A MESSAGE FROM DEAN STEINMETZ

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Spring is in full bloom, as those suffering pollen allergies know all too well, and May is just around the corner. I want to remind you of two important dates. First, the May 4 Ohio election. I call your attention to this particular election, because State Issue 1 is on the ballot. State Issue 1 renews funding for Ohio's successful Third Frontier jobs program; which, since its inception in 2002, has helped Ohio grow its economy by creating more than 48,000 jobs, develop new products and companies, and lessen Ohio's "brain drain," by providing opportunities for our students to stay here after graduation. Ohio State has played a key role in the Third Frontier; our involvement in 60 projects has led to more than 200 business and industry partnerships, has created/attracted 26 companies, and has led to the filing of 125 patents.

State Issue 1 is a win-win situation for everyone and the shot in the arm our state’s economy needs to continue its recovery. State Issue 1 will not increase your taxes; it is supported by Democrats and Republicans alike, and by a large coalition of labor, agriculture, and business groups. When you go to the polls on May 4, remember State Issue 1. It’s important for Ohio and for The Ohio State University.

Second, there is little more than a week to go in Campus Campaign 2010; the active phase ends on April 30. The campaign has my complete support and I encourage you, if you have not done so already, to find a program, cause, or initiative that means something to you. The amount you give is not important; you can give as little as a dollar, but every dollar counts and every dollar helps support the fund of your choice. For questions, concerns, or lists of funds, please contact Katherine Margard (margard.1@osu.edu) or visit giveto.osu.edu.

Enjoy spring; summer is coming.
Students at Large: What Some ASC Students Did on Spring Break
• Molly Bergen, sociology, went to Bolivia with the International Affairs Scholars Program
• Ena Brnjic, psychology, studied in Athens, Greece
• Logand Bond, dance, traveled to Athens, Ohio, for our region’s American College Dance Festival
• Jackson Helms, evolution and ecology, took the EEOB Tropical Field course in Costa Rica
• Trevis Kurz, design, displayed his first-place Student Design Competition product in Chicago
• Rachel Long, anthropology, boarded a plane to Belize City, Belize, as part of the Buck-I-Serve program
• Alexa Odom, journalism and Spanish, and 12 other Mount Leadership Society scholars worked for Habitat for Humanity in Huntington, West Virginia
• Alicia Powers, biology/pre-optometry, and OSU’s Rotaract Club went to Lima, Peru, for the second year in a row
• Read more and view the video at http://www.osu.edu/features/2010/springbreak

In Transit: EEOB professor and Undergrad Research Studies Director Allison Snow is still in Japan waiting for the volcanic clouds to lift. We wonder how many of our people are stranded somewhere. Send your stories to asccomm@osu.edu.

NEWS

• Award-Winning Faculty
Angie Estes, English, is one of two nominated finalists for the Pulitzer Poetry Prize. The judges described her book, Tryst, as a “collection of poems remarkable for its variety of subjects, array of genres and nimble use of language.” Estes has been a contributor to the Creative Writing Program for 15 years. Following hot on the heels of that announcement last week came the news that Estes has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. http://www.pulitzer.org/citation/2010-Poetry

Dennis Cannon, art education, was named “Ohio Art Educator of the Year,” by the National Art Education Association at its national convention in Baltimore last week, recognizing “excellence, professional accomplishment, and service by a dedicated art educator.” In addition to teaching, Cannon supervises student teachers during their field experiences.

Four Arts and Sciences Professors have been elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences: John Warren Wilkins, physics, Ohio Eminent Scholar; Richard Edward Petty, psychology, Distinguished University Professor & Chair; Henri Cole, English; David Schmeidler, economics.

• Student Stars
Glene Mynhardt, Center for Life Sciences Education GTA, is one of 10 recipients of the 2010 Graduate Associates Teaching Award, the university’s highest recognition of the exceptional teaching provided by Ohio State graduate students. Each receives a $1500 award, plaque and letter of recognition from the Dean of the Graduate School.

Dustin Koenig, a senior majoring in political science and Russian, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English to high school and college students in Russia, next year. Koenig will be graduating at the end of spring quarter.

Amy Eakins, a senior anthropology major, has received a graduate fellowship in the Interdepartmental

**Upcoming Events**

The Annual NMS Undergraduate Research Forum is this Friday, April 23, 2-6 p.m. in the Physics Research Bldg. Atrium.

Dr. bell hooks is the keynote speaker at the 16th annual National Conference on Diversity, Race, and Learning, Tuesday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Fawcett center.

Biological Sciences Greenhouse Spring Fundraiser, May 6, 3-5 p.m.; May 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Greenhouse ground-level loading dock and breezeway at Aronoff Lab, accessed from 12th Avenue. Annuals, Herbaceous Perennials, Herbs & Veggies—including nine varieties of Heirloom tomatoes. All proceeds go to the Greenhouse Development Fund #305901.


Multidisciplinary Faculty Panel: America's Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, Monday, May 10, 5:00 p.m., Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater provides an in-depth look at issues surrounding America's increased military commitment in Afghanistan, military activity in Pakistan, and the planned withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq. Panelists include ASC Middle East faculty experts Rick Herrmann, John Mueller, and Alam Payind, joined by Peter Mansoor, Mershon Center; and Sean Kay, Ohio Wesleyan University. Registration is required: http://americaswars.eventbrite.com

**Opportunities**

OSU Summer Enrichment Program encourages High School freshmen and sophomores to discover their “Individual Truths.” The Department of African American and African Studies Community Extension Center offers a Summer Enrichment Program, June 14-18, 9-4 p.m. (application deadline May 3) The Spoken-Word Poetry Individual Truths (S.P.I.T.) workshop introduces the art of spoken-word poetry and provides a variety of critical, creative, and constructive tools for discovering individual truths and developing skills in poetry writing and performance, creative and critical thinking, and related areas. For more information, contact the Department of African American and African Studies Community Extension Center at 292-3922. http://aaas.osu.edu/resources/aaascec/programs/yr2010/enrichment.cfm

Learning Technology, Office of the CIO, Individual and Departmental Development Grant, supports personal or departmental professional growth. Funds may be used to attend a conference, host a speaker, participate in video conference sessions, register for online courses and seminars, or other activities leading to increased student engagement and instructor efficiency, anytime/anyplace learning, or departmental goals. Awards up to $1,000 are distributed during four application periods. Department designate, Faculty (50%+), Technology/Instructional staff (50%+) are eligible to apply. Applications are due April 30. More details and contact information is available online. http://lt.osu.edu/individual-and-departmental-development-grant
Department of Physics hosts annual GRASP Summer Camp, Physics and the Society of Women in Physics will host the third annual GRASP (Girls Reaching to Achieve in Sports and Physics) Summer Camp, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., June 14-18. GRASP provides girls, entering grades 6-9, with tools and experience to see the power and fun in physics and includes both academic and activity sessions. Apply by May 7 at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CN7SB3L; for more information contact Robin Wyatt (wyattr@mps.ohio-state.edu).

• Arts and Sciences in the News

Daniel Sui, geographer and director of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA), discusses the arrival of a spatial century in GeoPlace at http://www.geoplace.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=0DF8A38D20FF413794874DE29A228BA&nm=&type=MultiPublishing&mod=PublishingTitles&mid=8F3A7027421841978F1B8E95F87F791&tier=4&id=D701D0D1C6CE4ADFBA90278DFD6DD580

Peter Curtis, EEOB Chair, explains why a lot of us get choked up in the spring at http://vp.mgnetwork.net/traveler.swf?embed_referer=&u=b39eea009893102da6fd001ec92a4a0d&z=CMH%3%

Lonnie Thompson, earth sciences, quoted on the disappearance of glaciers in the National Geographic’s, Special April Issue: Water, Our Thirsty World at http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2010/04/table-of-contents


Steven Conn, history, provides a commentary on how the GOP is rewriting its history to conform to a hard-right agenda Philadelphia Inquirer at http://www.philly.com/inquirer/opinion/20100409_Ulysses__usurpers.html


Jennifer Siegel, history, on “Moscow On the Seine” in the Wall Street Journal at http://online.wsj.com/article/SB200014240527023039604575158631097769798.html

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