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Schwartz stresses student success

University honors eight faculty and staff with awards

By Amanda Nypaver

"How can anyone ever consider this Cleveland State University as 'ordinary' ever again?"

This is just one of the high praises CSU President Michael Schwartz showered on the campus community at the Convocation on Tuesday.

"It's a very exciting time to be at the University," Schwartz said. "Instruction has never been at a higher level, and it is in the best tradition."

"Our dedication to their learning will play a large part in how they finally define 'the good life' and therefore what the future will hold. This is



PHOTO BY CATHY HENNES

CSU President Michael Schwartz honors Communication Professor Leo W. Jeffres with the coveted Dr. Jennie S. Hwang Award for Faculty Excellence.

not small stuff that we do. It is not small stuff that we ask of them.

"Their success here can, in

some very real way, mean that Cleveland State University has had its hand in the creation of the nation,

perhaps the world, as it will evolve. Then let us dedicate ourselves and our daily work to the creation of real opportunity, an environment of high standards and high expectations, and in the end, to the success of our students. I know who is responsible for that: I am. And so are you."

To achieve his goal, Schwartz said he would appoint two faculty members as Special Assistant to the President in charge of student-success initiatives.

He named Professor Elizabeth Lehfeldt and Professor Roger Govea to these posts. They will immediately begin to form an All-University President's Commission on Student Success with membership from each of the colleges.

"We can make up for some of our enrollment weaknesses by doing a better job of retaining the students that we

do have, and we can improve our graduation rates as well," Schwartz said. "More than 60 percent of our students report that they are the first in their families to attend a college or university, and the vast majority of our new students report that they alone decided where to go to school.

"If our students are being thrown back on their own resources for decisions of this magnitude while students from more "higher education savvy" families are experiencing more support in decision making, then it seems to me that those of us who are in direct contact with our students need to fill in the gap.

"We know that we have many fine students who achieve great things. But we also know that we lose some who are certainly qualified and bright enough to do this

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University grieves loss of Burns, Hayashi

By Ashley Sager

Cleveland State faculty and staff paid tribute to two colleagues who passed way recently: One a victim of violence and the other due to a heart attack.

Art professor Masumi Hayashi died of gun shot wounds on Aug. 17 while Michael J. "Mickey" Burns, training coordinator in the Department of Human Resources Development and Labor Relations, suffered a heart attack on the same day.

"As respected colleagues, mentors and friends, Masumi and Mickey will be sorely missed by all of us," President Michael Schwartz said in a statement. "Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families."

George Mauersberger, who worked with Hayashi in the Art Department since 1987, said, "Hayashi leaves behind an exceptional body of work.

"As a teacher, she had a devoted following of students, many of whom she stayed in contact with after they graduated," Mauersberger said.

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Lebanon conflict hits CSU students

Stand off in Lebanon cuts vacations short

By Ahmed Hamed

Nour Schehade's dream trip to Lebanon, which he had bragged about for so many months, turned out to be a nightmare.

Schehade, a junior in International Business, hoped to stay in his native country for three months. But, unfortunately, it was cut short to one month because he was evacuated by the US government.

After the first eight joyful days, he was caught up in the Israeli-Hezbollah war.

"The war in Lebanon was the most



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horrific experience in my life," Schehade said. "Lebanese people worked so hard to build their country, which was ruined in minutes."

In detail he described about how 3,000 missiles hit the country; the office buildings, houses, schools, ambulances, mini vans, buses, gas stations and high ways. Schehade said it was horrific to see babies on fire in the streets and children hugging the bodies of their parents.

Schehade who visited Chhim, in the mid-west of Lebanon, traveled three

and half hours to Dubois where he was shipped out on the USS Nashville (the same ship that came 20 years ago during the last war in Lebanon) in a six hour trip to Cyprus in Turkey. From there he and his fellow passengers took a flight to Baltimore via Rome before landing in Cleveland.

Schehade said he felt safe and relieved after setting foot in the United States.

Freshman Tina El Khoury echoed similar views.

El Khoury spent three weeks in Hamman, which is located 12 miles north of Beirut, with her father.

"I was evacuated from Hamman, and took a ship to Cyprus, which took hours," said El Khoury who was flown in an Air Force airplane to a military

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Recreation Center aims to attract, retain students

\$25-m complex finished on time, features latest fitness equipment

By Amanda Nypaver

The first time Business major Sandra Jancar stepped into Cleveland State's new Recreation Center, she was surprised by the quality of the sports equipment and other features in the \$25-million facility.

"Everything had that never-been-used smell to it," Jancar said. "It was exciting to think that I could be the very first person to use some of the



PHOTO BY AMANDA NYPAVER

Physical Therapy major Jenna Justen exercises in the new recreation center.

equipment and machines." The university's extreme makeover crossed a major step as the campus community celebrated the opening of the Recreation Center on Aug. 28.

Located on Chester Avenue, the 130,000-square-foot,

the Recreation Center is the second building, the first being the renovation of Fenn Tower), completed as part of CSU's \$179 million campus master plan.

Connected to the Physical Education Building, which houses Woodling Gym and Busbey Natatorium, the new center contains basketball, volleyball, racquetball and squash courts, weight training and fitness areas, an indoor jogging track, a multi-purpose gym, locker rooms, lounge areas and a juice bar. It also has a 50-space underground parking garage and is adjacent to a new 400-car East Parking Garage, still under construction.

Full-time students have membership fees included in their tuition package and therefore can use the Recreation Center free of charge.

The building itself makes ample use of "green technology," and plans to seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in the near future.

The Recreation Center's motto, "Come. Stay. Play." was the focus of the ribbon-cutting ceremony. School officials stressed that the Recreation Center will not only encourage a healthy campus and quality of life, but also attract and retain the best and brightest students.

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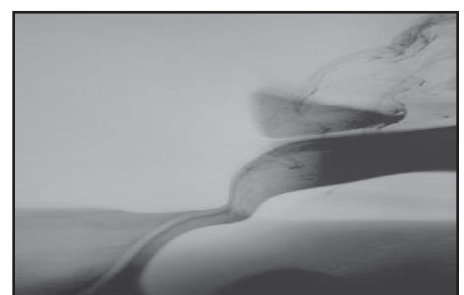
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Quality is key to Fenn's success

By Mike Kohuth

Sophomore Natalie Wilson was excited to relocate from Viking Hall to Fenn Tower because of the luxurious, affordable, apartment-style dormitory.

Like Wilson, many students have taken up residence at the recently renovated Fenn Tower at 1983 E. 24 St.

The \$30 million project took a year and a half to complete.

It houses up to 438 students.

Students got a first hand look of what life would be like as they moved into their suites on Aug. 26-27

"The quality of living is a lot better at Fenn, I have more space and I love the kitchenette," said Wilson, a Health Science major.

Spacious rooms and kitchenettes are some of the amenities at Fenn Tower.

A game room, that is complete with pool tables and flat panel televisions, a new laundry facility, and an in-house fitness center offer extra amenities.

Sophomore Business major, Sierra Adams feels more



PHOTO BY MIKE KOHUTH

Students enjoy a few games at the new Fenn Tower residence. Games like pool and foosball help to relax students after a long day of classes.

comfortable in Fenn Tower than she did at Viking Hall.

"It's a lot different from Viking because I have more room (at Fenn Tower)," Adams said.

Ashley Sieker, Fenn Tower's marketing and leasing agent is thrilled that the first couple of weeks were successful.

Many students who lived at Viking Hall last year are now

living in Fenn Tower, Sieker said.

To her surprise the number of students living in Viking Hall didn't drop significantly. She said that the decrease was modest.

"The reason students decided to stay at Viking was mainly because of the one bedroom (dorm). Viking is a home away from home

whereas Fenn is a state-of-the-art residence complex," Sieker said.

Sieker added rooms at Fenn Tower are 90 percent occupied, with a one-year goal of 100 percent occupancy.

Spring-only contracts are being offered to students wanting to experience the luxury-dorm life.

Police Blotter

By Mike Kohuth

Sept. 6

A student was robbed of \$2.75 by a homeless man.

On the same day, two students were involved in a physical altercation in the West Garage.

Perhaps, a little road rage before hitting the road?

Sept. 4

Crime Spree in Lot Z, two students reported that their cars were broken into and their parking tags were taken.

Another student reported his car was stolen from the same lot; apparently the parking tag wasn't enough for the criminals.

The vehicle was later found off campus.

Sept. 1

A faculty member reported the theft of her purse that contained her ATM card and credit cards from the Chester Building.

Another reminder to keep personal belongings under lock and key.

Aug. 29

A student needed medical attention at the Science and Research Building after unloading some light bulbs.

CSU president's term extended to 2010

By Amanda Nypaver

President Lyndon B. Johnson once said "A president's hardest task is not to do what is right, but to know what is right."

On Sept. 15, The Cleveland State University Board of Trustees recognized that President Michael Schwartz knows what is right for the university by unanimously voting to extend his employment through June 30, 2010.

The Board authorized the termination of Schwartz's contract and issued a new contract that will allow him to apply for benefits under the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). The terms of the new agreement with the University are said to be strikingly similar to those in the current contract.

"I cannot tell you how happy and proud I am to have the privilege of being President of this great university into the year 2010," Schwartz said. "I am humbled to have the opportunity to see more of our plans of today become the reality of tomorrow, and I want you to know that I value your continued trust and support."

Board Chairman Timothy J. Cosgrove said, "Michael Schwartz is without question one of the finest presidents in the history of Cleveland State University. As a board, it is our

responsibility to ensure that he is permitted to continue making our vision for this great University continue at a rapid pace that he has not only encouraged, but has led with vigor and unbridled enthusiasm. Keeping Michael at the helm is a testimony to our support of all that he stands for-making Cleveland State a student-focused center of scholarly excellence."

"We realized that for Cleveland State University to continue making the amazing strides it has made since Dr. Schwartz's arrival, it is essential that we extend his term of office. This will ensure the continued upward momentum of the institution that has been improving dramatically since Dr. Schwartz came to Cleveland State in 2001," Cosgrove added.

Thanks to President Schwartz and his administration, many accomplishments and initiatives are under way including Building Blocks for the Future, a \$200+ million campus master plan, creation of the University's first Honors Program, a push for high academic standards to attract academically better-prepared students, technology advancements including Campus411, dramatic increases in stature and funding of research programs and mandatory student advising.

Candidate highlights students' issues, loans

By Amanda Nypaver

Education major Jason Stachewicz almost had his paycheck confiscated by the federal government.

Thanks to outstanding loans Jason accumulated as a History major three years ago, he was ineligible to receive additional financial aid from the government when he returned to CSU to earn a teaching license in fall 2005.

He also found himself in trouble with the government for not paying back all of his previous loans.

"Here I am, trying to better myself and I can't get any student loans to help me out. And to top it off, they try to take my paycheck," Stachewicz said. "I thought this was supposed to be the land of opportunity."

To highlight the plight of students like Stachewicz, Congressman Rahm Emanuel (D-III) and Candidate Zack Space (D-18) came to CSU on Aug. 30 to establish a dialogue and acknowledge the issues and problems when it comes to rising tuition and loans.

"It's not right that students are graduating with a Visa bill instead of a diploma," Emanuel said.

From 2000-2005, Ohio's tuition rates increased 52.8 percent. During that time, the money that went toward student aid was cut by \$12.7 billion.

This year alone, CSU increased its



PHOTO BY AMANDA NYPAVER

Congressman Emanuel and Space debate student's issues.

tuition rates by 6 percent.

"Cost is the number one reason why kids drop out of school," Emanuel said. "It should not be a factor that keeps students from economic opportunities."

Space district, which includes 16 eastern and southeastern counties, is one of the least educated districts in Ohio.

"Our college graduation rate is only half of the national level," Space said. "Opportunity for the folks in my district means being able to send their kids to college."

Both Emanuel and Space agreed that filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is just as worse as the insignificant funds and high interest rates that students receive.

The FAFSA, which students must fill out every year, contains 108 questions on six pages.

"If you have ever seen the FAFSA form, you know how difficult it is to fill out. There is no reason why there couldn't be half as many questions written in easier English," Emanuel said.

As Emanuel and Space continue to pledge to find solutions to these problems, the Director of the School of Communication Richard M. Perloff said that there is a great deal to watch out for politically in upcoming months.

"It is important to take a look at the larger, current political scene because many things are going to be happening and possibly changing," Perloff said.

University does its part to salute a fallen hero

By Lucy Higgins

CSU's Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and Delta Omega Phi Sorority joined forces with Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association and AVI Foodsystems to honor a fallen hero.

First District Detective Jonathan "AJ" Schroeder was fatally shot by a man on Aug. 30 while serving him an arrest warrant near West 98th and Madison Avenue.

Two events were held by the student groups on Sept. 13 at the University Center to honor Schroeder and raise money for his family.

The first event was a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The second event, a spaghetti dinner, was held later that day from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

AVI Foodsystems donated the food. Its Marketing Director Dawn Perry said the company wanted be part of the events as soon as it was approached with the idea.

"We are a family owned company," Perry said. "Family is very important to us. This benefit to us, without question, was something that would happen."

Perry said that AVI Foodsystems

President Anthony Payiavlas agreed to the benefits right away.

For the breakfast, AVI prepared for 200 people and for dinner, 1000 meals were cooked. With the prices at \$5 for breakfast and \$10 per meal, a substantial amount of money was raised for Schroeder's family.

A majority of participants at the breakfast was from CSU, he said, adding a few police officers and firefighters took part in the dinner.

To learn more about The Jonathan Schroeder Memorial Fund, visit the CPPA's Web site at <http://www.cppa.org>

Professor studies back pain

Study funded to find solution

By Amanda Richards

Did you ever wake up after what you thought was a good night's sleep, only to experience a pain in your lower back that lasts for the rest of the day? Or, have you ever experienced the same back pain after a long day of sitting at your computer at school? Ever wonder how this could happen to you, a healthy student who hasn't yet experienced many chronic health problems?

Enter Paul Sung, an assistant professor of physical therapy at Cleveland State University. Dr. Sung is the principal investigator of a new study on lower back pain, which is held on campus.

Sung said he started this research because he had treated a lot of patients who complained of the same kind of back problems.

The study's purpose is to as-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Sung is conducting research to see if the procedure works.

sess whether lower back pain can be decreased through a series of exercises combined

with the use of a Serola® pelvic belt. Participants in the study will be required to at-

tend three one-hour sessions involving motion assessment and therapeutic exercise. They will be urged to continue these exercises at home, and their progress will be assessed one month later.

Exercise and back pain

Sung said the combination of the Serola® belt and the exercise routines should be able to determine whether lower back pain can be corrected through the stabilization of the pelvis.

"A lot of back pain is related to the pelvis," Sung said. "The pelvis is like a foundation of a building. If the pelvis is not stable, for some reason, then the spine can be compensative and possibly generate some lower back problems." Participants, who are volunteers, are evaluated by a physical therapist to see if this is effective for their lower back pain.

One of the main requirements for volunteers is they must be under the age of 65. Even if they meet the age re-

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Dr. Paul Sung
Assistant Professor

quirement, they still might not be eligible for the study, according to Sung.

"Not everyone qualifies for this," Sung said. Pregnant women and people with neurological problems won't be eligible. "We really make safety an issue. We don't want someone falling or getting hurt."

The study is funded by the university and a grant from the manufacturers of the Serola® belt.

For more information, contact Sung at (216) 687-5447 or p.sung@csuohio.edu.

Learning Center integrates CSU programs

Center invests in commitment, support and high expectations

By Amanda Nypaver

In an effort to further student success, the Comprehensive Learning Center was formed.

The CLC, which was launched on Aug. 30, houses many existing programs and services such as Disability Services, The FOCUS Center, The Freshman Orientation Course, The Mentoring Program, The National Student Exchange Program and The Tutoring Center.

"It was very important to integrate these programs and services because both inside and outside sources saw a need for it in order to stay on track with others," said CLC director Janice Taylor-Heard.

One of the most noticeable changes the university will see is the re-designed Introduction to University Life class (ASC 101/BUS 101).

"The Intro to University Life Course is mandatory for all students. Currently, there are 1,000 students enrolled in 32 sections," said Paula Bloch, coordinator of the Freshman Orientation Course.

Block emphasized that the course will be geared toward learning and communicat-

ing ideas in a community.

"Students will find themselves in a cluster of classes together," Bloch said. "For example, they may have ASC 101, ENG 101, and MTH 101 together. We want incoming students to see the same faces, learn and interact with them. In the future, we would like to see more online involvement as well as the course in different venues, meaning the east and west campus."

Another department included in the CLC, The Focus Center, offers various workshops on topics such as time management, writing skills, note taking skills, test preparation and general study skills.

"The Focus Center is a resource center that most students, especially freshman,

are not aware of. Not only can we help students decide on their major, but we can also offer them workshops in which real people with real careers come in and talk about their experiences," said Anne Nelson, co-creator and coordinator of The Focus Center.

Another feature of The Focus Center is that it offers various CD-ROMs and videos for students to use during Center hours of operation.

Taylor-Heard said the CLC is under utilized by students.

"We at the CLC have very high expectations for students. We are invested to their success and completing a degree. However, more students, faculty and staff need to be involved in these

efforts. We can lose just as many prepared students as unprepared ones," Taylor-Heard said.

The various departments of the CLC are currently spread out among campus, and the main office is at UC 303.

"By the fall of 2007, we hope to be established inside the Main Classroom Building as one unit. We recognize that there needs to be more coordination and collaboration between all of the Centers. Right now, our resources and departments are spread out and students may be confused as to where to go for the proper assistance that they need. This move is aimed at alleviating that confusion," Taylor-Heard said.

Committee extends search for new provost

Application deadline pushed back to find the right candidate

By Amanda Nypaver

Even before Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Chin Y. Kuo stepped down on July 1, the search for his successor was well underway.

Reviews of potential candidates began as early as May 1, and were set to continue until the position was filled.

Vice president for Business Affairs & Finance and co-chair of the Provost Search Committee John J. Boyle III, said in a statement the committee has extended the application deadline until Oct. 15.

"On the first batch, the com-

mittee identified two candidates that were brought to campus for interviews. One of these candidates has subsequently withdrawn as he took another position," Boyle said.

Hope is not lost for finding Kuo's replacement, however.

"Since the last review, the committee has received nine additional applicants. These applicants and any others received by Oct. 15 will be reviewed after that date," Boyle III said.

Some of the qualifications that the committee is looking for in the new Provost include an earned doctorate or other terminal degree, at least three years in a line position at or above the level of Dean and at least seven years experience in higher education administration in a doctoral granting institution, evidence of innovative

leadership, a distinguished record of intellectual leadership, and scholarship at the rank of full professor.

Serving as interim provost until Kuo's successor is found

is Mary Jane Saunders.

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the planning, development and administration of the full array of the university's academic programs and research and enrollment services.

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Beer on campus? I vote "yea!" ...

Debate brews on sale of alcohol at CSU campus

By Michelle McCafferty

As students at CSU, many of us have anything but the traditional college experience.

Most students have jobs, some two or even three. Many commute, and still others are parents with small children.

A combination of any or all of these characteristics makes the students on our campus different, in many ways, from those at say Ohio University or Bowling Green.

Some might even argue that the additional stress we deal with, on top of classes and working toward our degrees, makes us more responsible than our traditional counterparts.

I concur, and that is why I was somewhat offended, when it was brought to my at-



tention last week that there is controversy brewing. Apparently, some students feel that alcohol should not be served on campus.

We're all adults, and are capable of making rational decisions. I think Ohio University, which allows alcohol from licensed sources to be dispensed on campus, sums it up best when it states in its campus alcohol policy, "Ohio University recognizes that the decision to use alcoholic beverages is a personal one, in part regulated by the laws of the State of Ohio, city or-

dinances, and policy of Ohio University, as well as standards of responsible behavior consistent with the mission of the University."

A university's main mission should be to prepare students for life after college. In the real world, we will be bombarded with temptation and moral dilemmas on a daily basis.

Personal responsibility

Our future employers aren't going to make special efforts to ensure that alcohol isn't served on or near company property. We will be held responsible for our own choices and actions. And that's the way it should be.

Think back to last year, when groups of students could frequently be found slamming back a few cold ones at Tortilla Fresca. I'm unaware of any problems that resulted from these social gatherings, unless you count the occasional inappropriate karaoke performance.

"We're all adults, and are capable of making rational decisions."

As a 21-year-old student, I'm insulted by the notion that anyone could question my ability to practice self-control. I feel it's an insult to my intelligence and my character.

This being a commuter campus, I understand that some may raise the issue of drunken driving as a reasonable concern.

But here, the venerable U-pass comes into play. It's available for no cost to all full-time students. Let's face it; a ride on the RTA can be an adventure in itself.

Have a few beers and flash your pass before boarding the bus, and voila! To me, that sounds like an interesting way to spend an evening.

...Beer on campus? No way!

Alcohol sales affect students' performances

By Amanda Nypaver

One tequila. Two tequila. Three tequila. Floor.

That's what students will be singing from their classroom floors if the new dining service continues to serve alcohol on campus.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy a 'tasty beverage' or two every now and then. But I'm not sold on the idea of selling.

A study by the Harvard School of Public Health in 1999 surveyed students at 119 colleges. It showed that 47 percent of students said



they drank alcohol for the sole purpose of getting drunk.

Yikes!

What's even worse than the statistic is the potential consequence for a campus community.

Those consequences include students missing classes, falling behind on school work,

damaging property, being injured or hurt, engaging in unplanned sexual activity, getting in trouble with campus police and driving under the influence.

Like most students at CSU, I'm here to learn. I'm pretty sure my tuition dollars aren't going to Beer Pong 101, Flip Cup for Beginners, and a Hangover Remedy Workshop.

Personally, I never want to have to worry about or feel uncomfortable about a student passed out or ready to puke in the desk next to me.

Believe me, I understand that after finishing a test, deadline, or lecture, you just need to grab a beer or two. But lucky for all of us at CSU, the city is our campus!

"Don't get me wrong. I enjoy a 'tasty beverage' or two now and then. But I'm not sold on the idea of selling."

We have all sorts of places to go to knock down a few, Becky's and Peabody's being right in our own backyard.

And remember, not everyone is on campus between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Those who come to campus for night classes deserve the same sober atmosphere as those who come to campus during the day.

Correction

Peter Cavanagh, who was appointed to CSU's Board of Trustees by Gov. Bob Taft in summer, has two doctorates — a Ph.D. in Medicine and a D.Sc. (Doctor of Science in Medicine) in Anatomy and Human Biomechanics. Both degrees are from the University of London at Royal Free Medical School.

A story in the July 28 edition of The Cleveland Stater contained wrong information.

Letters to the Editor

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Online Stater offers new format

By Cathy Hennes

In an effort to provide breaking news to CSU students, faculty and staff, *The Cleveland Stater* has revamped its Web page.

The new-look Web site, which was launched at the beginning of the fall semester, includes news updates, opinion pieces and features written by students.

"*The Cleveland Stater*, our laboratory newspaper, makes a major step this semester with the debut of its electronic sibling, this online version. It is readily accessible at www.csuohio.edu/clevelandstater," said Professor Jae-won Lee, director of Journalism and Promotional Communication.

"Students will learn to write under daily deadline pressure, edit and design Web pages. At the same time, the campus community will be better served by having this daily

medium that reports the news as it happens," Dr Lee said.

"The faculty of the Journalism and Promotional Communication in the School of Communication is pleased to see this Web-page complement the print edition of the laboratory newspaper.

"As evident in this endeavor, we are committed to helping our students compete successfully in this era of media conversion.

"Our congratulations to professor Clifford Anthony and his staff at the paper for making this timely advance," Dr. Lee said.

No space crunch

This avenue provides students with more opportunities to get their news stories published.

Not all stories can be published in the print edition because of space constraints.

The Web site is easy to navigate. Just click on the headline to open the story.

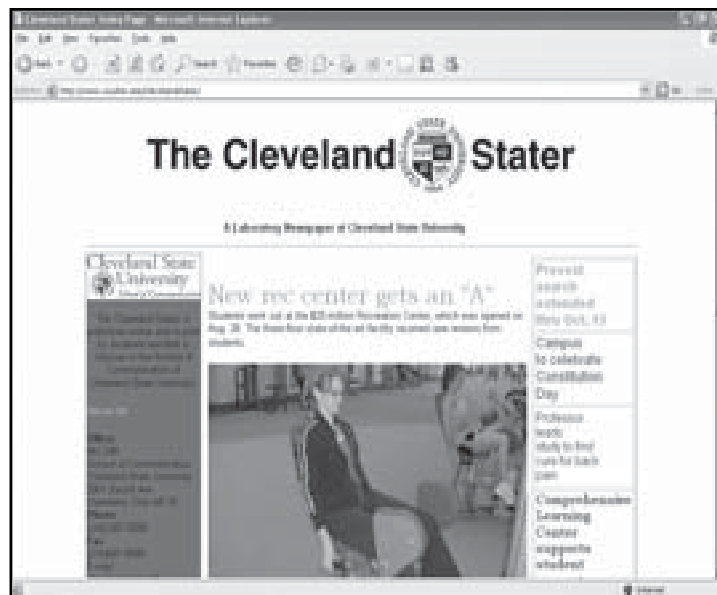


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Now you can find breaking stories at www.csuohio.edu/clevelandstater. Stories are updated on the Web site frequently.

Within each story, you'll find photos with captions and the reporter's byline.

Past editions can be found on the site's archives.

There is also a link to the School of Communication's homepage, where information on the school's programs is available.

Qian Li honors Masumi Hayashi

Silent Mix open in Main Gallery

By Ashley Sager

Qian Li brought new blood to the western world with her exhibit, Silent Mix, which is under way in the Main Gallery of the Art Building.

Displayed in the exhibit are images of nature brought to life through photographs and videos.

Li, who teaches graphic design and animation on campus, grew up in China and came to the United States seven years ago.

"It's Asian style," said Li. "The theme is more like the ancient methodology, ener-



PHOTO BY ASHLEY SAGER

Artist Qian Li

gy, and how the people think about all the things."

Li has been working on the exhibit since May.

"This is dedicated to [Masumi Hayashi] because she helped me at the beginning of the exhibition to set up the theme, and she helped me pick out what kind of artwork to exhibit in this show," said Li.

Prof. Hayashi, who passed away on Aug. 17, worked with Li on the early stages of the exhibit.

Eric Eichhorn created the sound track to the exhibit that is for sale in the Main Gallery.

"He is going to accept donations, for \$5 each, for the CD he produced," said Li. "It is going to go to Masumi's legacy fund."

Eichhorn said, "This exhibit inspired me to dust off my electric gear. The videos are based off dreams, and Qian included phrases in the music."

Li's exhibit includes "new digital artwork - print, video and animation."

"I studied Chinese painting and very traditional art," said Li. "I never really studied anything related to the computer, but when I went to the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, I started to learn how to use a computer. It re-

ally fascinated me.

"They have a program called electronic imaging. It's amazing, and I study video art tied to media. So I'm just using my background as a Chinese artist and creating something combining modern technology to deliver to the modern world."

Upon entering the Main Gallery, an artist statement is posted by Li. It reads: "Digital images create an environment which suggests, metaphorically, that the medium can reach beyond the physical world into a realm where matter slips effortlessly into energy."

It reproduces a world in which breathing is synonymous with peace and beauty."

Jamika Quinn, a senior at Cleveland State, said, "It was beautiful, enlightening, and calming. I'm glad it's something more mainstream, very poetic."

Deanne Conley, a gallery attendant, said, "It's very impressive and different. It's meditative."

Brandon Brennen helped set up the exhibit. "It's really interesting," said Brennen. "Kind of abstract, organic."

Li says she always brings her video camera with her. "I have a lot of footage and when I see something, I relate



PHOTO BY ASHLEY SAGER

Li uses mix-media to create this image entitled "Air #7"

it to the project I am working on for the future," said Li.

"Most of the photos come from nature, water, fire, and wind. I really love Chinese philosophy. It's a lot of things related to human nature and

the mystery of energy of the universe. I kind of just put things together visually with the footage I took from nature."

Silent Mix runs through Oct. 12.

Concert celebrates Elliott Carter's life

Cleveland Contemporary Players comes to Drinko Hall

By Cathy Hennes

CSU music students got a sampling of the works of maestro Elliott Carter on Sept. 11.

The 98-year-old composer's music was performed by professional musicians Rolf Schulte and Stephen Gosling.

The event, held at Drinko Hall, was part of the Cleveland Contemporary Players performance series.

The Cleveland Contemporary Players was started three years ago, offering composition students the opportunity to hear and interact with composers, according to Vickie Peters, administrative coordinator of the group.

Peters said the event gives students an opportunity to tape great music for their composition exercises and also later use it when moving further in their education or career.

Music students have an opportunity to compose music and have their pieces performed by professionals. This allows the students professional-quality recordings of their work.

Schulte, a violinist, is well-known in the music world as a performer of Elliott Carter's compositions. Schulte performed four violin solos, while Gosling, a pianist, per-



PHOTO BY CATHY HENNES

Schulte and Gosling take a bow after performing.

formed three piano solos. The last performance was a combined effort, allowing both to perform "Duo" which was composed in 1974.

The evening started with Gosling performing "Retrouvailles" (composed in 2000). Schulte performed two violin solos of "Rhapsodic Musings" (2000) and "Fantasy - Remembering Roger" (1999). The end of the first session was Gosling performing "Night Fantasies" (1980).

A brief intermission was followed by more Carter solos from both Schulte and Gosling. Schulte started the second session, with two solos, performing "Riconoscenza per Goffredo Petrassi" (1984) and "Statement - Remembering Aaron" (1999). Gosling performed the "Two Diversions" (1999) and finished with their duo of "Duo" (1974).

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SCHWARTZ

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Convocation highlights CSU achievements

work. Let us determine that we will become more observant with regard to students who may be in need," Schwartz said.

In recognition of the high level of instruction and services at the university, Schwartz presented eight distinguished faculty and staff awards.

Communication Professor Leo W. Jeffres received both the Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and the coveted Dr. Jennie S. Hwang Award for Faculty Excellence.

"I didn't know I was getting the second award. I was very surprised," Jeffres said.

Other honorees were Darlene Hill, secretary at the College of Education and Human

Services Secretary; Kathleen Benghiat, budget coordinator of Reading First Ohio Center; Pamela C. Charity, director of Undergraduate Affairs and Student Relations of the Fenn College of Engineering; Eileen Berlin Ray, Communication Professor; Donald Ramos, History Professor; Andrew C. Gross, Marketing Professor; and Orhan Talu, Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering.

The University is off to a reasonably good beginning, albeit some clear and evident financial problems, Schwartz said in his state of the university address.

"Financially, we are challenged as you know, having endured some serious internal reallocations last year as well as a General Assembly that has not particularly valued public higher education," Schwartz said.

Schwartz highlighted the university's progress towards completion of the \$200 million Campus Master Plan,

naming Krenzler Field, the University Center Plaza, Fenn Tower, the Recreation Center and others as examples.

Schwartz also commented on a new Student Union building that will go up on the University Center site.

"It will be the main entrance to the campus from Euclid Avenue, and, in speaking to the architects about it, I have made it clear that it has to be of inspiring design," Schwartz said.

"Our students are good at planning, at thinking through their goals.

"But this building needs to encourage all who see it and who enter it to know that this is a place where dreaming is encouraged because dreams are the beginnings of great plans and noble goals.

"In short our purpose in all of this construction is to provide a total learning environment, formal and informal, in which student success is the predominant theme," Schwartz said.



PHOTO BY RUTH RACHEL PRZYBOJEWSKI

A dancer from the Modern Dance Company shows his skills during the President's Picnic.

Picnic marks new school year

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

Students didn't have to worry about brown-bagging their lunches.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, cookies and snacks were hot and ready to feed many growling

stomachs.

President Michael Schwartz provided the CSU community with food, games and entertainment at the annual President's Picnic.

"It's good to see the president visible," said Kristina Kuntz.

CENTER

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Center connects students, faculty, staff to university

"Students demanded this and said 'we will pay for this,'" explained Njeri Nuru Holm, vice president for Stu-

dent and Minority Affairs.

Holm also stated students who become more engaged with their University are more likely to persist toward and earn the degrees that the state needs to promote economic growth.

Other officials on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony included CSU President Michael Schwartz, Board of Trustees Chairman Timothy

Cosgrove, Student Government Association President John Roman and Student General Fee Committee member Ann Kowalski.

"I understand that the walk over to the rec center might seem like a construction obstacle course," Schwartz said.

"But it is well worth the effort since this center was built for and, in many ways, by our students."

On Budget

Christine Phillips, a graduate assistant and recreation services employee, said that while the building had a \$29 million budget, it only took \$25 million to complete.

So where did the rest of the money go?

According to Phillips, the leftover \$4 million was spent on furniture and various interior materials and equip-

ment.

"There is such a huge difference between the old gymnasium and the new center," Jancar said.

"It makes me just a little prouder to tell friends and family that I am a CSU Viking."

Biology major Angie Collins said after her workout on the new fitness machines, "I sure feel good."

CONFLICT

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airport in New Jersey. The plane stopped in Germany for refueling.

El Khoury and other passengers were bused to Newark Airport so they could catch domestic flights to their destinations.

"It was a tragic experience for me and the rest of the people," Khoury said.

"I did not want to leave my father in Lebanon, I always pray for him."

Khoury said she was scared and did not expect to experience any of this in Lebanon. She said she experiences flashbacks.

She said she felt safe once she reached the U.S. Air Force base. The

Marines who evacuated her were "comforting and helpful."

Sophomore Racha Alameh was lucky to catch the last ship to leave Lebanon for Cyprus.

But her flight back to America had to make two unscheduled stops: One in Germany because of a pregnant passenger and another in Maine because a passenger fainted on board.

Alameh was able to spend about six weeks with her mother and two brothers in Aley, located in north Lebanon.

"It (the war) was the first time I experienced anything so horrific," said Alameh who comforted other passengers.

She said she couldn't have made it without the U.S. government's evacuation efforts - a sentiment shared by Schehade and Khoury.

LOSS

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Masumi Hayashi, 60, was murdered in her West Side condominium building along with John Jackson, 51, a sculptor, painter and woodworker.

They were shot by a neighbor in their three-story condominium building located at West 75 Street and Detroit Avenue after Hayashi asked the man to turn down his loud music.

Neighbor Jacob Cifelli, 29, who lived with his mother, was allegedly asked to turn down his music by Hayashi numerous times before, but it had never turned deadly.

Cifelli was charged with two counts of aggravated murder. He pleaded not guilty on September 1, and was held without bond.

Hayashi, who joined

the Cleveland State community in 1982 as assistant Professor of Photography, had been a full-time professor since 1996. She has received many awards for her artwork including an Arts Midwest, NEA Fellowship in 1987, a Civil Liberties Educational Fund Research Fellowship in 1997, a Fulbright Grant in 2003, and Individual Fellowships from the Ohio Arts Council three different times. Her work has been featured in London, Tokyo, Los Angeles, and New York.

"Masumi was a well-known photographer whose work consisted of multiple smaller photos which she pieced together to form larger images," said Mauersberger.

In memorial to Hayashi, the Akron Art Museum plans to display her photo collages in their new building in Novem-



MASUMI HAYASHI

ber.

Zygote Press, a non-profit Cleveland print-making studio at 1410 East 30th Street, intends to show Jackson's work in November and December.

Hayashi is survived by her son and her daughter, whom she has put up for adoption during the Watts Riots in 1965. After 39 years, Hayashi was reunited with her daughter for the first time in May 2005.

Burns, 50, who joined the Cleveland State community in 2000, passed away at Lakewood Hospital after suffering from a heart attack. Burns is survived by two daughters, a fiancée, and brothers and sisters.

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New coach to head softball program

Angie Nicholson replaces ex-coach Julie Jones

By Mike Kohuth

Cleveland State's new women's softball coach Angie Nicholson is thrilled about her return to the university.

A 2000 graduate of CSU and former softball star, Nicholson said, "It's good to be back."

Athletic Director Lee Reed, who announced her appointment on Aug. 21, said, "Angie was already a member of our Viking family because of her time spent here as a player and because of that, she has an understanding of what this program needs to do to get to the next level."

Nicholson, an Elyria native, replaces Julie Jones who left the program after 10 seasons to take the head coach position at the University of Akron.

While a student at CSU, Nicholson earned All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference title, in 1999 and 2000.

She also made Viking history by ranking sixth, playing 191 games and starting in 187 games.

Nicholson, who holds an education degree, said she



PHOTO BY MIKE KOHUTH

Softball coach Angie Nicholson is focused and determined to take the softball team to the next level.

loves teaching but her love of softball made her want to coach full-time.

Nicholson, 31, comes to CSU from Butler University where her 2006 squad finished 17-30-1.

Her coaching debut began at Cuyahoga Community College in 2001, where her focus was to rebuild the team.

In 2004, Nicholson led Tri-C's softball program to a regional championship and placed sixth at the Junior College World Series.

Nicholson left Tri-C after that season to take the head coach position at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike. Again, her focus was to rebuild the team there.

After one season, Nicholson turned Ursuline's program around to finish the season 26-17 from the previous year

of only three wins.

She left Ursuline after another season to take the job at Butler.

2007 Rundown

With only two seniors returning to the program, Nicholson remains optimistic about the young, yet strong team.

"We have some freshmen who are really stepping it up," said Nicholson.

Nicholson is proud of what she has seen out of her team so far. She said the team has shown her that they want to work hard to win games.

"These girls are so focused and they want to win a championship," Nicholson said.

Among the players to watch out for are Amanda Macenko,

"These girls are so focused and they want to win a championship"

-Angie Nicholson

freshmen pitcher; Christa Coppus, sophomore short-stop; Sarah Milosek, senior first base; and Tara Meyer, sophomore pitcher.

With the experience that Nicholson brings to the field she should have no problem reaching the team's goals of being conference champions and making it to the regionals, according to CSU officials.

The 2007 season begins in February.

CSU drafts rules for blogging

By Tia McCray

Concerned about the safety of athletes, the university's Athletics Department is drafting a set of rules governing Internet blogging.

To educate athletes about the dangers of posting personal information on the Internet, the Athletics Department recently gave a 30-minute presentation on blogging etiquette, according Athletics Director Lee Reed.

The department has no plans to prohibit athletes from blogging even though a few universities have already banned it, Reed said.

Internet blogs such as MySpace.com and Facebook.com are popular

among all students, not just athletes.

Reed said it is unrealistic to believe that "usage of the blogs will cease to exist."

Internet blogging is popular amongst college students. Criminals could use the information posted on the Internet to exploit students.

Brian McCann, director of athletics communications and assistant athletic director, said the blogs should not be held accountable for the personal information posted on them.

But blogging can be used as a positive communication tool to inform the public about the Cleveland State basketball team.

The draft has to be approved by the Athletics Department faculty for implementation.

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