Student Enrollment > By The Numbers

By Nancy Wardwell

The 2014–15 Enrollment Report has been submitted. The report summarizes enrollment levels on our Columbus and regional campuses; highlights key data about our undergraduate, graduate and professional students; and provides comparisons that capture nearly a decade’s worth of statistics on measures such as number of applications received, average ACT, and degrees awarded.

The numbers tell a university success story. “Enrolling well-prepared students, focusing on their transition through campus-wide first-year programming, and providing them with a tremendous academic experience has resulted in a record-high first-year retention rate of 93.7 percent and a record-high six-year graduation rate of 83.5 percent.”

Our 2014 Columbus campus freshmen class achieved record-high quality measures, with an average ACT composite score of 28.8; 61 percent were in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and 95 percent were in the top quarter. Total enrollment at all campuses increased to a record high of 64,868.”

There was a total freshmen applicant pool of 42,791. There were 19,459 admitted and 7,024 enrolled as freshmen.

There was a 50/50 male/female ratio and 18% are students of color. Of those enrolled 70% are Ohio residents, 22% are domestic out-of-state students, and 8% are international students.

Graduate and Professional information shows 4,994 enrolled Master’s students, 4,762 Ph.Ds, and 633 Non degree/Certificate students.

By college, Columbus enrolled post-baccalaureate professional students:

- Dentistry: 443
- Optometry: 253
- Law: 554
- Pharmacy D.: 485
- Medicine: 815
- Veterinary Medicine: 642

M. Dolan Evanovich, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Planning issued the report and it can be studied in its entirety at http://www.enrollmentservices.osu.edu/
OSURA: The Founding

OSURA was not formed on a sudden impulse or whim on the part of a few interested persons. Rather, it is an outgrowth of a lengthy study by a special committee of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors. These individuals were deeply concerned about the on-going welfare of those who had retired or were about to retire from this university. It was noted that there was no single office or designated individual to whom newly retired persons could turn for counsel and assistance with the many problems involved in the transition from employees to retirees. Thanks to a sympathetic response from the University President (Edward H. Jennings) those meetings led to the establishment of an office, appointment of an appropriate officer, and the preparation and distribution of a retirement handbook for persons in the process of retiring.

But how could on-going views of retirees be adequately expressed? How could their common needs and problems be resolved?

The committee, augmented by additional interested employees, directed an inquiry to a selected group of outstanding American universities where associations of retirees were in existence, some for many years, to ascertain the characteristics of such organizations and to benefit from their experience. Based upon this information and the perceived needs of OSU retirees, the committee authorized a questionnaire study of a sampling of Ohio State retirees as to the need for and suggested functions of such an association. The positive results from this study were interpreted as a mandate to proceed with the establishment of such an organization. This became reality in 1983 with Ransom Whitney as the first president of The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA).

The first events were organized and lead by John Mount. They shared much-needed information about retirement plans and pensions. Fern Hunt and the Friendship Committee delivered a proposal to provide annual Fall Conferences – which continue for OSURA as the highlight of each year.

Nominations Sought for Executive Board Positions

The annual OSURA elections for members of the Executive Board are coming up in the spring.

Positions to be filled are Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, and three members-at-large. Note the incumbent Treasurer has agreed to stand for election.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions or if you wish to nominate someone else, please forward the name(s) to the OSURA Office by the end of February. The nominating committee will forward the slate to all members via mail in March, with voting to be completed in April.
IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the retirement of C. Thomas Ridenour as Treasurer of the Association

WHEREAS, C. Thomas Ridenour (Tom) is a long-time member of The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA);

WHEREAS, Tom has supported OSURA and the members of its Executive Board as a wise counselor and friend;

WHEREAS, Tom has suggested and helped implement numerous improvements in the operation of all aspects of OSURA;

WHEREAS, Tom’s investment acumen has greatly benefitted OSURA and its members by permitting dues to remain at affordable levels;

WHEREAS, Tom’s watchful guidance of OSURA’s endowment with the University has provided the basis for permanent financial stability for OSURA; and

WHEREAS, Tom, in his capacity of the longest-serving Treasurer of OSURA, has set a standard of professionalism that can never be exceeded; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board recognizes Tom on the occasion of his retirement from the office of Treasurer of OSURA and thanks him for his truly outstanding service to the Association.

Given at Columbus, Ohio this 12th day of November, 2014.

We are saddened to report that our friend and long-serving Treasurer C. Thomas Ridenour passed away November 25, 2014. He is survived by Fran, his wife of 67 years, sons Michael and Paul, and daughters Andrea Kusta and Carla Hoefs. Contributions can be made to OSU Foundation-OSURA Endowment (#605420), Our Lady of Peace Conference, St. Vincent de Paul or Ohio Health Hospice.
Calendar of Events

For events marked “REGISTRATION REQUIRED,” send email to osura@osu.edu (preferred method), or call 614-292-2916. See pages 12 and 13 in the OSURA Directory or the OSURA website for “Travel and Event Policies and Procedures” for additional information.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 6 (Tuesday)
Benefits Committee
Time/Place: 9 a.m., HR, 300 Gateway Building C, 1590 N. High Street

January 7 (Wednesday)
Cultural Arts Committee
Time/Place: 10:15 a.m., Upper Arlington Library, Room A

January 13 (Tuesday)
Board Meeting
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

January 8 (Thursday)
Photo Society
Program: “FLOATING GALLERIES: Subtle Influences of Art & Photography” presented by Dick Hill
Member theme: “Subliminal Effects,” limit 3 images
Annual Members Photo Contest: Submit entries to Larry Kennedy on or before January 8. Guidelines: submit only 8x10 or 11x14 prints plus a digital file of each. If standard film is used, digital images will be made.
Dues: $10 is due at this time. Make check to: OSU Photo Society, mail to Valarie Kennedy, Sec./Treas., 6702 Dunheath Circle, Dublin, OH 43016; or bring to the meeting
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Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club
Cost: on your own
Arranger: Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

January 15 (Thursday)
Lunch Bunch
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Nena Couch presents the OSU Libraries’ collections on burlesque, a major form of American popular entertainment from the mid 19th to the mid 20th centuries, in which scantily clad women and zany comedians used music, dance and comedy to titillate, and spoof audiences. Burlesque is experiencing a revival and becoming a topic of scholarly exploration.
Time/Place: 11 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
Cost: On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11 a.m., program at approximately noon.
Registration Deadline: January 13
Arranger: Mary Anne Herbst (Social Committee)

January 17 (Saturday)
Walking/Hiking Group
Challenge Level 2-4
Everyone welcome. Join us as we explore and walk the trails at Inniswood Metro Gardens.
Time/Place: 11 a.m., Inniswood Metro Gardens, 940 South Hempstead Road, Westerville, OH
Cost: on your own
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

January 21 (Wednesday)
Book Club
The Art Forger, by B.A. Shapiro. In a Faustian bargain, an artist agrees to forge a well-known stolen (in a famous unsolved heist) Degas. But in the process she discovers it is a forgery! Revelation of her find leads to danger from many directions – and, a true conundrum unfolds.
Time/Place: 1:00 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive. Call Lee Hill (614-459-4743) for directions.
Cost: on your own
Arranger: Lee Hill (Book Club SIG)

January 22 (Thursday)
Dinner Series: You Gotta Have Heart – Songs from the 1950s Broadway Musicals
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Enjoy an evening of music as popular performer Johnny Steiner sings music from the “golden years” of Broadway musicals. Included are Lerner & Lowe’s “My Fair Lady,” Meredith Wilson’s “The Music Man,” Leonard Bernstein’s “West Side Story,” Styne & Sondheim’s “Gypsy,” and Damon Runyon’s “Guys and Dolls.”
Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club
Cost: $22 (service charge included)
Registration Deadline: January 19
Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

January 27 (Tuesday)
Tertulia Breakfast
Please join OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation.
Time/Place: 8 a.m., OSU Faculty Club
Cost: on your own
Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

January 28 (Wednesday)
Bridge Group
We’re back at the tables... please join us. We welcome new members and presently have three or four tables of play per month. There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for prizes the day you play. Come enjoy the fellowship, and have fun playing a good game of bridge at the same time.
Time/Place: 1 p.m., Friendship Village of Dublin, North CR
Cost: on your own
Arranger: Sherry Detillian (Bridge Group SIG)

CHALLENGE LEVELS

1 Light – may include a few stairs.
2 Moderate – may include a few sets of stairs.
3 Moderate + – may include climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain.
4 High – may include lots of walking, climbing stairs, hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.
SPECIAL EVENTS

January 10 (Saturday)
Special Health/Wellness Event:
The Rhythms of Age
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Heart rhythms may become abnormal with age. This presentation will address abnormal rhythms, symptoms and treatment. Presented by Dr. Steven Kalbfleisch, Medical Director, Cardiac Electrophysiology and Dr. Raul Weiss, Fellowship Director, Clinical EPS Program, Cardiovascular Medicine from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center – Ross.
Time/Place: 9-11 a.m., Martha Morehouse Medical Plaza, 2050 Kenny Road
Cost: Free
Registration Deadline: January 5
Arranger: Sally Morgan (Health/Wellness SIG)

January 16 (Friday)
2014 Income Tax Seminar
Ray Krasniewski, retired Accounting and MIS, Linda Wiget, a Worthington CPA, and John Krupp will discuss Federal and State income tax issues for 2014. Pre-registration is not necessary.
Time/Place: 1:00-3:00 p.m., St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Upper Arlington
Cost: No charge, no pre-registration
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Benefits Committee)

January 25 (Sunday)
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Praised for their deeply musical interpretations, the Miró Quartet takes the stage with ProMusica for an evening of Mendelssohn, Puts, and Williams. All orchestra seats are half-price! Want to sit with friends? Register and pay for the all the tickets you need, or inform the office you wish to sit together. Tickets will be held at “will call.”
Time/Place: Performance begins 7 p.m. Southern Theater, 21 E. Main Street
Cost: $24.50 (half price orchestra seat)
Send checks to the OSURA office. No self-addressed, stamped envelopes are needed since you will pick up your tickets at “will call.”
Registration/Refund Deadline: January 19
Arranger: Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

February 6 (Friday)
BalletMet – The Great Gatsby
(Senior Dress Rehearsal)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Don’t miss this ballet based on the famous Fitzgerald novel, at an incredible bargain price and choreographed by up-and-coming BalletMet dancer Jimmy Orrante. You’ll find more information at www.balletmet.org. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets.
Time/Place: Curtain rises at 11 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Doors open around 10:15 a.m., Capitol Theatre-Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street
Cost: $16 (admission ticket)
Registration/Refund Deadline: January 23
Arrangers: Les Benedict and Rai Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

March 18 – 27
Reflections of Italy
(Italy)
REGISTRATION CLOSED
Depart: TBA March 18
Return: TBA March 27
Payment Deadline: Final payment due January 17
Arranger: Kay Adelsberger (Travel Committee)

Help Wanted!
OSURA’s Social Committee brings us some of our best activities and you are needed to help! The Social Committee is the group that organizes:
• the monthly Lunch Bunch
• the Holiday Buffet
• the Summer Picnic

It’s a great chance to help provide rewarding experiences for your fellow retirees. If you can see yourself participating in this endeavor, please contact Mary Anne Herbst, mahbuckey@aol.com, 614-263-7928.
Public Pension Systems and Social Security

The five Ohio Public Pension Systems all pre-date and are explicitly excluded from the U.S. Social Security Act. As university employees, most of us paid into the pension of Ohio Public Employee System or into the State Teachers Retirement Systems.

A few university retirees do have some Social Security credits – all from work outside our pension systems. It has tempted some to think about retiring early enough to earn additional social security credits – only to find the disappointing reality is that the Social Security payout will only be partial! One cannot collect the full benefit from social security with a pension from OPERS or STRS!

The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) is an annoying but statutory provision in U.S. law which affects benefits paid by the Social Security Administration. It eliminates the “windfall” of social security received by beneficiaries who also receive a pension based on work not covered by Social Security. That’s us – and that means that even if we have social security credits we will receive only about 40% of them.

For me that pays for Medicare and just enough left over for a bottle of wine!

In Memoriam

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To Your Health

“Mother a COLD – Doctor the FLU”
This Year it is Important to Know!

According to the CDC, the 2014-15 flu vaccine may not cover this winter’s strain of flu.
Getting your flu shot is encouraged –

But if you develop flu symptoms it is important that you contact your doctor within 48 hours.

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Welcome Daniel L. Jensen, OSURA Treasurer

We are most fortunate that Daniel Jensen has agreed to fill out the term of our long-serving treasurer Tom Ridenour.

Professor Jensen was the Director of the Master of Accounting Program in the Fisher College of Business. His research on cost accounting and auditing topics has been published in various journals, including The Accounting Review and the Journal of Accounting Research. He has co-authored two textbooks and edited various books and collections, including six volumes of collected writings in the Accounting Hall of Fame Series in Accounting History.

Among other accomplishments and honors, he has taught cost accounting and management control courses in the Ohio State Accounting Honors Program for over twenty years. A Certified Public Accountant, he received his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Minnesota (1962, 1964). In 1991, Professor Jensen received the Outstanding Ohio Accounting Educator Award.

We know we are in most excellent hands, and hope Dan will enjoy working with the members and friends of OSURA.
THE TRUE BENEFIT OF A LIFECARE COMMUNITY.

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 • 2 p.m.
Meet John Diffey, President and CEO of Kendal.
Join us to get a clear understanding of the Lifecare Difference.

What to look for?
What residents have to say?
When’s the best time to move?

John Diffey has served as President of Kendal since 1992. He also has served on the Board of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (now known as LeadingAge), as Chair of its committee on Continuing Care Retirement Communities, as Vice Chair of the Continuing Care Accreditation Committee (CCAC), as a founding co-chair of its leadership development program, and as President of its North Carolina affiliate.

Tour homes, the Community Center and our beautiful 93-acre, rural campus.
Join us in the Gathering Room to meet John and get answers to your questions about retirement.
Enjoy refreshments to get a “taste” of Kendal!
Kindly RSVP by January 8, by calling 740-321-0428.

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