

**Student life.**

How has student social life changed over the past 172 years? Consider these aspects:

- 1) The dominant forms of recreation.
- 2) Student traditions.
- 3) The structures and types of social organization (literary societies, intra-class competitions, sports teams, YMCA and YWCA, Greek organizations, interest-specific clubs.
- 4) The methods and degree of control College administrators imposed on student social life.
- 5) Religious, ethnic, racial and international make-up of the student body.
- 6) Gender issues.

**Christian idealism.**

How has the College's identity as a Christian or church-related College shaped Muskingum College? Consider:

- 1) Strictures on behavior.
- 2) The College's understanding of its relationship to the outside world.
- 3) Curriculum
- 4) College traditions. (including things like the songs we sing at specific traditional events, the cornerstones on College buildings.)

**Muskingum College in the Wider World.**

To what extent has the Muskingum College story reflected the changing values of the nation, and to what extent has the College carved its own path? Consider these specific time periods in American History:

- 1) The Civil War era (would probably require more research for students).
- 2) The Progressive era (ca. 1900-1920)
- 3) The "roaring" Twenties.
- 4) The 1930s (thinking specifically about the isolationist mindset of the nation here).
- 5) WWII.
- 6) The 1950s.
- 7) The 1960s and 1970s.
- 8) The modern day.

**Leadership.**

How have specific College leaders shaped Muskingum College? Consider their impact on:

- 1) The physical campus.
- 2) The curriculum
- 3) The economic situation of the College in troubled times.