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*Hoernemann Refectory got a new look this summer. The newly renovated facility opened this week to feed the Show Choir Camps of America participants.*

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## Academic Affairs organization changes; 2 new deans named ...

Dr. David Weininger has announced several changes in the organization of the Academic Affairs Division.

Dr. Vicki Ohl will assume the position of associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. G. Michael Pratt will assume the position of associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Graduate and Professional Studies. This two-dean structure replaces the division structure Academic Affairs has used the last two years. Thus, the positions of associate VP for Academic Support and associate VP of Adult Programs will be eliminated.

While not a part of the reorganization, Vicki will serve as the acting associate dean of the Honors Program while Dr. Jan Younger is on sabbatical this year, and Dr. Daryl Close will serve as the acting faculty coordinator for the Honors Program, with administrative assistance from Dr. Kate Bradie.

## ... and Academic Success Center to be up and running by fall

In addition to the changes in Academic Affairs, Dave announced that Dr. Ellen Nagy will assume new responsibilities as the director of the Academic Success Center. Bill Miller will also become part of the ASC staff, serving as the Student Success coordinator. The center will be fully operational by the start of the fall semester and is progressing nicely, according to Dave.

The ASC will permit the college to facilitate academic success defined as students reaching



their academic potential by centralizing academic support services and educational enrichment resources for all students. The ASC is a nexus of student services and support designed to promote academic innovation and success. It will combine and centralize the activities of offices directly concerned with academic success: The Learning Center (including Disability Services), First-Year Experience and Career Development.

The center will provide individual learning strategy instruction, ongoing support and referral services for students seeking to improve their learning skills, develop, support and help implement college-wide learning initiatives, especially in the areas of retention, at-risk student populations and students on probation. Additionally, it will conduct outreach efforts to enhance the learning environment, including student workshops, Residence Life presentations, staff information sessions and presentations for the community. Other goals include improving communication between academics, athletics and Student Affairs concerning at-risk students and serving as a centralized conduit for communication regarding students experiencing problems.

Additionally, the center will provide the college with a facility and program for academic support, academic enrichment and faculty and staff development. One important service the center will provide is a centralized destination for questions and reports concerning students who are at risk academically. Faculty and staff will be able to simply contact the center, and the staff there will route their questions or concerns to the appropriate people on campus.

## College gets two grants

### OFIC Minority Recruitment grant partner 'Berg, Fremont schools

Heidelberg, the Fremont City Schools and the African American College Club/ACE are collaborating on a new program that will provide greater access and affordability to minority students seeking higher education opportunities.

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges has awarded Heidelberg a \$15,000 grant to implement the new program that will draw in minority students, assist them with academic preparation, expose them to college campuses and provide mentoring, social and cultural activities, information on financial aid and admissions and a peer-buddy program.

“Heidelberg College has been challenged to increase minority student recruitment, and the demographics in Fremont suggest a population of students who stand to benefit from this new program. This seemed like a natural pairing,” said Thanda Maceo, a co-author of the grant along with Gayle Jackson of Fremont, founder and director of ACE, and Fremont Superintendent Traci McCaudy.

While the grant will fund programs that will create a more diverse learning environment at Heidelberg, it also will provide focused opportunities to a growing number of minority high school graduates, Thanda said. Educational outreach – stretching across the state – also will be an integral part of the program.

“Through this program, we hope to significantly increase our new first-time minority student enrollment over the next five years. Our goal is to increase black and Hispanic enrollment from 6 percent to 12 percent, which is the state level,” he said.

And when minority students are enrolled at Heidelberg, the college is committed to retaining them to graduation. A Student Success Initiative that is taking shape, along with Heidelberg’s START program that provides academic assistance to first-year students in need, is



designed help narrow the gap in graduation rate between minority and all students.

In addition to targeting students from Fremont City Schools and surrounding areas, Heidelberg will include in its recruitment strategy visits to Ohio's TRIO Summer Bridge sites, which are educational opportunity outreach programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Presentations to the Summer Bridge students will underscore the importance of obtaining a college degree and provide instruction about how to go to college.

"This initiative will expand our reach to literally hundreds of under-represented and minority students throughout Ohio," Thanda said.

A peer-buddy program that would pair a current Heidelberg student with each incoming freshman would help the new students acclimate to college life, and ultimately improve retention. The program also would include an academically focused summer residential program of several days for high school juniors on Heidelberg's campus.

### ***NPS grant provides for Michigan battlefield study***

The National Park Service has awarded a \$21,500 grant to Heidelberg's Center for Historic and Military Archaeology through its Battlefield Protection Program.

Under the direction of Dr. Mike Pratt, the grant provides funding to document the areas of the River Raisin battlefield currently outside the defined National Register of Historic Places in Michigan. The project also will create detailed GIS maps, assess the potential of archaeological resources and identify and evaluate threats to these resources. Public meetings will be held to discuss the significance of the newly identified battlefield areas and preservation issues.

The grant is one of 19 awarded through the Battlefield Protection Program. On Jan. 22, 1813, British and American forces attacked the Americans at Frenchtown along the River Raisin in what was one of the worst American defeats of the War of 1812. The massacre of prisoners and wounded soldiers after the surrender inspired the rallying cry "Remember the River Raisin."

### **Staff members brush up on emergency preparedness**

Administrators and staff members Dr. Steve Storck, Rod Morrison, Kerry Jones, Dustin Brentlinger and Dr. Jim Troha recently attended an Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio-sponsored emergency preparedness program at Baldwin-Wallace College.

The group participated in a "tabletop" training exercise that allowed them to experience a mock campus emergency situation using the college's emergency response plan. Jim reports that the exercise allowed the group to examine the effectiveness of Heidelberg's plan and look at ways it can be improved.

"The good news is that our plan is well constructed and appropriate to a wide variety of emergency situations," Jim said. He added that the group identified "a few minor holes" in the plan, which was the intent of the tabletop exercise. Those areas of need are currently being addressed.

About 12 schools participated in the daylong program.

### **HIGH-ACHIEVING ALUMS**

Nick Omiccioli, '06, is the recipient of The Society for New Music's Brian Israel Prize for young music composers. The competition is for residents of New York who are 30 or younger and whose music has not previously been performed by the society. Nick received \$500 and a performance on the 2007-08 season. He is a graduate student in composition at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he studies with Chen Yi, Zhou Long and others.



## ANNUAL REPORTING

During commencement weekend, Board Chair Sondra Libman presented highlights of the 2006-07 academic year. With each issue of *Nota Bene*, we feature a section of her report.

This issue: Academic Excellence

Two graduate programs – the Master's in Music Education and the Master of Arts in Teaching with Licensure – have been submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents for approval. The college is awaiting approval from Tianjin Normal University for China's approval of the MBA-China program, which has been approved by the regional accreditation body, North Central Association.

An Honors-to-Honors articulation agreement with Miami-Dade College in Florida was signed in March.

Forensic science and biochemistry majors have been initiated and await faculty approval.

Dr. Gary Winston, a renowned scientist and administrator, was hired as the director of the National Center for Water Quality Research.

The college developed a method for issuing CEUs to the International Fellowship of Chaplains as part of their first responder courses to be taught at Heidelberg.

Also developed was a SummerBerg program for middle school and high school students from around the country who want to experience life on a college campus.

Finally, the college archives have been substantially improved – both the physical space and organization – and the class of '60 will be providing an endowment for their continued upkeep.

## BEEGHLY NEWS BITS

A few of Heidelberg's acquisitions for June are listed below. Click on <http://opal-libraries.org/search/ftlist> and then click on Heidelberg's list.

- *Ludwig van Beethoven* [video recording]. **ComDisc .B415 no.19** (one of several composers received with a DVD and 2-compact discs in each set)
- *Is Iraq another Vietnam?* By Robert K. Brigham. **DS 79.76 .B74 2006**
- *I is for Infidel: From Holy War to Holy Terror: 18 Years Inside Afghanistan* by Kathy Gannon. **DS 371.2 .G36 2005**
- *Cowboy Capitalism: European Myths, American Reality* by Olaf Gersemann. **HC 103 .G47 2004**
- *The Age of Fallibility: The Consequences of the War on Terror* by George Soros. **HN 65 .S58 2006**
- *Understanding and Managing Children's Classroom Behavior: Creating Sustainable, Resilient Classrooms*, edited by Sam Goldstein, Robert B. Brooks. **LB 3013 .G63 2007**
- *Why Aren't More Women in Science? Top Researchers Debate the Evidence*, edited by Stephen J. Ceci and Wendy M. Williams. **Q 130 .W49 2007**
- *Schirmer Encyclopedia of Film*, Barry Keith Grant, editor in chief. **REF PN 1993.45 .G65 2007 v.1-4**
- *Charles Dickens* Collection [video recording], a BBC-TV Production in association with WGBH. **Video PR 4550 .C53 2005 v.1-6** (2 sets of collections of Charles Dickens.)
- *Grace Under Fire: Letters of Faith in Times of War*, edited by Andrew Carroll. **BESSE E 181 .G73 2007**



## PRESIDENT on the GO

Although it seems like a distant memory, President Dottavio was very active during Alumni Weekend festivities. By the end of the weekend, he needed a vacation! During Alumni Weekend, he attended the Heritage Society dinner for alumni who have remembered the college in their estate plans. Continuing on Friday, he ate lunch with Medallion Club members who were celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation and made a presentation to each class member. In the evening, he was able to shed his tie and join in the picnic dinner and performance by the Mystics. On Saturday, he was the featured speaker at a Q&A session titled Breakfast with the President. He spoke briefly at the Alumni College session by Bob and Dorothy Berg about the Archives and then moved on to a special ceremony, the Bryenton Center dedication of the Honors House. He participated in the Parade of Classes, gave the keynote address during the alumni luncheon, attended the Class of '57 gift dedication ceremony and visited many class dinners, ending with the Class of '57. On Sunday, he attended the Chairman's Leadership Breakfast and presided at the dedication of the Janet S. Dicke Gardens and luncheon.

And that was just one weekend! Other events on campus and at the president's home kept him hopping. He attended the campus coffee hour and a wrap-up of Alumni Weekend. He visited with prospective students and their families during an Admission Summer Preview Day and attended a presentation by marketing consultant Dr. Jeff Pappa of Carnegie Communications. He also welcomed the Meshech Frost Foundation members to campus and attended an ARAMARK fundraiser.

At separate events, the president and Mrs. Dottavio hosted incoming students and their families for a picnic as part of the first New Student Orientation session, members of the

Krammes staff at a breakfast to thank them for their service to the college and prospective donors at a lunch. Along with Dr. Leanne Wolff, he visited '39 alumna Lucy Ann Fleet Emerson.

Off campus, he attended a meeting of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreation & Resources Commission. He attended a Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting and participated in the chamber's golf outing. He also chaired a Leadership Ohio committee meeting and attended a Leadership Seneca County board meeting. Finally, the president spoke with President Richard Berman about the Seeds of Peace program and attended a presentation on the Mercy Hospital master plan.

## PURSUIITS

Dr. **Daniel Schuetz** (music) has had a busy summer on the performance and audition circuit. He has been invited to audition for the Columbus Opera, the Pittsburgh Opera Theatre, the Pittsburgh Opera and the Baroque Band of Chicago.

On June 22, Daniel was in Urbana, Ill., to perform with pianist Eric Dalheim, who plays for American tenor Jerry Hadley, and Tony-nominated cellist Barbara Hedlund. Next week, he will be the featured recitalist at the Ann Arbor Festival of Song at Kerrytown Concert House, where William Bolcom recorded his famous *Cabaret Songs*. This fall, he will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will sing with an early music ensemble, Monteverdi's *Mass for Four Voices*, the *Madrigali Guerrerri* and selections from the opera *L'incoronazione di Poppea*.

Drs. **Daniel Cruikshanks** (graduate counseling) and **Esther Strahan** (psychology) taught a combined graduate/undergraduate course at Oxford University in June. A total of eight students, including five graduate students, attended the course, titled *A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Mental Health Care Systems*.

Additionally, Daniel has contributed a chapter titled *Decisions, Decisions: To Die or Live with HIV*, to the book *Case Studies in Suicide*, edited



by Paul Granello, which is due to be released this month.

**Margo Greicar, Jeffery Huston, Karen Keenan** and **Laura Kunkle** (Athletic Training) attended the National Athletic Trainers' Association clinical symposium and annual conference June 25-29 in Anaheim, Calif.

Dr. **G. Michael Pratt** (anthropology, Academic Affairs) led a bus tour titled *Travel through History* for the class of Leadership Maumee on May 24. The tour started at the Arrowhead campus and made stops at the Fallen Timbers battlefield site and memorial park, Fort Miamis, Wolcott House and Fort Meigs.

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