Congratulations to Dr. Roberta B. Boyd, Assistant Dean for Fiscal Affairs; Dr. Boyd was recently named one of the 2006 Dayton Daily News Ten Top Women.

Congratulations, WSU! 2007 is Wright State University’s 40th anniversary, with many festivities planned. See vintage photos at http://www.wright.edu/cola/40th/gallery/ and story inside.

CoLA Students in New Zealand
Motion pictures production major Daisy Blakelock and history major Gabriel Trainer send photos from their July-November 2006 UCIE program travels. See their pictures at http://www.wright.edu/cola/news/nz

The 2006 winner of the President’s Award for Excellence for Outstanding Collaborative Units is the Ambassador Program to Costa Rica. According to President Kim Goldenberg, The President’s Awards for Excellence were established in 1986 to recognize the role that Wright State University staff play in maintaining excellence in higher education.

To win this award, the nominees must have a continuing collaboration with two or more departments, divisions, or programs within the University. Each program effort must result in unique, exemplary service or academic excellence within the university.

“The Ambassador Program to Costa Rica was started in 1995 and is the longest running, continuously-offered ambassador program at Wright State,” said Robert Rubin, an English Department Lecturer who co-directs the program with Dorothy Alvarez, Instructor of Spanish.

Students in the program stay with host families in Escazú, a suburb of the capital city, San José. They take intensive Spanish classes and are immersed in Costa Rican culture through their host family experiences and cultural excursions to museums, national parks, the National Theater, and other attractions.

According to Rubin, the 2006 program has 30 participants who will take the three-week study abroad trip to Costa Rica in December. This is the probably largest group of students to engage in a study abroad opportunity in WSU history. It is the seventh group of students that Rubin and Alvarez have taken to Costa Rica since 1995. Well over 100 students have participated in the program. Because of the large size of the group, Spanish instructors Jennifer Cabrera and Heather Blubaugh have been added as faculty advisors on the trip. They will teach Spanish courses and assist with day-to-day operations of the program.

“I have been told that it’s because of the outstanding collaboration between English, Modern Languages, UCIE, and the Honors Program. These departments/units all work together, along with Dorothy [Alvarez] and [myself], to provide this program opportunity,” Rubin said about winning the award.
The end of another calendar year, fall, Thanksgiving, the holiday season – each offers the opportunity for reflection. Looking back over the year I find the word “pride” at the center of my sense of what has happened in our college. We continue our steady, gradual growth in enrollments in both undergraduate and graduate programs, anchoring the university’s planned growth. We are proud that the education our students receive is a catalyst for excellence. Our students are the best kind of learners, open to many different forms of study, from a nationally recognized Saxophone Quartet, to archaeological digs at local Native American sites and new sites in ancient Greece. As I write this CoLA students are studying in Brazil and Costa Rica and New Zealand, and faculty are visiting China, France and Chile planning future student study abroad programs. We have students engaged in projects throughout the community in social welfare, the arts, and local government agencies.

Twenty-five new faculty and four new staff came to the college this fall. One senses a deep pride in each of us as we do our regular, daily jobs so well. What we do matters and we understand that it does matter, whether it is helping students register for classes, or finding more money for scholarships, or helping them learn how to paint a self-portrait or understand the role of religion in the recent elections.

There is also much attention on our future interwoven in our reflections. We are planning how to accommodate student needs in expanding programs, to add additional languages to our curricula, and to offer more opportunities for civic engagement across the disciplines. Our current deep sense of accomplishment gives us the expectation for even greater achievement in the years to come.
Alumni Virtuosity Recital

For the first time ever, the Alumni Virtuosity Recital was held on Sept. 9 in order to raise money for renovations needed in the WSU concert hall.

“A true collaborative event,” said Herbert Dregalla, Chair of the Department of Music, “that made an impact from a variety of perspectives.”

The recital featured Wright State alumni who traveled from as far as Texas in order to perform. The following nine alumni performed at the event: Margaret Erin (Wind In the Woods), Jim McCutcheon (classical guitar), Joe Hesseman (bassoon), Mat Warner (saxophone), Nancy Feld and Wanda Coalson (piano duo), Daniel C. Stein (tenor), Mark Wilcox (trumpet), and Caroline Besana Salido Richardson (piano). The event attracted over 250 guests and raised more than $20,000 from ticket sales and private donations. All recital proceeds will go toward the renovation of the concert hall.

“We will undoubtedly have another ‘Alumni Virtuosity’ Recital in the future, but we have not yet decided if it will be an annual event,” said Dregalla.

“From every perspective the recital was a success. The alumni performers enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the event. The Community Advisory Committee felt good about their impact on the event. The audience enjoyed the performance,” Dregella said.

Time’s Body of Evidence

The Wright State University Art Galleries hosted a multimedia interdisciplinary fall program on health and aging from Sept. 9 - Oct. 15. “Time’s Body of Evidence: An Interdisciplinary Look at Health and Aging,” held in the Creative Arts Center and other locations, featured discussions on health and aging; readings by WSU Associate Professors of English Annette Oxindine and Lynette Jones; a concert by WSU Associate Professor of Music Randall Paul; lectures by authors Sue Miller and Thomas Cole; and panel discussions.

Works by nine artists representing distinct regions of the United States were on exhibit. The artists showcased videos, sculptures and photography.

Art Department Professor Diane Fitch said, “The pieces in the show demonstrate a grappling with frailty, mortality and the task of constructing a vital joyful life in the face of losses.”

Wright State’s Boonshoft School of Medicine collaborated with Wright State’s Department of Art and Art History to develop the program.

The program was sponsored by the Office of the University President, the Friends of the Galleries, Ohio Arts Council, Wright State’s Boonshoft School of Medicine and College of Liberal Arts, with help from the Women’s Center and Women’s Studies Program, and the Department of English.
**In the Crosshairs of History: Three Remarkable Germans I Have Known**

Dr. Allen Hye, Professor Emeritus of German, presented a lecture on Sept. 21 entitled “In the Crosshairs of History: Three Remarkable Germans I Have Known.” Attendees included students, faculty members, and people from the community.

“The talk was a tribute to three people who contributed enormously to my career, but I also took the opportunity to thank my colleagues and students for 28 stimulating and rewarding years at Wright State,” said Hye.

The lecture recounted the stories of Professor Hildegard Emmel, Colonel Gerhard Baeker and Professor Wolfgang Leonhard, three influential and accomplished Germans whose lives inspired Hye’s career in German Studies. Emmel authored numerous books and memoirs, including *Freedom—Keep on Fighting for It*, which is an autobiographical account of the historical conditions she experienced in WWII Germany, postwar East Germany, and the United States.

A highly decorated Luftwaffe pilot during WWII, Baeker later represented Germany in a reconciliation service at Coventry Cathedral, which was destroyed by Luftwaffe bombs during the war. Born in Vienna in 1921, Leonhard is a highly regarded author and media commentator who wrote the bestselling 1955 book *Child of the Revolution*. According to Hye, the book is an account of Leonhard’s “education in the Soviet Union, the horrific purges of 1936 - 1938, his intensive work in Germany’s Soviet occupation zone, and his 1949 escape from Stalinism.”

“By sharing their stories, I wish to pay tribute to them and encourage readers to learn more about them and their era,” Hye said.

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**The Future of Iraq: Dictatorship, Democracy, or Division?**

On Oct. 26, Associate Professor of Political Science Liam Anderson hosted a special lecture in the Millet Atrium giving his views and findings from his book, *The Future of Iraq: Dictatorship, Democracy, or Division?*

Professor Anderson has made several trips to Iraq since 2003 and shared his unique perspective on where the country is heading for its future. “If we don’t do something to change current events, Iraq is heading toward a disaster as surely as the Titanic did,” he stated.

He briefed the crowd of all ages on Iraq’s history, their internal makeup, and, finally, the directions of their current politics.

His conclusion regarding Iraq, shared with an engrossed crowd: they need a strong leader such as a prime minister to stop internal fighting. “They need Tony Blair,” he half joked.

Graphs showed how Iraq had been divided up among its three ethnicities since elections, emphasizing how only someone with a firm base of power could stop a potential civil war.

Anderson’s lecture was finely articulated, keeping the audience glued to his every word, as he deftly delineated the country’s makeup and concerns in the space of an hour.

At lecture’s end, he jokingly punctuated his conclusion that Iraq needs a strong leader again with a photo of President George Bush giving a smiling Saddam Hussein a “noogie.”
WSU Archaeologists Dig at Fort Ancient

Wright State’s Field School in Archaeology (ATH 369/569) initiated work in the summer of 2006 at Fort Ancient, a large Hopewellian culture (100 BC-AD 350) hilltop enclosure located in northern Warren County, Ohio. Its embankment segments, which range from 3 to 23 feet high, are 3.5 miles in total length, and the earthwork is one of the largest prehistoric architectural sites north of Mexico. The embankments have been subject to erosion since their construction, and the Ohio Historical Society, which administers the site as a State Park, secured funding in 2005 to shore them up in several places. The most outstanding find was the discovery of a large circular feature almost 200 ft in diameter. It was interpreted as a circular earthwork with an opening on its south side, a strong magnetic anomaly at its center, and electrical resistivity signatures on its west side that are thought to be prehistoric structure floors.

The Ohio Historical Society invited Dr. Robert Riordan, Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology to conduct his summer Field School at Fort Ancient in 2006 to initiate the archaeological examination of the features. In June 2006, Riordan, along with supervisors Angela Chavez and Katie Rippl and 15 students and several regular volunteers, began testing the perimeter of the circular feature and the strong magnetic anomaly at the circle’s center.

Riordan has named the circular feature the Moorehead Circle, after the pioneering archaeologist Warren K. Moorehead, who conducted the first major investigation of the Fort Ancient earthwork in 1888-91.

Students in Riordan’s Archaeological Laboratory course (ATH 300) during the past Fall quarter conducted analyses of the artifacts recovered during the excavations -- over 1200 pieces of pottery and almost 1400 flint implements and flakes. Small amounts of mica were also found, transported from the Carolina mountains as a desirable trade commodity. Five radiocarbon dates are being sent for processing, and Riordan expects that the Moorehead Circle will be found to date to the late second century AD. “Who would have thought,” Riordan commented, “that after more than a century of archaeological work at Fort Ancient something of this magnitude and significance should have still remained undetected. We are grateful to the Ohio Historical Society for giving Wright State the opportunity to work there.”

The 2007 Field School in Archaeology will return to the site and continue with the excavations, hoping to find remains that will lead to a clearer picture of why the Moorehead Circle was built and how it was used. Applications for those wishing to enroll in it are now being accepted.
New Faculty Highlights

Erik Banks - Philosophy

After growing up in New York City, Wright State’s new Assistant Professor of Philosophy Erik Banks only worries about learning how to drive to his new job. “I managed to avoid driving my whole life until now,” Banks said. “It’s been a real challenge.”

The Wright State University Department of Philosophy hired Banks to start the fall quarter of 2006 to help develop the Philosophy of Science curriculum by teaching Great Books and Philosophy of Science.

Banks said he already enjoys teaching at Wright State and has great enthusiasm for his material, which he wants to pass on to his students. “My colleagues impressed me right off the bat,” Banks said, “[and] there’s a work ethic that I appreciate about the students.”

Banks, who is already part of the Wright State Philosophy and Film Series group, earned his Ph.D. of Philosophy from the City University of New York in 2000 after teaching there from 1996 to 1998. He was also a professional writer for the New York Academy of Medicine and for the magazine Social Policy.

Dr. Banks won a Fulbright senior scholar award in 2004 to conduct research at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany. In 2003 he published a book based on his dissertation titled “Ernst Mach’s World Elements,” a scholarly work on the Austrian physicist-philosopher which has prompted an invitation to speak in Tokyo, Japan, in 2007.

Lynn Disbrow - Communication

Merging new technologies with the classroom is a goal for faculty newcomer Lynn Disbrow, who joined the Wright State Communication Department team this year. Disbrow and about 20 other new faculty bring wide-ranging expertise to Liberal Arts students.

Disbrow who taught Public Speaking, Dispute Resolution and Research Methods during Fall Quarter, said, “My favorite is COM 449. It is a scary topic but once people get into it, it’s not that scary.”

Disbrow has taught at the University of Dayton, as well as Sinclair Community College. However, she said, “I like it here best.”

Disbrow said, “I am hoping to bring more technology to Wright State.” Some new faculty members would like to see mobile technologies, such as iPods, PDAs and possibly cell phones, act as traveling classrooms.

Disbrow is interested in working with Center for Teaching and Learning colleagues Bryan Beverly and Sheri Stover to explore the classroom capabilities of iPods. They would like to make Podcasting (deployment of content via iPod) available to students. Disbrow said, “It would include training, class snippets and new information available to students.”

Student Heather Reed said, “I love to work out and I have a lot of studying to do. If I could do both at once that would be great.” With the excitement of WSU students and staff behind it, this might be some kind of breakthrough.
Sally Lamping – English

Recent faculty addition Sally Lamping has spent much of her professional career teaching English. But she hasn’t always instructed pupils on a college campus, or even in this country. Lamping was stationed as a member of the Peace Corps in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa, for two years. There she taught English and researched African families and African literacy. In addition to her international efforts, Lamping taught English at a middle school in Washington D.C. and worked at a high school in Cincinnati for the past five years.

It was in Cincinnati that she became involved with a literacy program for immigrants. The program was especially designed for those with what Lamping called, “only an oral language background,” meaning that these people only had experience with a spoken language, not reading and writing.

According to her, it was rewarding to teach those involved “to navigate a literate world, which is what the United States is.” Lamping said that all her previous jobs have prepared her for her work here at Wright State. “All have been challenging in their own ways,” she said. “I always learn from my students, and I’m still learning from the students here.” Lamping has a master’s degree in English education from Columbia University and an Ed.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from the University of Cincinnati. This quarter she is teaching ENG 385, Adolescent Literature, and ENG 346, Reading Workshop.

Myron Levine – Urban Affairs and Geography

The Department of Urban Affairs and Geography welcomed new faculty member Professor Myron Levine this fall. Levine, who brings over 30 years’ worth of teaching experience with him, comes to the university after working in numerous international exchange programs all over the world. He served most recently as a Fulbright scholar in Slovakia, having held previous Fulbright awards in Latvia, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Levine says his focus at Wright State will be on urban affairs, public policy and community service. “I’m big on community service learning,” states Levine. “I’d like to take the students into Dayton and its surrounding areas—including Cincinnati—and use the community as an urban classroom,” says Levine.

His goals at WSU include giving students more opportunities to study overseas, using community service as a learning experience, and possibly taking a trip with students to Wroclaw, Poland to repeat a previous service-learning trip he directed to help restore an abandoned Jewish cemetery.

Levine is the co-author of Urban Politics, one of the standard university textbooks on the subject. He also wrote Presidential Campaigns and Elections and various articles on the presidency, including book chapters on NBC's The West Wing.
New Master’s Degree in International and Comparative Politics

The fall quarter of this year welcomed the first group of students pursuing their master’s degree in International and Comparative Politics (ICP). The program began as a secondary track of Applied Behavioral Sciences in 2001 that was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents in November 2005 as an independent track housed in the Department of Political Science.

The master’s degree focuses on a wide range of international topics, from studies of particular countries and regions to more theoretical concepts, such as terrorism, democratization, human rights and gender violence. Students further concentrate their studies in one of three areas: Peace and Security Studies; International Organizations; or Area Studies.

Dr. Laura Luehrmann, the program’s director, said that the ICP series is one of the fastest growing programs at Wright State. “One strength of the program is that it takes a fairly multi-disciplinary approach,” Luehrmann said. She added that in addition to a wide array of theoretical expertise, there are three professors with primary specializations Europe, two in Asia, and two in African affairs. Two faculty members also have expertise in Middle Eastern politics, including Israel and Iraq.

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James Mosher, a graduate student in the program, said, “I think the Political Science Department at Wright State is very strong, and that leads to a good International and Comparative Politics program.”

Mosher has recently joined the Peace Corps and is pursuing acceptance into Foreign Services, where he hopes to eventually be a diplomat for the United States. The ICP program, he said, has already helped him pass the written portion of the Foreign Services examination.

New Scholarship for Former Muse Machine Students

One lucky College of Liberal Arts student could become the fortunate recipient of a future scholarship at Wright State. A recent donation of $10,000 was given to the College of Liberal Arts and will become the basis for a scholarship eligible to former Muse Machine students currently enrolled in Music or Theatre Arts programs at Wright State.

The donation was made to Wright State by Doug and Sharon Sholz. Doug and Sharon are from Vandalia, Ohio, and they own their own business, Unibuilt Industries.

Neither Doug nor Sharon is an alumnus of Wright State, but according to College of Liberal Arts Development Director, Nan-c Moss, the Sholz’s actually donated money to Wright State in honor of Doug’s mother who was an adamant supporter of the arts.

This is not the first donation the Sholz’s have given to Wright State. The couple, through their company, has previously been very active in supporting several programs at WSU. Moss said, “They are a wonderful couple who have a passion for the arts.”

To get more information and to find out when this scholarship will be available for application, contact either the College of Liberal Arts by phone at (937) 775-2225 or by e-mail at liberalarts@wright.edu.
Master in Social Work

Wright State University and The Ohio State University have combined resources to offer a Master in Social Work (M.S.W.) program with evening courses conveniently located in downtown Dayton.

The Part-Time MSW Program at Wright State University allows students to earn the MSW degree from Ohio State while attending classes primarily in the Dayton area. Faculty from both Ohio State and Wright State will teach in the program.

The long-term goal of this partnership is that Wright State will apply for candidacy as a stand-alone MSW program with the College of Social Work Education by 2011.

The deadline for applying to the Part-Time OSU MSW Program at Wright State University is April 1, 2007. The deadline for the ASAP option is March 1, 2007.

The Social Work Department held an open house on October 10th and over 70 people attended. The program already has 16 students enrolled in the first class.

"The Dayton community has waited 30 years for an MSW program to be offered at Wright State University. It was great to have former chair and current Associate Provost Anita Curry-Jackson as one of the speakers at the Open House. The Open House was both a celebration and a beginning. We look forward to add to an already solid under-graduate program at WSU", said Carl Brun, PhD, Chair, Professor, Social Work.

For more information on the MSW program please contact the Social Work Department at (937) 775-4548.

Chamber Orchestra going on tour to Hong Kong and Macau

This year Wright State University's Chamber Orchestra is taking its show on the road. For the first time, the orchestra will not only be crossing the state line, but will also be crossing the Pacific Ocean, heading to two Special Administrative Regions of China.

The Chamber Orchestra will be participating in cultural and musical exchanges as a part of its International Tour of Hong Kong and Macau.

Dr. Jackson Leung, the Music Director of the WSU Chamber Orchestra said, “We will be performing at some of the most prestigious venues in those two cities.” He continued to say that the students and faculty of the orchestra are very excited to be a part of this event. The orchestra will be performing at the Macau Cultural Center Grand Auditorium on Dec. 9 and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall on Dec. 10.

The Chamber Orchestra will be staying in China for nine days, from Dec. 3 through Dec. 12. The orchestra will share the stage with the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Hong Kong Youth Strings, and the winning orchestras from the Annual Primary and Secondary School Orchestra competition in Hong Kong.

"It is a very exciting endeavor and meaningful project,” said Dr. Leung, “and for many participants in the orchestra, this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity.” The exchange will provide musicians with a chance to learn and grow culturally as well as musically.

Besides numerous private patrons, the tour is being sponsored by the Macau Foundation, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, The Government of Hong Kong, the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra Association, Macau Directorate of Education and Youth Services, Music Chamber, Hong Kong International Antique and Stringed Instruments Broker and Dealer, Shun Tak Group Ltd., Po Leung Kuk School District, Hong Kong Moon Valley Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, and the office of Dr. Lillie Howard, Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction at Wright State University.

Thank you to the students in Dr. Ann Biswas’ COM 256 Basic Media Writing who collaborated with the writing of the stories for this newsletter.
Student Highlights

Dean’s Student Advisory Board

When Krystal Karshner, CoLA Senator, was involved in the search for a new Liberal Arts Dean last year, she found that students were less than enthused about participating in the process. Karshner said, “We had a couple of forums where students could meet with the candidate and a lot of students were very apathetic.”

Thanks to Karshner’s efforts, a new Dean’s Student Advisory Board (DSAB) is up and running in the CoLA, and students now have direct access to Dean Taylor.

“The issues we address are completely up to the students,” Karshner said. The board will act as liaisons between the students and Dean Taylor, talking to students about what their concerns are and then trying to come up with solutions to those problems.

“Hopefully the board will become a powerful force within the CoLA, much utilized by students to express their concerns and issues with certain departments,” Karshner said.

Fall 2006 was the board’s first quarter, and much of the work so far has been to establish structure within the DSAB. The board held a DSAB day in Millett Hall where students had the opportunity to meet the members of the board and participate in a survey about the College.


Political Science Major Writes Play

“It’s something that I think really needs to be said,” said Chris Mitchell. A political science major at Wright State University with a developmental disability, Chris has been working on his play Hard Court for the past ten years.

Mitchell has already received a $1,000 grant from Student Services and last summer he won a $3,500 grant from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. The play began as a short story that he wrote in high school, which he hopes will be a full scale musical in the near future.

“The newest grant will go toward transcribing Chris’s music onto the page,” said Stuart McDowell, Chair of the Theatre Department who has been working with Mitchell on the play.

The play itself is about a high school basketball star who is involved in a car accident and becomes paralyzed from the waist down, and how the student deals socially with his disability. Mitchell thinks that the play would be perfect for high schools because of the social dynamic.

“It’s something that the mainstream media has never addressed,” said Mitchell. “There has never been a story like this from the perspective of the person in the wheel chair.” Chris hopes eventually to have his new musical Hard Court performed in theatres and schools as a way to teach people how to better understand each other.
Chinese Piano Students at WSU

Young pianists from Macau, a Special Administrative Region of China, are being given their first chance to come to America.

“The purpose of the Wright State University/Macau Cultural Institute Piano Scholarship is to provide financial assistance and opportunities to exceptionally talented piano students from Macau,” said Dr. Jackson Leung. Dr. Leung is an associate professor of music and the Director of Keyboard Studies at WSU.

After over a year of discussion and meetings, the Macau Cultural Institute agreed to contribute funds each year for the selected students to attend WSU. The contributions will partly cover tuition, room and board, international insurance and books.

According to Dr. Leung, scholarship recipients will be chosen every other year during the Macau Youth Piano Competition. A panel of judges, including Dr. Leung, will select the most outstanding piano students to receive the scholarship.

Upon completion of their degree programs, the students can continue to benefit from their scholarship by pursuing advanced degrees. As recipients of this scholarship, these students are obligated to periodically perform and teach piano in Macau.

Tina Wu and Alex Fung are the first recipients of this scholarship. According to Dr. Leung, even though Wu and Fung are still trying to adapt to new culture and language, they are adjusting well.

“The culture is pretty different here, but I appreciate this opportunity,” said Wu. “I really wanted to be here. All I have wanted to do is to play piano,” said Fung.

Ambassador Programs

On November 28, a group of Wright State students will depart for Costa Rica and spend the next three weeks of their winter break there.

They’ll be taking part in Wright State’s Ambassador Trips, a program which Tracy Kingsley, Director of Education Abroad Programs, said is “a great way to take a class you need, or that will apply toward your curriculum, and also have an opportunity to travel to a foreign country you’ve never been to before.”

While in Costa Rica students will go on various field trips and living with host families. These trips are just part of a series of classes they started taking Fall Quarter of this year. Upon returning, they will write a final seminar paper and present it to the public at a special Honors Dialogue in February.

“The ambassador trips will change their lives and they will never see the world the same when they get back,” said Kingsley.

A trip to Spain is also planned for this summer. It will allow students to get credits in Modern Languages, International Business and Spanish. The focus of this trip will be on performing business in a Spanish speaking country.

For more information about this and other Ambassador Trips contact Tracy Kingsley at (937) 775-5745 or via e-mail at tracy.kingsley@wright.edu.
Courses offered at MVCTC

When students register for upcoming quarters they now have the option to enroll in liberal arts and other WSU classes being held at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC), located at 6800 Hoke Road in Clayton, Ohio.

After two years of planning, this fall marked the first quarter that students had the opportunity to experience the technology-filled classrooms at the MVCTC, located approximately twenty minutes northwest of Wright State’s main campus.

Smart-boards and overhead projectors, as well as a convenient location, make the MVCTC a wonderful place for delivery of instruction, said Dr. Sharon Nelson, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Four liberal arts classes, English 101 and three social work classes were offered fall quarter at MVCTC and more courses will be available in the quarters to come. For example, several courses in the Criminal Justice Program and classes from other colleges will be offered.

According to Nelson, although enrollment in general education courses is open to all WSU students, high school students may seize the opportunity to jumpstart their college career at the new location.

Nelson said, “Having general education courses available to high school students makes the connection between high school and college more seamless.”

According to Nelson, to accommodate its students’ academic needs, Wright State continues to explore additional off-site locations to offer classes.

Nelson said, “Offering courses off campus at MVCTC is one example of Wright State University and the College of Liberal Arts helping to meet the academic needs of students.”

Third annual Endowment and Scholarship Recognition Reception

On October 18, 2006, the College of Liberal Arts held its third annual Endowment and Scholarship Recognition Reception. The Millett Hall Atrium housed over 80 guests who gathered to honor scholarship donors and recipients.

“Every year, the college relies on the generosity of donors to help support the many scholarships that make higher education an attainable goal for our students,” says Jennifer Cabrera, Development and Alumni Events Coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts. “It is rewarding to be involved in this program which celebrates the generosity of our community and the dedicated talent of the students attending our college.”

At this year’s banquet, 36 scholarship donors were honored along with nearly 30 student scholarship recipients. Among the scholarships presented were those dedicated to the memory of loved ones as well as ARTSGALA scholarships which support of students of art, music, and theatre.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for meaningful interaction between donors and students. As one particular donor remarked, “[awarding scholarships] has been one of the most rewarding achievements in my life.”

For more information on scholarship programs in the College of Liberal Arts, contact Nancy Moss, director of development, at 937-775-3436.
## Wright State University’s 40th Anniversary

Anniversaries are a time to celebrate, and the Wright State community is preparing for a year of celebrations in 2007 in honor of the University’s 40th anniversary. Dr. Sharon Nelson, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Wright State, says that there are many University-wide activities being scheduled throughout this momentous year.

Wright State University was created in 1967 by Senate Bill. What began as a one-building college, Nelson explained, evolved into an expansive University that serves over 17,000 students. “Wright State offers quality and an affordable education,” Nelson said. She added, “The opportunities are endless.”

The 2007 year will be a time to rejoice and celebrate the many accomplishments that Wright State has made in such a short period of time. There will be many opportunities for current and retired faculty and staff, students, alumni, and friends to visit the campus and enjoy a wide-range of festivities.

Some of the events that Nelson highlighted are an Alumni Reunion Celebration and the 2007 Homecoming. Along with those special activities, there will be several musical events performed by alumni as well as a special ARTSGALA commemorating the 40th Anniversary.

The Alumni Reunion Celebration will take place on Feb. 16-17, 2007, and Wright State’s Homecoming will take place during Oct. 3-7, 2007. For more information about these and other activities related to the anniversary, please contact Jennifer Cabrera at 937-775-2225.

To see more photos of WSU please visit CoLA’s memories gallery at [http://www.wright.edu/cola/40th/gallery/](http://www.wright.edu/cola/40th/gallery/)

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| College Outstanding Alumni Awards Brunch  
Dr. Kim Goldenberg recognition | 10 a.m.–noon | Berry Room, Ervin J. Nutter Center  
Presentation of the annual College Outstanding Alumni Awards and a celebration of the presidency of Kim Goldenberg. |
| Model U.N. Reunion | 3–5 p.m. | Alumni Association Suite 118, Ervin J. Nutter Center |
| College of Liberal Arts Reunion Event  
Noon–halftime of basketball game  
Party Deck 3  
Concourse Level, Nutter Center | 1–3 p.m. | Liberal Arts grads, don’t miss this opportunity to re-connect with your fellow graduates from the college! You’ll also have the chance to see some of your favorite retired faculty and staff members. |
| Reunion Banquet | 7 p.m.–midnight | Apollo Room, Student Union  
This dinner will honor and recognize the first graduates of Wright State University. Members of the classes of 1967 and 1968 and their friends will enjoy dinner and dancing. All alumni are invited, so come back and help us honor the first of this great university’s graduates! Admission is $20. |
| WSU Men’ Basketball Game | 1–3 p.m. | Ervin J. Nutter Center |
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