these districts is to enhance the college representative's ability to develop a closer working relationship with underrepresented students and to personally encourage these students to take full advantage of the academic

services available in the college.

Perry also said he was pleased with his office's development of an operational calendar because it will allow for better planning and for services to be delivered more fluidly and with greater impact. In addition, Perry commented on the success of Project GRAD of Columbus, a two-week summer academy focusing on science, math, English and citizenship.

"Project GRAD enabled many inner-city students who had never been to Ohio University to experience the campus," Perry said. "It also allowed the University and the College of Education to take an active part in the education of these students in the subjects of math, science and reading."

## Coordinating Council gets new member

Luann Cooperrider, a judge from Perry County Probate Court, has been selected as a member of the Coordinating Council for the Ohio University-Zanesville campus.

The University's Board of Trustees approved her nine-year appointment last week.

She earned her law degree from Capital University Law School in Columbus. In 2001, she was one of two women in the state honored by the Ohio State Bar Association with the Nettie Cronise Lutes Award for Women in the Law Profession.

## OU-COM's Class of 2006 has record female enrollment

By Kevin Sanders

Ohio State Senator M. Douglas White, president pro tempore of the Ohio Senate, delivered the keynote address at the College of Osteopathic Medicine's 27th annual Convocation Ceremony on Sept. 14. The ceremony held at Nelson Commons welcomed OU-COM's incoming class of medical students.

The Class of 2006, composed of 110 students, has a record 62 percent female enrollment, which is among the highest recent percentages for medical schools.

"The applicant pool for the fall of 2002 presented a very strong wealth of female candidates for admission to OU-COM," said John Schriener, director of admissions. "I am most pleased to see the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine set a new institutional record for the most women in an entering class!"

The Convocation also included the school's White Coat Ceremony, during which members of the Class of 2006 receive their white coats. In the past, the White Coat Ceremony was held at the beginning of the third year of medical school and marked the transition to the clinical phase of medical education. Because of recent revisions to the school's curriculum, which include earlier clinical contact, OU-COM officials note, it is now quite



John Sattler

Students and faculty took part in the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine's last White Coat Ceremony held in August. Last month's ceremony ended the tradition of a ceremony for third-year medical students. Starting last year, the school's students receive their coats in their first year during the September Convocation Ceremony.

appropriate for incoming first-year students to be coated. The ceremony held in August ended the tradition of a ritual for third-year medical students.

"This change is recognition of the fact that our two curricular tracks now place greater emphasis on early clinical contact," said Chip Rogers, director of external affairs and coordinator of the Convocation Ceremony.

The white coats donned during the ceremony were provided by the Ohio

Osteopathic Foundation. OU-COM Dean Jack Brose, D.O., served as master of ceremonies at the Convocation.

"The Convocation also affords our college the opportunity to award the Phillips Medal of Public Service, the college's highest honor, to individuals who have made great contributions to health care, education and public service," said Brose.

Keynote speaker White is one of three recipients of the Phillips Medal.

In addition to White, this year's recipients of the Phillips Medal are Alan Geiger, Ph.D., assistant to the president, and Eugene Oliveri, D.O., past president of the American Osteopathic Association.

The Phillips Medal is named for Jody Galbreath Phillips and her late husband, J. Wallace. It has been awarded to outstanding men and women since OU-COM's inception in 1976.

# State-of-the art facility unites research efforts

By Kelli Whitlock

Twenty-one faculty engaged in life sciences research are starting the academic year in new labs outfitted with such scientific amenities as special tissue culture rooms, a large biomechanics room, a shop for building research equipment, a radiology room, environmental chambers and an anatomy preparation lab.

The new facility, located adjacent to West Green, offers 32,535 square feet of lab space in a floor plan designed to foster research collaboration among faculty with similar research interests. Final work on the state-funded \$19.3 million building will be completed by the end of September, according to John Kotowski, assistant vice president for facilities planning.

Faculty in biological sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences and biomedical sciences in the College of Osteopathic Medicine share the building, which occupies a total of 75,000 square feet. Life sciences researchers in these departments previously were housed in four different buildings, making collaboration difficult at best, said Robert Rakowski,

chair of biological sciences.

"The building was designed with functional groupings of investigators with common interest in mind," he said. "The new facilities not only bring them together but increase the total capacity for such work and allow them to share equipment in common use areas."

The proximity and shared space is a welcome change for Steve Reilly, an associate professor of biological sciences, and Audrone Biknevičius, an associate professor of biomedical sciences, who collaborate on evolutionary research projects.

"For nine years I have dreamed of working side-by-side with Steve Reilly and of uniting my two research labs, which were located at opposite ends of campus," Biknevičius said.

"The new Life Sciences Research Building has made this dream come true. We have no doubt that the facility will be viewed as one of the finest biomechanics and evolutionary morphology labs in the country."

Funding for the building came from state capital improvement funds, Kotowski said.



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## Booknotes

### The Ohio University Press/ Swallow Press presents

The death of her father begins Dorothy Weil's search for what causes the family's "spinning off in all directions like the pieces of Chaos." She embarks on a river odyssey, traveling the Ohio, Missouri and Mississippi rivers by steamboat, towboat and even an old-fashioned flatboat. The river brings her family back, as she records the stories of her fellow "river rats": steamboat veterans, deckhands, captains and cooks.

"The River Home" takes the reader into a world few ever glimpse, that of America's riverboats. In the fast-paced narrative, with incisive characterizations and dialogue, the author introduces us to this vivid milieu and a gallery of fascinating people. We meet her father, a "wild river man from the Kentucky hills;" her mother, "a proper girl from a Cincinnati

Dutch clan;" and her brother, a fourth-generation river man, as well as the artists and academics she meets in her adult life.

"Weil's account of being a 'river rat' is so unusual that it piques our curiosity and adds a different voice and perspective to the memoir genre. The work is universal in the sense that readers, especially women readers of Weil's generation, have experienced much of the social and cultural changes that Weil undergoes and have coped with these themselves in their own ways."—Ceil Cleveland, author of "Whatever Happened to *Jacy Farrow?*"



## Ohio University ranked among nation's finest

By Jack Jeffery

Ohio University is ranked 45th nationally among public national universities offering doctoral programs by U.S. News & World Report's annual "America's Best Colleges" edition.

U.S. News & World Report defines national universities-doctoral as institutions of higher learning that offer a wide variety of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees. Many of the ranked universities, including Ohio University, emphasize research. The category includes 249 universities.

Ohio University has been consistently ranked among the nation's top public universities by the publication.

"This recognition reflects upon the quality of our students, faculty and staff

and underscores the university's commitment to providing a distinctive, meaningful educational experience for our students," Ohio University President Robert Glidden said. "Among the distinguishing features of the Ohio University approach to education are quality graduate programs and excellence in research. Our focus on student engagement, which involves students and faculty working together in research projects, supports this approach."

The magazine uses a number of factors to measure academic excellence, including academic reputation, student retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni giving rate.

## Calendar

### Registrations being accepted for fall quarter music lessons

The Athens Community Music School is accepting registrations for the fall quarter until Sept. 20. Adults and children can take advantage of a variety of group and private lessons for piano and voice. An added bonus is Jazz Ensembles for eighth through 12th-graders and a Children's Chorus. Classes start at \$88 excluding a registration fee.

For more information, contact the Athens Community Music School at 593-4241.

### Mickey Hart in Concert

Thursday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

An evening of world music with the former drummer of the Grateful Dead with Bembe

Orisha. Tickets \$23.50 in advance/\$26 at the door and are on sale at the TBAMA box office or call 593-1780. Sponsored by Peacock Productions and The University Program Council. Contact: Tim Peacock, e-mail [timpeacock@earthlink.net](mailto:timpeacock@earthlink.net).

### WeightWorks

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 24, and continuing every Tuesday through Nov. 12.

Each week meet with the WeightWorks nutrition counselor and others to learn how to establish balance through nutrition, exercise and lifestyle management. \$25 for University employees and dependents; \$30 for WeightWorks community members.

Visit the WeightWorks Web site or call 593-2093 for more information on this and other WeightWorks programs.

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## Face in the Crowd

# On the right track

By George Mauzy

Simply put — Ohio University Illustrator/Designer Tad Gallagher has a flair for creativity. Now in his 15th year at the University, he gets in touch with his creative side every day at his job in Printing Resources by creating hand-drawn illustrations of the University.

It's obvious that when he selects his hobbies, he has one prerequisite — it has to have a creative aspect. That explains why he is now in his fifth year as a model railroad enthusiast and has already been twice named Modeler of the Year by the Railroad Model and Historical Society of Southeastern Ohio.

He became involved in the hobby after he won his first train set from the society at its mall display. "Anytime I get involved in something I have a passion for, I dive in head first and strive to be the best," he said.

Gallagher now owns two railroad tables that recreate the Northwest mining and logging industry of the early 1900s. Currently, he is helping the club construct a module layout that depicts historic Athens and Nelsonville, thanks to a grant from the Athens Foundation.

The admitted American history buff and Western frontier enthusiast is always proud to display his handmade railroads, which consist of detailed landscaping. Even more impressive is the fact that each has a minimum of five trains synchronously running on them.

One of his goals is to make his entire model railroad operation digi-



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tal, so that he can operate everything by remote control.

"I can watch the trains run for hours, but I get the most enjoyment from seeing other people, especially kids, watch the trains run," he said.

Gallagher also spends much of his free time stitching Frontier-style leather outfits, assembling pre-revolutionary war style rifles and pistols and imitating frontier life at National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association events and competitions—a hobby he's done for more than 20 years.

## United Appeal Campaign

Ohio University employees have a chance to invest in their community by giving to the annual United Appeal for Athens County campaign.

The kickoff for the county-wide campaign, which looks to raise \$203,000, will be held Thursday, Sept. 26 from 5

p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pepsi Tailgate Park. Everyone is invited to this free event featuring a pig roast and live entertainment from the Marching 110 and Bobcat.

Division chairmen for the Ohio University campaign are Vice President for Finance Richard Siemer and Dean of the College of



Health and Human Services Gary Neiman. Head basketball coach Tim O'Shea and his wife, Beth, are the 2003 campaign Pace Setter Chairs.

Money given can be designated to one or all of the 16 health and social service organizations that this annual campaign

helps fund. Donors may also designate their gift to a county other than Athens.

Giving is easy. Ohio University employees can give by check, payroll deduction, pledge or credit card.

The agencies funded by United Appeal will be profiled in upcoming issues of *Outlook* and *Outlook Online*.

## Bicentennial Campaign

Janice Edwards, associate vice president for Student Affairs, is a native of Erie, Pa., who has worked at Ohio University for three years. She is responsible for providing leadership in staff development, communication and diversity education efforts. She recently pledged \$10,000 to the University's Bicentennial Campaign.

Of those areas, I decided that Lindley was the most needy. It has the smallest programming budget and needs to develop a solid budget in order to improve and accomplish its goals. It's an educational location that needs to be supported. One day, I would like to see the



Edwards

**Why did you give?** I felt it was the right thing to do. Part of my job is contacting alumni and advocating giving, so to not give would be hypocritical, in my opinion. I felt like I needed to set an example for other employees to follow. Although I graduated from Penn State and the University of Cincinnati and not Ohio University, I still felt a responsibility to give because I know that many students will benefit from my gift.

**Why did you choose Lindley Cultural Center as the recipient?** I wanted my gift to benefit an area that I am responsible for.



center endow scholarships and increase programming, and I anticipate it growing and becoming a focal point on campus.

**How did you decide to give?** I decided to have the money taken out of my monthly check through payroll deduction. That way I don't have to write a check each month, and I won't miss the money as much.

"I hope that others are inspired by my gift," Edwards said. "I truly believe in the mission of the Lindley Cultural Center because it promotes diversity, something everyone needs to know more about."

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# Communication focus of Classified Senate

By George Mauzy

Since being formed in 1989 by former Vice President for Administration Carol Harter and President Charles Ping, Classified Senate has strived to make a difference on campus. That is one of the reasons it has adopted the theme, "Can you hear US now," for the 2002-03 school year.

"Our main goal this year is to increase communication with our constituents, and that is why we adopted that theme," said Classified Senate Chair Alexis Cline.

One of the exciting programs Classified Senate is involved in is its new Mentoring Program for new and intra-university transfer employees. Members will serve as mentors and provide information on University policies and procedures, culture, issues regarding personnel and professional development opportunities.

Classified Senate serves as an advisory board for the discussion of poli-

cies, benefits, procedures and services that affect classified employees. It also represents its members on employment issues to University officials and distributes University administrators' policies, plans and concerns to its constituents.

Classified Senate annually has 25 members and three alternates representing various campus departments. The Classified Senate Executive Committee consists of a chair, chair-elect, secretary, secretary-elect, treasurer and treasurer-elect who serve one-year terms. To join, an employee must be a permanent full-time or part-time non-bargaining classified staff member.

"We are the only senate on campus with endowed scholarships," Cline said. "Last year we added a fifth scholarship designated for professional development of classified staff. We are especially excited about this one because the first four scholarships were designed for Ohio

University students."

Other goals for Classified Senate are increasing its Employee of the Month awards package and becoming more involved in the University's Service Awards.

"For the first time, we will host a Leadership Development Seminar in December for all classified employees," Cline said. "It is designed to help employees gain the confidence, skills and understanding needed to serve on a committee. As president of Classified Senate, I just want to make a difference."

Classified Senate officers for the 2002-03 year are: Chair Alexis Cline, Chair-Elect Cathey Glenn, Treasurer Teresa Tyson-Drummer, Treasurer-Elect Deborah Daniels, Secretary Sharon Porter and Secretary-Elect Anita Leach.

Classified Senate meets the third Thursday of every month. For more information, visit their Web site at [www.ohio.edu/csen/](http://www.ohio.edu/csen/).

# The Oasis goes smoke-free

By Leesa Brown

Students gearing up for a long night at the library or an early morning class will still be able to fuel up at The Oasis with coffee, soda, or food—but not cigarettes, starting fall quarter.

Tobacco sales at The Oasis will be phased out during the month of September, Ohio University officials said recently. The decision was made in order to comply with state law prohibiting smoking in public buildings and to be consistent with the current operating parameters followed throughout the University.

Dean of Students Terry Hogan, who supported the decision, said "Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States, and I don't think we should contribute to or profit from it. We're about preparing students for responsible, productive and healthy lives; selling cigarettes doesn't fit with that."

Since acquiring the campus hangout in July, Ohio University managers have completed some renovations—such as increasing the lighting, installing new ceiling grids, and rearranging some of the displays—while staying true to The Oasis aesthetic said Randy Shelton, director of housing and dining services.

Customers will find some new items on the shelves, including a variety of fresh salads and breakfast cereal. Managers will continue to refine the services throughout the quarter, Shelton said. The hours will mirror those of Alden Library, and transportation services will continue to be available, he added.

Jane Pack, stepdaughter of the former owner John Farley, has remained on staff during the transition. She has served as the head cook at the store/restaurant for nearly 30 years and even worked there before it became The Oasis.

"I began working here as a teenager around 1967 when it was called the Wash-a-teria and we did laundry and dry cleaning," Pack said. "The place is almost the same except for a few minor changes. I stayed around because I love working here and wanted to help the University make the transition."

## We will not forget



Rick Faltica



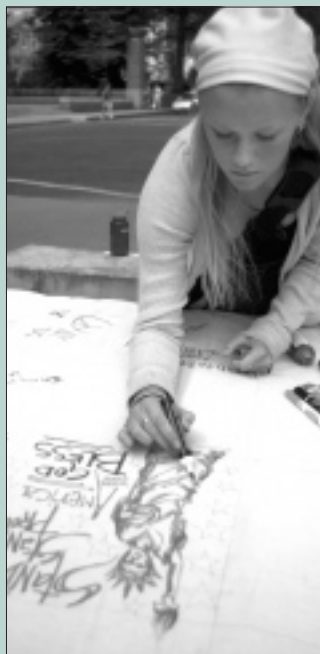
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## Hispanic Heritage Month on its way

The Office of Multicultural Programs and Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity Inc. are sponsoring events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Several campus events are planned, including a Barbeque on Sept. 21, a dance workshop on Sept. 27 and a lecture by award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa on Oct. 1. The events are free and open to the public.