AN INVITED MESSAGE FROM DR. REICHARDT

In August, a new class of first-year students will be welcomed to Muskingum College. These young women and men will be excited about their new environment and will be eager to begin the journey into their future as Muskingum students. I believe that my feelings will not be very different from theirs as I assume my new responsibilities at Muskingum.

My decision to accept the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs was greatly influenced by my impression of Muskingum as an institution where teaching and learning are taken seriously, where there is sincere concern for the well-being of students and colleagues, and where there is a strong belief that this college is a very special place.

The specialness of Muskingum derives in part from its traditions and its long and distinguished history. It also rests on the fine reputation the College enjoys today. At the same time, I also believe that Muskingum’s specialness is related to its future. That may seem a strange idea since the future of the College is not yet known. And yet that is precisely what is special about Muskingum’s future. The future offers a special challenge to honor the traditions of the past, to ensure that the College lives up to its reputation and, not least, to help shape Muskingum into the institution that it will be five, ten, fifteen years and more from now.

It is my hope that years from now, when the history of Muskingum in the early years of the twenty-first century is written, this generation of faculty will be admired for its stewardship of the College’s traditions, for achievements and honors that enhanced the College’s reputation, and for the creative vision that helped Muskingum become one of the nation’s most distinctive comprehensive liberal arts colleges.

I look forward to beginning the journey into Muskingum’s future with you in the fall.

Dr. Paul Reichardt

2006-2007 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The following faculty were awarded a 2006-2007 Faculty Development Grant:

**Eugene Alesandrini**, Assistant Professor of Speech Communication and **Joyce Alesandrini**, Assistant Professor of Music, to defray costs of travel from the U.S. to Italy and subsequent travel within Italy during their sabbatical year

**Joy Cowdery**, Assistant Professor of Education, for research on Immigration & English Language Learners in Southeastern Ohio

**Marianne Engle**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, for continuing support of ongoing starling research

**Alistair Hattingh**, Assistant Professor of History, for travels to London, England, to conduct continuing research in the Public Records Office on British diplomatic missions, primarily in Argentina

**Eric Law**, Associate Professor of Geology, for sample collection trip at the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains to enhance petrologic study on mountain building process beyond that of the Appalachian Mountains and attendance at the International Conference on continental Dynamics and Environmental Change of the Tibetan Plateau
Steve McGuire, Professor of Sociology, to underwrite costs associated with travel to Costa Rica as part of sabbatical work in 2007.

Rick Nutt, Professor of Religion, to support current multi-year research project into the religious responses to the Vietnam War.

Oluwatoyin Osunsanya, Associate Professor of Biology, for characterization of Heterotrophic Bacteria Isolated from Reclaimed, Restored, and Remnant Sites in the Wilds which involves site visits, soil sampling, planting of soil samples, and identification of bacterial isolates.

Deepa Perera, Associate Professor of Chemistry, to attend a workshop on Bioinformatics and a training session for the use of the DNA Analyzer instrument which was recently purchased by Muskingum College.

Amy Santas, Assistant Professor of Biology, to acquire reagents to support primary biological research by a minimum of 3 students through direct mentoring; To analyze a protein complex in skin using both biochemical and histological analysis; To compare the results obtained in analyzing the dystroglycan complex in skin with the published results of the dystroglycan complex in other organs; and to lay groundwork for analysis of changes within the protein complex and compare these changes to those that occur during cancer progression.

Yan Sun, Associate Professor of Art, To study Chinese Stone Sculptures of Imperial Mausoleums in the Tang Dynasty during your field study in China and U.S. museums.

Jane Varley, Assistant Professor of English, for continued research for her manuscript-in-progress tentatively titled Sceni, which involves traveling to Chicago, IL., and Dubuque, IA.

Ashley Campbell will be doing an internship at the Audubon Center for Research on Endangered Species in New Orleans during the months of May through August under the direction of Dr. James Dooley.

Adam Cirone will be working in collaboration with Dr. Danny Ingold on the impact of vegetation structure and plant species compositions on grassland bird abundance on a reclaimed strip-mine in southeastern Ohio.

Alicia Seng will be working in collaboration with Dr. William Kerrigan on pictorial and oral history of Jefferson Township and Salt Fork Lake, a joint book project with another student, Meredith Bowman.

Jennifer Sorrell will be working in collaboration with Ms. Shelley Judge to analyze data from one or two marine isotope stages from the Expedition 306 site, which contains samples for the past 1.5 million years.

Jason Tarbert will be working in collaboration with Dr. Stephen VanHorn to assemble a GIS base map of the Wilds from aerial photographs and “ground-truthing” the data.

Kevin Triskett will be working in collaboration with Dr. Jerry Martin to do primary research investigating the social impact of new music on various strata of American society.

Jessica Turner will be working in collaboration with Dr. James Dooley on continued investigation aimed at further elucidating the nature and magnitude of West Nile disease prevalence among kestrels living at the Wilds.

Valerie Weaver will be working in collaboration with Dr. Vicki Wilson on Immigration and English Language Learners in Southeastern Ohio Research.

Bonnie Whitt will be working in collaboration with Dr. Amy Santas with continuing work on the dystroglycan research project.
**FACULTY AWARDS**

You are invited to nominate colleagues for consideration for the 2005 special faculty awards: (1) the William Oxley Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching, (2) the William Rainey Harper Award for Outstanding Scholarship, (3) the Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award. For guidelines for these awards, nominations for which are due in the VPAA office by May 15, please refer to the Academic Policies and Procedures, section 220.6. Awards last year were presented to: Dr. David Craft, Dr. Andre DeCuir, Dr. Laura Schumann, and Mr. A. Charles Drubel.

**FIRST YEAR SEMINAR & MUSKIE PREVIEW**

All 33 sections of First Year Seminar for the Fall 2006 semester have been staffed with instructors and student mentors. The group of instructors and student mentors has begun to meet regarding ideas for the upcoming semester.

The common reading text for First Year Seminar 2006 will be *Socrates Café* by Christopher Phillips.

Muskie Previews will take place on the following dates:
- May 16 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 17 & 18 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- June 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- June 7 & 8 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thanks to all the First Year Seminar Instructors and other faculty members who have volunteered to schedule.

**ADVISING NOTES**

**Advisor Assignments:** Faculty who will not be here next year need to make arrangements for the advising of their students. Faculty going on leave or not returning should ask their department chair to reassign their advisees who are department majors and notify the VPAA office so that records can be appropriately updated. Files for non-departmental advisees should be returned to Leigh Williamson for appropriate reassignment.

**Academic Performance:** All Muskingum students are governed by the *Academic Standards Policy* (ref. Academic Policies and Procedures, 110.3).

Students who are subject to dismissal — students on probation whose semester GPA remains below 2.0 at the conclusion of the next semester and whose cumulative GPA is also below 2.0 and/or students whose semester grades are below 1.5 – may be dismissed. Letters of dismissal will be sent to them from the VPAA along with their grade reports about May 12. These students will have the right of appeal; appeals will be accepted through May 22. The Academic Standards Committee will meet on May 23.

**REGISTRAR NOTES**

Grades are due in the Registrar’s Office by noon on Wednesday, May 10. Grades can be submitted online or, if you prefer a paper copy of your grade rosters, you may request paper copies by contacting the Registrar’s Office.

**MAY TERM 2006**

Registration for May Term is going on now through May 9. Currently we have 326 students registered for May Term classes, including faculty-led study abroad programs. Tuition is $310 per credit for traditional classes. Students may make changes to their registration through the end of the second class day, May 9, by submitting an *Add/Drop Form* to the Registrar’s Office. A full tuition refund is given through May 9 for a course drop. If a student withdraws from all enrollment for May Term, the withdrawal date will be the date the *Withdrawal Form* is submitted to the Registrar or the last date of documented class attendance. Tuition will be
refunded as follows: May 8-9, 100%; May 10-11, 75%; May 12, 50%; after May 13, no refund. Faculty members have until May 1 to decide if they wish to cancel classes due to low enrollment. For more information, please contact Meri Linn Emerson at ext. 4164.

**GEORGE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The applications for the 2007-2008 George J. Mitchell Scholarships are now available online at the US-Ireland Alliance website: [http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/) or directly through the following link: [https://apply.embark.com/foundation/mitchell/scholarships/13/](https://apply.embark.com/foundation/mitchell/scholarships/13/)

All applications must be received no later that midnight, Pacific Time, October 6, 2006. There is no paper application for this award. The scholarships are named to honor former Senator George Mitchell’s pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process. As such, we are seeking candidates who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrated leadership in their fields and sustained commitment to public or community service. They must be 18 or over but not yet 30 on October 1, 2006. These scholarships support one year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered at an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition, a living expense stipend and international travel. Normally, 12 scholarships are awarded each year. For more information about the Mitchell Scholarship selection process, profiles of past and current scholars, and the Irish university system, please go to the US-Ireland Alliance website.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Mary Lou Hartman, Director at Hartman@us-irelandalliance.org or call her at 703-841-5843.

**Congratulations**

*The Black & Magenta* has been recognized as one of the top three non-daily student newspapers in the region (Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania) by the Society of Professional Journalists, as part of the regional SPJ Mark of Excellence Award competition.

**FACULTY IN PRINT**

**Rachel Pollock** received first place for her essay, “The Call of the Blog” in the Digital Media Essay Contest sponsored this spring by the Muskingum College chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

**Ken McCollum** has had his ceramic work selected for a solo exhibition at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle, Pennsylvania which is next year.

**Yan Sun**’s solo show, “Peace and Emotion – Yan Sun’s Painting,” will open at Galerie Kornye, Dallas from Friday, April 28-June 25. This exhibit displays 27 oil paintings by Yan in recent years.

**Vivian Wagner** published a creative nonfiction essay, “Under the Gun,” in The Pinch (Spring 2006, pp. 67-78). **Vivian** also won the 2006 Society for Collegiate Journalists Advisor of the Year Award, given by the National Honorary Journalism Society.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL & ACTIVITIES**

**Michelle Boomgaard** attended the Oxford Round Table conference in Oxford, England, March 12-17 where she read a paper entitled, “Multiculturalism Take Three.”

**Andre DeCuir** traveled to Salisbury, MD for the Nineteenth Century Studies Association conference, March 16-19, where he presented a paper entitled, “Sea Voyages, Shipwrecks, and the Journey Toward Self in Charlotte Bronte’s Villette.”
Filiz Edizer Shine traveled to Amalfi, Italy for the International Conference on Advances in the Internet Processing Systems and Interdisciplinary Research, March 23-26, where she did a presentation prepared by her and Bobbi Howard, Lecturer of Education here at Muskingum entitled, “Collaboration and Integration of Technology at the College and School Levels.”

Marianne Engle attended the Animal Behavior Society conference, August 6-10, 2005 in Snowbird, UT, where she presented a poster focusing on starlings’ use of landmarks to locate objects in space.

Gary Golden traveled to Las Vegas, NV on February 22-25, for the American Society of Business and Behavioral Science conference where he read a paper entitled, “Applying changes to an upper-level marketing elective course through a faculty taking classes initiative.”


Ralph Hollingsworth attended the Mathematics Association of America conference at the University of Akron where he discovered one of the other faculty at the meeting was an alum who graduated in Mathematics and Computer Science. He also attended the Ohio Nanotechnology Summit conference on April 4-5 in Columbus, OH where he toured the nanotechnology facilities at The Ohio State University.

Todd Lekan traveled to Portland, OR, March 23-26 for the Pacific APA conference where he read a paper entitled, “Strenuous Moral Living.”

Ken McCollum traveled to Portland, OR for the National Council for the Education of Ceramic Art Conference, March 11. In conjunction with this conference, Ken had a solo exhibition at the Dorothy Steele Gallery also in Portland.

Steve McGuire and David Tabachnick attended the North Central Sociological Association conference in Indianapolis, IN, March 23-26, where Steve read a paper entitled, “Fairy Tales for the Ahistorical Multitudes: The Corporation Story” and David read a paper entitled “French Lessons: How a Hegemonic Law and Economics Arose in Opposition to a Common Property World”.

Jean Morris traveled to Toledo, OH for the Ohio Foreign Language Association conference on March 31-April 1. As Secretary-Treasurer of the organization, Jean co-convened the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French on March 31.

Rick Nutt attended the Ohio Academy of Religion conference at Ohio Wesleyan College on April 1.

Debbie Phillips attended the Southern States Communication Association conference in Dallas, TX on April 5-8 where she read a paper entitled, “Gender differences and motivations in casino gambling.” Debbie also traveled to the Popular Culture Association conference on April 12-15, where she read a paper entitled, “Gender differences in the Mosh Pit.”

Mark Stambush traveled to Palm Springs, CA, January 26-28, for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference.

Yan Sun was awarded the Loyalty and Excellent Service as Ambassador of Texas A&M University-Commerce Alumni Association and attended the Twenty-Third Annual Alumni Ambassador Forum at the University on April 13.

Jane Varley attended the Associated Writing Programs conference March 8-11 in Austin, TX, where she read a paper entitled, “Focus in Creative Nonfiction.”
Vivian Wagner and a student, Julie Watts, traveled to Cincinnati, OH, April 8 to attend the Society of Professional Journalists Region 4 conference.

Vicki Wilson traveled to Atlanta, GA for the Association of Teacher Education conference February 19-21.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

1. Approved Proposals from MACS department to:
   a. Drop MATH 180: Elementary Functions (3 credits) from the permanent offerings.
   b. Add MATH 1XX: Trigonometry (1 credit) to the permanent offerings.
   c. Add MATH 1XX: College Algebra (3 credits) to the permanent offerings.
   d. Change the pre-requisites for MATH 190: Beginning Calculus to require MATH 1xx: Trigonometry and MATH 1XX: College Algebra or equivalent.
   e. Change the wording of the CORE math LAE requirement to read “One mathematics course of at least three hours,...”.

2. Consider proposals from the Physics department to:
   a. Drop PHYS 102: Introductory Physics II from the permanent offerings and from the Scientific Understanding area of the LAE.
   b. Change the title and description of CHEM 335: Analytical Chemistry to reflect a reduction in number of Lab hours included in the course. This is NOT a change in credit hours, but rather a modification of the way the course is taught.

3. Approved proposal from the BIOL department to:
   a. Increase the credit hours for BIOL 221: Vascular Plant Systematics from 3 credits to 4 credits. (30-day approval)
   b. Increase the credit hours for BIOL 232: Vertebrate Natural History from 3 credits to 4 credits. (30-day approval)

4. Received proposal to add ART 1XX: Three Dimensional Design (2 credits) as a special course.

5. Received proposal to change the course number of EDUC 430: Characteristics and Assessment of Children with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3 credits) to EDUC 3XX.