Dance Department Celebration

By Nancy Wardwell

On May 30, 2015 The Ohio State Department of Dance presented a huge celebration for its nearly 50 years of being one of the premiere dance programs in the United States and for honoring the 100th birthday of its founder, Chair, and guiding light, Helen P. Alkire.

Dance at OSU had its beginnings in education – Physical Education – but in 1968 Helen recognized that the future of dance lay in performance and moved it to the Arts, where it has flourished and has become recognized as a legitimate area of study in the curriculum of performing and visual arts.

OSU Dance offers the BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts), the MFA, and is one of only four PhD programs in Dance Studies offered in the United States. The Dance Department is in the forefront of contemporary modern dance through choreographic and performance exploration, creative use of technologies, and reimagining the documentation of dance traditions.

Labanotation charts movement much as the musical staff charts sound. Originating from the work of Rudolf Laban, it has been developed and expanded at Ohio State. OSURA Member Odette Blum has been called a “queen of notation” in the department centered on dance documentation and Labanotation. Using the charts, a dancer in Ohio – or anywhere in the world – can reconstruct the most recently devised routine as well as historically classic productions.

Ann Lilly, an OSURA Life member, was a longtime administrator in Helen Alkire in her early career.

Dance and served as Assistant Dean in Arts. What Helen conceived, Ann found the time, space, and funding.

With dance degrees in hand, many generations of dancers have made indelible imprints on the art form – as choreographers, dancers, writers, historians, notators, educators, and administrators. They, and their works, have been associated with names like Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey, Jose Limon, Merce Cunningham, Paul Taylor and others. Alumni like John Giffin, Michael Kelly Bruce, Dianne McIntyre, Sharon Kinney, Senta Driver, Bebe Miller, and Lynn Dally and many more have contributed mightily in modern dance composition and choreographers.

The Ohio State Department of Dance is a hidden gem no more. In their newly-renovated home in Sullivant Hall they enjoy seven studio laboratories and the Barnett Theater where they continue to deliver the premier program foreseen by Helen Alkire back in the 1960s.
FROM: The President

Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

This is my last President’s letter. Jerry Newsom will provide his President’s Letter from August on. You will all see and hear what the OSURA Executive Board and your numerous committees have accomplished during the 2014-2015 year at the Annual Business Meeting/Conference on September 16th. Thanks to all who voted for the new officers in May. The new VP/P-elect is Shirley McCoy.

I conclude with a brief review of Ohio geology in terms of a 250 mile, NW to SE, road trip from Van Wert through Columbus to Belpre, which spans 250 million years of geologic time. 250 million years in 250 miles – you can’t do that everywhere. At Van Wert we are on Ordovician limestones and limy shales, 500-435 million old. The stratigraphic section in Ohio dips gently at one degree from NW to the SE, younger layers in sequence above older layers, older sediments getting deeper and deeper below the surface heading down dip. Fossils are plentiful throughout and evolving steadily though time. When reaching I-270 we will have passed over Silurian limestones and shales (435-410 million years old) and reached Devonian limestones and dolomites (410-355 million years old). These are very obvious along the Scioto River. East of the Olentangy River, limestones are replaced by shales of Devonian age starting with the grey Olentangy Shale and then shales of Mississippian age like the yellow-brown Ohio Shale. Brown and reddish-brown sandstones and shales of Mississippian and Pennsylvanian age persist SE past Athens and are then covered by reddish-brown sandstones of Permian age (295-250 million years old) near Belpre and the Ohio River. (The Ohio Geological Survey is located in Fountain Square off Morse Road and provides copies of the colorful Geologic Map of Ohio.)

And just for trivia, the first three wells to produce oil in the USA were drilled in Noble County, OH. “Technically,” they were drilled early in the 19th Century for salt. (Darn that oil.) The first well “technically” drilled for oil was a bit later in 1859 by Col. Drake in PA.

Sincerely,

Hallan C. Noltimier
President, OSURA Executive Board
Welcome New Retirees

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Department/Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>John W. Anderson</td>
<td>Animal Sciences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Victor L. Aranda</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michelle E. Barden</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ronald Biasi</td>
<td>University Hospital East</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terri L. Booth</td>
<td>Ross Heart Hospital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chester J. Bowling</td>
<td>Extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James W. Bruney</td>
<td>James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheila J. Callicoat</td>
<td>Extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert C. Carruth</td>
<td>Facilities Operations and Development Utilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maureen H. Donovan</td>
<td>University Libraries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert E. Felty</td>
<td>Facilities Operations and Development Utilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheryl L. Finley</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephen R. Gatsch</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Faina Geyfman</td>
<td>University Hospital East</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doris R. Gladstone</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edwin J. Harris</td>
<td>Facilities Operations and Development Utilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kathy L. Harvey</td>
<td>Specialty Care Network</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert P. Howard</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tim W. Jacks</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gregory R. Johns</td>
<td>OARDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Melissa G. Knox</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheila M. Lienhart</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Silas E. Marcum</td>
<td>Office of Student Life Dining Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nancy J. Marzella</td>
<td>Office of the Senior Vice President for University Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burdge P. McLean</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anne J. Moffat</td>
<td>OSURF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rosa A. Patrick</td>
<td>Office of Student Life Dining Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phyllis A. Peterman</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deborah L. Pintz</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barbara M. Plummer</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terrence N. Reeves</td>
<td>Distance Education and eLearning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roberto G. Rojas-Teran</td>
<td>Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel E. Sing</td>
<td>Wexner Medical Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hilary A. Soller</td>
<td>Division of General Practice and Materials Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Juan F. Sotos</td>
<td>Pediatrics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna M. Stephenson</td>
<td>OSURF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brian M. Sugerman</td>
<td>Horticultural &amp; Crop Sciences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jane H. Whitman</td>
<td>James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carl E. Williamson</td>
<td>Transportation &amp; Traffic Management</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

Celebrate the Office of Volunteer Relations’ First Anniversary!

The Office of Volunteer Relations invites you to celebrate a highly successful first year. We couldn’t have done it without you!

For those who have not had the opportunity to work with us, please come and learn how we can be a resource for your future programs.

Join us for a free lunch, ice cream, games, giveaways and more! All are welcome. Please feel free to share this message.

Wednesday, July 8, 2015
11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Welcome at noon
Longaberger Alumni House Pavilion
2200 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Register: This is a free event. Register online, call 800-762-5646 or email customerservice@ohiostatealumni.org by July 2.
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

July 1 (Wednesday)
Cultural Arts Committee
**Time/Place:** 11:30 a.m., Upper Arlington Library, Room A

July
Benefits Committee
No meeting this month – will meet again August 4

July
Board Meeting
No meeting this month – will meet again August 11

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

July 22 (Wednesday)
Bridge Group
Join us; new members always welcomed. 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:** Sherry Detillian (Bridge Group SIG)

July,
Tertulia Breakfast

No gathering this month – see you again August 25.

**Arranger:** Sally Morgan (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

July,
August, September
Lunch Bunch

No event until Thursday, October 15 when we start another year of lunch, good fellowship, and informative presentations.

**Arranger:** Elenore R. Zeller (Social Committee)

July,
August
Photo Society

No meeting until Thursday, September 10th.

**Arranger:** Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

July,
August
Walking/Hiking Group

No planned group walk until September. This gives you time to explore other places on your own. Hit the beach, woods, and trails of summer... but don’t forget the sunscreen.

**Arranger:** Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

July,
August
Book Club

With next year’s books chosen, the Book Club is on summer hiatus until September 9th. At that time we will be discussing Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman, by Robert L. O’Connell. Sherman was so much more than the general of the history books!

**Arranger:** Lee Hill (Book Club SIG)

June,
July,
August
Dinner Series

No event until we reconvene on September 24 for another year of great programs.

**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 14 (Tuesday)
Roscoe Village and Humrickhouse Museum Tour
(Coshocton, OH)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Meet by: 8:15 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: 5:30 p.m.
Cost: $64

*Registration/Refund Deadline:* June 10-check with the arranger if space is still available.

**Arranger:** Rai Goerler: goerler.1@osu.edu (Cultural Arts Committee)

July 24 (Friday)
Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island
(Lake Erie and Gibraltar Island)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us on a Lake Erie Science Field Trip on Gibraltar Island. We’ll visit the Aquatic Visitor’s Center, take a walking tour, the Science cruise, and lunch in the dining hall.

One of summer’s best events is the Picnic at Antrum Park. The Folk Ramblers were the very special entertainment.

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.
Meet by: 6:30 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Rd.
Return: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $93; includes motor coach transportation, ferry ride, tours, boat cruise, lunch and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: July 17
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Pat James (Travel Committee)

August 12 (Wednesday)
A “New Side” of the Amish Country
(Holmes County)
Challenge Level 1
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
A guided tour of the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center; shop downtown Berlin with lunch on your own; tour of Heiní’s wine and cheese; tour David Warther Carvings Museum ending with a formal dinner catered by an Amish Family.
Meet by: 8:30 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $73.50; includes motor coach transportation, tour tickets, dinner, snacks and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: August 7
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

August 27-31
(Thursday-Monday)
Stratford Festival
(Ontario, Canada)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Meet by: 7:45 a.m., Thursday, August 27, back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: approximately 4 p.m. Monday, August 31
Payment Deadline: June 25-check with the arrangers if space is still available
Arrangers: Odette Blum: blum.1@osu.edu and Alan Woods: wotan1942@gmail.com (Cultural Arts Committee)

September 10 (Thursday)
Tour of National Museum of the Great Lakes
(Toledo, OH)
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Experience the history of the Great Lakes by touring this new museum with a docent. See 40 interactive exhibits, 300 artifacts, informative videos and board a freighter restored from 1911 (www.inlandseas.org). Lunch is at Tony Packo’s, made famous by Corporal Klinger on the M*A*S*H TV show.
Meet by: 7 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Rd.
Return: 6:45 p.m.
Cost: $69; includes motor coach transportation, lunch, admissions, snacks and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: August 5
Arrangers: Bill Studer and Raí Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

September 16 (Wednesday)
2015 Annual Fall Conference
(Fawcett Center)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration material is being mailed to members.
Time/Place: 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Fawcett Event Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road
Cost: $25 members, $30 non-members; includes continental breakfast and lunch
Registration Deadline: September 1
Arranger: Rachael Turner (Benefits Committee)

OSURA Spotlight

host the annual Christmas potluck luncheon with entertainment. January through May we host a monthly lunch and end the season with a potluck picnic in June. The lunches are always held the third Thursday of the month at MCL Cafeteria in Kingsdale Shopping Center at 11:30 a.m.
The Social Committee consist of Elene Zeller, Chairman, Phyllis Carroll, Vice-Chairman plus eight other supportive OSURA volunteers who are dedicated to providing programs that are interesting, educational, exciting, informative and above all entertaining. Our goal is to bring a little more joy and happiness into all of our lives and to promote good fellowship. We welcome any suggestions or ideas you might have so please feel free to contact any member of the committee at any time.
We are extending an invitation to everyone to join us. Contact the OSURA Office to make reservations. We look forward to seeing you.
“Life is a constant flow of events. However, success is not determined by the events you experience. Success is determined by how you choose to manage the response.”

Our 2015 Keynote speaker, Tim Kight, founder and President of Focus 3, will speak about facing challenges and successfully meeting the challenges. Tim combines a unique background of research and practical experience to bring compelling insights to the real world challenges we face. He attended OSU, received an undergraduate degree from UCLA, and a graduate degree from Princeton.

The positive power of his presentation will provide education, motivation and application. This was evident in the inspiring work he did with the OSU football team this past season.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Doug Clay

I began my career with Ohio State in the summer of 1972. I had worked in the public sector for several years with a short interruption by Uncle Sam and a stint in the U.S. Army Reserves. My entry job was in Personnel Services where I eventually became Manager of Compensation Services. In 1974 I became Senior Accountant in the Accounting Department working for Tom Ridenour, who you know was the Treasurer of OSURA for many years. In 1976 I became manager of the Accounts Payable Department. In 1978 I took the position of Business Manager for the Athletic Department. I actually took the position to continue to build my resume. It was my career goal to become Vice President of Business for the University. Little did I realize how challenging this new position would be. I would quickly learn becoming the CFO of the largest athletic department in the country would make my goal of becoming a University VP passé. Each day trying to learn the ins and outs of 36 varsity sports and their respective coaches, along with Big 10 and NCAA rules and regulations, would provide me with a daily plateful of ups and downs. I can truly say the ups outweighed the downs. I retired from the Athletic Department in the summer of 2001 with 30 years of service (counting military) to the University. Like every one of the many university friends I have made over the years, we all reflect fondly on our years of service. I can honestly say that the most challenging period was in the early 1980’s as we were converting from a manual system to a computer system.

I am grateful for organizations like PERI and OSURA and the good work that hundreds of volunteers do for retirees like me. Although I do not actively participate in either group, I look forward each month to their newsletters to see what good work they are doing and the activities they have planned. By no means should my lack of participation be interpreted that there is not an opportunity for other retirees to participate. My life is just too full of children, grandchildren, travel, golf, tennis and reading to add another activity.

Since my retirement my wife and I travel and winter in Florida. We are regulars at football, basketball, and baseball games. Now that I do not have any game management responsibilities the games are really a nice entertainment activity. I am very appreciative of the many volunteer hours that are given to keep OSURA alive and well. I look forward to reading about their activities for many years to come and perhaps make an appearance sometime in the future.

In Memoriam

Mark Alan Bennett
June 7 | Horticulture and Crop Science, 60

Sara Bell Butcher
June 11 | Wexner Medical Center, 80

Betty Marie Chesbrough
May 20 | 89

Daniel L. Cowdrey
May 25 | Agricultural Education and OSURA, 80

Wilma J. Franklin
May 15 | 80

Lou Ella Hance
May 24 | 86

Fred O. Hartman
May 21 | Horticulture Pomology, 99

Derek Horton
June 5 | Chemistry and Biochemistry, 82

Eleanor R. Kersh
May 18 | OSU Extension, 90

Frank Norman Marlor
March 22 | OSURA, 70

Richard C. (Dick) McNutt
June 8 | OSU Extension, 79

Wilma K. Meckstroth
June 11 | Chemistry and Biochemistry, 86

Victoria Louise (Vickie) Partyka
June 8 | Wexner Medical Center, 79

Myra G. Philpott
May 15 | OSU Extension, 95

Johnny Raymond Royal
June 12 | Chemistry, 83

Stephen Andrew Snapp
May 21 | Athletics, 69

Jonnie Darlene Wilson
May 18 | Office of the Controller, 64
Arts & Crafts EXHIBIT 2015

The 24th Annual Staff Arts and Crafts Exhibit is pleased to invite Ohio State retirees to display their self-created arts or crafts during this year’s show. The exhibit runs August 20 – September 24 in Bricker Hall, 190 N. Oval Mall. Ten spaces will be held for retirees, on a first come, first-served basis, as long as entry requirements are met. Intake dates are August 12 – 14 in 105 Bricker Hall, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Requirements for the arts and crafts are online at http://hr.osu.edu/special/artscrafts.

To reserve your place in the show, contact Diana Lantz at 292-2916.