175th ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO UNIVERSITY

1979 will mark the 175th anniversary of Ohio University. A complete schedule of events is available from the Alumni Office, but we thought you might like some advance information.

April 21 - Language Fair "Famous Firsts with a Foreign Flavor"
April 28-29 - International Film Festival
May 11-12 - Showcase '79, University Open House
June 9 - 175th Anniversary Commencement
Oct. 20 - 175th Homecoming Celebration

We would like to plan a special Modern Language Department homecoming on October 20. Let us know if you're interested.

DELEGATION FROM CHINA VISITS LANGUAGE LAB

A delegation of seven top educators from the People's Republic of China visited the language labs in Ellis Hall as a part of their tour of the O.U. campus. The delegates visited nine universities in the U.S. and O.U. was the only school that they visited in the midwest.

CONVERSATION HOURS

Remember that you're invited to attend our weekly conversation hours if you're in Athens.

French - Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. - CJ's
Spanish - Wednesday - 9:30 p.m. - Basement of Bojangles
German - Tuesday - 8:30 p.m. - Basement of CJ's
Russian - Tuesday - 8:00 p.m. - Ellis Hall 108
Italian - Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. - The Backdoor
SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Mary Durnion created an endowed scholarship to be granted annually to a French major at Ohio University. Mrs. Durnion received her BA in Latin from Tufts and her MA in French from Boston University and taught both languages in Massachusetts. As a participant in the Ohio University Study Abroad Program, Mrs. Durnion has spent the past three spring quarters in Tours, France. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of the activities of the Modern Language Department, including the Language Fair and Phi Sigma Iota, the foreign language honorary. In 1978-79, Mrs. Durnion gave two scholarships in addition to the one funded through her endowment.

The scholarship recipients for 1978-79 are: John Frisinger, (French and Chemistry), Marion K. Kee (French), and Joseph Pettigrew (French).

DONATIONS

The following names of donors to the Modern Language Department have been supplied to us by the Alumni Office. If you have made a donation and your name is not on the list, be sure to let us know and we'll include it in the next issue. We appreciate these donations very much and we hope that you will continue in your support.

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STUDY ABROAD

The French Study Abroad group in Tours (and the other 150,000 citizens of the city) did without water for three days when the eighteenth-century bridge over the Loire collapsed this spring. All water ducts were in the bridge and broke, of course.

The following programs will be offered this year:

Winter - Spanish - Xalapa, Mex.
Spring - Spanish - Xalapa, Mex.
German - Salzburg, Aus.
French - Tours, France
Summer - Spanish - Xalapa, Mex.

If you happen to be travelling in any of these areas be sure to drop in and visit.

GRADUATION

MA degrees were conferred on the following candidates:

French - Jerri Ray
Susan Mann
Mary Fidler
Spanish - Marge (Blair) Martinez
Barbara Rinehart
Mike Ostraski
German - Bob Doares

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATES

A new policy has been instituted for commencement. Each department names an outstanding undergraduate and they receive special recognition during the graduation exercise. Those honored this year were: Jenny Samaan, French and Carolyn Myers, Spanish.

A special note of thanks goes to the Alumni Association for their support for the printing and mailing of this newsletter.
Francoise Meltzer, French, is an assistant professor of French and Comparative Literature at the University of Chicago.

Christa Kuehn, German, is presently residing in Princeton, New Jersey.

Rita Braveš, Spanish, is teaching Spanish in Lakewood, Ohio.

Barry Wallis, French, German, BA, has received the Ph.D. degree in Linguistics from Northwestern University.

Marilyn Vinton Douglas, French, is an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati where she teaches perceptual motor development.

Suzanne Albrecht, German, is a college administrator and lives in Gray, Maine.

Sharon Guinn Scinicariello, French, BA, 1971 and MA, 1973, has recently published an article on the French epic in Romance Notes. In addition, she took time off from school to become a mother; Antonio Luigi was born June 1, 1978.

Linda (Boyd) Zak, French, is expecting her second child. Linda lives in Mission, Texas.

Mike McClintock is taking a one year leave of absence from the Latin American Section of Amnesty International to teach at the University of Vera Cruz.

Bobbi Pollard Conliffe, Spanish MA, is employed as a medical librarian at Mt. St. Mary's Hospital in Nelsonville.

Elizabeth Mann, having finished her MA in French is currently working on her MA in English while teaching French at Indiana.

Ruth Clearfield, French, MA, has been studying French at the University of Fortiers and is currently working on an administrative assistant in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Texas A and M.

Kathy Borne, German, MA, is currently working as a dental technician in Toledo, Ohio. Her husband, Jerry Borne, MA, is employed by the Veterans' Benefit Counselor. They are living in Brook Park, Ohio.

Dennis Riggs, MA, Spanish, 1975, ABD in Bilingual Education, University of New Mexico and Gil Evanish, BA, Spanish, 1975, MA in Linguistics 1977, are teaching in a Chicano Program in the El Paso, Texas area.

Mansfield Holm, Spanish, BA, has accepted a teaching position at St. Mary's High School, St. Mary's, West Virginia.

Kathy Raita, German, BA, is a laboratory technician in Quality Control Lab at Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, Ohio.
Please be sure to contact us with any news not reported here in "SAY THERE" or with any news incorrectly or incompletely reported. We'd be more than happy to help reunite alums by disclosing addresses of anyone who has corresponded with us. Also, if you haven't sent us an ALUM REPORT, please do so and tell us what you're doing. We'd all love to hear from you!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

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LANGUAGE(s) STUDIED AT O.U.

PRESENT OCCUPATION

IS YOUR JOB IN ANY WAY LANGUAGE RELATED? IF SO, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IT IN MORE DETAIL:

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAMS WHILE YOU WERE AT O.U.? WHERE AND WHEN?

If you know the addresses of any other alums or if you know any news that might be of interest to our alums, please give that information in the space below and we will publish it in the next issue:

We have extra copies of all of the earlier issues of "SAY THERE". If you would like to receive a copy of ones you missed, just ask for them:

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