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This has been another very good year for the Lima Campus. Enrollment is up, new programs are being initiated and students report strong satisfaction with our faculty and staff.

In the midst of all of our exciting activity, we were shocked and saddened by the death of Julie E. West. Julie was a sophomore majoring in Natural Resources/Environmental Sciences.

While on the Honors Biology trip to the Everglades, she was struck by a motor vehicle and died. We will miss Julie's vibrant presence and enthusiasm on campus. Our hearts go out to her family and friends. As a lasting memorial, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution expressing grief at the loss of a young and promising

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**Dr. Violet Meek**

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## Children's Theatre takes the show on the road in 'Carnival of the Animals'



The young participants in the Fifth Children's Theatre Workshops danced, fluttered and lumbered their ways through the "Carnival of the Animals" at the Lima Symphony Orchestra's *Zoomphony* to the delight of the audience. They also cradled puppies from the Lima-Allen County Humane Society, sidled up to a snake from the Toledo Zoo and marveled at a pair of turkeys who found their way onto the *Zoomphony* stage.

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Issues 1 & 2 fail at the polls

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Financial Aid director heads toward retirement



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## What now?

The school funding issue goes back to the courts after Ohio voters say 'no' to Issue 2 at the polls.

The school funding puzzle is back in the lap of the courts.

Ohio voters trounced state Issue 2 by a margin of nearly 80 percent to 20 percent when they went to the polls May 5.

The proposed penny-a-dollar increase in the state sales tax for schools and property-tax relief was part of the legislature's answer to a 1997 Ohio Supreme Court ruling ordering a complete and systematic overhaul of Ohio's school funding system. Voters also rejected Issue 1, which would have amended Ohio's constitution to allow the state to receive a lower interest rate on construction bonds and saved millions of dollars on new buildings.

"I am particularly disappointed that Issue 1 failed. That would have saved the state and this campus many dollars in construction bonds. That is important on the Lima campus as all of our new building projects proceed. I am afraid Issue 1 just got caught in the disagreements about Issue 2," said Violet I. Meek, dean and director at Ohio State Lima.

After strongly supporting both Issues 1 and 2, university officials said they were disappointed by the defeat.

"We are disappointed with the failure of State Issue 2, but we at Ohio State University remain

### Issue 2 at the polls

The unofficial results of primary voting on May 5, 1998, show Issue 2 was soundly defeated in the 10-county region served by Ohio State Lima. Statewide, 380,886 voters said yes to the issue and 1,514,661 voters said no.

County	Yes	No
Allen	15.7%	84.3%
Auglaize	15.4	84.6
Hancock	17.6	82.4
Hardin	13.1	86.9
Logan	18.0	82.0
Mercer	11.2	88.8
Paulding	13.6	86.4
Putnam	12.6	87.4
Shelby	14.9	85.1
Van Wert	20.4	79.6
Statewide	20.1	79.9

Source: Secretary of State Bob Taft home page

committed to working with our state's leaders in seeking a constructive solution that supports all levels of education. A quality education system is essential for the future prosperity of Ohio," said Richard Sisson, interim president of The Ohio State University.

Despite assurances from lawmakers, many at the University have questions about the financial future. Funds from Issue 2 would have financed already legislated funding levels for K-12 public schools. That money must now come from somewhere else.

"I am sure that the parents and grandparents and employers of Ohio care about the quality of education and the quality of the workforce of the future. I believe they were also saying that they wanted to be sure that dollars invested in

education would have real and measurable results. The results from higher education have been clear. Certainly Ohio State has been a great engine for economic growth. We need to be sure that as we solve problems for K-12 funding we do not diminish the opportunities for the state's college and university students," said Violet I. Meek, Dean and Director of Ohio State Lima.

After an extended period of economic prosperity, Ohio is currently carrying nearly a billion dollars in a rainy day fund.

The legislature is now in a wait and see mode, according to a state representative. "Now it's time to let the courts decide how close we are," said John R. Willamowski, R-1<sup>st</sup> district.

The justices probably will not make a decision in the matter until at least 1999.

## Retirement awaits Weaver

Director of Financial Aid Gary Weaver has outlasted four university presidents. He's seen them all go, from Novice G. Fawcett to E. Gordon Gee. Now it's his turn.

Weaver plans to retire the last week of April, 28 years after arriving at the Ohio State Lima campus.

"I'm just going to get up when I want to and do what I want to," Weaver said. "I may be bored in three weeks with that, but I don't know."

Since starting at the campus in 1970, Weaver has worn many hats for both Ohio State and Lima Technical College. Athletics, student activities, parking, security, safety, physical plant and financial aid have all fallen to him at some point.

These days, Weaver concentrates on financial aid. The percentage of students using financial aid has grown considerably since he started, Weaver said. And, the amount of money the office deals with has



Pamela Joseph photo

Jim Maxwell (left), president of UAW Local No. 1219, presents a plaque of appreciation to Gary Weaver.

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### Ohio State awaits President Kirwan

The Ohio State University at Lima joins the Columbus and other regional campuses in welcoming the new president of The Ohio State University, Dr. William E. Kirwan.

"Dr. Kirwan has made great strides in the University of Maryland system," said Dean and Director Violet I. Meek. "We look forward to great things to come and are sure the momentum the regional campuses have developed will continue under his administration."

Dr. Kirwan has been the president of The University of Maryland, College Park, since 1989. He started at the university as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1964 and subsequently served as associate professor, professor, chair of the Department of Mathematics and vice chancellor for academic affairs.



Kirwan

### OSU dean to speak at convocation

Kermit A. Hall will be the speaker for The Ohio State University at Lima's convocation Sunday, June 7. In 1994, Hall was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the 5-member

John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board, which is charged with supervising the release of documents connected with the investigation of the death of President Kennedy.

Hall is the dean of the College of Humanities and the executive dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A professor of history and law, Hall is a former Fulbright Scholar to Finland.

Hall is the author of several books on the history of law, the courts, and public life. He was the editor-in-chief of *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court*, a critically acclaimed reference work.

Hall

### Bob Greene to address spring grads

COLUMBUS - Commencement exercises for spring quarter graduates of The Ohio State University will be held June 12 in Ohio Stadium. Some 5,300 degrees will be awarded in the ceremonies, which begin at 9:30 a.m.

The commencement speaker will be Bob Greene, syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune. Greene, who grew up in the Columbus suburb of Bexley, has frequently written about his hometown, including the book *Be True to your School*, a reminiscent look at his teen years. He has written 17 books, including the national best seller *Hang Time: Days and Dreams* with Michael Jordan and his latest, *Chevrolet Summers, Dairy Queen Nights*.

Greene was the scheduled speaker for the 1997 spring quarter commencement that was canceled because of heavy rain.

A veteran reporter, columnist and broadcast journalist, Greene has been called a "virtuoso of the things that bring journalism alive." He has reported on topics ranging from presidential election campaigns and nationwide rock-and-roll tours to cattle drives in New Mexico and murder cases on the streets of Chicago.

### Andy Geiger speaks to 500 club

Ohio State University Athletic Director Andy Geiger launched the Business Annual Fund 500 Club at a breakfast Wednesday, May 6 in Reed Hall Room 160.

The 500 Club is being developed to help area businesses and entrepreneurs compete, grow and succeed. It will offer new opportunities to apply the dynamic resources and assistance of the university in the workplace. Geiger spoke on Ohio State's commitment to excellence as a university and in sports programs.



Geiger

# Trustees hear reports on compensation, Lima

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, meeting April 3 at the university's Lima campus, heard reports on faculty and staff compensation and activities at Ohio State Lima.

Several Ohio State Lima faculty and administrators reported to the board on the range of academic programs and student activities on the regional campus. Garlene Penn, director of enrollment services for the Lima campus, outlined student activities offered at Ohio State's four regional campuses at Lima, Newark, Marion and Mansfield and at the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. Lima faculty from several disciplines told the board about how research contributes to the classroom, innovative teaching initiatives and the virtual chemistry laboratory on the campus.

Violet I. Meek, dean and director of Ohio State Lima, was joined by faculty and staff in a presentation that highlighted campus programs and events ranging from distance learning and a developing agricultural program to study-abroad opportunities and educational outreach to communities in west-central Ohio. Two former students also told the board about opportunities the campus made available to them.

"I love this institution," said Barb Thompson, who was the first graduate of the Ohio State Lima English program at age 57 in 1993. "I am devoted to it.... Education can take you into any area, any dream, anything you've ever hoped for."

In order to reach Ohio State's academic aspirations, compensation for faculty and



Board Chair Alex Shumate spoke with the media after appearing on the George Dunster show.

staff must remain a high priority in the budget process, Larry Lewellen, acting vice president for human resources, told trustees as part of an annual report on compensation benchmarks.

"We still are competitive with the market, but too many years like fiscal 1998 — where we lagged behind the market — will make it very difficult to attract and retain the best faculty, staff and student workers," Lewellen said.

Ohio State lost ground in fiscal 1998 with just a 3 percent increase while benchmark institutions moved forward aggressively with an average 6 percent increase, he said. For the three previous years, Ohio State had gained momentum with salary pools for raises of 4 percent, 5 percent and 5 percent.

Based on 1997-98 figures, Ohio State's overall average faculty salary is 1 percent below the benchmark average of \$65,170.

Staff salaries for 1997-98 are 1.9 percent below market for managers and administrators, 6.6 percent below for profes-

sional positions, and 9.2 percent below for paraprofessional and technical positions. For clerical and secretarial positions, Ohio State is 2.2 percent above market and 10.4 percent below state government levels.

When benefits are included for a total compensation package comparison, managers and administrators are 1 percent above market, professionals are 3.8 percent below market, and paraprofessional and technical staff are 6.5 percent below market. Clerical and secretarial staff are 5.3 percent above market, and 10.4 percent below state government.

Since 1994, the raise process at Ohio State has been merit-based — dependent on performance, internal equity and market equity.

"For fiscal 1999, our competition appears to be planning raises in the range of 3 percent to 4 percent," Lewellen said. "Current budget projections for Ohio State can deliver a raise that is competitive with that — possibly in the middle of the range."

# Board gives Lynda Passaro Student Recognition Award

Ohio State Lima graduate student Lynda S. Passaro was awarded the Student Recognition Award from the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University to recognize her outstanding service to the university community.

Passaro graduated summa cum laude from The Ohio State University at Lima in March 1997 with a bachelor of science in education. As an undergraduate, she was chosen for the President's Salute to Undergraduate Achievement. She is now pursuing a masters of education at Ohio State Lima.

The board of trustees recognized her for her dedication and service to Ohio's public school system and bettering quality of life of Ohio's young citizens through education. As part of her graduate program, Passaro has gained invaluable comprehensive field experience at Ohio's rural, suburban

and urban schools in Waynesfield, Kenton and Lima. From planning and administering a language arts unit that incorporated drama, art and creative writing to adapting her plans to meet the needs of a particular student, Passaro has complemented her in-class education with practical experiences corresponding to

the university's mission of public service and engagement. Passaro's dedication to service has extended beyond the public school system as an assistant troop leader for the Girl Scouts of America. She also implemented a literature-based unit for children in a low-income housing development.

Other nominees included: Julie C. Beggs of Lima, Tanja Nihiser-Branch of Van Wert, David J. Baldauf of Delphos, James Patton of Elida and Rebecca E. Zell of Bellefontaine.



Lynda Passaro

## Student Julie West will be missed

A sophomore honors student on an Ohio State University field trip was killed in a pedestrian/truck traffic accident on Friday, March 27, 1998, near the Highlands Hammock State Park in Highlands County, Fla.

Julie E. West, 19, of Findlay was participating in The Ohio State University at Lima's Honors Biology field trip to the Everglades. Her major was Natural Resources/Environmental Sciences. West graduated from Findlay Senior High School in June 1996.

"This is a terrible tragedy. Julie was a wonderful and enthusiastic student," said Violet I. Meek, Dean and Director of Ohio State Lima. "Her loss leaves a hole on this campus. We mourn with her parents, family and friends."

Memorial contributions in memory of Julie West can be made to the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council, P.O. Box 956, Lima, Ohio 45806. The council intends to build a playground at Camp Myeerah in Bellefontaine in West's honor.

## DEAN

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### State of the campus

Faculty members at Lima continue to be productive scholars. In academic year 97/98 five books by Lima faculty have been or will be published. Three more are under contract for publication in the 98/99 year. Others whose normal publication mode is articles are also productive.

A major academic effort of the last two years has been to cement relations with the College of Food, Agriculture

and Environmental Sciences. We are the first campus in the state and perhaps in the nation to actually bring the county Extension Office onto the campus. We have received a grant for plantings that will continue our plan to use roughly 200 acres of the campus as a natural resources laboratory.

This year we placed in service a 20-station computer classroom with monitors enclosed in tables, video equipment, and LCD projection. This will provide services to Computer and Information Sciences, statistics, mathematics, English composition, education, and continuing education. The language lab has added new computers, too, with sound and video capabilities to enhance instruction in Spanish and French. More new machines will be installed in July.

The "Student Centered Learning Initiative" funded by the Kellogg Foundation through the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences continues with six Lima Campus faculty directly involved. Trial programs in Mathematics and science have been developed to increase student interaction in the regular classroom.

Faculty use of our Web Site

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continues to increase. Information to students now includes some course syllabi, our master schedule, and information relating to selected campus services including library, computer services, and others.

The state of our curriculum and programs, both new and established, is also very strong.

The undergraduate and graduate programs in Education have increased in enrollment. We expect the total enrollment for this year in the M.Ed. to be 42, an increase of approximately 15 students. The MA program remains strong with approximately 120 students, primarily teachers from our ten-county area schools. Changes in Ohio Education Licensure will probably have a positive effect on enrollment in this program.

The Master of Social Work program has a strong enrollment of 45 students. We are currently developing a proposal for a four-year program in Social Work on all four regional campuses. The preliminary implementation

sites would be the Lima and Mansfield campuses. This would be an extension of the Columbus program offered primarily on evenings and Saturdays. Preliminary surveys indicate substantial need for this program.

Four programs have grown out of our original School-To-Work Grant. More than 1000 children from an eight county area have participated in the WorkPlace program and adult training is in progress. "Building a Community of Learners" focuses on the needs of teen parents in the Lima City Schools and on the parents of Head Start students. "Reaching Out: School-to-Work Opportunities for Young Offenders" blends career development with learning and introduces young offenders to a variety of career options. The Many Hats of Agriculture Mystery Theater exposes third and fourth graders to agribusiness with hands-on art and theater.

Reorganization of the staff has allowed the assignment of a full time Career Services Director, who extends our reach

into the community through internship opportunities, job search advising, graduate school information, career decision-making courses and a host of related services. Twelve students are participating in the new internship program. We expect to double that number by next year.

The Student Satisfaction Inventory was run again in October 1997. Students again ranked Academic Advising, Instructional Effectiveness and Safety/Security as their most important needs with high satisfaction in Instructional Effectiveness, Registration Effectiveness, Campus Climate and Academic Advising as most closely meeting their needs.

We received approval for an adult national honorary chapter and inducted 26 members into the new chapter, Lambda Rho. The Study Circles Resource Center in Connecticut commissioned Ohio State to prepare a facilitator video for national distribution.

Our new Community and Alumni Relations coordinator has been very active. The campus held its first Tailgate event in Columbus with an attendance of more than 100.

Dr. Richard Mallonee became the founding director of the Lima Symphony Chorus.

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# Television tallies interest Psych Club

The Psychology Club on campus has gone Hollywood. Or at least to network television.

Members of the club volunteered to work on a research project for WLIO-TV 35, Lima's NBC-affiliate.

"We were looking for something else we could do with the returned contest forms from our viewers," said Bruce Opperman, president and general manager of WLIO. "They say to look within your own house. We looked within the Lima community and found the psychology group."

The work isn't quite as glitzy as you would imagine. The group had to tabulate 6,000 surveys answering questions about viewer habits. It is a monotonous task involving hours in front of the computer. The students had to dedicate a good deal of time and energy to the project.

"The club members this year seem to be not only very bright but I think all the faculty have been impressed by their willingness to volunteer their time and unselfishly try to help out," said Dr. Joseph P. Green, assistant professor of psychology and faculty supervisor of the project.

Opperman expects to have the final results in hand before the end of the academic quarter.

Green has been pleased with the opportunities the project has offered. The Psych Club has had the chance to delve into the community service aspect of the club and drum up interest in potential members. At the same time, the faculty have been drumming up interest in the students for topics they are studying.

"It's important for the students to see that there are real world applications for statistics and design and methodology," Green said. "A number of these same individuals who are working on this project either are presently or have in the past been working for me or for some of the other faculty on their own personal research," said Green. "They get some hands on research experience and hopefully it inspires them to generate their own research ideas and be able to formulate



Pamela Joseph photo  
Jessica Miller (left) and Tiffini Payne enter survey results in the Psychology Laboratory.

research projects either for a class, an honors thesis or their own kind of interest."

The theory seems to be working. At press time, two psychology students were scheduled to present some of their work at a variety of conferences:

David J. Baldauf will present a paper at the Conference of the Ohio Psychological Association and at the Undergraduate Research Forum. Tanja H. Branch will present a paper at

the Tri-State Psychology Conference in West Virginia and to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research in Maryland. She will present a different paper at the Undergraduate Research Forum.

Participants in the WLIO consultation include Jessica Miller, Judi Crum, Todd Woods, Dan Church, Vickie Sanford, Cassie Wiggs, Tom Jarvis, Tiffini Payne, Andy Zircher and Roo Rasekhy, Psychology Lab Assistant.

## Rizvi opens conference in India

Mathematics Professor S.M. Tariq Rizvi has had a busy year. Not only did his latest book come out at the end of 1997, but he's also been engaged in an activity typically reserved for rock stars - he's been on tour.

Rizvi's latest book, *Advances in Ring Theory*, is now available from Birkhauser. Rizvi edited the volume of invited research papers with S.K. Jain from Ohio University.

Don't expect the volume to show up on the general interest book shelf anytime soon. It's designed to advance the field of mathematics. The work within it provides the framework for research applications in mathematics.

"The job of a pure mathematician is



Dr. Tariq Rizvi (left) talks with the vice chancellor of Aligarh University at the International Conference on Algebra and Its Applications. The conference was held in honor of Rizvi's late father, an algebra professor at the university.

not really to apply math," Rizvi said. "The job of the pure

mathematician is to do research to get ideas to develop new theories, to come up with new results, to prove theorems that no one has ever proven before."

While *Advances in Ring Theory* was coming off the presses, its editor was on a whirlwind tour of conferences and universities in South Korea, Vietnam and India. The one nearest to his heart was at Aligarh University in India. He inaugurated the conference in honor of his father, one of the founders of the algebra department at the university.

"He was really the motivating factor for my interest in mathematics," Rizvi said.

generation of students as well.

"I have a lot of parent seminars talking about financial aid. The students that I had in those days that are now the parents are coming back," he said.

Weaver would like to see the amount of scholarship money increase at least to the point his office could give out some full rides to the students.

"I'd like to see that every-body that we've helped through

the years be able to generate some dollars back for us. That's wishful thinking I guess," Weaver said. "We've got doctors in town who went here. We've got dentists, we've got lawyers, we've got judges. They've all started here and a lot have come back. We've had some good ones."

Ohio State and Lima Tech plan to hire separate financial aid directors for each institution.

## Roller examines Herod the Great's role as builder in his latest book

Herod the Great, king of Judaea from 40 to 4 B.C., is best known as the villain who tried to murder an infant Jesus in the Christian nativity story. The popularized image of Herod as the supreme criminal has overshadowed his achievements as a client king of Rome. In "The Building Program of Herod the Great," Dr. Duane W. Roller examines how Herod created an astonishing record of architectural achievement in Judaea and throughout Greece and the Roman east with his remarkably innovative building program. His construction program was exceeded in scope only by those of the Roman emperors. Herod was instrumental in the diffusion of the Augustan architectural revolution into the provinces. His legacy provided a groundwork for the architectural Romanization of the east, influencing the direction of Roman building and the construction of the great temple complexes and palaces typical of later Roman times.

Dr. Roller's book is based on extensive fieldwork in the eastern Mediterranean. "The Building Program of Herod the Great" looks at Herod as a royal builder from the Roman perspective. It examines every site where Herod built by placing each in the context of the Roman influence, its central focus and of its continuation of the Roman traditions.

Dr. Roller spoke about his book at noon, Tuesday, May 12 in Reed Hall 160. A display of the project from idea to published product is on display at the Lima Public Library, 650 W. Market St., through mid May.

## 1998 Campus Campaign begins with breakfast at Lima campus

Linda Johnson, director of the Campus Campaign, was in Lima March 4 to help kick off the 1998 Campus Campaign at Ohio State Lima. Faculty and staff enjoyed breakfast and balloons while they learned more about the Ohio State's internal fundraiser. Since 1985, contributions from Ohio State employees have raised more than \$43.7 million. Campaign officials hope that the 1998 contributions will bring the total raised to more than \$50 million.

Campaign statistics for 1998 are not yet available, but the participation at the Lima campus has historically been one of the highest at the university.

## Ohio State Lima plans visit to World War II America

Mark your calendars for the fall. Ohio State Lima will be celebrating Americans' efforts in World War II in October and November.

Activities will include a big band extravaganza, workshops on cartooning, a Milt Caniff cartoon exhibit, a look at psychological warfare, a movie series, educational opportunities for middle and high school students and assorted other historical lectures.

## Woods of Ohio State Lima awash in blooms of spring wildflowers

The wildflowers are in bloom in the woods on the campus of The Ohio State University at Lima. The floral show changes daily and will continue through mid May, according to Dr. Charles Good, associate professor of plant biology.

The wildflowers grow in the woods of the Tecumseh Natural Area for a brief time in the spring when the weather is warm, but the leaves of the trees have not yet cut off the light source to the forest floor. The small plants grow quickly, flower, set seed and die back again after the trees leaf out and the light becomes limited, said Dr. Good. By June, few green plants will be growing on the forest floor.

The main trail entrance is north of Galvin Hall near the faculty parking lot. The trails on the campus are open to the public. To take a virtual tour of the wildflowers, visit Ohio State Lima's web site at <http://www.lima.ohio-state.edu> and look under "Facilities."



Submission of announcements and upcoming events are welcome. Send them to The Quarterly, Pam Joseph PS 210, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804 or e-mail items to [joseph.122@osu.edu](mailto:joseph.122@osu.edu)

## WEAVER

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grown from about \$17,000 to \$8 million for Ohio State and LTC combined.


"Back in the 70s, financial aid was not that large. Most of the people, they just covered it out of their pockets," Weaver said. "Today it's almost a requirement."

Weaver's is a well known face to the students because almost all of them go through his office at some point. He's begun to see his second

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May 26

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June 5

**University Chorus spring concert**

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8 p.m.  
free and open to the public


June 7

**Lima campus convocation**

June 12

The Ohio State University  
**commencement ceremony**  
Columbus campus

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