A Century of Business Excellence

By Nancy Wardwell

In 1916 the College of Commerce and Journalism was established at The Ohio State University with James E. Hagerty appointed its first dean. The faculty of 21 occupied just 18 rooms in Page Hall. The next year the first undergraduate class was graduated. In 1923 the College became a four-year institution, and construction of the new Commerce Building was begun just across the street from Page Hall. In 1947 the Commerce Building became Hagerty Hall in honor of the first dean.

The growth and development of the Fisher College of Business is documented on an interesting website: http://fisher.osu.edu/100/.

Some important milestones are:

- **1930** – Max Fisher graduated with a degree in Business Administration.
- **1933** – The Masters of Business Administration (MBA) was established.
- **1937** – The Journalism School moved to Arts and Sciences and the college name became College of Commerce and Administration.
- **1968** – Now named the College of Administrative Science, the focus was identified as: accounting, finance, management science, marketing, and public administration.
- **1986** – The name became College of Business and soon after, Joseph Alluto became the seventh dean.
- **1993** – Alumnus, businessman and philanthropist Max Fisher donated $20 million to set in motion the new state-of-the art campus and program prominence now known as the Max Fisher College of Business.

Since then the college has undergone a corporate turnaround by narrowing the focus of its programs, recruiting leading faculty, placing a renewed emphasis on experiential learning, and offering a wide range of global opportunities.

As a result, the reputation of the Fisher College of Business continues to rise. Rankings now place the college among the top business schools in the nation.
FROM: The President

Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

I was one of the OSURA members again this year who served as judge at the annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum at Ohio State. This was the 21st year the event was held, giving some of our most talented students a chance to showcase the research in which they have participated.

The event has grown over the years. Students who have acquired enough research experience and have at least preliminary results to report are invited to submit an abstract of their work early in the spring semester. Projects range from limited topics where the student carried out the major part of the work under a faculty supervisor to major research undertakings where the student was one member of a large team.

Guidelines are available for students on how to write a winning abstract of their work. This year a total of 669 students working on 630 projects (a few projects have more than one student participating) were selected by a faculty committee for presentation. Workshops are available to help students compose the posters which are entered in the competition, professional 16 square feet of explanations, colorful graphs and diagrams, and conclusions. Space at the Recreation & Physical Activity Center limited the number to 526 posters at the Denman Forum, with an additional 104 displayed at an “Undergraduate Research Expo” earlier on the same day. On the day of the event, students put up their posters while judges gather. Each judge usually rates three or four posters and presentations, and each student is visited by three judges. Students need to handle questions about technical details from faculty in the field and why-this-research-important type questions from judges in completely different areas. Some presentations sound to me as what one would expect from a second-year graduate student, and I’m blown away when the student says she is a sophomore.

It is sometimes said that one doesn’t really understand a topic until one has explained it to others. These students end up not just knowing their research, but they gain poise and confidence that should serve them well in future endeavors. When I run into students or their parents on campus, I often ask how the students like being at Ohio State and for the last couple of decades the answer has invariably been that they just loved it (said with great enthusiasm). The abundant personal attention that students receive at the Denman is a great example of things the university must be doing right.

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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

May 3 (Tuesday)
Benefits Committee
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road

May 10 (Tuesday)
Board Meeting
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

May 12 (Thursday)
Photo Society
Program: “Insights from Empirical Aesthetics” presented by Photo Award Winner, Jack Nasar. His talk will review the empirical research findings on human visual preferences, while using photographs to illustrate those aesthetic principles.
Member Theme: “Unity in Variety” limit 3 images. Send digital files in a Power Point file (alternately in .jpg 96 or 72 dot/inch format) to jhuston1@columbus.rr.com. New members always welcome.
Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., cocktails; 6 p.m., dinner; 7:00 p.m., member theme; 7:30 p.m., program; OSU Faculty Club. You MUST make reservations for dinner by calling 292-2262 by May 9. You may select options from a very limited menu.
Cost: On your own; ranges from $10-$15
Arranger: Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

May 18 (Wednesday)
Book Club
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry: A Novel, by Gabrielle Zevin. Can A.J. Fikry’s life get any worse? His wife has died, his bookstore is failing, and his prized rare collection of Poe poems has been stolen. But when a mysterious package arrives in his bookstore, it signals the chance to make his life over and begin anew. Does he take it?
Time/Place: 1:30 p.m., Carriage Hill of Arlington Party House, Lafayette Drive. Call Lee Hill (614-459-4743) for directions.
Arranger: Lee Hill (Book Club SIG)

May 19 (Thursday)
Lunch Bunch: Got Stuff?
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Want to know what to do with all your “stuff”? Paula Taliaferra, from The Central Ohio Agency on Aging, will share some ideas on how to reduce your clutter without losing your mind.
Time/Place: 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale
Cost: On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., program at approximately 12 noon.
Registration Deadline: May 17
Arrangers: Phyllis Carroll and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

May 21 (Saturday)
Walking/Hiking Group
Challenge Level 2-4
Everyone welcome. Join us at Battelle Darby Creek’s new Nature Center where the view includes the Bison sanctuary/pasture. Then we’ll hit the trails.
Time/Place: 11 a.m., Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park (Nature Center), 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway, Ohio—5 miles west of I-270 off US 40.
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

May 24 (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: Jerry Dare (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

May 25 (Wednesday)
Bridge Group
Join us. We welcome new members. 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
Arranger: Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

May 26 (Thursday)
Dinner Series: Cruising the Waterway of the Czars: Moscow to St. Petersburg
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Enjoy an evening with Eugene Gilliom as he takes us on the fabled Russian river cruise. After visiting the major cultural and historical sites in Moscow, the cruise will take us on the 800-mile waterway to St. Petersburg. Excursions include the Hermitage, Peter & Paul Fortress, and the summer palaces of Catherine and Peter the Great.
Time/Place: 5:15 p.m., social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.; OSU Faculty Club
Cost: $23 (service charge included)
Registration Deadline: May 23
Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series 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.
**May 6 (Friday)**
**BalletMet – Sleeping Beauty**
Senior Dress Rehearsal
REGISTRATION CLOSED
**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., Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State Street
**Cost:** $17 (admission ticket)
**Arranger:** Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

**June 15 (Wednesday)**
**Explore Zane Grey Museum and John and Annie Glenn Museum**
(Zanesville, Norwich, New Concord, OH)
**Challenge Level 2**
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
We’ll start in Zanesville to see Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio & Gallery, and then visit National Road and Zane Grey Museum. We’ll enjoy a lunch buffet at Theo’s in Cambridge and visit the John & Annie Glenn Museum with a final stop at Ohio Pottery for a little shopping.
**Meet by:** 7:15 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
**Return:** approx. 6 p.m.
**Cost:** $64; includes museum admissions, lunch, motor coach transportation and tips
**Registration Deadline:** May 30
**Arrangers:** Sandy Nicholson and Jessica Pritchard (Travel Committee)

**June 27 (Monday)**
**Annual Summer Picnic**
(Amelita Mirolo Barn)
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Join us for the annual picnic potluck and bring your favorite covered dish to share. We will provide meat, beverages and table service. Come to meet and greet animals from the Columbus Zoo who will be accompanied by their human friends.
**Time/Place:** 11:15 a.m., Sunny 95 Park, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane, Upper Arlington.
**Cost:** A dish to share
**Arranger:** Phyllis Carroll and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

**Registration Deadline:** June 24
**Arrangers:** Dianne Driessen and Rai Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

**July 8 – 21**
**Spectacular Scandinavia**
(Norway, Denmark, Sweden)
**REGISTRATION CLOSED**
**Depart:** TBA July 8, 2016 from CMH
**Return:** TBA July 21, 2016
**Payment Deadline:** Final payment due May 9
**Arranger:** Kay Adelsberger (Travel Committee)

**July 21 (Thursday)**
**Hidden Treasures of Mansfield, OH**
**Challenge Level 2**
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Tour the BibleWalk – Ohio’s only wax museum using life-sized figures; Kingwood Center, a 47-acre former estate garden, including the mansion and a variety of gardens; the Ohio State Reformatory built in 1886 where the movie Shawshank Redemption was filmed.
**Meet by:** 7:15 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
**Return:** approx. 6 p.m.
**Cost:** $70; includes admissions, tours, lunch, motor coach transportation and tips
**Registration Deadline:** June 20
**Arrangers:** Alabelle Zghoul and Betty Hriesik (Travel Committee)
**New Choices: Not Your Parents’ Retirement**

**Learning Series #3 by John Schuster**

What can we do with the time we have after retirement? How do we continue to find purpose and meaning after we end our careers? Historically, people have never had as much time after retirement as we do now. In this workshop, we will discuss imaginative retirement planning, and how to achieve balanced lives full of adventure and fun.

**Location:** WOSU at Fawcett Center
2400 Olentangy River Road

**Date:** Thursday, May 5

**Time:** 5 to 7 p.m.

**Cost:** $20

**Registration:** Begins April 21

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Carol Igo

Retirement has given Carol Igo the opportunity to pursue her passion: the welfare of little children. The appalling abuse of children led her to forming a partnership between her church (Maple Grove United Methodist) and the Center for Family Safety and Healing, which is affiliated with Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Carol started her career at The Ohio State University as an administrative assistant/office manager in the Department of Art, which she found fascinating. When there was a mass reduction of personnel in that college she moved to Internal Audits and was amazed at the internal workings of the University. She found both positions rewarding and she worked with fine individuals.

Since retirement eighteen years ago, Carol has been active in her church, particularly the choir, Stephen Ministry, and the drama group, which provides funds for the church and its missions. In the back of her mind, she had always known she wanted to do something for children, thus her involvement with the Center for Family Safety and Hearing. The Center works with families and caregivers of children who have been abused physically and emotionally. Attempts are made to identify the cause of the abuse (often unemployment, poverty, or even the abusive experiences of the abusers themselves). Education and counseling are among their services. At the time of this interview she was involved with the Abused Children’s Outreach Ministry’s (ACOM) annual collection of new toys and books which are given to each child after assessment to provide some comfort in their plight.

Carol took some trips with OSURA when she first retired and is especially interested in them, but has little time to participate in recent years.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Sue Opeka

“The Ohio State University was a great institution for which to work,” says Susan Opeka. She had an awesome job, wonderful time, and encouraging and supportive mentors. And she appreciates OSURA’s looking out for the welfare of the University’s retirees, as well.

Sue had two terms of service at The Ohio State University, with an interlude at Denison University. While studying for her license to teach in Ohio (she had been a high school English teacher in Pennsylvania for many years), she learned of and accepted a position as a Reading and Study Skills Counselor at OSU. For a short time she taught on the Newark campus, which was closer to home; there she also worked with the Central Ohio Technical College. After the Denison experience, Sue returned to the Newark campus of Ohio State as a Learning Skills Specialist providing in-class lectures and one-on-one counseling with students, helping them to understand their own learning styles and develop their skills in studying and testing. She retired in 2008. Throughout her career she taught classes, lectured, and counseled a wide variety of students – including those for whom English was a second language, Ph.D. candidates, first-generation college students, football players (whose coaches remained outside the classroom to be sure the students stayed in!), and nursing and radiology students.

Prior to leaving Ohio, Sue and her husband, Jim, traveled a lot to scope out places to spend their retirement years. They chose Arizona. She was the primary caregiver for her mother who died in September, and now Sue has time to embrace “this thing called ‘retirement’” Jim “failed retirement” and took a part-time job in a golf course shop. She loves to read and to learn. She is a “forever student,” recently finishing classes about the building of the transcontinental railroad, and Chinese culture and religions. She hikes, backpacks, travels, and “grandparents” to the max. Sue says they don’t let the moss grow under their feet.

Living so far from Columbus, they can’t feel the strength of the relationship with OSURA, but are very supportive of the organization. Retirees who live far away can’t have a presence in its activities, but Sue says this organization provides them with a voice in their welfare.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Rita Javorina

The best advice Rita Javorina can give to people planning to retire would be to “keep busy,” don’t isolate yourself, stay positive, help others and keep moving. After retiring from Otorhinolaryngology (Head and Neck) in the Clinic Building and Outpatient Rehabilitation at the Martha Morehouse Plaza she has done that. She has been busy helping family members as a caregiver. Her sister has cancer and she has been involved in her care and recovery. She participates in The James Care for Life programs with her. Her brother recently passed away from cancer. She would like to thank all the James doctors and nurses for their care, kindness and support.

Other activities she enjoys are family dinners (she has 4 sisters and 2 brothers), gardening (favorite flower is the aster) and birdwatching, swimming and water aerobics.
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