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Senate tables common hour issue

Schwartz suggests committee to study the debate

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

The fight for common hour was put to a halt at the faculty senate meeting as President Michael Schwartz extended an olive branch to student leaders, proposing an idea to create a committee comprised of the Student Life Committee, registrar, members of SGA and an administration official.

The senate took Schwartz up on his offer and tabled the issue until the committee reports its findings to the senate in the spring.

Dr. Rosemary Sutton, chair of Admissions and Standards Committee, was the first to address the senate.

Sutton expressed that the central argument for eliminating common hour was flexibility.

"The common hour makes it difficult to schedule classes in a variety of ways. The two concerns we have heard



PHOTO BY RUTH RACHEL PRZYBOJEWSKI

Blake Almaguer, vice president of SGA, voices student concern, reaction to the proposed termination of common hour at the faculty senate meeting Dec. 6.

about the most are students, who want a full-time day time schedules on Tuesdays and Thursdays find that very difficult to do," Sutton said.

Sutton went on to say that Science Department had a difficult time trying to fit labs and classes in the schedule when an hour two days a week is blocked off.

"It didn't make sense to the Admissions and Standards

Committee that during the day, when we have all these students on campus, we are restricting departments and programs to offer classes," Sutton said.

The faculty senate was provided with a packet of data that presented a head count of students on campus all day on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. According to the data, the least amount of students

are on campus from 12:00 to 1:00 on Tuesday and Thursday.

The second set of data addressed the issue of classroom utilization. Sutton explained that by not scheduling classes for two hours out of the week, the university was under utilizing its facility.

"It seems that the increased flexibility is really important in light of the lives of our students, who tend to live complex busy lives," Sutton said.

The Student Government Association has been very vocal and active regarding the issue of common hour. Sutton stressed that there is no disagreement between SGA and the committee about the importance of student engagement and the activities SGA sponsor.

The disagreement lies on the scheduling of these activities two days a week from 12:00 to 1:00 prohibiting classes to meet during that time when offering classes is in the best interest to the university.

The Admissions and Standard Committee found that students who have a Monday,

Wednesday, Friday schedule might not be able to take part in the activities on Tuesday and Thursday. Students who are involved in multiple groups have to choose which meeting or function to attend during common hour.

Sutton encouraged SGA and other organizations to think more flexibly when scheduling activities instead of limiting it to a certain hour two days a week. The committee agreed that involvement at events might increase due to the flexibility of the organization.

When President Schwartz addressed the committee he explained that purpose of the new committee would be to examine the issue of scheduling while providing opportunities for students to engage in the university through student organizations.

"This is a large problem and it has been cast as either or. And I tell you it isn't either or; it is which one of these is the more important in the set of two that are both important? That is what makes this very difficult," Schwartz said.

He went on to say that the

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Winter strikes campus

University says it's prepared for a snowy season

By Mike Kohuth

Winter has arrived in Northeast Ohio. The question is: Are you ready?

Ray Cecys, Cleveland State University's grounds manager said CSU is well prepared for what Mother Nature is about to drop on the area this year.

"It's the beginning of winter, were ready and we have good training," said Cecys.

Cecys said his department has 300 tons of rock salt

ready to distribute when the snow falls. The sheds where the salt is stored can hold up to 500 tons of the de-icer.

Several 50 lbs. bags of salt are used to salt the stairs and sidewalks around CSU's buildings. Bulk salt is used to treat the larger sidewalks and parking lots, according to Cecys.

The department's budget is \$600,000 a year for all four seasons. Cecys said last year was very cost efficient for the department due to the mild winter the area had.

"This years spending will depend on the winter," said Cecys.

The department has already used more than 200 tons of salt this year, totaling about \$8,400.

With the arrival of winter comes the arrival of cold and flu season.

Eileen Guttman of Health and Wellness Services Department said to stay healthy during the cold and flu season people must wash their hand, keep their hands away from their face, and get plenty of sleep.

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CSU basketball travels to OSU

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

Patches of green could be seen throughout Value City Arena on Dec. 9 as CSU men's basketball went down with a fight 78-57 to the Ohio State buckeyes.

It has been 11 years since CSU faced OSU with the Buckeyes holding a 4-1 lead in the history of the series.

The Vikings got off to a slow start being down 12-0 only 16:54 minutes into the game with four of those shots coming from OSU freshman Greg Oden, who underwent surgery in June to repair ligament damage in his right wrist.

This seven-footer seemed to be one of the biggest obstacles for the Vikings.

OSU outscored the Vikes 16-3 when he played. Lucky for the Vikings, Oden ran into foul trouble.

He only played 23 minutes, and the brace he wore on his shooting hand did not get in the way of scoring 16 points.

Another thorn in the Vikings side was Buckeye newcomer Othello Hunter who snagged his first career double double with 17 points and 11 rebounds against the Vikings.

Despite a slow start throughout the first half, the Vikings held their own against fifth-



PHOTO BY FRANCIS X BOVA III

CSU senior Patrick Tatham attempts to distract OSU freshman David Lighty.

ranked OSU coming with in 10 at the half with a score of 41-31.

The Vikings lost steam in the second half and OSU dominated with leads ranging from 15 to 20 points.

The lead could have been due to the loss of senior Victor Morris to what might be a broken bone in his right foot. It was not a total loss for the Vikings though.

Sophomore J'Nathan Bullock continued to be the glue that kept it together on the court, scoring 21 points.

Bullock leads the Vikings and ranks 11th in the Horizon League in scoring (14.1), shooting .451 from the field (46-102) and .754 from the line (47-64).

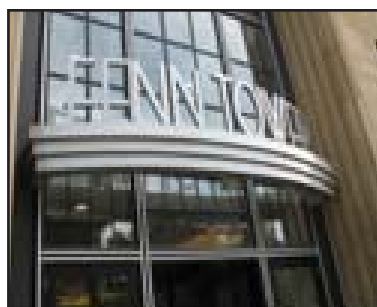
Freshman Joe Davis also snagged 12 points. His ability to score quickly has recently earned him the nickname of "Microwave." The nickname was originally given to Vinnie Johnson from the Detroit Pistons because of his ability to "heat things up quickly." Davis has earned the name due to his ability to score in bunches.

The Vikings record falls to 5-6 on the year. Their next game is Dec. 17 against Central Michigan at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

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Fellowship to provide graduate with cash award

By Ashley Sager

The Ohio Board of Regents Fellowship Program will provide a qualifying graduating senior financial support in an award of \$7,000 to attend the graduate school of their choice in the state of Ohio beginning fall 2007, said Cheryl Johnson, operations and budget manager of the College of

Graduate Studies.

To qualify for this award, students must receive their undergraduate degree during the summer 2006 through spring 2007. They also must submit an application to an Ohio graduate or professional school by Feb. 1, 2007, rank at the top of their class by grade point average or score at the 90th percentile of above if a graduate or

professional exam has been taken, and be a U.S. citizen.

"The College of Graduate Studies greatly encourages students to apply for the award," said Johnson. "Each year CSU has received winners of the award."

Those interested in the award must submit a written essay that is no longer than 700 words on a topic of the

applicant's choice and three letters of recommendation, two of which must come from faculty members. Selected students will be asked to participate in an interview.

The application deadline is Jan. 26, 2007. According to Johnson, applicants should know the results around March 2007. For application forms, contact Johnson at (216) 687-4602.

Honors Program enrolls 165

By Kellie Wagner

In today's competitive world of post-high school academics, picking the right college can be an important key to a successful future. Long overlooked as a credible choice for academically superior students, Cleveland State University is well on its way to becoming a well respected school for those who want to be among the best and the brightest. The Honors Program can take a lot of credit for that.

The program was started in the fall semester of 2004. When the program began, it consisted of 40 incoming freshman students. In the spring, four more were added to the roster. Now, as 2006 comes to an end, the Honors Program boasts 165 students spread out amongst the four class rankings.

At full capacity, the program will make up about two percent of the CSU undergraduate population.

The program was created to help Cleveland State attract more prepared students

and to raise CSU's profile as a competitive university, according to the Honors Program Director Dr. Barbara Margolius.

Indeed, the standards are high for incoming honors students.

Benefit of high grades

The requirements for an incoming freshman include possessing a score of 30 or higher on the ACT or being in the top 10 percent of his or her class. Students who transfer into the program from another school or the regular CSU program must show outstanding performance on their transcripts and the ability and commitment to complete the program requirements in a shorter period of time.

Once a student is in, it is still no piece of cake. The honors students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete extra class requirements specifically for the program.

There are perks, though. A spot in the Honors Program comes with a full scholarship, including books and fees.

Says an honors student and junior Amanda Glatfelter, "It's nice to not have to worry about how I'm going to pay off my loans. It's definitely worth the extra work."

Learning experience

"The faculty really appreciates having honors students in their classrooms. They tend to be better prepared in the classroom, and in turn, I think this has a positive impact on all the students," says Margolius.

Many of the faculty are asked to do "honors contracts" with their students or serve as upper-division advisors. Margolius admits that it is definitely a learning experience for everyone involved.

Honors Program Advisor and Recruiter, Ronnette Johnson agrees, but says, "Everyone is really happy to help. There is good communication between the Honors Program and the faculty."

"Because the program encompasses all the majors and schools, it is hard to find a way to let everyone know about it," Margolius says.

WKYC applauds CSU students for coverage

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

"Good things are growing in the Petri dish."

This remark was made by Dick Russ, managing editor for WKYC, while applauding CSU students for partnering up with Channel 3 on Election Day.

CSU students, faculty and WKYC personal all gathered on Wed. Dec. 6 to review the highs and lows of Election Day coverage.

According to Russ interns involved in election coverage helped WKYC bring election coverage to the next level.

Russ went on to say that since the 2000 election, people have changed the way they follow election coverage. People want their information instantly that is why they use the Internet.

CSU interns provided up to the minute updates for WKYC customers on its Channel 3 Web site.

CSU students lived up to the stations expectations.

"What we needed were more eyes and ears on the

ground, who were talented, experienced, interested people," Russ said.

Although WKYC was pleased with the students' contribution, everyone agreed for another project of this caliber to get underway changes would have to be made.

Some suggestions were to have the ability to shoot pictures that would add another element to their reporting.

Also, having the ability to use laptops would have helped.

Finally students said that for future projects they would like to move around to various election locations more freely.

This would help them find the story instead of waiting around for something to happen.

Student interns proved that Cleveland State provides the tools individuals need to survive and thrive in a high-powered fast-paced environment such as reporting.

"Your reports made it more credible news," said Monina Wagner, planning editor for WKYC.

Office caters to disabled students

Disability Services provides students with a variety of helpful resources

By Rachel Perry

Students with disabilities don't have to obtain CSU's hang-tag if they already have a state-issued hangtag, according to the Office of Disability Services (ODS).

The elimination of the second hangtag for the disabled is among the changes introduced by the ODS.

The ODS now serves more than 230 students with a variety of disabilities, including learning disabilities, chronic health issues, attention deficit disorders, psychological conditions, visual impairments, mobility impairments and hearing impairments.

The services include adaptive computer access, campus orientation, library research assistants, class notes, additional time to study for exams, proctored and oral exams, sign language interpretation, student/faculty mediation, alternatives to regular text, and if required, assistance walking or navigating the campus.

Students who have disabilities aren't aware of these services.

Ivan Spehar, 25, a Communication major, has vision impairment and was only recently aware of all of the services available on campus.

"I never knew all the options available to me for the visually impaired," said Spehar. "Now that I know of all the services that available, I am going to take full advantage of them. I am very happy that Cleveland State offers these services, I feel much better that I know have a full opportunity to succeed."

Kate Yurick, coordinator of Disability Services, said, "Services (utilized) are confidential. It is separate from academic records. We are not allowed to show disability information without students' permission."

"I think it's important for students to understand that we don't just work with physical disabilities. We also work with students who have psychological disabilities, learning disabilities, attention deficit, and in addition to visual and hearing disabilities."

The ODS is located at UC 304. For more details, contact (216) 687-2015.



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International students adapt to new lives in United States

By Ahmed Hamed

International students at Cleveland State find it not as challenging as others might consider, thanks to the popularity of the U.S. television and film industry.

Many students, especially those from the Middle East, have already learned about the more popular sights and sounds of the city of Cleveland and other regions of the country.

"Depending on what country you come from, you can find America a bit more challenging than others," says Ra-sheed Abraham who is from the United Arab Emirates.

"I'm used to speaking English because it was taught in grade school (in UAE) on up to high school. But other countries that are less established may find it a bit more challenging."

Abraham said the UAE even has a man-made ski resort and he's used to the cold

weather.

In 2006, many students came from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and other Middle East countries.



Sophomore Akram Jamal

"Students from the Middle East attend Cleveland State because of its reputation for its education system," said sophomore Akram Jamal.

Jamal, who is also from UAE, said quality education "makes the USA one of the more popular study destinations for overseas students."

Jamal said, as a freshman, he had a hard time adjusting

to the American lifestyle. But after a few months, he soaked right in.

International students said that they had a taste of college life in America by watching movies about colleges and a variety of sitcoms.

"One thing that took a hard time to get used to was the fast food restaurants, food and how it's prepared, back home everything is made fresh," he said.

Both Jamal and Abraham said they enjoy America, especially Cleveland because it's home to the Islamic Center. Besides, there's a Little Arabia, which is Lorain Avenue in Cleveland.

In the beginning, Abraham was scared even to speak to strangers. He said he was worried of what others might say or think of him being from the Middle East. After getting to know and understand his fellow students, he made friends and now he feels much more relaxed.

CSU increases parking spaces on campus

University hopes to satisfy high demand for parking

By Mark Zambra

Cleveland State is generally known as a commuter school, so it is vital that parking facilities are in plentiful supply.

To alleviate parking space crunch, a five-story, 400 parking space garage was recently opened. The garage is located on Chester Avenue near East 25th Street.

The cost of building one single parking space is \$14,000.

With the cost of labor and other expenses added together, the overall cost of the newest parking lot at CSU was \$6 million.

The whole project took 12 months to complete, according to John Boyle III, vice president for Business Affairs and Finance.

Boyle said the university hopes to build three more parking lots over the next four years.

There will be 600 more parking spaces available near the Wolstein Center by fall of 2007. At present, there are 300 spaces available in that area. There are plans to bring the baseball team back to the center of the city.

The idea was to eliminate one of the parking lots on Chester Avenue and replace it with the diamond field. However, that would mean the loss of 400 spaces.

Boyle said that before the field can be built, the 400 spaces must be put in place elsewhere on campus. Overall, Cleveland State has 42,000 parking spaces. But with the improvements made on campus and the belief that Cleveland is a city on the move, there is sure to be a rise in enrollment.

These changes could create demand for more parking spaces.

Professor encourages exploration of video game industry

CSU takes steps to enter growing field of video games

By Shawn Inman

"Sure you can play video games, but can you code them?" reads a flyer posted by Dave Antolovich, a professor in the Department of Computer Science.

The industry

With its growing popularity, the video game industry is emerging as a major force in the entertainment field.

CSU has been adapting to capture the attention of local students.

The video game industry has emerged as a \$2 billion per year business, according to Gamasutra.com, a leading Web site in the game development business.

Antolovich has been teaching a special course focusing on the process of game de-

sign.

With this course, CSU is taking steps to enter a field that schools around the nation are already participating in.

"There are very few academic programs that address this multi-billion dollar industry," said Antolovich.

"If we are really lucky, maybe that is a need we can address here at CSU going forward."

Academic partnership

One such program is cur-

rently under way at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art.

The schools recently partnered for a course in game design, with small groups building individual games.

CSU approach

In contrast, the CSU course has taken a more "end-to-end" approach, focusing on resolving problems such as security, networking and deployment.

"Our course [offers]

a strong emphasis on design with chance to work in interdependent teams very much like a 'real world' project," said Antolovich.

Other programs are located at schools such as Digipen in Washington and Full Sail in Florida.

The department is also pursuing grants, which may "increase the educational experience" for these students.

There is also a chance that these grants could lead to future courses in the video game area.

Prof. nominated for Grammy

Dr. Angelin Chang, internationally acclaimed concert pianist and an assistant professor of piano at Cleveland State University, has been nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance with Orchestra.

Chang was nominated for her performance of Olivier Messiaen's "Oiseaux Exotiques" with the Cleveland Chamber Symphony, conducted by John McLaughlin Williams and recorded and engineered by Cleveland State audio engineer David Yost.

She is the only North American among the five musicians nominated in this category. The 49th Annual Grammy Award winners will be announced on Feb. 11 at a live telecast from Los Angeles. Chang studied with Messiaen and Yvonne Loriod-Messiaen in Paris and was awarded First Prizes in both piano and chamber music during the same year from the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris (Paris Conservatoire).

Chill Fest offers activities, excitement

By Amanda Nypaver

Students can look forward to some much needed downtime when they return to campus for the beginning of spring semester on Jan. 16.

First of its kind

Deemed a smaller version of Welcome Week, Student Activities in the Department of Student Life is hosting the first Chill Fest.

Chill Fest 2007 is sched-

uled to run from Jan. 16 to Jan. 19.

Events

Student Activities plans to host events and activities each day.

These include the Cleveland State chocolate factory, bingo for books, sushi and sumo and dinner and a movie.

There will also be free recreation center classes, welcome stations, and many other opportunities for fun, food

and giveaways.

Dates and times

On Jan. 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., a table will be set up in the UC Atrium to provide information on upcoming events, information packets for new students.

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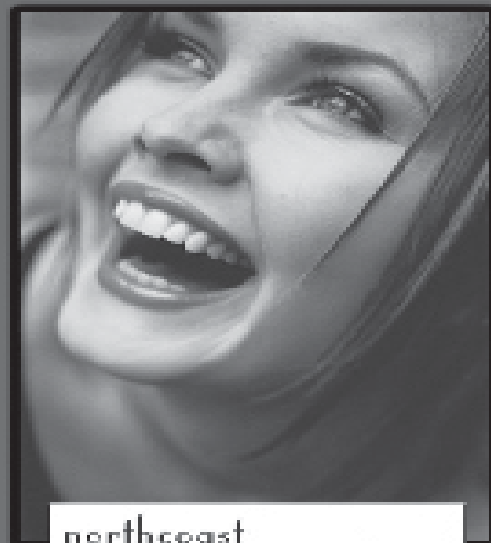
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Happy Holidays from The Cleveland Stater

Hanukkah unites families

By Ashley Sager

Hanukkah is known as the festival of lights. It typically falls each year at the end of November or beginning of December. This year, the first night of Hanukkah is on Dec. 15.

Hanukkah, meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, is celebrated for eight nights.

The origin of Hanukkah stems from the time the Maccabees rebelled against Antiochus IV and re-dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem. Following the victory of the Maccabees, there was only enough oil to fuel the flame in the Temple for one day. Miraculously, the menorah, a type of candelabra, burned for eight straight days.

As part of the celebration of Hanukkah, a chanukkiyah is



used. The Hanukkah menorah has eight branches plus a central shaft for the shamash, or middle candle, which is used to light the other candles.

In my home, we recite the Hanukkah blessings prior to lighting the menorah. My grandpa used to recite the prayers in Hebrew. If my grandpa was unable to visit for the holiday, my family would say prayers based on a user-friendlier version, which had been translated into English for those, like me, who don't know Hebrew.

After we pray and light

the menorah, we eat. One of the best parts about the celebration of Hanukkah is the fried food baked in oil, which symbolizes the miracle of Hanukkah. It is eight nights of guilt-free carbohydrates. Traditionally, my mother would cook latkes, potato pancakes and buy jelly doughnuts.

As part of the tradition in our home when I was younger, after we were finished eating, we would play the dreidel game. I think it's unfortunate that the dreidel song is one of the only songs commonly related to Hanukkah for non-Jewish people. But nonetheless, I sure did enjoy playing with the little four-sided spinning top.

Each side is marked with a different Hebrew letter. The four letters translate into a direction for the game. For

example, Nun means "not" and the next player spins, and gimel means "all" and the player takes the entire pot of coins.

In my house, we used gelt as an incentive to play the game. Gelt, Yiddish for "money," is always a great way to get kids to participate.

Sometimes we would use coins, other times we would use chocolate gelt, pieces of chocolate in the shape of coins wrapped in gold foil. I couldn't tell you which incentive I liked better.

Honestly, the best part of Hanukkah is the time spent with my family. I know it sounds corny, but it's true. It has always been the time where my family bonds the most. But the fried food, chocolate, and money are next on my list.

Graduation marks hope for future

By Amanda Nypaver

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world. ~Tom Brokaw

1,974.

That's the number of CSU students graduating this semester, myself included.

800-1000.

That many students are expected to walk across the Wolstein Center stage Dec. 17 to receive their degrees -- some by choice, others because their parents told them they have to.

While some are set to graduate with honors, others breathe a sigh of relief, passing only by the skin of their teeth.



While some have jobs lined up, others are frantically searching for one. And while some plan to continue their education, others can't wait to be paroled.

"I can't wait to get out of this prison," said graduating senior Dia Mixon. "And I won't be back any time soon."

For me, the choice as to what to do after graduation

was easy. After taking a semester off, I plan on returning to CSU for a master's in Applied Communication Theory & Methodology.

And while these plans may change, I am grateful for the education I received at CSU, and hope that other graduating seniors have found the CSU experience just as rewarding.

It's funny. From my final days at elementary school to my final days at CSU, I have always had at least one teacher or professor read the book "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss out loud to a class. But when I sit down and think about it, I'm truly amazed by how poignant it is for every

age level. I find it only fitting to share a few lines of this book with graduating seniors:

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go. ~Dr. Seuss

The path from CSU goes in many different directions, 1,974 this semester alone. I have no doubt that all the places we will go will be filled with adventures and opportunities to change the world.

Congrats and good luck, Class of '06!

Research examines mission statements

By Kristina Kuntz

Unexpectedly, mission statements have become part of people's everyday lives. But do they really affect people or are they filed away and ignored?

Everyday we see mission statements on walls, in brochures, on Web sites. However, just because a mission statement is present doesn't mean that it is serving the purpose for which the document was created.

Professor Robert Whitbred of the School of Communication is currently working on a research project studying the role of mission statements in our daily lives.

Whitbred said that mission statements can be effective and influential, depending on how they are used.

If a mission statement is used for decorating the walls, it won't be effective. But when used as a baseline for the organization, mission statements can be very beneficial, he said.

However, mission statements should not be too detailed.

"When mission statements are too detailed, people in the organizations tend to feel they do not have the time or energy to be successful," said

Whitbred.

"Mission statements are useful to organizations if they are communicated effectively and if success is achievable," said Whitbred.

To help better understand the difference between a good mission statement and a bad mission statement Whitbred cited two examples:

The first example is a sample mission statement for a software company. It says, "The Software Technology Team develops computer programs to assist collaboration and scientific discovery. Current development efforts focus on Hierarchical Data Format and Geometric Modeling as well as synchronous and asynchronous collaboration through the use of such frame works as Habanero and ISAAC. Most software is copyrighted, but is freely available to academic and research communities."

There are three problems with this mission statement, according to Whitbred. First, it doesn't incorporate the major activity of the organization. Second, it specifies focus areas while ignoring others, and third it doesn't apply to future activities.

A second example is the mission statement of a tool manufacturing company.

"The mission of VRO is to enhance the effectiveness and competitiveness of the domestic machine tool manufacturers and the thousands of users, in both the commercial and defense sectors, by providing an infrastructure for the integration of existing and emerging machine tool technologies."

"VRO will facilitate the execution of new ideas that will advance the machine-tool capability, promote a cross-company and cross-university approach to R&D through team building, develop hardware and software environments that promote technology implementation, promote technology awareness and implementation through strong field presence, and train a large number of engineers in fields related to machine-tool technology."

There are three important reasons why this example is an effective mission statement, according to Whitbred. First, it specifies the direction and focus of the organization, but doesn't attempt to be too specific about how this may be realized.

Second, it explicitly recognizes the importance of companies and universities collaborating for more effective research and development

activities.

Third, it also explicitly recognizes the importance of providing educational opportunities to students in the universities.

The following is CSU's mission statement: "Our mission is to encourage the development of human and humane knowledge in the arts, sciences, humanities and professions through scholarship, creative activity and research while providing an accessible and contemporary education to all individuals."

"We are here to serve and engage the public and prepare our students to lead productive, responsible and satisfying lives in the region and global society."

Jevon Cooper, senior majoring in Studio Art, said, "I believe that the CSU mission statement is a good mission statement because it encourages our development, not only in our city but everywhere."

However, Cooper doesn't feel that CSU works towards the goals of its mission statement on a daily basis. "In order to obtain the services of CSU you need to be an involved student."

The CSU mission statement is posted around campus for people to read. Are they?

Dancers warm up Drinko Hall

Performance shows students' progress to the community

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

A cold and blustery night in downtown Cleveland did not keep people away from the CSU Dance Informal Showing at Drinko Recital Hall on Dec. 7.

The informal performance allows dance students to showcase the skills they learned throughout the semester.

Students with all levels of experience braved their nerves and performed in front of a packed house.

"I was nervous about the performance in the beginning but it all left me when I got on stage," Za-Non Miller, an architecture major, said.

The performance showcased an array of dance combinations ranging from classical ballet, tap, jazz, modern dance, social dance including swing, rumba, salsa and merengue.

The program even included aerobic jazz.

The event provides CSU students with a creative outlet. Many students have come back to dance after being absent from it for a while.

Some fulfilled their life-long dreams.

"I always wanted to be a tap dancer since I was very young," Miller said.

The audience was also lucky enough to see a performance from CSU's Modern Dance Company.

"The Modern Dance Company is an

amazing experience. We have a lot of performance opportunities but aside from that we learn choreographic process which is really amazing. We also get to work with many profound choreographers," said Erin Roberts, a member of the company.

The company performed an excerpt from its 12 minute piece featuring music by Vivaldi.

The movement of the dancers on stage resembled a flowing river.

Individuals can see the dance in its entirety at the Spring Informal Dance Showing in March.

"I love the informal because everyone gets to go on stage and have fun. It is really about showing the enjoyment of dance," Roberts said.

To find out more information about auditioning for the Modern Dance Company or enrolling in dance classes, contact Lynn Deering at (216) 687-4883 or by e-mail at dance@csuohio.edu.

Photos taken by Ruth Rachel Przybojewski.

Above right: CSU's modern dance students showcase their flexibility through movement and expression to live music provided by a live band consisting of guitars and drums.

Bottom right: CSU alumna Erin Roberts performing an intricate move during the recital. Roberts has been fortunate enough to continue dancing at CSU by taking classes as a non-degree seeking student. She is also a member of the Modern Dance Company.



PHOTO BY AMANDA RICHARDS
Professor Richard Schneider and one of his longtime students, Renate Nacinovic, share a moment while working at the Ceramics Show and Sale in CSU's Magnet Building.

Art show educates patrons

Ceramics sale provides unique gifts for holidays

By Amanda Richards

Cleveland State University students were able to get a head start on their holiday shopping at the Ceramics Show and Sale this past weekend.

The ceramics sale lasted from Dec. 7 to Dec. 9, and provided students and the general public with the opportunity to find unique and interesting gifts, just in time for the holidays.

Richard Schneider, an associate professor of art at CSU, is also the director of the ceramics sale. He founded the semi-annual show back in 1972.

Schneider came up with the idea to make extra money

for the art department to purchase supplies and equipment it needed.

The students and the community responded well, and 34 years later, the Ceramics Show and Sale is still quite advantageous, not only for students, but for the university as well.

"Eighty percent of the money goes to the individual student artist," Schneider said. "The other 20 percent goes to the university. About five years ago, that money was used to buy computers for the computer graphics room. So everybody benefits in that regard."

Attendees of the Ceramics Show and Sale were able to browse through a seemingly endless variety of hand-crafted pottery and sculpture, including functional pieces such as dinnerware sets and casseroles, as well as jewelry, tiles and tile murals.

Prices for each piece ranged from \$1 to \$300.

"I would say most of the items [were] priced from \$4 to \$15," Schneider said. "On average, people probably spend about \$25 here."

Schneider also explained that holding the Ceramics Show and Sale each semester isn't only fiscally beneficial for the university, but educational for the students and the public as well.

"It's a way for students to find out how the things they've designed are received by the public as opposed to hearing some boring lecture about what they should do and what they shouldn't do," Schneider said. "And since we do the show in the actual ceramics lab and workspace, people can actually see what kinds of things are around that make the objects they are looking at. So it's educational for the public as well."

Established poet visits CSU campus

Feminist writer and avid activist reveals struggles that women face

By Amanda Nypaver

CSU has gained a new perspective on what it means for women to take risks.

Cleveland native and feminist poet Judith Arcana shared her insight, courage and wisdom with the campus community on Nov. 30.

She revealed that life is all about taking risks, no matter what the cost.

Arcana was once a part of an underground network of women in Chicago that provided safe abortion services to women in need.

Her poetry and performance workshop showcased her intense devotion to the various conflicts and struggles that women face.

"My choice to write and perform poetry about abortion, adoption, tattoos, biotechnology and other unexpected, unconventional motherhood themes is rooted in a desire for art that discovers and makes truth," Arcana said.

As the recipient of numerous awards and honors including grants from Literary Arts, Deming Memorial Fund, Puffin Foundation and the Rockefeller Archive Center, Arcana has been able to research topics such as abortion and reproduction.

As the author of "Our



ARCANA
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Mother's Daughters," "Every Mother's Son" and "Grace Paley's Life Stories: A Literary Biography," Arcana noted that in order to write, one has to be a good listener.

"Not everything I write is from my own personal experience. I spent much of my time researching and listening to women about their own experiences, and that's where many of the voices in my books come from," Arcana said.

From 1964 to 2005, Arcana taught humanities, literature, creative writing and women's studies.

She taught in various venues from high schools to colleges, libraries to living rooms and from prisons to jail.

Arcana holds a Ph.D. in Literature, an M.A. in Women's Studies, a B.A. in English and has an Urban Preceptorship in Preventive Medicine.

She currently resides in Oregon.



PHOTO BY MIKE KOHUTH

A member of the Grounds Department canvases East 21st Street to ensure safe driving conditions for university traffic.

Tips on surviving the snow

Car safety

- Make sure your car's radiator has enough antifreeze.
- Carry extra windshield wiper fluid in your car.
- Check tire pressure, and tire tread to ensure your car can handle snow and ice covered roads.

Things to keep in your car

- Blankets
- A snow brush/ice scraper
- Booster cables
- Tire chains
- A bag of sand or cat litter to pour on snow or ice, if stuck.
- A small shovel
- A flashlight, have extra batteries, if need-

ed.

Personal safety

- Since most of your body heat is lost through your head, wear a hat.
- Cover any exposed skin to avoid frostbite.
- To protect your lungs from the cold, cover your mouth by wearing a scarf.
- Wear mittens to keep your hand warmer.
- Use an instant hand warmer, a product designed to keep you hands warm for up to 18 hours, if you are going to be outside for long periods of time.
- Wear boots to keep your feet dry.
- Stay dry.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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question that must be addressed is what is in the best long term interest of all students in an academic institution?

SGA got a minute to express their concerns on the issue. Blake Almaguer, V.P. of SGA addressed the senate and thanked President Schwartz for his suggestion.

Almaguer presented the senate with letters from organizations around campus explaining how the particular group utilized the common hour time.

After all of the sides of the case were presented, the floor was opened for debate, and the faculty was not shy about stating their concerns and opinions regarding the issue.

Joanne Belovich from the College of Engineering said that the president and provost talked to the college of engineering about the strong correlation that existed between student engagement and retention.

According to a national survey, CSU did very poorly on student engagement.

"Since there is a strong correlation between the two, we have to do what we can to get students on campus and be involved in the university. Eliminating common hour is not going to do that," Belovich said.

One point Sutton kept stressing were the problems the Science Department faced with the issue of common hour.

But according to Beth A. Ekelman from the College of Science, her colleagues would have a bigger problem if common hour was moved to

Monday, Wednesday, Friday instead of working around it on Tuesday and Thursday.

Some departments have the ability to get special dispensations and are allowed to schedule class and labs that need to be offered during that time.

So, common hour does not directly hurt those departments.

Another concern of many faculty members during the discussion was that a shift of students from Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to Tuesday, Thursday, would end up not increasing enrollment.

All in all, faculty senate members heard the cry of SGA and other student organizations.

Whether or not the senate decides to abolish common hour, the decision will not take effect until the fall of 2008 because decisions that affect the 2007 school year have to be made by the end of this month.

Students were very happy with the outcome of the meeting.

"As a student member of faculty senate we have been struggling really hard to fight for common hour. I am happy that a lot of the faculty senate members spoke out. That shows that the Admissions and Standards Committee data was not as convincing as they had hoped," junior Jacklyn Fry said.

SGA Vice President Blake Almaguer was also thrilled with the decision.

"This is what I wanted from the start. Now we can work on all the aspects of the issue instead of just trying to save common hour. The senate can then make the fairest decision possible," Almaguer said.

Kent State, CSU join forces

Kent State and Cleveland State have formed a publishing partnership.

The Center for Sacred Landmarks at CSU's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs and Kent's University Press are teaming up to co-publish a series of books on sacred landmarks.

"The Collaborative approach

to publishing has significant educational value for the residents of Northeast Ohio," John Boyle, CSU's vice president for Business Affairs and Finance said in a written statement. "It's a good example of how the region's universities can work together efficiently for the benefit of the many people they serve."

Service learning thrives on urban background

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

Most graduate students are busy individuals. They have to attend class and work in addition to juggling a family and social life. So, taking time after a long day to help underprivileged children after school might not be one's top priority.

But, for Marylou Glorioso and Ruth Gordon this was a project they had a desire to get involved in. Not only would these two graduate students get valuable professional experience but they would be making a difference in children's lives as well.

Both women are enrolled in master's in occupation therapy program at CSU, and were drawn to the profession.

They joined a team project, which dealt with the meaning of service learning for occupational therapy students, an extension of research by professor Susan Bazyk conducted from January 2005 to April, 2006.

Bazyk created a program called

Healthy Occupations for Positive Emotions. It was conducted at the City Mission, an after school program for underprivileged children.

"This year the research we looked at how participating affected students who were running the groups," Gordon said. "This is service learning, one requirement for graduation."

Service learning focuses on how students learn and develop through organized service.

"Service learning benefits the students but it also benefits an underserved population within the community," Gordon said.

Not only did the groups work with the children on a one-to-one basis but they were responsible for documenting how they felt and what they experienced throughout the process. Students kept weekly journals to record their experiences.

Seven students were selected randomly for focus groups conducted during the fifth and eighth weeks of the program.

"We took all the information from the focus groups and the journals and read through them and looked for common themes, to see what the students were going through, what they were thinking about running the groups, and how they were growing professionally," explained Gordon.

Analyzing these themes helps to see how the students developed over time through the service learning project.

"We all read and analyzed the journals, underlining common themes or words and feelings that were coming out of them. That is how you do your research," Glorioso said.

Gordon, Glorioso and the rest of the research team are about a third through analyzing the data. They presented their preliminary findings at a conference in Cincinnati in September.

Glorioso went on to explain some of the struggles students faced learning to work with a co-leader.

"There were a lot of conflicts and issues interacting and communicating

with group leaders. They did not always agree with what they wanted to do and styles are different," Glorioso said.

Finally, City Mission students were exposed to activities that they might not otherwise experience.

Gordon and Glorioso explained the advantage of attending CSU.

"Since our research was about service learning, being in an urban setting like this, you are really close to all these community agencies and organizations that are full of underserved populations. The exposure to an urban environment definitely gave us the tweak we needed for our research," said Gordon.

"The professors here come from so many different backgrounds so you get exposure to many different aspects of occupational therapy," Glorioso stated.

Both Gordon and Glorioso will be participating in their practicum next semester. They hope that the research will be published when it's complete.

2006, the year that was

By Cathy Hennes

Cleveland State University witnessed infrastructural developments in the 2006-07 academic year as part of the university's campus Master Plan.

Prominent among them were the opening of the \$25 million Recreation Center, \$30 million renovation of Fenn Tower and the beginning of the Main Classroom makeover.

Spring

The year 2006 started with President Michael Schwartz highlighting the need for technology in the classroom at a Faculty Senate meeting.

The university also participated in Black History Month and Spring Career Week activities.

The campus police worked at seizing fake student parking hang tags.

Veteran journalist Dick Feagler discussed his 40 years of experience in journalism and welcomed questions from the audience.

"It is important for aspiring journalists to have the flexibility to explore new outlets, and have the ability to face new challenges in the field," said the Plain Dealer columnist, book author and TV icon.

Plans for a \$50 million Student Center were also announced in spring. It will replace the existing University Center. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2007. Expect many changes on campus.

Finally, an interim provost was named. Mary Jane Saunders, Ph.D., who was the founding dean of the College of Science, started her term July 1.

Summer

The Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase, despite student arguments that tuition was already too high.

The Nebraska Book Co. took over operations of the university's bookstore on June 1. The bookstore management said students would see lower prices.

Fenn Tower's renovation was completed, allowing students to occupy the building as a dormitory. It is now one of the most modern dorms in the area.

With the continuation of construction projects, along with the city's Euclid Corridor project, parking issues arose. As Euclid Avenue is being rebuilt, parking spaces become a premium for students, consumers and residents.

Journalism and Promotional Communication major Melanie Murphy won the Miss Ohio 2006 title in July.

Senior Grace Luginbuhl was named pitcher of the year for the Division One Horizon League softball team. She also won the Coleman Medal of honor for the second year in a row.

Fall

During the fall, the recreation center was completed and opened on time. The motto for the center, "Come. Stay. Play."

The Cleveland Stater revamped its Web site.

President Schwartz spoke to approximately 350 students at a scholarship luncheon, stressing the importance of scholarships.

"For many of the students we serve, they are a little financial aid away from the street," Schwartz said. "Private support has never been more critical."

Non-traditional students come to CSU in numbers as the college attracts more adult learners.

Woodling Gym came alive with "Mid-Vike Madness." CSU men's basketball kicked off their first official day of practice on Oct. 13.

"Come on down. You're the next contestant on the Price is Right," echoed throughout the UC.

Many people know this catchy phrase as the announcement given by Bob Barker for the hit game show The Price is Right. During Greek Week, the council encouraged students, Greek and non-Greek, to get involved with the rendition of the popular game show.

CSU students were given a special opportunity to work with the Cuyahoga Board of Elections.

It was an opportunity to participate in civic duty and also earn a few extra bucks.

A group of 40 students interned on Election Day at WKYC. It was the first time Channel 3 and CSU students partnered for election coverage.

Annual Moot Court Night gave law students an opportunity to appear before the "US Supreme Court" to be heard in an appeals case regarding a citizen who was wrongfully "convicted of aiding aliens in their efforts to enter the country illegally."

With the passage of Issue 5, students can't smoke within 20 feet of the public buildings on campus.

2006 was filled with many exciting moments for the university. It was truly a year to remember.



Images of life around the CSU campus, including opening of the recreation center, the re-opening of Fenn Tower, Dick Feagler's visit, the raising of "the dome," and students' activities through 2006.

Swim team starts season right

First half brings good results for CSU Vikings

By Sam Baribault

Having won the Horizon League Conference Championship the previous season, CSU men's swimming has comeback strong this season, winning nearly all meets thus far.

The season started on Oct. 14 with a triumphant showing at the Ashland Relays.

The team went undefeated in meets against Valparaiso, University of Wisconsin in Green Bay, and St. Bonaventure.

CSU then won a four-team city meet on Nov. 10, which included men swim teams from Baldwin Wallace, Case Western Reserve, Gannon and Oberlin.

The meet at Green Bay proved to be a gem for swimmer Bjorn Schantz. Schantz had wins in the 200, 500, and 1,000 freestyle. Also, his time in the 500 broke the pool record at Green Bay.

Wright State University Meet

Nov. 11 CSU faced off against Wright State University, for a duel meet.



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Bjorn Schantz won the 200 free and 500 free at OSU.

It was the hardest competition so far, with many of the swims coming down to the last couple of inches and the meet itself coming down to the last event.

In the 200 breaststroke, controversy arose when junior, Dave Duecker was unfortunately disqualified because he had crossed the lane line, while other swimmers were still swimming the event.

So after the 200 breaststroke CSU was tied with Wright State, and unfortunately CSU could not keep up.

Milenkovic's 200-yard individual medley posted a time of 1:54.39, just one

tenth of a second behind the winner, Wright State's Warren Thompson.

In the 200 Butterfly, Nisic turned the tables on Thompson, winning with a 1:52.08. Thompson clocked in three tenths behind.

Ohio State Match

CSU faced 14th swim team in the nation Ohio State on Nov. 11. CSU did not have enough and lost to the buckeyes, a team practically double the size of the Vikings.

Schantz set a great time in the 200 Freestyle, swimming a time of 1:39.75, he was just 0.60 sec. off of his own

school record that he set last season.

Miami Invitational

The Miami Invitational at Miami of Ohio began on Nov. 30 and ended Dec. 2. It was a three day invitational which marked the halfway point of the season.

Day one of the meet consisted of the 1,000 freestyle and the 800 freestyle relay, with Schantz placing fourth in the 1,000 and the 'A' relay of Milenkovic, Nisic, Winchell and Schantz placing second to Denison University but still beating Wright State.

Day two Potgieter placed

fourth in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 57.53.

In the 100 yard backstroke Winchell placed 13th.

Some good marks were recorded on day three with Nisic getting second in the 100 yard butterfly, and Johan Norling, Grove, Winchell, and Ari Markle placing 11th, 14th, 15th, and 17th.

Potgieter placed second in the 200 breaststroke, Milenkovic placed fourth in the 100 freestyle, and the 400 freestyle relay of Nisic, Milenkovic, Grove, and Norling placed sixth, awarding CSU a great deal of points.



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Sophomore Stef Potgieter posted a 2:03.84 in the 200 breast Dec.. 2 at the Miami Invitational.

CAB provides the ride to Columbus

By Ruth Rachel Przybojewski

CSU men's basketball did not have to take on OSU by themselves because a caravan of CSU students and staff made the trek down to Columbus to cheer on the Vikings.

The Campus Activities Board sold bus seats to students for \$20.

For the money students got a ride down to Columbus, a ticket to the game, as well as a T-shirt.

Students displayed their school spirit by painting their faces green and white.

Once the bus pulled into the Columbus area students went wild singing "Cleveland Rocks" all the way to the stadium.

Although the group was small with close to 30 fans,

their voices filled Value City Arena. Their Viking chants could be heard in every corner of the 18,500 seat arena.

Viking pride and spirit was alive and well. Adam Cottos, an education major, could not believe how quite the arena was.

"I was quite surprised how quite the OSU stadium. Viking fans are very passionate about our sports and we are always there to support our team," Cottos said.

He also went on to say that he hopes that CAB provides more events like this because it is nice to be able to cheer on your school away from home.

Despite the long drive as well as CSU loss, the experience of cheering them on in contest that has not happened in 11 years was priceless.



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Students showed Viking pride with painted faces.

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