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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



Dr. Mark A. Smith, President

2007-2008 Fall enrollment was the highest in OCU's history, with over 600 students enrolled.

Greetings to the Ohio Christian family and friends.

What a wonderful privilege it is to serve at Ohio Christian University (OCU). First of all, let me say thank you for your support. Exciting things have occurred and many blessings are flowing to Ohio Christian University because of you. We are forever indebted to you.

BUILDING UPDATES

This year has been one of planning and preparing for the future. Two exciting highlights were as follows:

1. We opened the new Leadership Center. We are blessed to have the Leadership Center which has been used by many church, community and civic organizations. Again, thank you for giving to this wonderful project!
2. A new residence hall was completed. The residence hall has allowed for growth among our resident student body; however, we currently need about \$600,000 to complete the second phase of this project which would allow for even more students to enjoy the "OCU Experience."

SPIRITUAL UPDATES

Looking back, two of the most memorable spiritual events from this year were revivals with Rev. Rex Bullock and OCU alumnus Rev. David Gallimore. Students, faculty and staff responded with open hearts to God's calling and direction in their lives and many victories were celebrated. Thanks to each of these great speakers for their wonderful gifts to Ohio Christian University.

ENROLLMENT

Another highlight was being awarded the highest growth award in our size classification from ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) at the annual meeting in February. OCU grew 24.5% and reached 636 students.

NEW PROGRAMS

Our faculty has developed several new programs which we have already begun implementing. With the blessing of God, these programs promise to produce great results.

Dr. Melvin Maxwell Church Planting Institute

The Dr. Melvin Maxwell Church Planting Institute was established to help motivate men and women to pursue a vision for planting new churches to reach the 130 million unchurched people in the US and Canada.

The Institute began with over 100 people attending the inaugural kickoff event! It was followed by Professor Joe Boysel guiding three successive two-day sessions designed for both college students and persons already in ministry.

Rev. Jim Dorsey, the national director of church planting for The Church of the Nazarene, was the featured speaker in the first two-day session entitled, “Reaching the Unchurched.” Rev. Dorsey spoke to 25 attendees about the importance of connecting Christians with the unchurched people in our local communities.

In the second two-day session entitled, “The Missional Church,” Rev. Jeff Goetz, a church planting expert with the Missionary Church, helped 23 attendees understand how local churches can function as communities that intentionally reach out to intersect the lives of those who are searching for spiritual meaning. The third two-day session with 12 attendees featured church planting specialist with the Evangelical Church, Dr. Tim Roehl, who spoke on “Strategies for Church Planting.”

Our hope is that we will see new churches being planted as well as a renewed emphasis on evangelism in all of our churches. As church planters are already being prepared to serve, we are planning more sessions for the fall semester. We have greatly appreciated your past giving which helped make this Institute a reality; however, we remain in need of further financial support to sustain the momentum. Please pray for this critical need.

Master’s Degree

Professor Ron Adkins was appointed to develop our first Master’s program. The accreditation process is laborious, but a signed agreement has been reached with Wesley Biblical Seminary to work together on this project. Our plan is to offer classes in the near future.

Christian Service

Professor Gerald Mershimer worked to establish a new commitment to the Christian Service program requirements for students. This work will further strengthen the program. It is vitally important that Ohio Christian University students understand and have the heart of a servant.

Online

OCU has established the first ever online associate’s degree and will have an online bachelor’s degree offered this fall. These programs continue to make quality education accessible to many students. The online associate’s program currently has 80 students enrolled.

Logistics Management

Ohio Christian University hired Dr. David Garrison to lead our newest program, Logistics Management. Dr. Garrison comes to us from the USAA group where he served as Executive Vice President. Prior to this, he was also employed as a Procurement Director for Haliburton. Dr. Garrison will lead this community and international initiative.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The upcoming Leadership Forum and REAL Success seminars are part of our vision to train 1000 Leaders. Dr. John Maxwell, an OCU alumnus, along with OSU Head Football Coach Jim Tressel will be speaking on "Lessons Learned from a Lifetime of Leading." This will be a fortuitous event that will take OCU to a new level of commitment to excellence and will further enhance leadership training for pastors, business leaders, OCU students, and the community.

UPCOMING NEWS

Planning continues for the International Disaster Relief program and Hispanic Ministry program. These two upcoming programs will help prepare students for 21st Century service.

In conclusion, God has blessed Ohio Christian University, and it is our commitment to serve the church; the OCU faculty, staff, and students; and the community by developing a new generation of leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Smith
President

Financial Aid 07-08

Total Financial Aid	\$7,526,770.00
Academic Scholarships	\$192,300.00
Tuition Grants to Employees	\$52,496.00
CCCU Scholarships and Student Aid	\$491,000.00
Church Matching	\$39,156.00
Pastor Discount	\$12,399.00
International Student Discounts	\$60,719.00
Other Scholarships (Federal Grants/Loans)	\$5,424,430.00

Fall Enrollment

	2007	2006	2005	2004
Total Enrollment	636	506	413	431
Full-time Students	531	411	339	363
Residential Students	147	105	81	106
Total Ministerial Majors	220	170	124	132

Twenty states and six foreign countries are represented in OCU's 2007-08 student body. Freshman-to-sophomore retention rate is 65%.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

As part of OCU's strategic plan, ongoing construction has occurred on campus for nearly two years. In 2007, over 40,000 square feet was added to the campus in the form of new buildings and additions to existing buildings. These additional spaces are primarily student facilities and have proven essential to accommodating the growth that OCU experienced in the past year.

The 6,000 square foot addition to Johnson Hall was the first project completed in 2007. This space features a café and common area as well as additional dining space. Students gather throughout the school year during their free time and for organizational meetings. The café area has also become a favorite place for departmental staff meetings.

The Leadership Center added 28,000 square feet and is a beautiful focal point on OCU's campus. It was constructed over the course of a year, and has already become a great asset to the University and the community. In addition to meeting the need for common space on campus, this facility also gives the opportunity to better serve Pickaway County by providing a location for a variety of community events.

The young ladies who lived in the new dorm this school year will attest to the fact that this 12,000 square foot structure was a much needed addition to the OCU community. The residence halls at OCU serve as a home away from home for residential students. The new dorm, like the renovated Moore Hall, features a suite layout in which two

bedrooms share an adjoining bathroom. The fireplace in the lobby is a popular gathering place for students during the winter months.

As the student body grows, so does the body of faculty and staff that support the educational environment at OCU. Plans to provide additional office space include the occupation of the CCCU Headquarters building this summer. The CCCU staff will move into a new facility that will provide much needed space for their team.



A pair of hands is shown from a top-down perspective, cupping a mound of dark brown soil. A small, vibrant green seedling with several leaves is growing out of the soil. The background is a dark, blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall image conveys a sense of care, growth, and nurturing.

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Dr. John C. Maxwell

is an internationally recognized leadership expert who has sold over 13 million books. His organizations have trained more than 2 million leaders worldwide. Dr. Maxwell is the founder of EQUIP and INJOY Stewardship Services. Three of his books have sold over 1 million copies each.

Jim Tressel

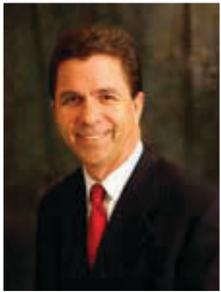
is the head football coach of The Ohio State University. He has led the Buckeyes to three national championship games since he took over the reins of The Ohio State football team in 2001. Tressel has guided the Buckeyes to four Big Ten titles and one National Championship.

Harvey Hook

is Executive Director of The Gathering/Columbus, a local chapter of The Gathering/USA in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Hook founded the Columbus program in 1988, following eleven years of work with inner-city youth in Denver and Columbus.

Dr. Mark Smith

is President of Ohio Christian University. Dr. Smith was VP for Adult and Graduate Studies from 1996 through 2005 at Indiana Wesleyan University. He has published scores of articles and a book, *Leading Change in Your World*, which he coauthored with Larry Lindsay.



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The Rickenbacker Intermodal facility is one of the largest economic initiatives to come to Ohio and is expected to create 20,000 jobs and \$15.1 billion in economic impact over the next 30 years in Central Ohio. These employees will need logistics management education and training, and Ohio Christian University (OCU) is ready to meet this need.

OCU has hired Dr. David Garrison to direct the Logistics Management program. He recently retired from the industry after 37 years of logistics experience; most recently he was the Executive Vice President of Corporate Services at United Services Automobile Association (USAA), the largest employer in San Antonio, Texas. Previously, he held key management positions in Fortune 100 or 200 companies such as Aetna, Haliburton (where he worked under Dick Cheney), Brown & Root, Inc., and Celotex. Dr. Garrison has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the South Texas College of Law. OCU will begin offering logistics management education this fall in its AIM adult (evening and online) and traditional campus programs.

The intermodal facility will be used for the interchange of shipping containers between trains and trucks and will provide a direct link for international freight to the deep-water port in Norfolk, Virginia, thus creating a Central Ohio "inland port." The Rickenbacker intermodal project is a private-public partnership with Norfolk Southern Railroad and various federal, state, and local public entities. The facility is being built on 300 acres south of Rickenbacker International Airport, and the Airport Authority will develop another 1,000 acres in association with this project. Rickenbacker's geographic location is within a one-day truck drive to over half of the U.S. and Canadian population and provides companies with exceptional competitive advantages for distribution to the global marketplace.

Logistics, according to the Council of Logistics Management, is defined as the process of planning, implementing, and controlling the efficient effective flow and storage of goods, services, and related information from point of origin to point of consumption for the purpose of conforming to customer requirements.

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Student Life

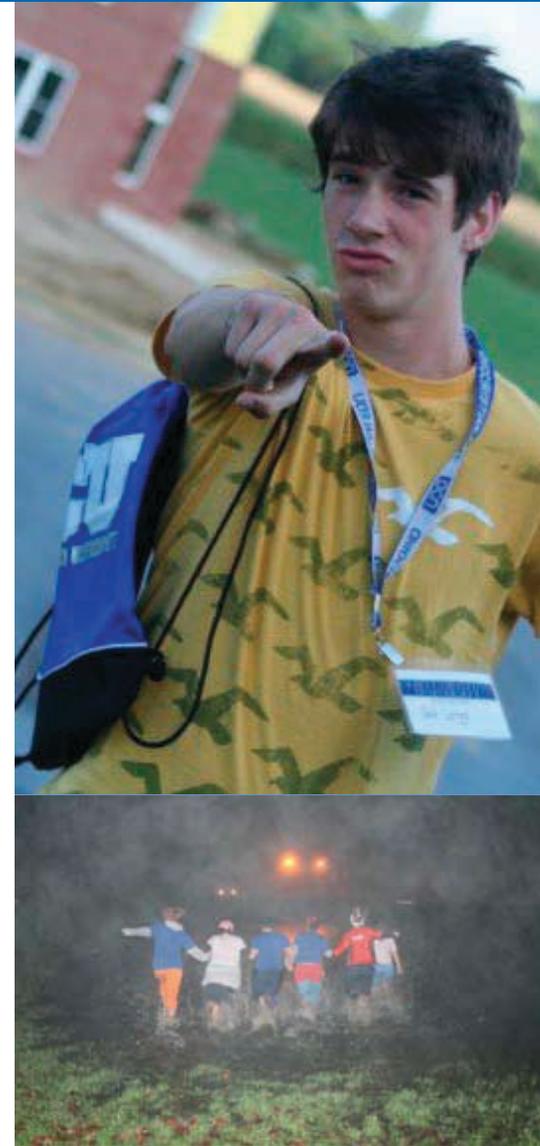
Their new life at college begins with excitement and stress. The new freshmen move into the residence halls with their belongings from home and settle in to their new digs. Everything is new!

Rushing in to save the day is the Student Activities Team at OCU. The activity year begins with the Rez Life Welcome Week. The activities focus on getting acquainted and building friendships. By the time the week is over, community is building, and students are adjusting to college life. The goal of Student Activities is to create community on the campus and to have fun doing it. Dave Hopewell is the OCU Student Activities Director. He brings experience to the team with his degree in recreation management and has a love for adventure learning experiences. Dave works with a committee that plans major events at OCU. Every week, Dave and the team create new activities, and his group has performed at a new level in the past year. Some highlights follow.

Student Activities' greatest creation this year has been the variety show

"Friday Night Live" consisting of skits and musicals that are funny and entertaining. Dave put together a cast of students that write and perform these various acts. Along with a band of student musicians, they have twice created a 90-minute show for the campus community. It has become a topic of conversation around the lunch table with folks wanting to know, "When is the show coming back?" Dave has developed other opportunities for students to use their talents in entertaining their fellow students as well.

Student Council has a hand in the activities calendar also. This year, the group initiated the "Winter Chill" concert in February featuring four Christian groups. It was an enjoyable night that will be brought back each year.



The Council's main event is the Mr. and Miss OCU Banquet in the spring. This year, 170 guests enjoyed a night of good food, home-grown entertainment from a student guitar duo, and the crowning of Mr. and Miss OCU. These individuals were elected by the student body. Mr. and Miss OCU are students that



best represent the ideals of OCU in scholarship, leadership, spirituality, and appearance. Mr. and Miss OCU for 2008 are Dan Garnett and Leslie Turner.

Other student activities include a day at the ski slopes, trips to the zoo, shopping, travel to road games to support our Trailblazer teams, and

open mic nights in the café. OCU recently held its second annual frisbee golf tournament with professional and amateur divisions. Students are daily enjoying the new layout of the campus wide frisbee golf course.

Student activities are important and necessary! As students interact with their peers, faculty, and staff, they

grow in grace and knowledge—each imparting something new to the life of the other. Students look forward to these times. Want to join us for the annual “Midnight Breakfast @ 11 p.m.” during finals week? See you there next year!



Rickshontae Spell, Charie Hicks, and Dan Garnett were among the Trailblazers who received ACCA national awards in the 2007-2008 basketball season.

Trailblazer Basketball Teams set new season records

Both the men's and women's basketball teams recorded their best season in OCU's history. The OCU men's team finished as the national runner-up with a 20-16 season, and the Lady Trailblazers finished 4th in the nation with a 17-14 season. In addition to their record-setting seasons, both teams had several players honored at the regional and national levels.

Trailblazer Basketball 2007-2008 Award Recipients

Stefan Vasiloff

- » First Team All-Region
- » Academic All-American
- » First Team All-American

Rickshontae Spell

- » Honorable Mention All-Region
- » Honorable Mention All-American
- » ACCA All-Tournament Team

Dan Garnett

- » Second Team All-Region
- » Second Team All-American
- » Academic All-American
- » ACCA All-Tournament Team

Rob Lassiter

- » Honorable Mention All-Region

Lady Trailblazer Basketball 2007-2008 Award Recipients

Michel Hughes

- » NCCAA Mid East Region Player of the Year
- » First Team All-Region
- » Mid East Region All-Tournament Team
- » ACCA National Player of the Year
- » First Team All-American
- » Led nation in scoring with 22.1 points/game

Ande Renihan

- » Academic All-American
- » Mid East Region Second Team

Sarah Peters

- » Mid East Region Second Team

Charie Hicks

- » Mid East Region All-Tournament Team
- » ACCA National All-Tournament Team

Mandy Wray

- » Mid-East Region Coach of the Year
- » ACCA Div I National Coach of the Year



Top Row: Dan Garnett, Rob Lassiter, Stefan Vasiloff, Rickshontae Spell
Bottom Row: Michel Hughes, Ande Renihan, Charie Hicks, Sarah Peters

OCU Hosts Brass Festival



On April 10 and 11, the music department at Ohio Christian University hosted a brass festival featuring international trumpet soloist Fred Mills, the graduate brass quintet from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM), and the Mid-Ohio Brass Ensemble.

The festival included a brass clinic and two concerts. The first concert, which took place on Thursday, April 10, in OCU's Detty Chapel, was a solo recital featuring trumpet soloist Fred Mills and the CCM graduate brass quintet. The second concert, a premier concert by the Mid-Ohio Brass Ensemble conducted by Fred Mills, was held in the Circleville High School auditorium on the evening of April 11.



Trumpeter W. Fred Mills has enjoyed 25 years of performances in the great concert halls of Europe, North America, and Asia and has made over 40 recordings as a member of The Canadian Brass on ACA, RCA, Sony, BMG, and Philips labels. He has been instrumental in changing the standard repertoire for brass chamber music with over 50 arrangements and transcriptions for the brass quintet, including the highly acclaimed "Toccatina and Fugue in D minor" by J. S. Bach. During his 25

years with the quintet, the Canadian Brass became recognized as the world's premier brass ensemble. After retiring from the Canadian Brass in 1996, he joined the University of Georgia School of Music brass faculty as a Professor of Trumpet and Brass Chamber Music. In addition to teaching trumpet and coaching and conducting brass ensembles at the University of Georgia, Mr. Mills maintains an international performing schedule as a trumpet soloist, conductor, teacher, and adjudicator.

OCU Chorale

During this past academic year, it has been evident that God's anointing is upon each member of the OCU Chorale. Under the direction of Professor Charles Dautermann, this group has provided an inspirational and challenging witness of God's power to save, gift, keep and provide in the troubled times we are living. Each member of the Chorale has a unique story of how God is working in his or her life. As they sacrifice so much of their time and resources to music ministry, it seems the more the OCU Chorale ministers, the more God showers His blessings upon this group and its members.

As this academic year comes to a close and we reflect on what has been accomplished through the music ministry of the OCU Chorale, we can only pray with a sense of anticipation at what God has planned for these gifted servants and leaders of tomorrow. Please, keep the OCU Chorale and its members in your daily prayers that God's blessing will continue to be upon each of these, His servants.



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June 27	Early Registration Day www.ohiochristian.edu/admissions
July 25	Early Registration Day www.ohiochristian.edu/admissions
July 28 6:30 p.m.	ECL Banquet with Susie Shellenberger Editor of Brio Magazine for Focus on the Family
August 3-10	Mount of Praise Campmeeting

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