



## Words from the Dean... Michael O'Brien



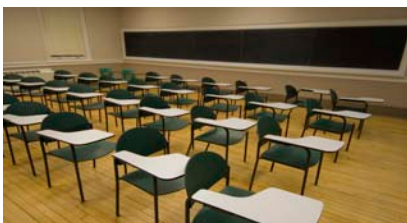
Dear Arts and Science Staff Members:

Another school year has begun, and again we have found space for a record number of students. I appreciate your help in making this happen. Our departments did a tremendous job in cutting expenses during the winter term, and Provost Foster was impressed with our savings. I know what a challenge this was, and I am pleased that everyone pulled together to make this happen. The college could not function without the hard work of the great staff we have, and all of you have my sincere thanks.

I know the Staff Network is busy planning special events for the year – including the staff appreciation lunch in the spring. I hope to see you there. (I'm lobbying early for hamburgers.)

Each of you has my very best wishes for another great academic year.

Mike O'Brien



## Words from your Arts and Science Staff Network Chair...Patty Eggleston

Hello Everyone!

The Board would like to welcome everyone back for the new school year! It is nice to see all the students back because they are the life line of the University. We would like to thank Dean O'Brien for his approval and continuing support of Arts and Science Staff Endowment Fund. Our goal is to reach \$10,000 by 2013 and so far we have raised about **\$1850**.

The Committee Chairs are busy working on establishing new events, activities, and ways of getting the staff re-connected. One of the new ideas is to have the staff member's pictures posted on their department's web page. We have had many staff ask the Board if this could be done. The Board thought this would be a good idea to help staff recognize each other at events, luncheons and retreats, etc. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this, please let us know.

Make sure that you check out the ASSN web page. We are in the process of updating and improving the ASSN web page. We think you will really like the new pages.

Thank you and have a great semester!

Patty Eggleston

## New Board Members

There are several new ASSN Board Members this year. They are listed below with a little bit of information about each one. Here they are!

### Amy Crews

I have worked in the Department of Mathematics about 2.5 years. Unfortunately, it hasn't rubbed off. I still have to use my calculator! Previous to the Math department, I worked at the Student Health Center for a couple of years in Mental Health. In between Student Health and Math, I took a break from the University and worked as a Poker Room Supervisor for a few years. I love the game of Poker and yet I am too cheap to be a gambler! I am a Mom of one 4 yr old boy, who is my entire world. As Chair of the Luncheon Committee, we are currently brainstorming a fabulously entertaining and scrumptious lunch all staff are sure to enjoy!

### Kristy Crim

Kristy Crim is the Administrative Associate for the Art Department, and she's been at MU for just over a year. Kristy is married to Marcus, a Veterinary Resident in the Comparative Medicine Program at MU. In her spare time, Kristy loves to go to garage sales, cook Korean food, and take road trips. Currently on her bedside table is "Blue Like Jazz," by Donald Miller (<http://www.donaldmillerwords.com/bluelikejazz.php>), which she is tentatively giving 2-thumbs-up (...she's only half finished, but she'll be releasing a 2-page, single-spaced book report when she's done...just kidding). If Kristy could change anything about Missouri, it would be to stock every grocery store freezer-section with Blue Bell *Birthday Cake* ice cream (can somebody please give her an "AMEN!!!" about Blue Bell?) Seriously. Don't tell her you've never heard of it. (<http://www.bluebell.com/>).

### Judy Dooley

I have been working at the University for 28 years. Two years in Mathematics and 26 years in the Statistics Department. I have three daughters, Katie is 28 (BA,RN, MA working at St. John's Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas), Laura is 24 (BA working on Masters,K-5<sup>th</sup> grade PE teacher and head softball coach at Fulton High School) and Debbie is 22 (still in college). My hobbies are reading books and watching my daughter Laura coach high school softball at Fulton High School. My husband Kevin is a veterinarian and we have a practice in Ashland (Dooley Animal Hospital). We have three dogs, Buddy (Yellow Lab), Justice and Liberty (English Setters).

### Liz Schulte

Liz is an Administrative Assistant at the A&S Dean's Office in Lowry Hall. She has been with the University for one year. Liz is a Columbia native and graduate of Mizzou. She received a degree in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy. Liz spends her free time with her family, pets, and friends.

New Board Members continued...

## Susan Worstell

I work in the School of Music as Office Support Staff III. I have interrupted service of a total of 9 and a half years with the University. I'm married with an almost three year old daughter. I also teach piano and voice lessons in my spare time. I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, and leading worship at my church.



Your Arts and Science Staff  
Network Board...

At Work for you!

### A&S Staff Network Board Members FS2009/SP2010

Patty Eggleston, Chair  
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Kristy Crim, Member  
Judy Dooley, Member  
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Liz Schulte, Member  
Susan Worstell, Member  
Nancy Alexander, Ex-Officio  
Carla Schlink, Ex-Officio





## Going Green...

**Reuse A Bag.** Some people believe that bags made of trees--paper bags--are less harmful to the earth than bags made of chemicals--plastic bags. The fact is, making both types of bags create a lot of pollution, and both paper and plastic bags use a lot of resources. So neither is much better than the other. The best solution is not to use any bag at all, or to bring your own bag. Some people carry a canvas or mesh bag they can use over and over. If you must use a paper or plastic bag, don't throw it away. Try to use the bag over and over--as many times as you can.

**VHS tapes have taken over.** Everyone has a pile of old VHS tapes gathering dust. To keep them out of landfills, drop them in the mail to Alternative Community Training, a nonprofit Missouri company that provides jobs to people with disabilities. Workers erase the tapes, reselling the ones that are in good shape and recycling the plastic parts of the rest. They've recycled more than 1 million tapes so far. Call 573-474-9446 for more information. ACT, 2200 Burlington, Columbia, MO 65202. Here is the link:

<http://www.actrecycling.org/>

**Wash your clothes in cold water.** By using cold water instead of warm, the average household can avoid emitting 1,281 pounds of carbon dioxide annually and save on energy bills.

**Have A "Green" Picnic.** Plan an outing that doesn't create a lot of waste or pollution. For example, if you're having a barbecue, avoid using lighter fluid--it contains naphthalene, an air

pollutant which is suspected of causing cancer. Instead, use an electric starter or, better yet, a device that lets you start coals using newspapers instead of fluid.

**Shut down and unplug electronics.** Make small changes to use – and pay for – less energy, like shutting down your computer when you're not using it and plugging your cell phone and other electronics into power strips so you can turn several devices off with one switch.

**Quit Throwing Away Batteries.** Americans go through more than two billion batteries a year to power such things as radios, calculators, watches, flashlights, and computers. Unfortunately, batteries contain many hazardous materials, which leak into landfills when batteries are thrown away. Many of these dangerous chemicals get into our water supply. There are two ways you can avoid throwing away batteries. One is by using batteries that can be recharged over and over. If you must throw batteries away, do so at the City of Columbia Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site Services (restricted to residents of Boone County)(573) 874-6291, 1313 Lakeview Ave., Columbia, MO 65201. They are open April to November on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am to 1pm. Not only do they take batteries but a multitude of other things to be recycled, paint, smoke detectors, antifreeze, brake fluid, etc. Check out their website at:

<http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com>



## Events

### ASSN Fall Charity Drive: Marine Parents Care Package Drive

Have you ever been far from home and realized that you forgot your dental floss? Or nail clippers? Or deodorant? And what if there was no Wal-Mart nearby? This is how many of our service women and men feel day in and day out, serving so far from home in Iraq and Afghanistan. Although they didn't "forget" these types of items, they simply cannot get them—and so many more! So, for our first ASSN Charity Drive of the year, we're supporting our local Marine Parents organization (<http://www.marineparents.com/>) and asking our ASSN Family to share some of their comforts from home with our service women and men: things like playing cards, AA batteries, ink pens, dried fruit, hot cocoa mix—and of course dental floss, nail clippers, and deodorant!—as well as many more items. See the complete list, as well as more details, on the PDF flyer posted on the ASSN Website (<http://assn.missouri.edu/>). These items will be collected for the Marine Parents to assemble into Care Packages, which will reach the service women and men sometime before Christmas. So, next time you're at Wal-Mart picking up a little something that you "need," grab an extra one for our friends who are far from home! Boxes will be located in Departmental Offices from **September 8th - September 25th**.

Also, be watching for more information on our ASSN Winter Charity Drive benefitting Granny's House, a local organization "where public housing kids can come each day after school to see values, manners, and God's love in action." (<http://www.grannyshouse.org/>). The Granny's House Drive will run from November 2 – 20, 2009.

### What's Up Around Campus?

Pop Quiz:

- (A) What type of delicious fare is served at the Pavilion at Dobbs?
- (B) What is one current exhibit at the Museum of Art & Archaeology?
- (C) What museum on campus is currently displaying this season's hottest lepidopterans?
- (D) What is the quickest place to grab a Raspberry Vanilla Cream Latte if you're north of Pickard Hall and west of 9th Street?

The ASSN wants YOU to be in the know, so we're instituting our first "What's Up Around Campus Progressive Tour"! Many of us have worked at MU for years (*dare* we say how many???), yet have never ventured out of our "groove." Well, that is about to change! It's time we start taking advantage of the funky-fun cultural and culinary amenities that our campus has to offer. Therefore, our first "stop" on the tour will be **October 14th, at Eva J's Café**. Join us at **12:05 pm on Wednesday, 10/14/09, at the Memorial Union Arch on Hitt St. to stroll over to Eva J's Café, located in Johnston Hall**, for some lunch and camaraderie. (Or, if it's more convenient, you can just meet us there.) Eva J's serves fresh, authentic Asian dishes in a *feng shui* atmosphere. You can buy lunch there at Eva J's, or bring a sack lunch. So, if you're interested in checking out a new place on campus, join us on October 14th (we'll be sending out an email reminder early in October). Also, be watching for our next stop on the *What's Up Around Campus Progressive Tour*!

(...And if you're *dying* to know how well you scored, the answers to the Pop Quiz are: (A) Vegan and vegetarian entrees, as well as a super-cool salad bar; (B) *The Sacred Feminine*: Prehistory to Post-Modernity; (C) Enns Entomology Museum, located in the Agriculture Building—and "lepidopterans" are moths and butterflies; (D) The j café.)

# Final Notes

Dates for your Calendar:

October 16 , 2009 is National Boss Day. Here is a link:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boss%27s\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boss%27s_Day)

A Nice Quote for Boss Day: By working faithfully eight hours a day you may eventually get to be boss and work twelve hours a day.

Robert Frost



The MU Service Champion Award from the Staff Advisory Council is available for all staff on campus. Have you heard about this? We would like for the Arts and Science Staff to check out this award and see if it is something you would like to apply for or to submit the name of someone you know. Notice how many winners are from A&S. Here are the 2009 winners thus far:

January – Tracy Pickens, Statistics  
February – Connie Dunn, Religious Studies  
March – Kristy Crim, Art Department  
April – Barbara Smith, Museum of Art & Archeology  
May – Paul Pepper, KOMU TV  
June – Jennifer Arnold, German & Russian Studies  
July – Pam Cook, Payroll Department  
August – Brent Unger, Aerospace Studies

Be sure to say Congratulations to the winners and here is the link:

<http://staffcouncil.missouri.edu/awards/muchamp.html>

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Fall 2009 Newsletter. Special thanks to Dola Haessig and Nancy Alexander who have been diligently working on the new version of the ASSN web pages. It is a huge project.