**Third Annual Muskingum Programming Contest**

The Third Annual Muskingum University Programming Contest was held in the fall. Ten teams registered from these schools: Muskingum University, Denison University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Baldwin Wallace College, Marietta College, and the University of Akron. The winning team from the University of Akron solved five problems out of eight correctly. Muskingum University also sent teams to the ACM regional programming contest in the fall, and to Denison’s and Ohio Wesleyan’s spring contests.

**Bulletin Board Redesigned**

The student ACM Chapter redesigned the Computer Science side of the MACS bulletin board to be a recruitment tool, designed to interest new students in computer science. Featuring a large iPhone motif, the board highlights the different areas in which computer science is used.

**GamesByTeens**

GamesByTeens ran its fourth annual contest during the spring (results here: [http://gamesbyteens.org/spring-2012-contest-winners/](http://gamesbyteens.org/spring-2012-contest-winners/)). This contest marked the last contest for some of the contestants who'd started participating as middle schoolers back in 2009. This contest was also the first contest where there were judges from a professional game design company, First Playable Productions.
ALUMNI NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Christopher, 1956

Paul Christopher attended the “splendid Reunion weekend” at Muskingum in June 2012. He was reminded of the excellence of the Class of ’62, and the Class of ’57 was impressive too.

Paul was at IEEE Energy Tech 2012 at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland on May 31, 2012. He presented “Satellite Solar Power with Laser Ground Links and Elliptic Orbits.” Also, key additions that were needed for Gerard O’Neill’s seminal 1977 concepts of solar power satellites were discussed.

Lee (Leroy) and Carole Beil, 1960

This has been a very exciting and busy six months for the Beil’s in the desert Southwest. Carole retired at the end of December after 51 years as a hair stylist. (Lee only made it 47 years in the construction industry!)

In February, they had a fabulous vacation to Australia and New Zealand. They spent three days in Sydney before boarding the ship for a 14-day cruise—two ports in Australia and then on to New Zealand for nine ports. The Beil’s stayed another week in the Auckland area touring the North Island of New Zealand. Lee says, “If we were 40 years younger we would move there! This was our trip of a lifetime and now our bucket list is almost completely scratched off!”

Then they were in Casa Grande, Arizona, for a week sight-seeing and playing golf. The desert was in bloom and beautiful. Two days after they returned home they picked up their grandson in La Junta, Colorado, and returned him home after his first year in college. The Beil’s also visited Sedona, Arizona for five days in May to celebrate their Anniversary. And over Memorial Day weekend they toured Zion and Bryce National Parks.

The Beil’s will be going to Portland, Oregon in August. They plan to stay 3-4 weeks tasting wines in the region, sight-seeing and taking in the beautiful Oregon coast line. In September, they are going to Estes Park on the western slope of the Rockies west of Denver. They plan to stay a week just seeing the sights. In October, they’ll take it easy and play golf in the desert.

The Beil’s are enjoying retirement and look forward to returning to Muskingum maybe in 2015 for Lee’s 55th anniversary year. The Beil’s wish the very best to all the Alumni and friends and hopefully they will see everyone in 2016. “Go Muskies!”

Peter Pharis, 1963

Peter was recently awarded the Volunteer Service Award 2011 for volunteer hours. He also received a letter from the White House signed by the President. Peter was also hired as a football coach at Sienna Heights College in Adrian Michigan.

Carol Bannister Rowe, 1970

Carol is semi-retired as a local township assessor. She recently became a grandmother when Jenna Elise Seibert was born on April 10, 2012 to Pastor Eric and Jodie (Butler) Seibert.

Kevin Peck, 1979

Kevin retired form the Westerville City Schools in March 2012 (math teacher) after 32 years in public education. His retirement plans include a lot of fishing. His son, Nate, attends Muskingum now. He is the class of 2015 and a member of the Cross Country and Track teams.

Sherri (Finnell) Gibson, 1986

Sherri is now Adult Educator at the Coshocton County Department of Job and Family Services.

Adam Berry, 2010

After graduation, Adam took a job at Janova in Columbus, Ohio, as a Quality Assurance Analyst and was immediately promoted to Software Developer. He left Janova in March, 2011, when he accepted a position as a Junior Software Engineer at Access Data Group in San Francisco, California. Access Data makes digital forensics and litigation tools: http://accessdata.com/
Dr. Matt Davis Joins MACS

The MACS Department welcomes Dr. Matt Davis, who will take Dr. Laura Dolph Bosley’s place. Matt’s title is Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Matt has a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2010. He has numerous papers and presentations, as well as a variety of mentoring, research, and teaching experience.

Welcome, Matt!

Dr. Bradley Barnes Gets Promoted

Dr. Bradley Barnes’ position has changed from Visiting Professor of Computer Science to Assistant Professor of Computer Science, a tenure-track position.

Bradley received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Georgia and taught at Muskingum in 2011.

New Equipment

The MACS Department purchased networking equipment (routers, switches, and hubs) to use in their Networking class to give students some practical experience at setting up different network configuration. Also the computers were updated in the seminar room to be able to handle what is expected in Computer Graphics in the spring.

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MACS Faculty in the News...

Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.

~Albert Einstein