**NEW HIRES AND RETIREES**

**Russ College**

**Welcomes and Farewells**

**New Hires**

- **Becky Gill**, administrative coordinator, Institute for Corrosion and Multiphase Technology
- **Munir Nazzaal**, assistant professor, Civil Engineering
- **Chuck Reardon**, administrative associate, Ohio Research Institute for Transportation and the Environment
- **Wouter Pelgrum**, assistant professor, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- **Omer Tatari**, assistant professor, Civil Engineering
- **Julie Venrick**, administrative coordinator, Dean’s Office
- **Ken Walsh**, assistant professor, Civil Engineering

**Retirees**

- **Janelle Baney**, department administrator, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 28 years
- **Janet Blazyk**, software engineer, Avionics Engineering Center, 22 years
- **Edie Chalfant**, administrative coordinator, Institute for Corrosion and Multiphase Technology, 21 years
- **Hope Mills**, administrative assistant, Avionics Engineering Center, 31 years
- **Kay Reeves**, administrative coordinator, Dean’s Office, 30 years
- **Helmut Zwahlen**, professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering, 38 years

**Rememberances**

**Hollis C. Chen**, professor emeritus of electrical engineering, died September 9 at the age of 73. During Chen’s years 38 years of teaching from 1967–2005, he also served as interim chair from 1984–1986, received several outstanding teaching awards, and received a faculty excellence award in 1990. Among his many published works, *Theory of Electromagnetic Waves: A Coordinate-Free Approach* (1983, McGraw-Hill; 1992, TechBooks) is his best-known. As a 13-year-old boy, Chen escaped from Mainland China to Taiwan during the Chinese Communist Revolution with two of his younger brothers, Wai-Kai and Wai-Fah, who also went on to become distinguished engineering professors. He held degrees from National Taiwan University, Ohio University, and Syracuse University.

**Carleton A. Sperati**, passed away at his home in Parkersburg, W.Va., on Oct. 3 at the age of 91. The first Stocker Visiting Professor, Sperati spent 38 years with the DuPont Company and was instrumental in the research and development of polytetrafluorethylene (Teflon). He also held multiple patents. Following his time in Athens, he continued to be active in chemistry through participation in standards organizations (ASTM, ISO) and consulting. Sperati was an active outdoorsman, but the love of his life was music. He began playing flute at the age of 10 and continued playing and conducting in bands, theater, and other musical organizations until age 89. He held a bachelor’s degree from Luther College and a doctorate from the University of Illinois.

**Menno DiLiberto**, former chair of the Department of Industrial Technology, passed away in 2008. He worked for several companies, including San Diego's Ryan Aircraft Company, which built Charles Lindbergh’s “Spirit of Saint Louis,” for 14 years before earning his master’s degree in 1958 and coming to Ohio University for two years in 1962. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Illinois, he returned to Ohio University in 1967 and became chair of engineering graphics a year later. When that department merged with industrial technology, DiLiberto became chair, serving from 1979–1985. He retired in 1989 but returned every fall to teach engineering drawing until 1996.