

Dean's Message

We are pleased to kick off a new publication just for you--our friends and supporters. Twice each year we will share news and updates on our achievements that you have made possible.

We are particularly grateful for your response to the Campaign for the Renovation of Jennings Hall. So many answered our call to transform the old B&Z into a modern educational facility, and I am especially pleased that this appeal resulted in a substantial increase in the proportion of our alumni who gave to the College last year.

We hope you enjoy *Buckeye Bios*. Please let us know of your reactions; we are eager to learn how we can improve our communication by focusing on stories that interest you.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy year!

With warm regards,

Joan M. Herbers, Dean



Honoring former president in Sarasota: (from left) Dean Joan Herbers, President Emeritus Edward Jennings, President Karen Holbrook, and Barbara Jennings.

A Rousing Success Story: The Campaign for Jennings Hall

The Jennings building is dedicated to enhancing science education. When completed this spring, the facility will provide opportunities to generations of students, enabling them to become physicians, dentists, health care professionals, environmentalists, teachers, researchers — wherever their hearts lie.

The Botany and Zoology Building was renamed in 2002 to honor former President Edward H. Jennings, but you may not know that Dr. Jennings himself chose B&Z. Dr. Jennings, an avid amateur biologist, was provided with an array of naming opportunities, and without hesitation he selected B&Z. Dr. Jennings' influence

is best seen in the accelerating quality of Ohio State's undergraduate body, and we are proud his name will grace the home of our educational programs.

The Campaign for the Renovation of Jennings Hall was kicked off last winter in Florida, when we honored Dr. Jennings at a reception at the Sarasota University Club in Sarasota, Florida. Thirty-five friends of President Jennings, including President Karen Holbrook and Dean Joan Herbers, attended the event. In a surprise highlight of the evening, Barbara R. Jennings presented a major gift in honor of her husband.

CBS Faculty & Staff Rise to Dean's Challenge

Campus Campaign is an extraordinary internal fundraising program. Every year, Ohio State faculty and staff donate more than \$1 million to the University because they believe so strongly in our great institution. Last year Dean Herbers challenged the College to raise \$25,000 through the Campus Campaign for the Jennings Hall Renovation Fund — and our wonderful employees donated more than \$28,000!

Here's why people have given to this effort:



Dave Denlinger, Professor of Entomology and University Distinguished Professor says "Ohio State is seriously striving to be among the top universities and I'm excited by that mission. Part of that goal has to be that we ensure modern, comfortable learning environments for our students. That's one of the reasons I gladly contributed to the renovation of Jennings Hall. A little help from each of us can make a big difference."

Anita H. Rimmer, Office Manager, Biochemistry, is known for her devotion to students. She says, "I have given to the Jennings Hall renovation fund since it first started because a modern classroom building is sorely needed. We have such outstanding students preparing to do such important work in medicine and other fields that will benefit all of us. They deserve to have a special place to serve their needs."



Recent graduate Chris Braunreuther was eager to help his alma mater. "When I first told people that I was transferring from my (much) smaller university, a number of people told me I would get lost in the shuffle. With the help of an absolutely amazing academic advisor, the transition couldn't have been any easier! I had a number of classes and meetings in Jennings. When I first heard about the intent to renovate this

historic building, I didn't even hesitate to pitch in. If I could help pave the way for a future student to have the same great experience that I did, a small contribution was the least I could do!"

Jill Hartman, Assistant to the Dean always steps up for a good cause. She says, "First impressions are generally lasting ones. When I saw the plans for the new Jennings Hall, I envisioned students walking into the building for the first time and getting excited! Excited about learning. Excited about research. Seeing themselves as tomorrow's leaders in education, medicine and science. That's why I'm proud to support the Jennings Renovation Fund."

Alumni Society board member Ron Schild, and his wife Marcia, are helping lead the challenge for alumni giving. Ron says, "Marcia and I supported the Jennings Renovation since it will provide an undergraduate facility for research, collaboration, and learning. Ohio State's focus and our college's commitment to undergraduate research is important in attracting the best students. The best students deserve the best facilities."

Also New in 2006



Tom Byers (middle) in the lab with two of his graduate students.

Byers Memorial Scholarship Funded

Family, friends and colleagues of Ohio State's "first molecular biologist," Molecular Genetics Professor Thomas Byers, established a scholarship honoring his memory. Dr. Byers was renowned for his concern for

students and his tireless efforts in mentoring and nurturing them. Income from this scholarship fund will be awarded to a student pursuing a molecular genetics degree, and the first award will be made in spring 2007.

Sheldon Cohen Scholars Program

Dr. Sheldon Cohen (BA 1940) has generously funded three scholarships to support students with joint interests in the humanities and the sciences. Dr. Cohen's long career as a primary care physician has been complemented by scholarly work in the history of medical science. Two scholarships will provide support to students with double majors in Biological Sciences and in Humanities, while the third will support a student doing undergraduate research in the philosophy or history of the life sciences.

Hershey Foundation Scholarship

A recent gift from the Hershey Foundation provides scholarship support for students in the Biological Sciences, with preference for women. We anticipate our first awards to be given in spring 2007.

Want to help?

We are grateful for your assistance, and hope you will continue to find our programs worthy of your support. For information about how you can help to make a difference, please contact Gerri Bain, Director of Development by telephone at (614) 292-4008, or via email at bain.32@osu.edu.

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