

LIFETIMES

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MARGARET'S NOTE PAD

For the 2005 ONTAP leaders, the orientation program has helped the next wave of new graduate students settle in to academic life at Kent State University this semester. ONTAP stands for Orienting New Teaching Assistants Program.

For the past 16 years, ONTAP, under the direction of **Dr. Jerry Feezel**, has introduced graduate assistants, research assistants, teaching assistants and teaching fellows new to KSU whatever their duties are to the university and the roles and demands of graduate life.

Jerry, emeriti professor of Communication Studies, is also serving as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will be stepping down as director of ONTAP, which is administered through the Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

New graduate students from Ohio and all over the world met and worked with the ONTAP Leaders — experienced teaching fellows who serve as peer mentors to small groups, according to **Tom Gore**, ONTAP coordinator and doctoral student in the School of Communication Studies.

Jerry founded ONTAP, and the admiration my fellow ONTAP leaders had for him made the experience memorable for us as we met our new fellow colleagues in various graduate programs.

This year, more than 40 international and 225 domestic students were welcomed and oriented during the ONTAP week. For international graduate students, ONTAP is combined with one offered by the office of International Scholars and Student Services, according to Jerry.

ONTAP gets students started in developing their professional study, teaching and communicating skills. Through the workshops and personal contact with their ONTAP peer mentors, we strive to make them comfortable at the university, to help build confidence and address any concerns, according to Jerry.

ONTAP week ends on a high note with a luncheon for the leaders, Jerry, Tom and **Donna Warner**, secretary for Research and Graduate Studies.

My fellow ONTAP leaders included **Becki Bowman**, communication; **Kathryn Byrne**, English; **Xiaoqing Chen**, finance; **Anisi Daniels-Smith**, sociology; **Mayuri Deka**, English; **Benjamin Dunkel**, modern and classical language studies; **David Fruehstorfer**, psychology; **Julie Hanson**, biological sciences; **Pam Hunt**, sociology; **Rajrani Kalra**, geography; **Myke Lewis**, education; **Michael Martin**, music; **Krishna Neupane**, physics; **Caleb Sekeres**, theater; **Mel Thompson**, adult, counseling, health and vocational education.



From left are Jerry Feezel, Donna Warner and Tom Gore of Research and Graduate Studies along with ONTAP leaders Becki Bowman and Rajrani Kalra.

Michael expressed what we felt for being connected to ONTAP and Jerry.

"I thank Dr. Feezel for the opportunity to have worked with people who would have otherwise been strangers in my life. More importantly, he is now part of a very short list of role models who have been kind and unselfish to people around them," Michael said.

The ONTAP experience was a "life moment," according to Michael.

"I learned so many things about the people with whom I worked. I found many instances of where I met kindred spirits regarding work ethic and friendships," he added.

Each new graduate student going through ONTAP presents a micro-presentation to their fellow small group, which is videotaped. This gives grad students a mirror clearly showing them what teaching styles they do or do not work, according to Chen.

The big applause from their group members is really touching and a great confidence boost to those who will be new to teaching in a college classroom, Chen added.

Jerry's enthusiasm for ONTAP naturally got ONTAP leaders to go above and beyond their expected duties, according to Tom.

For example, Ben became the ONTAP photographer, capturing candid moments and official photos, including the one for this column. Michael produced a DVD of ONTAP leaders to show during one of the large morning sessions. He also provided leaders with their own personal copies (complete with outtakes).

This thought from Jerry tells so much about what ONTAP is. "We want to develop the next generation of professors as thoughtful, reflective scholar/teachers in the college classroom. Through ONTAP, graduate students are mentored and prepared for the total role of thinking professionals," Jerry said.

For more information on ONTAP, go to www.kent.edu/rags/GraduateStudies/ONTAP.

Have a suggestion for a column item about Kent State University or local Kent organizations? Contact Margaret Garmon at (330) 678-1450 or e-mail mgarmon@kent.edu.

FUND-RAISER

Area residents donate used vehicles to non-profit agency

Thirteen residents of nine local towns donated running and non-running cars, trucks and vans recently to Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County. Since the program began, 2,213 vehicles have been donated to the local non-profit agency.

The following area residents donated vehicles: Atwater — Hobert Horn and Nikole Ring; Aurora — Lois and William Guy and Evelyn Stroud; Hudson — Sarah Bingham; Kent — Kathleen Robinson and Sherry Vitone; Mantua — Sandra Taylor; Mogadore —

Muriel Bolitho; Ravenna — Richard Trusso; Streetsboro — Constance Brindle; and Newton Falls — Harry Hukeri.

Donated vehicles are repaired and re-sold or the parts are sold. Money generated from this fund-raiser is used by the agency to run its one-to-one youth mentoring program. Vehicles will be picked up within three days and a tax deduction form is given to each donor. The donor needs to have the title and keys.

To donate a vehicle and have it picked up free of charge, call (330) 296-6655.

RAVENNA

Three classes from '40s reunite

Classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 of Ravenna City High School recently held a combined reunion at the Aurora Inn. A total of 78 members and guests were in attendance, with 14 representing the class of 1946, 18 from the class of 1947 and 17 representing the class of 1948.

Tom Matteson, '48, served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Duane Payne, '47.

Organizing committee members from the class of 1946 were Anita (Krueger) Fankhauser and Virginia (Jones) Hamilton of Randolph. The 1947 committee comprised Doug Brown of Highland Heights, Pat (Likens) Hartle of Ravenna and Ora (Dowler) Cantor of Ravenna. Organizers for 1948 were Harold and Alice Kandes of Ravenna.

Memorabilia were shared by Virginia Hamilton, '46, and Rose (Bruno) Wilkinson, '46. Pat (Likens) Hartle, '47, also presented a photo display.

Classmates from 1946 coming from out of state were Neil and Donna (Hurlburt) Heis of



At the joint reunion of Ravenna High School classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948, seated from left, are Virginia (Jones) Hamilton, '46; Alice (Gless) Kandes, '48; Pat (Likens) Hartle, '47; and Anita (Krueger) Fankhauser, '46. Standing are Harold Kandes, '48; Ora (Dowler) Cantor, '47; and Doug Brown, '47.

Chelsea, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. William Romito of Tupelo, Miss., and Leo and Ann Wymer of Maumee.

Out-of-town guests from the class of 1947 were Ted and Lois Snowe

of Malvern, Pa., Eileen (Shutok) and Bill Romito of Tupelo, Miss., and Leo and Ann Wymer of Maumee.

Out-of-town guests from the class of 1948 were Barbara Berg of Independence, La., Kenneth McNulty of Parkersburg, W.Va., and Thomas Matteson of North Fort Myers, Fla.

STOW

Louise Savory, 90, celebrates birthday



LOUISE SAVORY

Louise Savory of Stow was busy celebrating her Sept. 5 birthday, which marked 90 years, 87 of which were lived in Kent or Stow.

She was born to James and Etta (Stephon) Wilson in Warren. Louise was educated at Kent State University High School after which she graduated from Kent State University with a degree in education.

For a total of 30 years, she taught elementary school at Deerfield, Suffield and Cuyahoga Falls, from which she retired.

She was married Sept. 14, 1940, to William A. Savory, until his death in 1985. The

couple had three children: James, Mary Alice and Thomas.

James Savory and his wife, Gave, of Cuyahoga Falls; Mary Alice Hart and her husband, Roger, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Thomas Savory and his wife, Janet, of Stow joined with their mother in planning a family dinner on Sept. 4 at the Stow-Glen Retirement

Village. Thirty-eight family members attended the dinner, some from as far away as Alabama, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania and several from Ohio. A special out-of-town guest was her sister-in-law from Chesterland, Wilda Wilson, 94.

The following day, many friends from the community came to wish her well at an open house given in her honor. Her niece, Gail Beckett of Maryland, also called to wish her "Happy Birthday."

Louise has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She loves to knit and to croch-

et. She stays involved with her church, the United Church of Christ in Kent, as well as keeping active as a member in the Aaron Olmstead Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Stow Study Club, where her membership dates to 1948.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Guitar lessons offered in Ravenna

The Ravenna Parks and Recreation Department will offer Beginner Guitar Lessons for children from 8 to 12 and adults age 13 and older.

Students will learn chords, proper form, tuning, music notation and the minimum movement principle. Guitars are not included. Students must purchase the book "Melbay Book One" prior to the start of class.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from Oct. 13 to Dec.

8 at Brown Middle School in Ravenna. Class time for ages 8 to 12 is 6 to 6:45 p.m. Adult class time is 6:55 to 7:40 p.m.

Guitar II classes will be offered from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Participants must have had Beginner Guitar in order to enroll in this class.

To register or for more information, contact Ravenna Recreation at (330) 296-2864 or stop in at 530 N. Freedom St.

Order bricks for Crestwood Walk

The Crestwood All Sports Booster Club has begun taking orders for the Crestwood Spirit Walk, Round 2. Those interested can order a brick paver by calling Dana Vanderpik at (330) 569-0072 and an order

form will be mailed.

The company and individual bricks can be seen at the new stadium facility.

The cost for an 8-by-8 engraved brick is \$75 or \$40 for the 4-by-8.

VFW collecting for Center of Hope

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1055 and the Ladies Auxiliary are collecting canned foods, paper products and staples for the Center of

Hope in Ravenna as a project for Make a Difference Day, which is Oct. 22.

Boxes are set up in the post canton for donations.

Space is available for craft bazaar

The First Church of God, 237 New Milford Road, Ravenna, still has vendor space available for its Oct. 29 craft bazaar.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To reserve a spot, call Sue Robenstine, (330) 297-0275.

Sign up now for Volleyball League

The Ravenna Parks and Recreation Department is now taking reservations for Co-Recreational Volleyball League. Registration will close after Oct. 7. Practice is scheduled to start in mid-November. League play begins Dec. 1 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A non-refundable fee of \$75 is required to hold a spot at the

time of registration. Teams from the previous year will have the first opportunity to register.

The fee is \$175 per team. A \$10 non-refundable fee is required for anyone not living or working in the city of Ravenna.

To register or for more information, call (330) 296-2864 or stop in at 530 N. Freedom St., Ravenna.

AKRON

Concert tribute scheduled for Margaret Baxtresser

Friends of Margaret Baxtresser will gather in the auditorium of the new Akron-Summit County Library at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 to celebrate the completion of her last major project to benefit the Children's Concert Society.

Originally billed as Margaret Baxtresser and Friends: A Musical Entertainment, the event will be a tribute to the renowned pianist who entertained audiences around the world and for the past three years performed for local elementary through high school students as part of Children's Concert Society's In-School Concert Series.

Featured artists, Margaret's friends who accepted her personal invitation to perform the benefit concert, include David Fisher, music director for Ohio Ballet; Dolores Parker Morgan, song stylist and former featured singer with Duke Ellington; Seneca Trio, featuring Diane Mather on cello, Marcia Ferritto on violin and Elizabeth DeMio

on piano; Alan Bodman, concertmaster of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Amy Barlowe Bodman, composer and violinist; Brian Murphy, courtesy of Ohio Ballet; Dr. Halim El-Dabh, ethnomusicologist and professor at Kent State University; and Leslie Parker Barnes, vocalist of the Arlington Church of God.

In addition, the Summit Choral Society's Touring Choir performs a composition by Bodman called "Celebration Waltz," written in memory of Baxtresser.

Program coordinator for the event is James Mismas, director of the Akron Symphony Chorus.

Tickets are \$50 for general admission or \$100 for concert and post-concert reception.

Children's Concert Society is a volunteer non-profit organization whose mission since 1947 has been to enrich the music education of students in Akron and the surrounding areas through live performances.

Water Walking class to be offered

The Ravenna Parks and Recreation Department will offer Water Walking and Body Toning, a 60-minute water workout designed to tone the body and burn calories with water walking, water weights and the support of "noodles."

To register or for more information, call (330) 296-2864 or stop in at 530 N. Freedom St., Ravenna.

• 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays

Church Women United meeting set

Church Women United Board meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m. Monday at the

United Church of Christ, located at 1427 Horning Road in Kent.

and Thursdays from Oct. 13 to Nov. 22.

• 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays from Oct. 17 to Nov. 28.

All classes will be held at the Chestnut Hills Wellness Center in Ravenna.

To register or for more information, call (330) 296-2864 or stop in at 530 N. Freedom St., Ravenna.