

IN MEMORIAM

Karmin A. Bowers, an English major at OSU Marion campus passed away on May 15, 2007 as a result of an accident. An active presence on campus, Karmin worked in the Student Activities Center and helped give shape to our campus culture. Karmin enjoyed writing poetry and we share a few of her poems here.

We would also like to take this space to remember Aris G.J. Kasotis and Paul Denver Griffith, two OSU Marion students whom we also lost this past year.

this is for the thunder

This is for the curling
thunder beneath the waves,

The surf that rises up,
inexorably,

and spends itself,
then pulls its brief life down again.

This is for the sudden
insurrection of a storm,

a wave's fluid power -
strict, unbroken, merciless,

riding up on its own tall back,
topping into momentary stasis,

throwing its spume to the substanceless air,
then streaming home again



In one long pulse,
until only a white line remains,

delicate as lace,
drawn out across the burnished

grave stones of the beach,
marking the water's broad retreat

- the puzzle of our impermanence -
as though we sound ourselves once

and are gone again.

-Karmin Bowers

