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Photochemical journal started out simple but now read around the world

If you were curious about the use of fluorescent probes for characterizing sites of photodamage, where could you read about it? Or if you were interested in learning more about ultraviolet immune suppression or perhaps the photoproduction of biotechnologically interesting compounds by immobilized microalgae, where could you turn?

These topics may sound a bit too technical to the average reader, but there are many photochemical scientists who find this information not only fascinating, but often important to their research.

And where can they read all about these subjects as well as many others relating to the field of photochemical sciences? Researchers around the world are subscribing to The Spectrum, a quarterly publication that has been produced on campus at the Center for Photochemical Sciences since 1987.

Pat Green, administrative director of the center and editor of The Spectrum, said the publication began initially as an outreach service to the photochemical community at large. Its mission was to disseminate the most up-to-date research without being as technical as a scholarly journal.

"We felt we were filling in a niche by providing information on general research while not being as formal as a refereed journal," Green said.

She admits the first couple years of publication were rough. It was difficult to find people to submit articles so Green solicited them from members of the center or reprinted articles from other journals that she thought would be interesting to photochemical scientists.

"But somewhere around year three and four we moved into a form of credibility and we never had a problem of trying to find people to write again," she said. "In fact, we began noticing our articles were being reprinted in other publications."

Circulation of the publication has jumped from its initial list of 350 people in the U.S. to 7,000 people worldwide. The Spectrum is sent to 49 countries, and the list keeps growing.

Green said whenever members of the center go to a seminar or conference, they always come back with the names of people who want to be added to the mailing list. She said Dr. Douglas Neckers, the center's executive director, and Dr. Michael A.J. Rodgers, the Ohio Eminent Scholar in photochemical sciences, travel extensively in Europe and "always come back with accolades about the writing in The Spectrum."

Part of the attraction to the publication is that it's free since it is mostly subsidized through corporate sponsors. "With the breakup of the Soviet Union and other third world countries, many scientists don't have the money to pay for scientific journals and ours is sometimes the only one they get," Green said.

Scientists, industries, libraries and professors make up the bulk of the subscribers of The Spectrum and they all have one common bond: photochemical sciences. Green said.

Muego participates in Citizen Ambassador program

Journey to Vietnam reveals a country trying to move on with the future

The trip was meant to promote goodwill to another nation, but for Dr. Benjamin Muego and the other 25 Citizen Ambassador participants, the trip to Vietnam offered moments of catharsis.

Muego, a professor of political science at Firelands College and chair of the Faculty Senate, was invited to participate in the Citizen Ambassador Program Social Studies Education Delegation to Vietnam which visited the country for seven days in November. The Citizen Ambassador Program was established in 1996 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a vehicle for "people to people" exchanges to promote world peace and understanding between and among nations and cultures.

Muego was selected for the program because of his activity within the field of international affairs. He was a Fulbright Fellow in political science at the University of the Philippines-Visayas in 1986-87 and an International Relations Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1990-91.

Arrangements were made for the delegation to meet with government officials and university administrators to discuss how the U.S. education systems work and how specific universities deal with goals and missions and curricula.

But the trip proved to be more than an educational experience. The majority of the members of the delegation, which included representatives from schools such as Duke University, the University of Texas and the University of Pittsburgh, were in their 40s. Their memories of Vietnam and the U.S.'s involvement there during the war were all too vivid, Muego said.

"We all had our own catharsis at some point during the trip," he said. "I don't know of anyone in the group who didn't have a cry along the way. It got to all of us at some point."

The delegation included three veterans of the war. A poignant moment came when they were about to visit a middle school but first had to make a customary visit to the office of the party chair of the district. Muego said the first thing the district chair asked upon meeting them was whether there were any veterans in the group. The three vets raised their hands. The man walked over to them and said "I was in the war, too." He rolled up his sleeves and showed them the scars on his arms and pointed to the eye he had lost. "But that was all in the past," the district chair said, and he hugged each veteran. "There wasn't a dry eye in the group," Muego recalled.

The attitude to forget the past was prevalent both in Hanoi and Saigon. "We did not detect any hostility, all of the people were very welcoming," Muego said. "They have come to terms with this while we have not. They want to put it behind them and move on to the future."

That didn't stop members of the delegation from asking about MIAs, a delicate subject plaguing the country's government. The U.S. broke off relations in April 1975 when Communist North Vietnam captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, on whose side the U.S. fought. Vietnam would like to reestablish diplomatic relations but President Clinton says regaining that status is contingent on a full accounting of Americans missing in action.

The U.S. lists 2,248 Americans unaccounted for in southeast Asia, including 1,648 in Vietnam.

"The Vietnamese government feels it has done everything to address U.S. concerns... Continued on page 3
Trustees accept Uhlman gift

Numerous renovations prior to Jan. 1 but includes a ride

Council questions wording of new severe weather policy at meeting

Many council members said the salary of $54,000 for John Keleher and no one should be forced to report to him, unless they are emergency employees. This council also discussed whether the acceptance of Uhlman gifts prior to Jan. 1 but includes a ride

Q & ABOUT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

A vquality of questions have been raised about faculty collective bargaining and the Bargaining Committee of the Faculty Association and the administration have been working on the process of collective bargaining to answer questions proposed by members of the University community.

Question: Is it true that the University of Toledo has a union shop and changes its union negotiations to be more faculty collective bargaining?

Answer: To the best of the University of Toledo, this is not true. The University has not made any changes in its negotiations to be more faculty collective bargaining.

Question: What is the vote of the Union of Toledo? Do faculty members vote or not?

Answer: Yes, faculty members vote in the vote of the Union of Toledo. Faculty members have the right to vote on the policy of the Union of Toledo and have been actively involved in the process.
The Office of the Public Relations is now offering the opportunity to update the aerial photographs of the campus that are displayed on many office walls. The new aerial photograph (shown above) was taken in October by Ohio University's Firelands Photograph 1 and provides an up-to-date view of the campus. The updated photographs are now available in the public relations office. Office Administration Staffing: The cost is $140 per site (the size most frequently used in office display) is $45 per square foot and $50 (500-1000 sq ft). Prices for other areas and quantities are available upon request.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following faculty positions are available:

**Applied Sciences (Psychology College):** Instructor/professor of economics and statistics (temporary, probationary, full-time, open, immediately available). Contact Leigh Chiarelott, 1-2076; 1-14-7. Position is fineable.


**Chemistry:** Supervisor, instructional assistant professor. Contact Prof. L. D. Smith (2-2800). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Geology:** Assistant professor. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**History:** Also, professor, science methods. Contact Mark Nagel (2-1571). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Instructor/assistant professor.** Functional/applied analysis. Contact Stuart Harvey (2-2161). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Library/Information Services:** Coordinator of acquisitions. Contact Kim Sisk (2-2151). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Mathematics and Statistics:** Instructor assistant professor. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Recreation Services:** Coordinator of recreation services. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Social Work:** Coordinator of social work. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Psychology:** Assistant professor (psychology arts). Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Student Services:** Coordinator of student services. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

**Writing Center:** Coordinator of writing center. Contact fujiya Kawashima (2-2030). Deadline: Feb. 15.

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