Phi Beta Kappa
Eta Chapter of Ohio
Ohio Wesleyan University
Established in 1907

Centennial Celebration
Gray Chapel
5 March 2008
7:30 P.M.

Co-sponsored by The Student Involvement Office & The Heritage Day Committee
Initiation of Honorary Members
The Order of Initiation

Prelude:
“Prelude (Fantasy) and Fugue in G Minor,” Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Processional: “Trumpet Tune,” Joseph Musser
(Written for the Ohio Wesleyan University Phi Beta Kappa Initiation)

Opening Remarks Blake Michael
Historian's Address Barbara MacLeod
Interpreter’s Explanation Lynette Carpenter

“Love of Learning is the Guide of Life” John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society

*Monitor’s Admonition Laura Tuhela-Reuning
*Secretary’s Pledge Jeffrey Nunemacher

Signing of the Register

*Recessional: “Processional in D,” David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
*Postlude: “Dorian Toccata,” J. S. Bach

Organist: Joseph Musser

*All Who Are Able, Please Stand
The Phi Beta Kappa Chapter
Ohio Wesleyan University

Laurel Anderson, Botany-Microbiology
Rita Boham, Administrative Assistant, Modern Foreign Languages
Dale Brugh, Chemistry
Thomas Burns, English
Scott Calef, Philosophy
David Caplan, English
Lynette Carpenter, English, Chapter Secretary
Karen Crosman, Grants Officer
Vicki DiLillo, Psychology
Amy Downing, Zoology
Chad Johns, Associate Chaplain
Ed Kahn, Theatre
Richard Leavy, Psychology
David Lever, Chemistry
Ulle Lewes, English
William Louthan, Politics and Government
Barbara MacLeod, Economics
Bart Martin, Geology
Amy McClure, Education
Stephanie Merkel, Humanities-Classics
Phi Society Advisor
Blake Michael, Religion
Chapter Vice President
Bernard Murchland, Philosophy
Joseph Musser, English
Chapter President
Marilyn Nims, Music

Jeff Nunemacher, Mathematics and Computer Science
Chapter Treasurer
Shari Stone-Mediatore, Philosophy
Dale Swartzentruber, Psychology
Chapter Selections Committee
Brad Trees, Physics
Laura Tuhela-Reuning, Microscopy
Danny Vogt, Chemistry
Sally Waterhouse, Zoology
Barbara Wiesner, Library
Harold Wiebe, Mathematics and Computer Science
Alan Zaring, Mathematics and Computer Science

Emeriti
Harry Bahrick, Psychology
James Biehl, English and Humanities Classics
Phillips Burnside, Physics
Norman Gharrity, Economics
John Kneisly, Data Processing
Corinne Lyman, Politics and Government
Anna Macias, History
Mildred Newcomb, English
Laura Newman, Alumni Relations
Morgan Phillips, Religion
Richard Smith, History
Elected to Honorary Membership in 2008

Edward H. Burtt, Professor of Zoology

Professor Burtt, in his thirty-first year at Ohio Wesleyan, co-directs the Ohio Wesleyan Honors Program. Among his zoology courses are island biology (in which he and his students travel to the Galápagos Islands) and honors course on tropical biology, which he co-teaches with David Johnson (in which the faculty and students spend ten days in Costa Rica). He chairs the National Audubon-Ohio Committee on Important Bird Areas, which identifies areas crucial to maintaining the diversity of wildlife in Ohio, and works to ensure that these areas are preserved and managed effectively. He is writing a book on Alexander Wilson, father of American ornithology, who made significant contributions to the science, literature, and art of the early 19th Century. With an active research program involving the microbiology of feathers and the evolution of color in birds, Prof. Burtt is the co-holder with Jann M. Ichida of two US Patents on feather degrading and keratinase-producing bacteria.

David Johnson, Professor of Botany-Microbiology

Professor Johnson has been on the faculty at Ohio Wesleyan since 1989. His research focuses on biodiversity and the evolution of tropical trees and ferns. He has traveled to twelve tropical American countries, two African countries, and southeast Asia to collect and study plants in his project to help document the rich biodiversity of tropical forests. He has described over 30 species of plants new to science and has written collaborative articles for publication with colleagues from Brazil, Colombia, England, Mexico, Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand and the U.S. His research has synthesized a wide range of data—from morphological to molecular—in order to reconstruct the evolutionary relationships of plants. He has been awarded two Fulbright grants. Student research supervised by Dr. Johnson has taken place in the field (including Guatemala, Brazil and Tanzania), the lab, and in front of the computer screen. He is Director of The Jason Swallen Herbarium, the plant museum collection at Ohio Wesleyan and regularly works with students at the University’s two nearby nature preserves.

Robert Olmstead, Professor of English

Professor Olmstead joined Ohio Wesleyan’s English Department in 2002, where he directs the Creative Writing Program. He is an established writer of fiction (four novels, numerous short stories) as well as magazine and journal articles. He previously served as Senior Writer in Residence at Dickinson College and, more recently, as director of the creative writing program at Boise State University. He has also published a textbook for fiction-writing workshops (Elements of the Craft) and a non-fiction memoir (Stay Here With Me). His most recent novel, Coal Black Horse, has won numerous plaudits and awards, including the 2007 Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Fiction. The Tribune characterizes the work as “a spare, elegiac novel about a 14-year-old boy’s journey into the dark heart of the Civil War in search of his father.”

The Speaker

John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society

As secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Churchill is the Society’s chief executive officer and the head of its national office. He was born in Hector, Arkansas, and was reared in Little Rock. He was educated at Rhodes College, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, at Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and at Yale University, where he was awarded the Ph.D. in 1978. Churchill was formerly vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Hendrix College, where he also served as professor of philosophy and twice as interim president. In the 1970s, he served as assistant American secretary to the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, and has been active since that time in the selection of Rhodes scholars. His scholarly interests include the philosophers Ludwig Wittgenstein and David Hume, as well as topics in the history of philosophy, the philosophy of religion, and the philosophy of liberal education.