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# From the PRESIDENT

## *Acting on Strategic Initiatives*



**I**n 2007, Otterbein developed a strategic plan that identified goals for the institution. Many groups participated in the development of these goals, including members of the Alumni Council and the Otterbein Board of Trustees, as well as faculty, staff, and students.

In the last couple of years a number of transitions have occurred to support the goals in the plan. The most important include the adoption of a semester calendar that will launch in fall 2011; the transformation of the curriculum, including Integrative Studies, into the new calendar; and the restructuring of the college into three schools to recognize the expansion of Otterbein's degree offerings in graduate and professional studies.

A planning group is currently examining other recommendations that emerged from the report, and as their work continues, *Towers* seems to be an ideal way to keep alumni engaged in the process.

In this issue we will feature articles that focus on two of the Five Cardinal Experiences, learning experiences that integrate curricular and co-curricular activities, that were identified by the plan as central to an Otterbein education. The first of the "five cards," global engagement, is the theme that unifies a series of news items including Chinese Scientists visiting Otterbein Lake; our Fulbright Scholar, Associate Professor Shannon Lakanen, who recently returned from teaching creative writing in Montenegro; our screenwriter extraordinaire, Associate Professor Abhijat Joshi, whose recent film, *Three Idiots*, has set a new record as the highest-grossing Bollywood film

ever; and the establishment of the Center for International Education and Global Engagement, headed by Executive Director Chris Musick, who will promote and administer global experiences for Otterbein students and oversee recruitment of international students to our campus. These stories demonstrate the ways in which faculty activities and student experiences are moving Otterbein College into the global environment.

The second Cardinal Experience discussed in this issue is Otterbein's long-term commitment to students serving their communities through the Center for Community Engagement. In this series of news items you will find stories of our students' efforts to serve communities through partnerships and through learning from those who hold key leadership positions in community service, including this year's Martin Luther King Convocation speaker, John S. Hill, director for economic and environmental justice for the General Board of Church and Society, an agency of The United Methodist Church.

The three remaining Cardinal Experiences—internships, leadership, and scholarly research—will be featured in subsequent issues, along with other recommendations and priorities from the Planning Council. We hope these overviews of the distinguishing elements of the Otterbein experience will keep you engaged and informed. They'll also help you when you talk with prospective students and their parents about why they should consider Otterbein and the value of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Otterbein Education!

~ Kathy A. Krendl

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# College News

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## International Study/Global Engagement

Otterbein College's professors bring the world into their classrooms and take their classrooms into the world.

By using their time outside the classroom to engage in programs and projects on an international scale, professors can take their experiences into the classroom and apply their knowledge to their teachings.

### Chinese Scientists Study Otterbein Lake

Assistant Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Kevin Svitana met with a 12-member delegation of scientists from China studying the effects of climate change on groundwater supplies during a Dec. 1, 2009, visit to Otterbein Lake, located adjacent to Otterbein's campus. The delegation was there to learn about water monitoring systems as part of a United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) sponsored research trip to the National Ground Water Association, which is located in Westerville. The trip also included a visit to the Netherlands.

"Ohio State faculty suggested using the Otterbein Lake because of its applicability to the delegates' interest in seeing how long-term groundwater monitoring systems can be established and managed," Svitana said. Svitana monitors the lake in cooperation with the City of Westerville, which owns the lake.

"A critical resource for China is water, and the delegates indicated that understanding how to develop, manage and protect groundwater resources is very important to the mission of their visit," Svitana said. He added that understanding the connection between surface water bodies, in this case Alum Creek and Otterbein Lake, and groundwater is important to developing drinking water management strategies for the City of Westerville.

The Chinese are looking to implement similar groundwater management strategies as the United States. Because the Chinese delegates wanted to better understand the infrastructure required to establish efficient water monitoring networks, they had particular interest in seeing Otterbein Lake as a small-scale system. According to Svitana, in some aspects the Otterbein Lake model is similar to those used to manage critical water resources like the Colorado River, which provides water for Los Angeles as well as most cities in the Desert Southwest.

"In China, we have the opportunity to improve our technology in groundwater management. Due to climate change, surface water has become less dependable, so we have to rely more on groundwater," said Zhanyi Gao, Ph.D., deputy director general of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research. "Groundwater is more difficult to manage than surface water. We can improve our groundwater management in China."

"Information sharing is beneficial for the ongoing management of water resources," Svitana said. "The management of water resources is as important as developing alternatives to petroleum fuel sources when considering long-term resource management programs."

### Fulbright Scholar Returns from Montenegro

While Svitana was presenting his research to Chinese scientists, Associate Professor of English Shannon Lakanen was preparing to return home from her first sabbatical, a Fulbright Scholar-sponsored trip to Montenegro from August through December.

Lakanen taught English to third-year students and academic writing to post-graduate students at the University of Montenegro in Podgorica, the capital of the world's newest fully-recognized independent nation. Until 2006, the country was part of Yugoslavia. In addition to her classes at the university, Lakanen taught creative writing workshops at the American Corner, a cultural



*Professor Kevin Svitana (right) confers with scientists from China at Otterbein Lake. The Asian delegation came to the United States to better understand the effects of climate change on groundwater resources.*





Shannon Lakanen

center through the American Embassy that provides free access to information about the United States, as well as free programming and English classes.

"I taught poetry and memoir writing at the American Corner in Podgorica and taught a two-day workshop in Pljevlja, a mining town in the mountains in the north," said Lakanen. "People there had never been taught creative

writing, even in school, so these workshops are unique. About 70 to 75 people came out for the first night of the workshop, from children to adults. The people were motivated and excited, but also a little shy about sharing their poems."

The structure of the university was different than that in the United States. "Studies are more independent and students are more responsible for their own learning. They took classes only in their areas of specialization, there were no liberal arts requirements. So in that way it was more like graduate school."

Lakanen enjoyed visiting cafes and swimming in the local Moraca River with her son, 10-year-old Alex, who accompanied her on the trip. Along with another Fulbright scholar, they also explored much of Montenegro and parts of neighboring countries Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia, as well as Turkey.

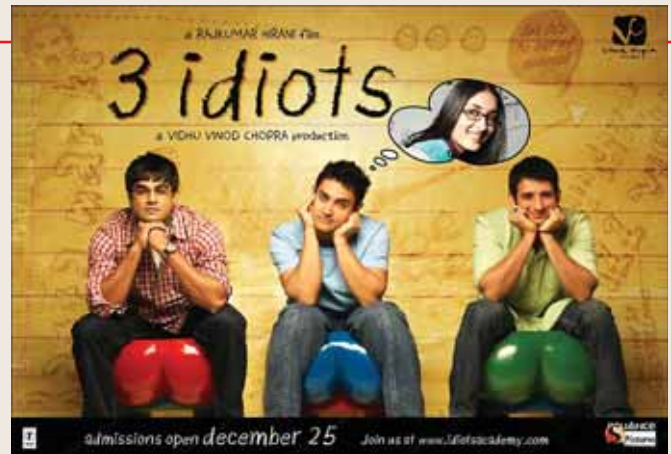
The biggest lesson Lakanen took away from her time in Montenegro was the importance of slowing down and focusing more on the important things in life. According to Lakanen, the people of Montenegro were extremely laid back and considered schedules and deadlines to be flexible. "It was a different perspective and I realized that maybe we work too hard here. There, the most important things were community, friendship, family and focusing on the children. Even business hours were flexible."

Lakanen wrote some personal essays and journals that she hopes to work into a larger project. You can experience the trip through her eyes at [shannon.lakanen.com/blog](http://shannon.lakanen.com/blog).

### English Professor has a Big Hit in Bollywood

Another English faculty member is currently in India, promoting his new movie. Associate Professor Abhijat Joshi is the screenwriter of the highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time, which collected \$52 million worldwide in its first 10 days in theaters.

The film, *3 Idiots*, was released on Christmas day in India and internationally to rave reviews and overwhelming audience response. It tells the story of



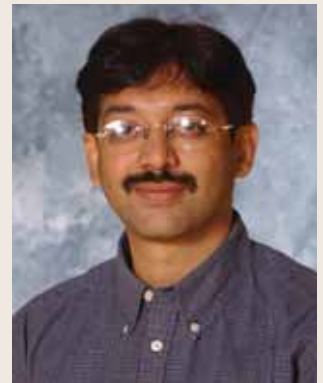
three students at a prestigious and highly competitive Indian engineering college who struggle to find themselves in a dehumanizing environment. Like Joshi's previous hit film, *Munnabhai Meets Mahatma Gandhi*, his newest film combines uproarious humor with a serious social message.

*3 Idiots* enjoyed the best opening weekend ever for an Indian film, grossing \$21.4 million worldwide. It opened on 2,126 screens, including 366 internationally, grossing \$4.45 million overseas.

Based on Chetan Bhagat's bestselling English-language novel *Five Point Someone*, the movie makes some scathing indictments of the Indian education system, a system that screenwriter Joshi is familiar with from his days as a student in Gujarat, India. Joshi has taught screenwriting and playwriting at Otterbein College since 2003.

Joshi's earlier film, *Munnabhai Meets Mahatma Gandhi*, earned him the awards for Best Dialogue at the Global Indian Film Awards, Best Dialogue at the Filmfare Awards and Best Screenplay at the National Film Awards in India. The film was credited with inspiring an entire generation of Indian youth to learn more about Gandhi and his values. Following the movie's release, bookstores in India sold out of Gandhi's works due to a 400 percent increase in the sale of his literature. The film also inspired legislators of India's ruling Congress party to bring Gandhi's ideas to their policy-making considerations, recommending that all its workers should see this film. It was screened at the United Nations in New York City on Nov. 10, 2006, making it the first full-length Indian film ever to be screened at the U.N.

Joshi's first full-length play, *A Shaft of Sunlight*, was a runner-up at the BBC World Service Playwriting Contest. His other Bollywood writing credits include *Eklavya: The Royal Guard* (2007) and *Mission Kashmir* (2000).



Abhijat Joshi

## Center for Global Engagement Created

Otterbein has established a Center for International Education and Global Engagement. The Center's doors opened in August 2009, welcoming students back to campus and encouraging them to consider study abroad opportunities in the coming year.

The goal of the Center for International Education and Global Engagement is to create, sustain, and promote intercultural engagement through informative and transformative programs and experiences. The Center strives to make the campus and community more representative of the global population.

The Center is helmed by Executive Director Chris Musick, who recently received the Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Region VIII Conference in Washington, DC. He came to Otterbein in August 2009 from the international studies staff at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

In his first quarter at Otterbein, Musick has already overseen 25 Otterbein students studying abroad in 13 cities in nine countries, including the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Italy and Denmark. As varied as the countries to which they traveled were the students' majors, representing 10 Otterbein programs across all disciplines.

"I absolutely love traveling, so I wanted to take advantage of this possible once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel Europe and live in a foreign country," said senior Hannah Teitt, a visual communications major who spent four months in Florence. "I knew that once I graduate I will be hit with a wave of responsibilities that could prohibit me from traveling at all or for an extended period of time."

Teitt chose Florence for its rich and prestigious history in art. "Italy boasts amazing art and architecture, spectacular food, amazing wines, and breathtaking scenery. Everywhere you go seems like a scene from a movie set," she said.

"My study abroad experience gave me a new-found passion for what I want to do with my life, one that was ignited by my Otterbein experience," Teitt added. She has a minor in business administration and wants to get into the "business end" of graphic design and marketing. "I would say without a doubt that studying abroad was the highlight of my college career," she added.

Another senior, Clarissa Combs, spent her semester abroad in Roehampton University in London. "I was out of my comfort zone in so many ways. A constant whirl of languages surrounded me because London is a melting pot of diverse cultures. It was not always easy to understand even the English spoken there," she said.

An English major, Combs' experience was highlighted with classes about classic writers. "I studied Charles Dickens in the city he wrote about over and over again. I took a class on Shakespeare and saw a performance in the Globe Theatre," she said.

"My study abroad experience taught me that I am capable. I got lost a few times, took the wrong bus, gave a tourist wrong directions—but I was trying it," she added.

Also in Europe, seven students traveled to Maastricht University in the Netherlands including junior broadcasting and journalism major Jayme Detweiler, who blogged about her experience on the Otterbein Web site throughout the trip. "I got a new understanding of how other people in the world think," she said.

Another student studying in Maastricht, junior business administration major Eli Inkrot, took life experiences outside of the classroom from his trip. His trip highlights included a 42-hour stay in Dublin, Ireland, with one hour of sleep and spending time at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The students returned home throughout Christmas break with a new appreciation for the cultures they visited but were also surprised at how different their homes suddenly felt. "Who would have thought there is a reverse culture shock when coming back home to the U.S.?" Detweiler said. ●



*Clarissa Combs, at left, with Parliament, Big Ben and the River Thames behind her.*



# Community Engagement

Otterbein students are some of the most engaged students in higher education. Thanks to their activism, Otterbein received the President's Award for General Community Service in 2008 and has consistently earned a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the past three years.

## Breanna Watzka '10 Named Volunteer of the Year

Leading Otterbein's student volunteers is senior Breanna Watzka of Lewis Center, OH, who has been named Franklin County (Ohio) Volunteer of the Year in Income Development for her work with Colleges Against Cancer and Relay For Life. She received her award on Nov. 5, 2009.

Watzka founded a chapter of Colleges Against Cancer at Otterbein in fall 2008 and chaired Otterbein's first Relay For Life, which took place in May 2009. The event included 17 teams, 290 participants and raised a total of \$14,542.

In fall 2008, the Otterbein chapter of Colleges Against Cancer successfully hosted Breast Cancer Awareness Week and the Great American Smokeout, which focuses on the dangers of tobacco. Colleges Against Cancer also led a skin cancer awareness campaign in spring 2009.

"Without Breanna, Otterbein College would remain an audience untouched by the American Cancer Society (ACS). Thanks to her, students learned about Relay For Life and the programs and services offered by the American Cancer Society," said Heather Gilbert, income development coordinator for the ACS and staff partner for Otterbein College.



Breanna Watzka uses "the Rock," located near the intersection of Home and Grove Streets, to promote Relay for Life. She chaired Otterbein's first Relay for Life last May.

"I couldn't be more proud of our first relay and the committee members and participants. I'm honored to be a part of such an important step for the Otterbein community," said Watzka.

In addition to working with ACS, Watzka serves as president of the CardinalCorps Leaders, a group of scholarship students serving at Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement. She also coordinates an afterschool program at Whittier Elementary School in Westerville. She will graduate in June with a double major in public relations and journalism.

## Students Helping Out at Friendship Village

Alumnus **Vernon Pack '50** has joined students in coordinating a weekly service program with Friendship Village of Columbus, a retirement community where Pack is a resident. The program recently received a \$500 grant from DOROT's College Initiative Grants for Intergenerational Programs. DOROT, the Hebrew word for "generations," is a nonprofit group that provides services to the elderly.

The grant proposal was a collaboration of work between Stacia Coffing, student co-coordinator, and Vernon Pack, who has generously guided the program since its inception last year. Pack mentored Coffing through the grant process and has helped plan and coordinate weekly programming, as well as providing a letter of support to DOROT in the grant proposal.

In his letter, Pack wrote, "A number of students at my alma mater are eager to become involved in ways in which they can assist residents of Friendship Village where I reside. They are bright youngsters who are eager



Stacia Coffing (left) and Leah Winner are student co-coordinators of the Friendship Village program where student volunteers spend time with senior residents.

to help other people. What they accomplish in this regard as college students will stimulate them in their individual vocational pursuits.”

Supported by the Center for Community Engagement and Cardinal Corps Leaders, 15-20 students participate in the Friendship Village program every week, paired with 15-25 residents in a variety of activities. “With this program, the students and the senior participants will come together as one understanding each other and forming a new outlook on life,” said Leah Winner, student co-coordinator.

Each week, Otterbein students spend two hours with Pack and the other residents of Friendship Village, completing service projects and spending time together. At the end of the 10-week quarter, the students and residents reflect on their time together and their shared experiences.

“It is a fun way to get involved with the community. It’s like being surrounded by 25 grandparents,” said Coffing. “They all love that we visit, love to hear our stories and enjoy telling about their lives. Personally, I could sit for hours just listening about the differences in generations.”

“Social interaction is a key to decreased cognitive decline. They [the residents] are involved in a wider range of relationships and activities that keep their linguistic skills activated, as well as challenging them to speak and listen to others on a diverse range of topics,” said Winner.

Through the program, students will gain a new perspective on aging. “The students receive an intergenerational understanding of the residents along with their personal history of how they lived through war, without technology,” said Winner. “Through this, students will also realize that aging is never a thing to fear. It is a life process that is full of collected memories just waiting to be heard.”

The first week of the program, residents taught students how to knit blankets and make quilts while the students taught residents how to make no-sew blankets.



*Participants in the Ubuntu Mentoring Program presented poignant pieces from students’ and mentors’ diaries. At the podium is Otterbein student Cameron Hardy. From left, Otterbein students Sara Douglas and Kathryn Livisay, and Brookhaven High School student Ryeisha Hopkins, who was previously a student in the program.*

The blankets were then donated to a local non-profit organization. Other sessions include board games, movie night, dancing and a celebration of service.

### **Giving, Service to Poor Key in MLK Convocation**

Students also played a big role in this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation. This year’s Convocation was held on Jan. 12, with the theme “Dreaming Forward,” and focused on King’s work with economic and environmental justice.

The convocation was brought to life by the voices of the Otterbein Gospel Choir, student readings from King’s sermon “Rediscovering Lost Values,” and students from the Ubuntu Mentoring Program sharing “Readings on Poverty,” which included some of the diary entries from students and mentors. Ubuntu is a program that uses an African concept of community to teach students that preparation for college and commitment to others through mentoring greatly contributes to their community as a whole. Otterbein’s Ubuntu Mentoring and College Club Programs were established in 2006 at Linden-McKinley High School and Medina Middle School as a way to introduce Columbus Public School students to college access and opportunities.

The notion of rediscovering precious values was carried on by the keynote speaker, John S. Hill. Hill is the director for economic and environmental justice for the General Board of Church and Society—the international public policy, social justice and advocacy agency of The United Methodist Church.

Hill asked the audience to walk away with important points. First he suggested that we move those at the bottom of the economic ladder to the top. He posed the question, “What is it about the public poor that scares us so? Maybe,” he said, “it’s that we’re afraid to see some of ourselves in their eyes.”



*John S. Hill, the featured speaker at the MLK Convocation, said we need to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor.*



Hill then addressed the need to bridge the pathway between the rich and the poor, explaining that “there is dignity in all work and the economy needs to reflect that.”

He ended his speech by asking the audience to take action and get involved. He asked, “How are his (King’s) words alive in your life? What actions will they inspire?” He explained that only we can decide how we can be involved in King’s legacy and honor his life by dreaming forward.

To end the afternoon, the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Awards for Peace and Justice were given. The faculty recipient, Dr. Heidi Ballard, is an associate professor and chair of sociology. The student recipient was Terri Carter and for the first year, an organization, Staff Council, was recognized for its service. The recipients each represent and display four criteria for the prestigious award; involvement in activities, encouraging others to become involved, the promotion of equity and equality and the promotion and practice of non-violence. ●



*MLK Faculty Award Winner  
Heidi Ballard*



*MLK Student Award Winner  
Terri Carter*

## **Otterbein Names New Leader for Adult Learner Program**

Otterbein’s adult programs are poised for expansion under the leadership of Associate Dean for Graduate and Continuing Studies Kate Carey.

Carey came to Otterbein from the Ohio Board of Regents, where she was director of academic innovations and special assistant to the vice chancellor. She previously served the Ohio Learning Network (OLN) as executive director and is a former director of external relations at the Ohio Supercomputer Center.

She brings much relevant experience with the use of technology in adult learning to Otterbein. That experience includes planning, developing, funding and implementing statewide e-learning projects; collaborative degrees; college-university partnerships and services to increase the educational attainment of Ohioans. While at OLN, a consortium of 83 colleges and universities, Carey helped create OhioLEARNS, an on-line catalog with 350 degrees and 4000 courses, ([www.ohiolearns.org](http://www.ohiolearns.org)) and E4ME, a free e-learning course. Carey has published on such topics as the role of networks in distance learning and implementing inter-institutional programs.

In line with Otterbein’s plans to grow the Graduate School and Center of Continuing Studies in the coming



*Kate Carey*

years, Carey previously helped create OLN, a new consortium with limited resources and no staff, which developed into an \$8 million, 14-staff member organization. Carey’s specific plans as they relate to Otterbein include increasing adult learner enrollments by creating a strategy in collaboration with the department chairs, the graduate dean and provost that provides the programs, degrees and services; supporting hybrid and online learning as well as teaching and learning with technology at Otterbein; transitioning many of the PACE programs to hybrid delivery as the College moves into semester conversion; creating partnerships with community colleges for degree completion; providing high-quality support services to adult learners; and working collaboratively across the campus to explore innovations in programs, services and facilities to provide the best possible learning for Otterbein students, with an emphasis on adult learners.

Carey earned her associate degree at Zane State College, and her bachelor’s degree in environmental journalism, master’s degree in journalism and doctorate degree in education policy and leadership from The Ohio State University. Her professional affiliations have included the Midwest Higher Education Compact Policy Advisory Committee and the Ohio Workforce Coalition. ●

# Spotlight on FACULTY

**Name:** Mary Wilder McKelvey

**Title:** Professor of Nursing

**Education:** B.S.N., Tuskegee Institute (University); M.S. & Ph.D., The Ohio State University

**Which particular topic do you most enjoy teaching?** Teaching the maternity nursing course brings me the greatest joy. I have loved the content, the client, the ongoing involvement with maternity nursing colleagues, and the participation in educational opportunities that relate to maternity nursing since my first undergraduate maternity course.

My path to teaching began in the hospital and the outpatient clinical areas where I worked as a perinatal clinical specialist who assessed and provided care to high-risk families who experienced problems with a pregnancy, delivery, and/or the well-being of the fetus/newborn. The opportunity to teach maternity nursing came later, and teaching the subject has always been an exciting and stimulating experience. Maternity nursing remains the topic that I enjoy most after teaching and studying the content for 29 years. I am always excited about an opportunity to share my experiences and knowledge with maternity nursing students.

**Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise?** Nursing is a practice in which one engages in caring, professional relationships with others to promote health and wellness, to prevent illness, and to facilitate coping. Maternity nursing is the area where the nurse focuses specifically on assisting expectant families, mothers, and babies in achieving/maintaining

a healthy state. Everyone wants a competent and caring nurse.

**What projects are you currently working on?** I am currently involved in several projects. First, I am working with nursing colleagues to begin the implementation phase of a Service-Learning Partnership Development Mini-Grant. The partnership is with the family center at the YWCA in Columbus. Students and faculty will work with the family center staff to complete assessments, and age-appropriate interactive educational activities related to health promotion and illness prevention, while the students learn about growth and development of the healthy child and healthcare disparities in the underserved community. Secondly, I am working with library staff and faculty from Otterbein to complete the final phase of our implementation of a Faculty Development Center grant that focused on Information Literacy across disciplines. Third, a nursing colleague, Dr. Mary Ann Burnam, and I are engaged in speaking opportunities that permit us to share the results of our research to answer questions about the contributions of African-Americans to the profession of nursing. She and I are also preparing an article on research that we conducted about the experiences of sophomore maternity nursing students in the Franklin County Pre Release (prison) setting. Finally, I am chair of the Education Committee to plan a continuing education program for nurses from Midwest states who will come to Columbus for the 2010 regional meeting that is being hosted by the Columbus Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Professional Nursing Sorority.

**If you were not an educator, what would be your dream job?** As I pondered the answer to this question, I concluded that being an educator is



*Professor of Nursing Mary McKelvey*

my dream job. I am happy sharing my knowledge and expertise with others. When I am not teaching the Otterbein student, you can find me teaching individuals at barbershops, worksites, or high schools about heart disease, diabetes prevention/management, or growing up and staying healthy. There is not a job for me that is better and more enjoyable.

**What are your hobbies outside the classroom?** I spend as much of my time as possible engaged with family and friends who always fuel me with high energy. Joseph, my husband of 25 years, is a great guy, and a hard worker for the State of Ohio. We enjoy following the activities of our son, William, who is a senior biology student at Wittenberg University. William is truly a joy in my life. Extended family is very important to us as well. ●



# What's New Online

compiled by Holly Fenner Ritter '05

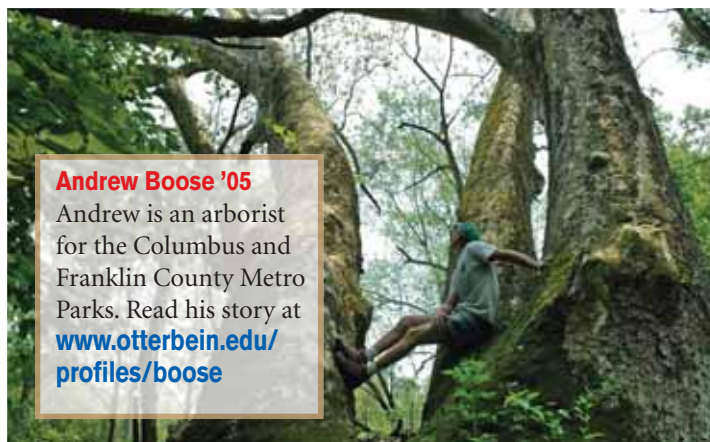
## Find New Profiles on the Otterbein Web site

It's time to tell your Otterbein story. Otterbein College is featuring stories of alumni, faculty and students on the Alumni Online Community Web site ([www.otterbein.edu/alumni/profiles.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/profiles.asp)), as well as on the home page of the College Web site ([www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu)). These stories are a

great way to share the experiences you had at Otterbein, and the success you have found after graduation with the Otterbein community and potential students. Go to the Web site to check out the profiles featured below as well as many others.



**Drea Blaine '11** Drea took a coral reef ecology course in Belize. Read her story at [www.otterbein.edu/profiles/blaine](http://www.otterbein.edu/profiles/blaine)



**Andrew Boose '05**  
Andrew is an arborist for the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. Read his story at [www.otterbein.edu/profiles/boose](http://www.otterbein.edu/profiles/boose)

To read more Otterbein stories from alumni, as well as current students and faculty, please visit [www.otterbein.edu/profiles/profile-archive.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/profiles/profile-archive.asp).

To submit your Otterbein story, please visit [www.otterbein.edu/profiles/form.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/profiles/form.asp).



**Eddie Harrell Jr. '94** Eddie is President and CEO of the Columbus Urban League. Read his story at [www.otterbein.edu/profiles/harrell](http://www.otterbein.edu/profiles/harrell)



**Rachael Harris '90**  
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# “Let’s fly one for the ‘Bein.”



## A Remembrance of Arnold William (“Arnie”) Lamp Jr. ‘64, Captain, United States Air Force

by Robert (“Bud”) Warner ‘56

**D**uring Otterbein’s Fall Homecoming 2009 a very special plaque was dedicated at a ceremony held in Memorial Stadium. The plaque displays the names of Otterbein alumni who lost their lives since World War II while serving as members of our armed services. During the ceremony I felt a growing need within me to write the story of the circumstances of the death of one of those alumni—Captain Arnold William (“Arnie”) Lamp Jr. I believe to tell his story is, in a way, to tell the story of all of these heroes; the details differ but they share a common sacrifice. I only knew Arnie for the last four months of his life while we were serving in the same Air Force squadron in Southeast Asia. However, my memories of him are strong and enduring. It is an honor for me to tell his story.

It took some time for Arnie and me to discover we had both graduated from Otterbein. The discovery came in mid-March 1969. We were fellow members of the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron which was stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base, Saigon, Republic of South Vietnam. Located on the edge of Saigon, Tan Son Nhut was a major facility for the U.S. Air Force and that of the South Vietnamese Air Force.

Arnie had been assigned to the squadron in December 1968, while I was scheduled to rotate home at the end of April 1969. Soon after his arrival we became acquainted and a budding friendship developed.

He was the kind of guy anyone would want for a friend—outgoing, lots of fun, not one to shy away from a prank, just an enjoyable guy to be with. He was affectionately called “Lampy” by some.

One day I happened to casually ask Arnie where he was from. He replied, “I’m from near Buckeye Lake, Ohio.” I said, “Hey, I’m from Lakewood, Ohio.” After that it didn’t take long for us to get around to the Otterbein connection. We had a delightful conversation about the “good old days” in the quiet, peaceful village. The only minor setback during our talk that day was when we also discovered that we had chosen differing fraternity paths while at Otterbein—he had been a member of Zeta Phi while I had been in Kings. We soon forgave each other for these mutual missteps and vowed we could still be friends.

We wholeheartedly agreed we should fly together at least once in our squadron’s two-place RF-4C aircraft (Arnie was a pilot, I was a navigator) before I left Vietnam. As Arnie said, “Let’s fly one for the ‘Bein.”



*The RF-4C Phantom II aircraft, a modification of the F-4C fighter, which was used for photo reconnaissance missions.*

The RF-4C Phantom II aircraft, a modification of the F-4C fighter, had no armament but was loaded down with a variety of cameras and infrared detection devices. Our mission was to fly day and night photo reconnaissance missions, mostly over the southern delta region and central highlands of South Vietnam. We also deployed to Thailand to fly over Laos (not a popular thing to do among us crew members). We flew either “area covers,” a specified pattern over a large area looking for any enemy activity, or pre- or post-strike reconnaissance missions over a pin-pointed target. There were no defined battle lines on the ground and “combat skies” could be wherever you happened to be at the moment. The title of the official Air Force film touting the capabilities of the RF-4C was, “Alone, Unarmed and Unafraid.” Those of us who flew the aircraft jokingly said the title should have been, “Alone, Unarmed and Scared-to-Death!”

For a variety of reasons it was difficult for Arnie and me to get on the flying schedule together but it finally happened on April 10, 1969. We were really excited. Shortly after takeoff Arnie said, “Who would have ‘thunk it,’ two guys from dear old Otterbein boring holes in the sky together over South Vietnam.” Our mission that day was uneventful—the kind of mission we prayed for every day. As a memento, we had our picture taken after we landed (right).



*Arnie Lamp (left) and Bud Warner had their photo snapped after their mission together. Two days later they would both separately fly their last missions.*



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## Service Set Sunday For Pilot

A military memorial service for Capt. Arnold William Lamp Jr. of Hebron who was killed in a plane crash in Vietnam will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hebron United Methodist Church.



Lamp, 27, a graduate of Otterbein College, was killed April 12 when the photo reconnaissance plane he was piloting had engine trouble at 10,000 feet.

LAMP ORDERED his navigator to eject, but he himself was unable to get out of the plane before it crashed. The navigator was later rescued.

Lamp entered military service in 1964 after graduation from Otterbein and was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

HE IS SURVIVED by his wife, Judith; daughters, Debra Kay and Laura Ann; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Lamp Sr. of Harbor Hills; a brother, Jeffrey, and a sister, Mrs. Louise Ann Helser, also of Harbor Hills.

Friends may contribute to the Capt. Lamp Memorial Fund at the Park National Bank in Hebron. The fund will be presented to Otterbein College.

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The day of my last flight, and that of my pilot, Dave Lentz, would normally have been one of celebration. Our squadron tradition was to have all available members go to the flight line to congratulate the crew returning from their last mission. The fire department would hose down the lucky guys and champagne would be passed around. As we parked our aircraft on my “big day” I noticed only a few squadron members were there to greet us and I had no idea why but I knew something was very wrong. When Dave and I got out of our aircraft we were immediately informed Arnie’s aircraft was missing and a search and rescue effort was underway. Everyone was very depressed. Words are inadequate to describe the feeling around the squadron—it was a combination of disbelief, shock and utter sorrow. Later in the day it was announced that Arnie’s aircraft had gone down about 75 miles northeast of Saigon over heavy jungle terrain. His navigator had successfully ejected from the aircraft and was found, uninjured. Arnie was listed as missing-in-action.

On April 18 Arnie was officially declared killed-in-action. It was reported his aircraft had experienced engine problems; Arnie had ordered his navigator to eject but was unable to do so himself for undetermined reasons. I was the Awards and Decorations Officer for our squadron. My duty was to write

recommendations for squadron members to be officially recognized for valor under combat conditions. I wrote the recommendation for Arnie to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross which was awarded to him posthumously. Now, a little more than 40 years later, I find myself again writing about Arnie. This time, the writing is a fitting remembrance of who he was and the ultimate sacrifice he made in service to his country.

I returned home from Vietnam on April 26. My wife, Emily, had stayed in Westerville during my absence so I flew into Columbus to be reunited with my family. One of the first things Emily said to me was, “Arnie Lamp’s memorial service is tomorrow at the United Methodist Church in Hebron.” Of course, Emily and I went. Arnie’s widow, Judy, and his parents had no idea who I was and were amazed that someone who had been with Arnie only a few weeks previously would suddenly appear. It was a surreal experience for me having just returned from a combat zone to now be sharing grief with Arnie’s family. Emily and I had the opportunity to visit with Arnie’s parents a few days after his memorial service. They were eager to hear even the mundane details about Arnie’s life during the early months of 1969. I told them Arnie was very popular in our squadron and that he was extremely happy flying—he was doing what he loved and had been well trained to do. I described to them in detail the mission Arnie and I had flown on April 10. They were very appreciative of everything I told them. Their deep hurt was quite evident, and my heart went out to them.



Through the ensuing years I thought of Arnie every now and then. After the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (“the Wall”) was dedicated in late 1982, I told myself I would go there someday to pay my respects to him. I finally did so on a hot summer day in 1985. The Memorial is hallowed ground. At last count, the names of 58,261 service men and women are etched in the black granite panels. I looked for Arnie’s name in the locator book which was stationed at one end of the Wall; it told me his name could be found on Panel 27 West, Line 65. When I got to the panel, I ran my fingers across his name and as I did so I felt we were connected again—it was a very emotional and spiritual experience. I quietly offered a simple prayer: “Dear God, I thank you for Arnie Lamp, for who he was and what he did and how he touched the lives of those who knew him. He was with us for only a short time but he will be with You throughout eternity. I know You will take good care of him. Amen.”

Everyone I have talked to about Arnie has said he was a caring, giving person. During the time I knew him in Vietnam he often visited orphanages in and around Saigon. He also went along as a “helper” when Air Force dentists from Tan Son Nhut visited hamlets in the local area. I’m not sure what he did on these trips but I’m guessing he held patients’ hands and didn’t attempt to pull teeth. He was held in high esteem in his local community of Hebron, OH. Recognizing his love of golf (he was a scratch golfer) the town sponsored a golf tournament bearing his name for 20 years. Following his death his family established the Captain Lamp Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which were presented to Otterbein. The office of one of the librarians in the Courtwright Memorial Library is named in his honor.

When I hear the credo “service above self” I think of Arnie. He answered the call. His memory was rekindled in my mind last October when I attended the plaque dedication ceremony mentioned at the beginning of

this article. As I stood looking at Arnie’s name following the ceremony, a friend of mine, John Bullis, said, “I think Arnie Lamp’s widow and one of his daughters are here.” My heart skipped a beat. I had no idea anyone from the Lamp family would be at the ceremony. Events of 40 years ago came flashing back. I reintroduced myself to his widow, Judy, and we visited briefly. It was a time-warp experience for me; so many years had passed since I attended Arnie’s memorial service but in a way it seemed like only yesterday. When I talked to Arnie’s daughter, Debbie, the first thing I told her was that her dad was a great guy—as if she didn’t know that already. ●

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*Bud Warner*

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## High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I’ve climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov’ring there,  
I’ve chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air. . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I’ve topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew –  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I’ve trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

– Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr.  
No 412 squadron, RCAF  
Killed 11 December 1941



*This poem was part of Captain Lamp’s memorial service program.*

*Enslaved himself  
as a young boy,  
William Hanby  
went on to become  
an integral part in  
the Underground  
Railroad and the  
Abolition Movement.*

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF

# William Hanby

FROM SLAVE TO FREEDOM CRUSADER

*by Richard Gilbert*

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**W**illiam Hanby is revered at Otterbein College as one of its founding fathers, but to many today he is perhaps just a name, his accomplishments diffused by time. Yet his origins in a family of destitute indentured servants, his own escape from bondage, and his assistance to fleeing black slaves tell an inspiring and uniquely American story.

The Rev. Hanby's life is depicted by Dacia Custer Shoemaker, an 1895 Otterbein graduate, in *Choose You This Day: The Legacy of the Hanbys*, which was published after Shoemaker's death and based on what could be located of her research—her manuscript had been lost in a Columbus nursing home. Only after the editors had completed their account based on remnants of her



life's work were they able to locate and obtain a version of her original typescript. "After comparing it with our manuscript we made a few minor changes," wrote Harold Hancock, Otterbein history professor, in his preface to the 1983 book.

Omitted for space reasons—or because the bulk of the 137-page history dealt with Hanby's charismatic son Benjamin, author of the influential pre-Civil War antislavery ballad *Darling Nellie Gray* and other popular hymns and songs—were details that close gaps in the narrative of Hanby's life and portray the hardships he and his family suffered. In the archives of the Westerville Historical Society, the yellowed pages of Shoemaker's manuscript, which she finished typing in 1949, also illuminate the pernicious nature of slavery in early America and explain the crusading abolitionist spirit that Hanby brought to Otterbein and Westerville.

Hanby's grandparents came voluntarily to America from England in 1781, seeking a better future. But the couple, accompanied by their 6-year-old daughter, Ruth, arrived in Pennsylvania at a time when indentured servants were associated with criminality. Such people were kept as virtual slaves and could be harshly treated. Quoting the 1927 book *Hawkers and Walkers in Early America*, Shoemaker points out that in the years prior to the Revolutionary War the American colonies were England's "Siberia," a "dumping place" for criminals and undesirables. England had shipped an estimated 40,000 "dregs of society" into servitude by 1775.

In contrast, the Hanbys were officially "Redemptioners," those who sold themselves into servitude in order to pay back the cost of their passage into a land of opportunity. But after their ship's captain sailed up the Delaware River and docked in Philadelphia, he betrayed them and sold them himself as if they were criminals. "The evils of this system constituted one of the major



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*The Hanby family with William, the patriarch, at far left and Benjamin standing second from left.*

scandals of the colonial period," writes Shoemaker, quoting *Government and Labor in Early America*.

"They were turned over to a 'soul-driver' who with others awaited the ship," she writes. "The demand for servants gave rise to a class known as soul-drivers, so called because of their cruelty." These traffickers would meet ships at colonial ports, purchase indentures from the ship's captain, and "drive the immigrants into the country in groups like sheep, expose them at public fairs and sell them at a profit," Shoemaker explains, quoting *Economic History of the South*.

Herded into the interior of the colony, the ship's unfortunate passengers were auctioned. The man who purchased the Hanby family took them to his farm in Beallsville, in far western Pennsylvania, just south of Pittsburgh. "Never were they able to obtain a material foothold but were compelled to spend the rest of their lives in servitude to obtain shelter and mere subsistence," writes Shoemaker. "Add to their misery there was no way in those days to distinguish between free and convict labor, therefore all indentured servants were treated alike, held under suspicion, guarded and severely disciplined."

## The legacy of bondage

When Ruth was seven, to prevent her being sold to strangers, her parents were forced to indenture her for seven years to their own master, Shoemaker explains. "Ruth Hanby had escaped the clutches of child-traders in England only to be surrendered by her own parents to years of servitude in America through dire necessity." Of Ruth, his mother, William Hanby wrote in his own autobiographical sketch, which Shoemaker relied upon in her research, "Often I do recollect, when I was but a child, of my mother going to the poor home and sometimes taking me along. She washed hard all day over the tub for twenty-five cents per day with which she bought the coarsest comforts of life."

At nine, Hanby himself entered servitude, "bound out" by Ruth, by then widowed, to a Quaker family to work on their farm. The family was kind to him, Hanby recalled, but he wanted to learn a trade, realizing that without owning his own land it would be hard to rise in the world. When he was 15, in 1823, he inquired about becoming an apprentice to a friendly saddle-maker in Beallsville who urged him to learn that craft. He



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spent a pleasant trial week working in the shop, enjoying its bustle after the lonely farm, and signed an indenture to work until he was 21 for the owner, Jacob Good. Hanby envisioned his wages helping to supplement his mother's meager income of two cents an hour.

But within days, he saw that he'd make a terrible mistake. Good had been among the thousands of involuntary laborers that England had exiled to America, shipped overseas to pay in servitude for a crime. By the time Good had served his sentence he "knew the profits to be made out of indentured service which, through the greed of man, had grown from a necessary and legitimate system of labor, into a cruel and iniquitous traffic in human beings," writes Shoemaker. Operating under the guise of teaching apprentices, Good

was cruel to his young workers and dishonest in his dealings.

"Cusses, blows, whips, kicks and cuffs made up the history of all the apprentices who had preceded me. I was doomed for five long years to walk in the same well-beaten track," wrote Hanby in his "Autograph Sketch." He knew from his grandparents' and his mother's lives that he had little recourse. In Pennsylvania, "equal rights before the law" meant nothing for indentured servants, writes Shoemaker, quoting a 1901 history, *Redemptioners and Indentured Servants in Pennsylvania*: "Their condition was little better than slaves . . . generally speaking they groaned beneath a worse than Egyptian bondage."

Hanby was forced to work 16 hours a day, seven days a week. Shoemaker quotes an article about

him in the January 1857 issue of *Unity Magazine*: "Realizing the futility of protest, Hanby tried to accept his lot which was one of unutterable loneliness. He was denied all social contacts, attendance at the short winter term of school, and public worship. Even Sunday was a day of labor. His only relief from drudgery was when his master, desiring amusement, forced him to stand up and dance a clog or ordered him to the gambling of nights to bring back his winnings."

A sensitive and religious young man, Hanby chafed under this treatment but was especially upset by having to sell defective harnesses and to engage in other illegal acts. Good, a social misfit in his community, once killed a neighbor's hog and, when confronted, blamed it on the silent Hanby, who wouldn't lie to protect his cruel master but who wouldn't defend himself either. The final straw was when Good ordered Hanby and another apprentice to support Good in his lie that he had paid off a debt.

"My fellow apprentice and I were severely whipped and kicked all over the shop floor," Hanby remembered. "The other fellow fell to the floor, nearly lifeless. I was not much better off. The poor fellow was driven to obedience and did take a false oath knowing it to be so. With me, it was different. When it came to filing an affidavit before God, it was truth or death."

### Hanby's flight to freedom

As Good tried to break his spirit through toil and abuse, and with two years left on his contract, Hanby began to dream of running away. He

photo/art Roger Routson



Hanby House, now located at 160 W. Main St. but originally on the southeast corner of Grove and Main streets, was on the Underground Railroad. It was here that Benjamin Hanby, William's son, wrote the anti-slave song, Darling Nellie Gray, inspired by escaped slave Joe Selby. Nellie Gray was Selby's love.

had heard travelers' stories of the Northwest Territory, where there was neither slavery nor involuntary servitude. Unable to convince his fearful fellow servant, a younger boy, to flee with him, Hanby twisted his bedclothes into a rope and lowered himself to the ground from his second-floor bedroom, leaving alone on March 24, 1828. "I bent my course towards the beautiful state of Ohio," he wrote. "No one can describe the anguish of my heart that night and for days afterward. I was leaving a poor and very dependent mother behind. I was very poorly clad and my spirits were crushed by the treatment I had received. Every moment I dreaded hearing the footsteps of my hated master in pursuit of me. Good had declared repeatedly that he would follow me to Hell if I ever attempted to run away."

Hanby recalled how he cried for God to direct his steps and promised to serve Him if he reached the land of freedom. By daybreak, he had traveled 15 miles. To escape detection, he entered the woods, trying to keep in sight of the National Road, now U.S. Highway 40, which would take him into Wheeling, VA (today's West Virginia). "The tops of those huge hills on either side of Wheeling Creek running from West Alexander to Wheeling witnessed the footsteps of a crushed and outraged boy long, long ago," Hanby recalled. Writes Shoemaker, "Injured and ill from mistreatment, without food or money, and now a fugitive from the law, he suddenly realized how desperate was his plight." He traveled almost 70 miles in two nights and was exhausted and famished when he came to a mansion a few miles east of Wheeling.

"What could I say to this family to induce them to keep such a decrepit looking stranger?" Hanby recalled. "I resolved at once what to do. I would tell them my real condition, keeping nothing back." Fortunately for him, the owner, a slave-owning member of Congress, was in the capitol, and his kind-hearted wife received Hanby. "With sympathy the woman listened,"

writes Shoemaker, "then called her slaves and commended the boy to their care with the admonition, 'See to it that no one finds him.' During the day he was nursed in the house and at night he was hidden in the barn, the slaves keeping watch and ready to assist his escape at the approach of strangers."

After breakfast the next morning, she sent him on his way with his pockets full of biscuits. "The hours spent in this home were a turning point in Hanby's life," concludes Shoemaker. "The solicitude of the slaves and the tender care of the mistress filled his heart with gratitude. To help him in his hour of need this southern gentlewoman had violated a law requiring the return of a runaway apprentice and whose violation carried heavy penalties. At risk to her entire household and to her husband's position she had chose obedience to the Higher Law: 'Return not to his master the servant that hath escaped unto thee.'

"So deeply did this act of mercy touch the boy that it opened his own heart to an enduring compassion for others oppressed like himself. The memory of her humanity was to live on and become a dominating influence in his own home, whose door was never closed to the friendless."

### A clean slate in Ohio

Able to cross the Ohio River on a ferry six miles above Wheeling, Hanby reached Zanesville on April 1, 1828. Although he found temporary work at his trade of saddling, he was exhausted and fell deathly ill. He felt raw "from the coating of my stomach clear to the skin between my shoulders." His back broke out and for days he worked in extreme pain. At night, unable to recline, he sat on his bed in misery. After 10 days, he made his way to Rushville, where he was hired by a kindly old man named Samuel Miller, who kept a tavern on his farm near Somerset and who wanted to start a saddlery there in which his own son could work.



*Dacia Custer Shoemaker, an 1895 Otterbein graduate, wrote Choose You This Day: The Legacy of the Hanbys, which was published in 1983 after her death in 1973. From top: as a student at Otterbein, as a young woman, and later in life on the porch of Hanby House.*



Two years earlier standing on a lonely wilderness road in Pennsylvania he had made a certain promise—if only his steps were directed to a land of freedom—and now he began the fulfillment of that promise by dedicating his life, in behalf of all humanity, to the attainment of the blessings of religion, of education and human freedom.

A new day had begun for young Hanby. He trained Miller's son, worked hard himself, attended church with the family, and sent his destitute mother in Pennsylvania money. He was able to study books and begin to educate himself. In eight months, his benefactor made him a partner, and he fell in love with Miller's daughter, Ann.

Affected by the kindness of the family and the church services they attended, he became, at the age of 20, deeply concerned with his spiritual state. Guilt consumed him for not telling the Millers of his fugitive status, and he confessed. They accepted him, but Hanby remained wracked with guilt and felt sinful. A United Brethren pastor who traveled in that circuit counseled Hanby during his lengthy, despairing spiritual crisis.

In April 1830 Hanby attained his majority—turned 21, a milestone then as now—and in May, he “embraced the Blessed Jesus in the pardon” of his sins, he wrote. But a loose end remained: his former master, by the terms of indenture, held a claim on him for service. Hanby felt that he could not marry or live free of fear unless he paid that debt. So in July he gathered his savings and headed east toward the Pennsylvania town from which he had escaped a little more than two years before.

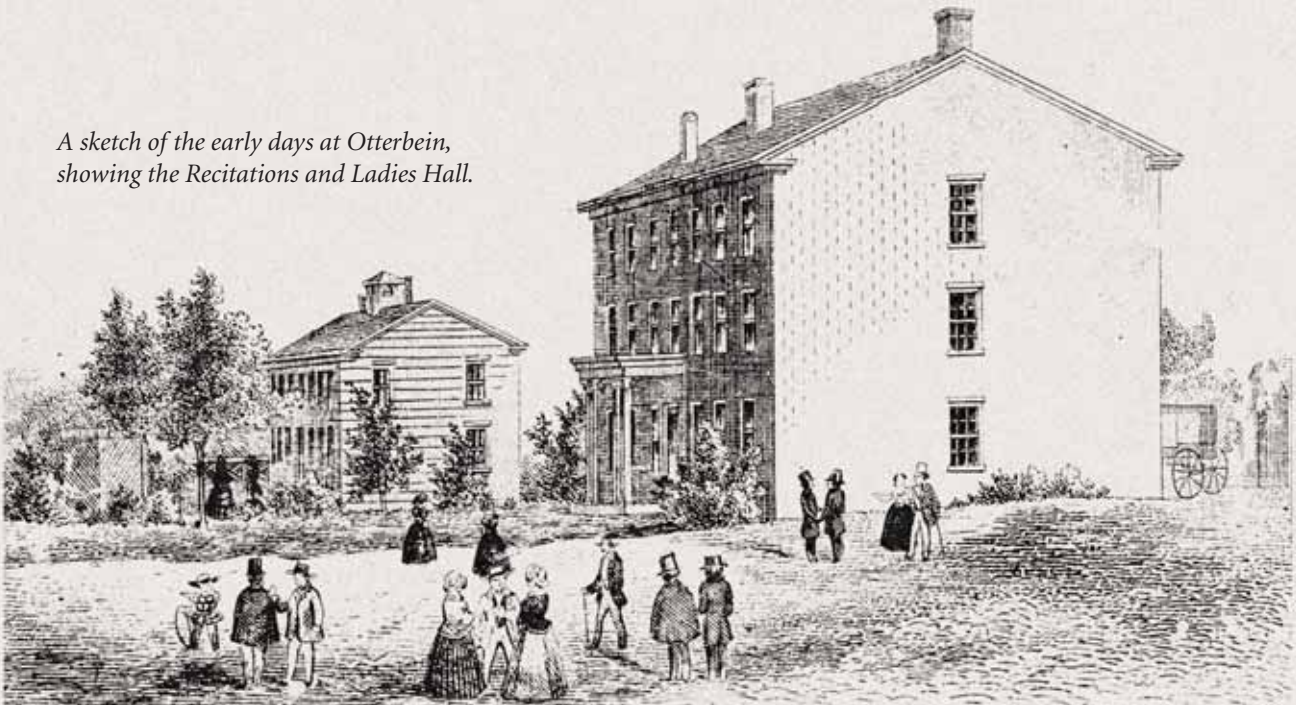
Hanby found Jacob Good and offered full payment for his time taken out of service, but Good rejected the money and had him imprisoned. The case was bitterly contested, with Good asking the court to give him his runaway's service for two more years. Finally the judge convicted Hanby of

running away and sentenced to pay all costs and a fine. These penalties stripped Hanby of his last dollar.

“Stunned by the verdict and the indignities of imprisonment, he left the courtroom with the seeds of a never-dying passion for social justice planted in his soul,” writes Shoemaker. “He revolted against a social order which had enslaved him and had denied him the right of schooling and free worship, and he made a solemn resolve that he would devote the rest of his life to the task of securing for others the rights which life had denied him.

“Returning to Ohio, the state of his adoption, he spent the night walking alone, in meditation, as was his custom ever after when he had a problem to solve. Two years earlier standing on a lonely wilderness

*A sketch of the early days at Otterbein, showing the Recitations and Ladies Hall.*



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Hanby never deviated from that path. He married Ann Miller, earned a license to preach in the United Brethren Church, and became a circuit rider in the Scioto Valley. He preached in cabins, barns, and at camp meetings, delivered memorial services for those who had died since his last round, performed marriages, and brought news of the outside world, writes Shoemaker. “In short, he exemplified the ideal closest to his heart—the universal brotherhood of man.”

In 1835, at the age of 26, he was appointed a Presiding Elder of his Conference. In that year he traveled 4,000 miles on horseback, he estimated, and held four quarterly meetings on each circuit. In 1839 he accepted the editor’s post of the *Religious Telescope*, then based in Circleville, and one day Lewis Davis, a Virginian and newly licensed United Brethren preacher, met him there. “Each recognized in the other a kindred spirit and thus began a fellowship which lasted throughout life,” writes Shoemaker. “While Rev. Davis had the superior education, Hanby had the advantage of six years of itinerant service which had opened his eyes to the needs of the church, and from the earliest days of his ministry he had advocated higher education.”

Their campaign to found a college for their denomination led to the establishment in 1847 of Otterbein University of Ohio. Davis became president of its first Board of Trustees. Hanby moved to Circleville, where he edited the *Religious Telescope* for the church, and continued to assist runaway slaves, as he had for 15 years, there and in Rushville.

### A pillar of Otterbein

From his pulpit in 1850, Hanby, by then a bishop, condemned the



*Known as the Sharp Home, this house, located at 259 N. State St., was another local house on the Underground Railroad.*

Fugitive Slave Law that made it easier for slave owners to recapture runaways. He circulated warnings against slave agents who infested Ohio and who photographed free blacks, then used the likenesses as means of identification which permitted the victim to be illegally claimed and carried off to slavery, reports Shoemaker. “Despite threats against his person he also circulated warnings against agents who advertised employment for Negroes—only to seize the unsuspecting applicants, hurry them to Cincinnati and there sell them down the river.”

In spring 1854 the Hanbys moved to Westerville, where the oldest of their eight children, Benjamin, was a student. Hanby became an active member of the area’s busy Underground Railroad with his friend and next-door neighbor Lewis Davis, who was serving his first term as Otterbein’s president. Their station stood at the southeast corner of Grove and Main streets facing the campus, writes Shoemaker, “the main hideaway being a large barn at the rear of the Hanby residence, which was especially suited to this secretive business. It contained his harness shop together with valuable tools and expensive raw materials, which furnished a good excuse for always keeping the barn well locked . . .”

At night, Ben guided the slaves from the barn through alleys to

another home where they hid in wagons, covered by tools, and were transported to their next stop in Mt. Vernon.

In the spring of 1856, Hanby took Ben to witness a slave auction in Lexington, KY, an experience that inspired the 22-year-old student to complete his ballad *Darling Nellie Gray*. The song was based on the story of a runaway named Joe Selby who, as he lay dying of pneumonia in the Hanbys’ Rushville home, had told Hanby of his girlfriend who had been “sold down the river” and lost to him. Ben’s song stirred antislavery sentiment along with *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* in the years before the Civil War and was cited in sermons and sung at abolitionist rallies.

William Hanby never forgot his own roots in slavery. Before Ben would lead fugitives to the wagon that would carry them from Westerville, Hanby would hold a prayer service in his house or barn and tell the story of his own escape from involuntary servitude, writes Shoemaker. “He would have them repeat with him the words which led him, too, from slavery to freedom: ‘I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.’” ●

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# ClassNOTES

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## 1928

### Jack Zimmerman

posthumously received the honor of Garaway Citizen of the Year. Given to a Sugarcreek, OH, resident who is devoted to school, community, home and church, the award was presented to his daughter, **Amy Zimmerman Baxley '56**.



## 1958

**Don Metzler** recently received the Circleville, OH, Noon Rotary's Community Service Award. The award is given to a Rotarian who best exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

## 1959

**John Merriman** was featured in the *Marysville Journal-Tribune* in Marysville, OH. The paper honored him for

his 50 years in education, touching the lives of thousands of students.

**Don Witter** was appointed to The Lima Symphony Orchestra's board of directors. He will be serving a three-year term.



## 1967

**Alice Jenkins Hilderbrand** retired as vice president of student affairs at Ohio Northern University in April 2009. Prior to this role she was the dean of students at ONU. Alice and her husband, Tom, plan to continue living in Ada, OH, and look forward to enjoying retirement.

**Elma Schmidt Moore** had an article published in the *Springfield News Sun*, Springfield, OH. The article

was titled, "Prepare for Your Opportunities through Education."

## 1969

**Fred Glasser** was recently recognized for 25 years of service at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), Columbus, OH. Fred is a senior database analyst for substance information for the CAS online products.



## 1970

**Michael Ducey** was named chairman of the board of directors for Texas Petrochemicals, Inc.

**Ted Jones** completed the executive certificate in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, AZ, in November 2009.

**Bob McGann** retired Oct. 1, 2009, after 35 years of service to the

Commonwealth of Virginia as a network integration and security engineer.

## 1972

### Joy Roberts Brubaker

has been named an outstanding educator by the University of Cincinnati. Her nomination came from a former high school student, now attending the University of Cincinnati. Joy retired from Wilmington, High School, Wilmington, OH, after teaching for 25 years, and is now teaching part-time at Wilmington College.

## 1973

**Dennis Mammana** was awarded the Robert Burnham Jr. Award for "Exceptional Service in Astronomy" by the Western Region of the Astronomical League. Dennis was instrumental in the recent designation of Borrego Springs, CA, as the first official International Dark Sky Community in California (and second in the world) by the International Dark-Sky Association. In October 2009, Dennis was the grand marshal of the 44th Annual Borrego Days Desert Festival, which celebrated the remarkable dark skies of the community. Dennis' exceptional night sky photography was featured in the Winter 2007 issue of *Towers*.



## 1931

**Verna Releaffa (Rae) Bowell** celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 19, 2009, at her home in Palm City, FL. More than 40 family and friends attended, including her three sons, John Michael Bowell, **Daniel Bowell '67**, and **Thomas Bowell '68** with his wife, **Molly Beason Bowell '71**. Another Otterbein graduate in attendance was a nephew, **William Freeman '57**. Grandchildren from New York, Florida, Ohio, Connecticut and Washington, DC, also attended. Rae keeps in contact with her friends and relatives by phone and email. She received her first computer for her 90th birthday and has been active online for 10 years.





**1974**

**Ruth Glenfield Kinsey** retired at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. She taught second grade for 35 years, all at R.F. McMullen School in the Loudonville-Perrysville, OH, Exempted Village School district.

**Thomas Lloyd** conducted the 61st annual Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh Hymn Sing) for the Welsh Society of Central Ohio in October 2009. The London Presbyterian Men's Ensemble, also under his direction, performed several selections including arrangements by his brother, **John Lloyd '60**.

**Merry Sigrist-Straits** retired from teaching after 35 years in the East Holmes Local School District, Berlin, OH.



**1975**

**H. Frank Ackerman, III** has been named to the board of directors for The Mid-Ohio Golf Association of Coshocton.

**1978**

**Cabot Rea** served as grand marshal for the city of

Washington Court House, OH, "Christmas Lights the Heart" evening parade on Dec. 5.

**Mark Thresher** has been named the chief financial officer for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Columbus, OH. He will also oversee Investments and Nationwide Realty Investors.

**1979**

**Jonathan Hargis** has been promoted to executive vice president, marketing and advertising, of Cablevision Systems Corporation. Jonathan will be responsible for developing the brand and go-to-market strategy including creation and execution of all marketing and advertising campaigns promoting the company's telecommunications products.

**Michael Sewell** directed the Pickerington, OH, Central High School marching band in the 2009 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade. The band has made four appearances in the school's history and are only the second band in the nation to march in both parades in the same year. Mike has been the director since 1981.

**1971**

**Wanda Boykin** visited central Ohio from Seattle, WA, on July 6, 2009. Several classmates gathered at the home of Sue Borg Poll in Grove City, OH. **Front row:** Wanda Boykin, **Kay Cottrell Hirsch '71**, **Sue Borg Poll '71**. **Back row:** **Marsha Brobst Adkins '71**, **Barb McKenzie Campbell '71**, **Wendy Roush '71**, **Meredith Martin '71**, **Jane Holford '71**.



**1981**

**Lou Ann Layton** is managing director and the U.S. Financial Professional (FINPRO) Liability Practice leader for Marsh, the world's leading insurance broker and risk advisor.

**1984**

**Deborah Hillis Johnson** was recently elected to City Council in Upper Arlington, OH.

**Bill Ulmer** is currently the board chairman of Fayette Regional Health Systems in Uniontown, PA. On Oct. 10, 2009, he also completed his seventh Ironman competition in Kailua Kona, HI.



**1987**

**Jerry Berry** was named Educator of the Month for October 2009 by the Northern Bedford County School District, PA. He has been a band director there for 11 years.

**1989**

**Thomas Denbow** was named chief financial officer at Holzer Clinic in Gallipolis, OH.

**Suzanne Hamilton** was awarded the Commercial Real Estate Women Leadership Award in 2009 for achievement in her professional, community and charitable endeavors.

**Ted Wierzbicki** is the new football coach for the newly established Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH.



**1990**

**Kazuya Shimba** is now the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Democratic Party of Japan.

**Robin Welch** was featured in the *Plain City Advocate* for her volunteer work with the Uptown Plain City Organization. She is a board member of the organization, and also part of the subcommittee of marketing.

**1991**

**Scott Adams** has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of finance. Scott is an associate professor and dean of Taylor University's School of Business, Upland, IN.



## Miss Ohio Wants Literacy for All of Ohio's Children

by Grace Proctor '09

After seven months reigning as Miss Ohio 2009, **Erica Gelhaus '10** competed in the 2010 Miss America pageant on Saturday, Jan. 30. Although she did not win the honor of becoming Miss America, Gelhaus will continue to use her status as Miss Ohio to spread the word about children's literacy.

Gelhaus competed for three years in the Miss Ohio Scholarship pageant to earn money to pay for her college education, and she was crowned Miss Ohio 2009 on June 20. As Miss Ohio, she was able to share her life passions with people across the state of Ohio as a speaker, entertainer and role model. She also promoted the importance of her platform, "Turning the Page for Children's Literacy."

"I really wish to spread the importance of children's literacy across the state to all ages because I truly believe reading is the foundation for all learning, and it is so important to help a child build their reading skills to a proficient level while they are still young to enhance all their learning for the duration of their lives," Gelhaus said.

As Miss Ohio, she was given the opportunity to speak to the Ohio House of Representatives and State Senate about the importance of keeping library funds in the budget prior to the budget bill's passing in July 2009. She has also spoken to elementary and middle school students about the importance of volunteering and literacy.

Gelhaus has helped organize a fundraiser to raise money for the Reach Out and Read Program and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 Foundation. She continues to volunteer with the Reach Out and Read Program and serves on its State and Central Ohio Advisory Boards. She has also helped organize a blood drive at which she made her first blood donation.

Gelhaus had the opportunity to perform with the Lima Symphony Orchestra, which was a dream come true, she said. "I aspire to be a professional opera singer," said Gelhaus, who is a music major in vocal performance. She also attended many fairs and festivals across the State of Ohio and attended both the 2009 Republican and Democrat fundraisers while serving as Miss Ohio.

"I am learning so much as Miss Ohio through all the people I am able to meet each day. I am gaining so many new perspectives on life because of the stories they share with me," Gelhaus said.

After finishing her stint as Miss Ohio, Gelhaus said her future goals include finishing her Otterbein degree and pursuing a master's degree and doctorate in vocal performance. "I would love to be able to perform professionally as an opera singer and eventually teach music at the collegiate level to pass the gift on to others," she said.



**Left:** Erica Gelhaus reads to children. She is passionate about bringing literacy to all children. **Above:** Miss Ohio poses with President Krendl.

**Susan Lober Bower** is the chief financial officer of her husband's surgical practice, teaches business classes part time at Blue Mountain Community College and is dedicated to promoting the city of Pendleton, OR, her home of four years. She promotes non-profit organizations and also is leading Project Jump Start which is intended to help downtown Pendleton.

### 1994

**Todd Crain** is now part of the television game show *Jeopardy*. He will be hosting 70 test games over six months. In a joint effort between IBM and *Jeopardy*, a highly advanced question answering system, codenamed "Watson," has been created and Todd will be hosting games to test "Watson" against human players. Officials from *Jeopardy* have announced plans to produce a human vs. machine competition on the show. Todd is scheduled to appear on the TV show, on Web sites, in commercials, and in special segments and documentaries updating the progress of the system.

**Casey Fridley** is a 1st Lieutenant in the 566 ASMC in Fort Hood, TX.

**David Wheeler** received the Liberty Mutual Firefighter of the Year award for the city of Upper Arlington, OH. David has been with the Upper Arlington Fire Division for seven years. He was honored at the Oct. 26 city council meeting. In addition to firefighting duties, on multiple occasions David has assisted

the clerk of courts during hearings by working as a Spanish translator.



### 1995

**Mark Paluszak** has been named the new head golf coach for both Otterbein's men's and women's programs.

**Sarah Spahr** is editor and co-founder of *OhioAuthority.com*, an online magazine covering arts, culture, dining and entertainment in the state of Ohio.

### 1996

**Adam Ellis** received his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University on Dec. 13, 2009.

**Joe Whitlach** has accepted a position as lead optometrist with Lasik Vision Institute, Atlanta, GA.

### 1998

**Sky Brusco** is the new assistant men's basketball coach at Ohio Christian University, Circleville, OH.

### 1999

**Heather White-Cotterman** opened Equi-Valent Riding Center in Delaware, OH. The equine educational facility features natural horsemanship and centered riding, and serves children and adults with or without disabilities.

**Jillian Pitcher Williams** is the owner of Spirit Cheer and Dance Athletics in Brunswick, OH, an event productions company which produces cheer and dance competitions across the state of Ohio. She is also co-owner and coach at The Spirit Athletics Training Center, a gym focused on fundamental cheerleading skills for youth, junior high, high school, college and all-star cheerleaders.



### 2000

**Dan Largent** is the new head baseball coach at Olmsted Falls High School, Olmsted Falls, OH, where he currently teaches seventh grade and coaches varsity football.

**Ashley Palmer** had a role in the 2009 horror film, *Paranormal*.

**Amy Amandasue Peirano** was promoted to staff administrator of Resolution Drafting with the Ohio Legislative Service Commission in August 2009.

**Stacey Kinsey Stewart** has been named a principal of Novogradac & Company LLP, a national CPA and consulting firm headquartered in San Francisco. Stacey is an accounting professional in the firm's Dover, OH, office.

### 2001

**Kathleen Clark Fowler** was recently ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister by the congregation of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, OH.

**Charman Miller** has been selected by Heartland of Jackson nursing home to attend the Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) Institute. This conference promotes skill building and provides resources in the field of geriatric nursing.

### 2002

**Kayoko Yokota Kishinoue**, along with husband, Yasuo, and son, Kotaro, attended a recital presented by harpsichordist professor **Noyuri Ariga '52** (left) at the Alti Concert Hall in Kyoto, Japan. Noyuri has twice taught at Otterbein as a visiting professor in the Department of Music and presented master classes and recitals on several other occasions. She received an Honorary Doctor of Music degree from Otterbein at Commencement in 2000.





## Recent Biology Grad Likes to Have Fun with Flipper

by Grace Proctor '09

After graduating in biology with minors in psychology and environmental science, **Ann Hoedt '07** moved to Miami, FL, to take a position as a marine mammal trainer at the Miami Seaquarium. She works primarily with Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins and Pacific White Sided dolphins, performing in the “Flipper Dolphin Show” and “Killer Whale and Dolphin Show.”

“I have learned so much from the animals I work with, but one of the most important things I have learned is patience,” she said. Overcoming the communication barrier, learning the animal’s personality and taking the time to build a strong relationship with the animal is very important in training, Ann said. “It takes not only patience but a lot of planning, trust, and repetition to teach an animal a new behavior,” she said.

Some of her favorite behaviors she has taught include belly flops, splash bows and breaches. Ann said she is also “very passionate about training husbandry behaviors to maintain the overall health of our animals, such as endoscope, weight, and behaviors relating to artificial insemination.”

Hoedt said her Otterbein courses taught her the fundamentals about how to care for the animals and the major training theories and techniques. At Otterbein, she was also exposed to many opportunities to get involved in marine and malecological research, she said.

“It allowed me to travel all over the state of Ohio, and even to places like Belize and the Dominican Republic

for research. Otterbein also aided in securing me a very important internship at the National Aquarium in Baltimore with the Marine Mammal Training Program,” she said.

In the future, Hoedt said she plans to continue working with marine mammals and educating the public about conservation and preservation of the ocean and its inhabitants. “I am also interested in participating and conducting research studies involving marine mammals to find a greater understanding of their social structure, behavior, echolocation, interspecies communication and our human impact on these animals,” she said.



**Giving the Love.** Above: Ann Hoedt hugs her friend and co-worker, Ripley. Left: Ohana gets some tender attention.

**Stephanie Krous Posey** is the office manager for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Columbus, OH.

## 2002

**Nick Dalton** is currently playing seven different characters in the touring production of *Legally Blonde: The Musical*.

**Eric Lloyd** is the director of marketing/member relations at American Municipal Power, Columbus, OH.

## 2004

**Marsha Begg Duffey** received the 2009 Newspaper in Education Star Teacher Award, sponsored by Ashland, Inc. and the *Columbus Dispatch*.

**Max Hill** graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical School in June 2008. He is currently a second year emergency medicine resident at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN.

**Pamela McVeagh-Lally** completed the New Jersey marathon in May, and her first triathlon in August.

**Brett Morris** recently graduated from The Ohio State University with an M.B.A.

**Aleisha Morris Radford** completed her M.B.A. with a concentration in leadership from Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH, in August 2009.

**Courtney Dolphin Siegel** joined The Ohio State

University Athletic Training Staff in 2007 after working for Nationwide Children's Hospital and the OSU Medical Center's Sports Medicine Center.

**Matt Wolfe** is the new theatre director and teacher at Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH.



## 2005

**Kevin Beers** is currently in his fourth year of medical school at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. He will graduate in May and will start a residency in Anesthesiology in July 2010.

**Selby Nippert Beers** is working in the marketing department at WinWholesale in Dayton, OH. She supports the marketing efforts for over 550 subsidiary companies nationwide.

**Farrah Fry** ventured into her own dog training and services business. Endless Pawsibilities is located in Westerville.

**Meg Lancaster** has been promoted to chair of the In Stock Division at The Aaron Group, the United States' second largest jewelry manufacturer.

**Robin Pertz** is now a substitute teacher in

## 2005

**Josephine Roberts** performed for the fourth straight year in the Broadway hit *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Olentangy and New Albany, OH, school districts.

**Nathan Speiser** recently earned his law degree from Capital University, Columbus, OH.

**Katie Peltier Tran-Lam** is the assistant director of communications and marketing for Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) in Washington, D.C.

**Lori Winters** is the director of human resources for Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services at their Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village location in Monroe, OH.

## 2006

**Andy Baker** recently took a position as part of the design team for Shadowbox Cabaret in Columbus, OH.

**Spencer Elliott** has built a successful teaching studio, providing guitar lessons for over 20 students and teaching the guitar class at Otterbein College. He is an active performer as well, playing for various Otterbein music events throughout the year. He also leads worship weekly with the praise team at Peace Lutheran Church, and appears regularly around town, solo or with other local musicians.

**Rachel Ferrara** graduated from the University of Toledo College of Law in May 2009. She passed the July 2009 Ohio Bar Examination and was sworn into the practice of law as a newly licensed attorney in November 2009.

## 2007

**Tracey Berg-Fulton** is employed as an imaging technician by the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Jessica Nye Romshak** obtained her master's degree from the University of Phoenix in instruction and curriculum for English as a Second Language. She is currently working for Circleville High School teaching sophomore college prep and general English. She is also advising the school newspaper and coaching eighth grade cheerleading.

**Kyle Williams** recently graduated with his master's of science in education in educational leadership from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. He also was initiated into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and soon after Order of Omega. He now lives in Ewing, NJ, where he is a residence director for the Department of Residential Education and Housing.







## 2008

### **Katharine Mock Elliot**

is currently a full-time actress with the Columbus Children's Theatre Touring Company, but also finds time to teach private voice and piano lessons and appear in additional local theatrical productions.

### **Mollie Levy Fingerman**

recently performed and was director of audience services in the Transit Five's company production of *What's Next?* in Cincinnati, OH.

**Kelli Nowlin** is teaching English at Columbus State Community College, including composition and research courses.

**Alison Pence** is the new head coach for girl's basketball at Licking Heights High School.

**Sean Peters** will be producing a documentary with childhood friend, Brian Beirau. The documentary will be titled *Inside the Mind: Drive-in Theaters*, with a scheduled release date of fall 2010. It will be focused on the past, present, and future of drive-in theaters. The documentary will take both boys on a wide-ranging road trip, visiting drive-in

theaters throughout the country.

## 2009

**Dru Harwood** is interning as assistant stage manager for the Broadway productions of *Wicked* and *Mary Poppins*.

**Natalie King** is the new coach of Worthington's club middle-school girl's golf team, the Worthington Cubs. The team is open to girls in grades five through eight from the Worthington school district. She also

**Aaron Hutchison** and **Bobby Wright '07** spent the summer in Gavle, Sweden, coaching and playing for the Gefle Baseball Club. While in Sweden they did some traveling, including a trip to Ireland with Otterbein staff Connie Richardson and George Powell. Both are back at Otterbein coaching baseball; Aaron is a volunteer assistant and Bobby is a graduate assistant.

played in the Franklin County Women's Open at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City and plans to compete in the women's state amateur tournament.

### **Amber Lewandowski**

is interning in stage management at the Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington, KY.

**Claire Longest** is currently starring as Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and as Squirt in *Finding Nemo* at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

**Caitlin Morris** will be performing in *Evie's Waltz* with Contemporary American Theatre Company in Columbus, OH.

### **Kari Ringer**

will be performing in the musical revue *Breaking Up is Hard to Do* at the Seven Angels Theatre, Waterbury, CT.

**Jake Widman** is currently performing in *On the Town* at the Papermill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ.

**A.J. Smitrovich** recently signed with Innovative Artists Talent Agency in Los Angeles. ●

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## Wedding Album



**2001**

Amy Heidt Sayers '01 with husband, Shawn



**2004**

Karen Hirt Alzayer '04 with husband, Daud '07



**2004**

Jamie Long Fetz '04 with husband, Derrick '04



**2007**

Allison Triplett Crawford with husband, Brian



**2007**

Jessica Nye Romshak '07 with husband, Darren



**2007**

Alonna Wright Skinner '07 with husband, Jarrod



**2008**

Lauren Mann Vermilion '08 with husband, Andrew '07



**2009**

Chelsea Hamons Nichols with husband, Benjamin

## Marriages

**1985**

Michael Ginn to Jennifer Carroll, Oct. 3, 2009.

**2000**

Erin McDonald to Steve Evans, July 18, 2009.

**2001**

Amy Heidt to Shawn Sayers, Sept. 6, 2008.

**2004**

Karyn Hirt to Daud Alzayer '07, July 26, 2008. The wedding party included Nora Erhardt Kaukl '05 and Jared Ogier '08. Music was provided by Alyson Blazey Vigneron '05.

John Bowen to Tara Edgerton, June 7, 2008 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Jamie Long to Derrick Fetz '04, June 21, 2008. The bridal party included Suzanne Basista Frank '04,

Sarah Juark Hull '04 and Deron Fetz '05.

Michele Beck to Maxwell Hill '04, June 13, 2009.

Pamela McVeagh to John Lally, March 21, 2009.

**2006**

Sarah Stelzer to Michael Norstrom, June 13, 2009.

**2007**

Allison Triplett to Brian Crawford, Jan. 10, 2009.

Katherine Colburn to Adam Humphrey '06, Nov. 7, 2009. The wedding party included Molly Colburn '06, Benjamin Garnett '06, Marybeth Cave '06, Chad Garvin '07, Alex Almeida '09, and Stephen Coy '08. Otterbein Alumni in attendance were Dave Hutte '06, Scott Humphrey '91, Ben Marteney '07, and Vanessa Slocum '08. Otterbein trumpet instructor Ben Huntoon was one of the performers at the reception.



**Jessica Nye** to Darren Romshak, Sept. 26, 2009.

**Alonna Wright** to Jarrod Skinner, July 7, 2009.

**Rachel Haberland** to **Steven Zoky '06**, Oct. 4, 2008.

## 2008

**Katharine Mock** to **Spencer Elliot '06**, Sept. 7, 2008.

**Erin Harting** to **Josh Fannin '08**, Nov. 30, 2007. Otterbein alumni in the wedding party included **Lauren Mann Vermillion '08**, **Andy Vermillion '07** and **Drew Vetter '06**. Dozens of Theta Nu, Eta Phi Mu and members of the Otterbein softball team were in attendance.

**Lauren Mann** to **Andrew Vermillion '07**, Aug. 1, 2009. The wedding party included **Aaron Scott '04**, **Trent Thompson '04**, **Danny Thomas '02**, **Zeein Smith '03**, **Carissa Hershey '04**, **Jamie Wilson '09**, **Allie Busser '08**, **Liz Roscoe '07**, **Drew Vetter '06**, as well as the groom's father, **Glenn Vermillion '64**, and mother, **Joyce Zagray Vermillion '65**.

## 2009

**Chelsea Hamons** to Benjamin Nichols, June 27, 2009.

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## Baby Album



1993

Thomas and Daniel Jones



1994

Adelynn Mary Trela



1997

Lucas Daniel Fickel



1999

Thomas and Brett Call



1999

Tessa Belle Ressler



1999

Penelope Lois Wheeler



2001

Grace Lee Largent



2002

Levi David Green



2002

Alyssa Lynn Dougherty



2003

Jenna Alyse Jurkowitz



2003

Ryken Clayton Corchinski

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## Additions

### 1988

**Tracy Tier Petkovic** and husband, Daniel, a daughter, Hadley Nicole, Sept. 9, 2009.

### 1993

**Jim Jones** and wife, Deanna, twins, Thomas and Daniel, Aug. 7, 2009.

### 1994

**Alissa Wetherill Trela** and husband, David, a daughter, Adelynn Mary, Aug. 6, 2009.

### 1995

**Wendy Peterson Bradshaw** and husband, John, a son, John Grayden Bradshaw, Sept. 7, 2009.

**Kristi Matson** and husband, Brad, a daughter, Silvia, June 2, 2009. She joins big sister, Audrey, 3.

### 1996

**Jennifer Mancz Seaman** and husband, Eric, a son, Joel Robert, Sept. 30, 2009. He joins big sister, Ella, 1.

### 1997

**Anne Thompson Fickel** and husband, Danny, a son, Lucas Daniel, Aug. 25, 2008. He joins big brother, Isaiah, 2.

**Kathleen Crites Madden** and husband, Thomas, a son, Patrick Liston, March 16, 2009. He joins big brother, Paul Kelley, 1.

### 1999

**Stephanie Becker-Call** and husband, Robert, twin boys, Thomas and Brett, June 7, 2009.

**David Brown** and wife, Amy, a daughter, Kayla L. Brown, Aug. 9, 2008. She joins big brother, David, 6.

**Sara Richards Cisler** and husband, Brett, a daughter, Abigail Berkley, Oct. 15, 2009.

**Rocco Petrozzi** and wife, Elissa, a son, Rocco Samuel, Feb. 2, 2008.

**Elizabeth Ford Pitstick** and husband, Neil, a daughter, Natalie Ann, May 22, 2009. She joins big sisters, Abbygail, 9, Madison, 8, and Emma, 6.

**Jeffrey Ressler** and wife, Cara, a daughter, Tessa Belle, Sept. 9, 2009. She joins big brother, Kellen, 4, and sister, Caley, 7.

**Nikki Hersh Wheeler** and husband, Garrett, a daughter, Penelope Lois, July 2, 2009.

### 2000

**Dawn Wood Wickham** and husband, **Adam '99**, a daughter, Abigail, March 17, 2009.

### 2001

**April Bowyer Largent** and husband, **Daniel '00**, a daughter, Grace Lee, June 9, 2009. She joins big sister, Brooke Lucille.

### 2002

**Crystal Humphrey Dougherty** and husband, Matthew, a daughter, Alyssa Lynn, June 17, 2009. Proud great uncle is **Scott Humphrey '85**.

**Sandi Harding Green** and husband, **David '03**, a son, Levi David, Sept. 11, 2008.

### 2003

**Katie Schell Corchinski** and husband, Brandon, a son, Ryken Clayton, Nov. 4, 2009.

**LeeAnne Mizer Jurkowitz** and husband, Joe, a daughter, Jenna Alyse, Oct. 16, 2009.

### 2004

**Erin Moriarty Thomas** and husband, **Marc '02**, a son, Turner Joseph, July 16, 2009. He joins big brother, Tyler, 2.

## Deaths

### 1929

**Edith Scheering Rehg** died Dec. 8, 2009. Her husband of 46 years, William, preceded her in death. Edith taught home economics for the Morgan Township High School, and was an active member of the Clough United Methodist Church, Anderson Township, OH.

### 1930

**Clara Ormsby Williams** died Sept. 2, 2006.

### 1936

**Laurence Boor** died Aug. 14, 2009. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and then owned and operated the Boor Funeral Home in Bowerston, MA. Following his career as a mortician, Larry began a career as a nursing home administrator, operating both the Sunnyskope Nursing Home at Bowerston and the Sunnyview Nursing Home at Zanesville, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vada Mae, and his parents. He is survived by his second wife, Beatrice; stepsons,

Mitchell Cole, Evan Cole, Dan Cole, Scott Rook and Greg Rook; stepdaughters, Pamela and Shirley; 15 step-grandchildren; and great-granddaughter, **Jennifer Bales Hunt '03**.

### 1938

**Foster Elliott** died July 7, 2009. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Naval Aviation Pre-Flight Program. He attended The Ohio State University, University of Colorado and Kent State University. His teaching career began in Jacksontown, OH, and also taught in Centerburg and Johnstown, OH. He retired in 1976 as director of pupil services for Elyria High School, Elyria, OH. Mr. Elliott served on the boards of the Elyria United Fund and Handicapped Children. Preceding him in death was his wife of 56 years, Miriam; and brothers, Don, and **Denton '37**. Surviving are his daughter, **Nancy Elliott Schmidt '81**; grandsons, Elliott Maxx and Nathan Schmidt; nephew, **Jon Elliott '69**; nieces, **Darcy Elliott McDonald '72** and **Patricia Elliott '74**; and sister-in-law, **Louise Bowser Elliott '37**.

### 1939

**Carrie Harris Bremer** died Sept. 19, 2009. She was a high school teacher and homemaker, and member of the Hope United Methodist Church, Franklin, OH where she served on many church committees. Carrie was a Past Worthy Matron with Eastern Star Processor Chapter of Middletown, OH and was active in the Lions Club Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Auxiliary of the Middletown Pee



Wee Football Club. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Louis '39**. She is survived by her sons, **Don '71, Dav '74, Dan '70 (Regina Percels '70) and Dal '81 (Janet Gillman '80)**; eight grandchildren, including, **Ben '98, Matt '01 (Jennifer Stebleton Bremer '01)**; and five great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Esther Harris; cousin, Henry Lauth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### 1940

An addition was sent in concerning **Jean Sowers Snyder**'s obituary from the Fall 2009 *Towers*. She was also survived by daughter-in-law, **Barbara Elliott Snyder '72**.

#### 1941

**Rosemary McGee Ruyan** died Dec. 20, 2009. Her passion for reading led to teaching English to seventh and eighth graders at Hanby School and Walnut Springs school in Westerville. She served as president of the Westerville Service Organization, helping families who needed food and clothing. She was preceded in death by brother, **John McGee '38**; and daughter, **Rebecca Ruyan Groseclose '69**. She is survived by husband, **John Ruyan '48**; and grandchildren, **Kim Groseclose Allen '05, Jennifer Groseclose Koval '03, and Daniel S. Groseclose '03**.

#### 1942

**Jane Gallagher Gould** died Nov. 27, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Gene '41**. She is survived by her children, **Todd '64 (Jean Thorndike**

**'65) and Kerry '78**; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends.

#### 1943

**Wayne Barr** died Oct. 28, 2009. He graduated from United Theological Seminary in 1946 and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Wayne taught at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton for 37 years, retiring in 1988. He was active in the Fairview, OH, United Methodist Church where he taught and served as chair of the Mission Committee. He was recognized in 2001 for his years of service to the Trotwood Madison Education Foundation. He is survived by his wife, **June Neilson Barr '44**; daughter, **Anne Davis '68**; sons, John and Robert; and six grandchildren.

**Betty Cook Innerst** died Oct. 18, 2009. She received her school library certificate from the University of New Mexico in 1974, and in 1978 set up the federally-supported Head Start Library at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Albuquerque. For nearly 20 years Betty served as a volunteer librarian at the Newman Center Library in Albuquerque and was active in the New Mexico Church and Synagogue Library Association serving twice as president. She is survived by her husband, **Ivan '44**; children, Ivan, Stacy, Sean, Carolyn and Wendy; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother, Alva Dean Cook, Jr.

#### 1944

**Vivian Landis Babin** died Oct. 8, 2009. She received her R.N. at the John Hopkins

University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD. Vivian enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant and worked in the Woodrow Wilson Army Hospital in Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis, and survived by children, Louis, Vivian, Lawrence and Yvonne; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

**William Barr** died Nov. 26, 2009. He served in World War II as a lieutenant in the Marine Corp and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima. He was a partner and eventually owner of ECB Insurance in Westerville, retiring at age 76. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Virginia Andrus Barr '44**. He is survived by his children, **Jennifer Barr Reich '68**, John Barr and William Barr. He is also survived by his second wife, Delphia; and her children, Gary, Boone, Steve and Bobbi; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

#### 1946

**Harold Morris** died Nov. 21, 2009. He served for 25 years as chairman of Kettering YMCA Board. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Michael Morris; daughter, **Barbara Morris Farrell '82**; and grandchildren, Christopher and Samantha.

#### 1947

**Marian Adams Sundheimer** died Nov. 6, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Webster Kilkenny. She is survived by her second husband, Herbert Sundheimer.

#### 1948

**Charles Hodson** died June 16, 2009. He was a retired vice president with Anchor Hocking Glass Company and a retired lieutenant colonel in the United State Marine Corp. He is survived by his children, Mark and Eric.

#### 1949

**Carolyn Ford Fackler** died Dec. 2, 2009. Carolyn was a member of the board of the YWCA and helped establish the first Headstart Program in Santa Cruz, CA. She was a board member of the Red Cross and volunteered in many United Fund drives. She was very involved in the PTA and all Scotts Valley, CA schools activities. She helped establish the first book fair at the Brook Knoll Elementary School. She was active in the First Congregational Church, was a member of Daisy, working at the resale store and also at the Goodwill's Collectors Corner. Carolyn was a volunteer Pink Lady at Dominican Hospital and an active member with several groups at the Univeristy of California campus where her husband was on the staff. She is survived by her husband, Louis; and children, Alyce, Becky, and Mary.

**Robert Long** died Sept. 27, 2009. Robert served in the Army Aircorp during World War II, returned to finish his education and began a 30 year career as a teacher and football coach for Milton-Union HS in Dayton, OH and Stebbins High School, West Milton, OH. He is preceded in death by his wife, Edna Long; and sisters, Jane, Harriet and Emilou. He is survived by his son, William Long; daughters, Susan and

Nikki; two granddaughters, one great-grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

**Frank Petti** died Oct. 12, 2009. He was retired from Rockwell International and was a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II. He is survived by his children, Michael, Thomas, Diane, and Carol; sister, Mary D'Andrea; nephews, **Sonny D'Andrea '73** and **Bob D'Andrea '73**; and great-nephew, Joe.

**Dom Yamaoka** died May 30, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Betty; and sons, Jon, David and Richard.

### 1950

**Barbara Rice Weber** died Aug. 22, 2009. She was a retired teacher with over 30 years of service to the Fairborn, OH, city schools where she especially enjoyed her work as senior advisor and drama director. After retirement Barbara volunteered with over 21 years of service to St. Luke's East Hospital. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, **Herman '49**; and children, Deborah Rieder and Clayton Weber; grandchildren, Ryan, Justin and Paul; and great-grandsons, Aidan and Dawson.

### 1951

**Dale Girton** died March 5, 2009. Surviving are his wife, **Thelma Riegel Girton '51**; and children, **Keith Girton '72** and **Sandra Girton Bowman '78**.

### 1954

**David Petrie** died Oct. 11, 2009. He served in the United States Navy. Preceding him in death was his wife, Betty.

### 1961

**Tom Croghan** died Dec. 20, 2009. Tom lived his life actively guided by the "Fourfold Philosophy of the American Youth Foundation" -- mental, physical, social and religious. He tried to keep these four areas of his life in balance. Tom made friends in all areas he pursued - through his medical practice, music, philanthropy, tennis, golf and in his effort to expand cultural opportunities in the Mansfield area.

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Dayton where he was named "Outstanding Graduate of 1957" among all Dayton schools. He married Judith Nosker (his eighth grade sweetheart) and together they raised four children. He graduated from his beloved Otterbein College in 1961 and The Ohio State University Medical School in 1965.

Captain Croghan served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1967. He returned to Ohio to begin a four-year OB-GYN residency at Mt. Carmel, Columbus. He joined Mansfield OB/GYN practice of George Evans, Bill Schamadan and George Loesch in 1972, retiring in 2002. He enjoyed the challenge of staying current in the obstetrical field.

Maintaining an active life, Dr. Croghan was a doubles tennis champion in the *Mansfield News Journal* tournament. Trophies from golf and tennis decorated his music room. He was a certified scuba diver and also enjoyed windsurfing. He and his wife Judy traveled to 35 countries around the world. As part of his medical outreach, he gave lectures on healthy eating and exercise.

Music was a big part of Tom's life. His band was named "Tom Croghan and Friends." Tom greatly enjoyed learning, playing, arranging and sharing his passion for music. For approximately eight years he initiated, assembled faculty and taught at the Richland Academy Jazz Camp. From 1998 to 2003 he initiated and produced the Ohio Young Talent Program which resulted in a professionally recorded CD. He was very honored to teach at the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Workshop in Louisville, KY. He took many of his students to jazz workshops and conventions throughout the country.

Tom was one of many who were instrumental in the founding of the Renaissance Theatre. He also co-founded the Richland Academy and was director of the music program and taught piano, improvisation and music theory-composition. Tom was the founder of the Jazz Society of North Central Ohio and Mansfield Richland County Arts Council. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the Richland County Foundation.

He was actively involved in religious activities and played the organ for services at the Mt. Carmel Chapel. Upon moving to Mansfield, he was active in the Mansfield church community. A special activity for him was the Wednesday Morning Men's Breakfast.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Eva (Herbst) Croghan; an infant sister, Geneva; and brother, Ronald. He is survived by his wife, **Judith Nosker Croghan '61**; children, **Karen '91**, Jeffrey, Kathleen, and **Michael '95**; siblings, Patricia Monroe, Robert and Dennis; son-in-law, **Timothy Duffey '98**; niece, **April Monroe Knight '89**, eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.



*Tom Croghan performs at the Freshman Talent Show in 1957.*

Surviving are his children, Sarah, Susan, Mike, Bill, and John; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and eight siblings.

**L. Bernadine Hill Shilling** died Dec. 4, 2009. She is survived by husband, Fred; and son, David.

### 1961

**Charles Croy** died Dec. 22, 2009. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and the Kiwanis Club. He loved to mentor kids and often bragged about his students' successes. He had many hobbies, including snow and water skiing, woodworking, playing the

piano, organ and accordion as well as singing in the church choir. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Mabel Wurm Croy '31**; and father, **Theodore W. Croy '30**. Surviving are his wife, Mary; and children, Jonathan, and Susan.



## 1962

**Judith Hall Bishop** died Aug. 6, 2009. She was a member of Palms Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville Beach, FL. She was preceded in death by husband, Wallace. Surviving are son, Matthew; sisters, Ruth Ann Smith and Becky Kennan; and two grandchildren.

**Brenda Franklin MacCurdy** died Oct. 17, 2008. Preceding her in death was her husband, William; and son, Scott. Surviving are brothers, **Martin Frankin '63** and David Franklin; and children, Mary Jackson, Sandra Hunsicker, Julie Hart, Mark, and Jeffrey and 11 grandchildren.

## 1965

**John Rudolph** died Oct. 13, 2009. John served in the Navy on the U.S.S. Columbia during WWII and operated the MAD (magnetic anomaly detector) gear on a P2V5F plane during the Korean War. He was employed by Norseman Boats as a vice president and later ended his career at St. Francis Hospital and the Jewish Home, Miami, FL. Preceding him in death were his sisters, Gertrude Strohm and Barbara Hutt; and brother, Bruno. Surviving are former wife, Margaret; two sons, John II and Mark; daughter, Mary; and sister, Rosemary Jones.

## 1966

**Bernard Rausch** died April 15, 2009. He was financial controller at Marysville Steel, at North Santiam Lumber Company, Mechanical Services Inc. and Lieb-Jackson, Inc., Columbus, OH. He had also been the president of the Central Ohio

Mechanical Contractors Association. He officiated high school boys' and girls' basketball for 25 years and umpired high school baseball, girls' high school softball and ASA men's slow pitch and fast pitch softball for almost 35 years. He was a life member of Trinity Lutheran Church and BPO Elks Lodge No. 1130 and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 1651. He is survived by wife, Garnet; children, Bernard Jr., Tammy, and Candy; and seven grandchildren.

## 1968

**Richard Albert** died Nov. 17, 2009. He served in the United States Army for two years in Alaska. He was a supervising engineer and basin planner for the Delaware River Basin Commission from 1975 to 2000. He was a staff scientist and restoration director for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. He authored four books including, *Damming the Delaware: The Rise and Fall of Tocks Island Dam*. He served on the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission and ran Albert Scientific, a small business that markets the AL\_SCI Gravelometer, a stream pebble classification tool which he designed. He was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Harlan Albert '69**; daughters, Carrie and Wendy; his father; a brother and sister; and two grandchildren.

**Shirley Gill Close** died Dec. 12, 2009. She was a member of the Church of Messiah UMC. Preceding her in death were her husband, **Gary Close '67**; and mother, Margaret, a former Otterbein

professor. Surviving are her daughter, Deborah; siblings, **David Gill '76**, Mary Anne Asbury and Sandy Clark; and father, William.

**Tanya Alban Nemetz** died Sept. 26, 2009. She taught physical education at both Gahanna and Groveport Madision Schools where she retired after 32 years. She was an avid reader, enjoyed flower gardening and had a large collection of wind chimes. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Betty Alban. She is survived by her husband, **Dean '66**; sister, Jody Strickling; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## 1971

**Walter Weaver** died Dec. 1, 2009. He was an ordained elder in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Throughout his career he pastored churches in Newark, North Bloomfield, North Lima, Randolph, Alliance, East Rochester and most recently Calcutta, OH. He also served as chaplain at Alliance Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, **Elaine '71**; children, Judith, Sarah and Geoffrey; granddaughter, Gracie; mother, Ruth; sisters, Betty Jane Herron and Mary Ellen Phillis; and brother, Dan.

## 1979

**Oberlyn Christy Kovach** died Sept. 30, 2009. She was a computer programmer employed by J.P. Services and W.W. Williams and later had a career in real estate sales. She was a member of the Reynoldsburg, OH, United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death

by her father, Orbin Christy; sister, Karen Christy; and grandmother, Frieda Christy. Surviving are her husband, John; son, **Samuel '05**; mother, Jill Holderle; siblings, **Kim Christy Legget '77** and Steve Christy; and nieces and nephews.

**Joan Gillardi Moser** died Oct. 21, 2009. Joan worked at Riverside Hospital and Northland Terrace in Columbus, OH. She returned to school and earned her master's degree in human resources from The Ohio State University in 1983, and a Ph.D. in Adult Education from Ohio University in 1992. She was a talented flower arranger and accredited flower show judge. She was a life member of the Worthington Hills Garden Club, served as president in 1970-71 when the club was voted the Ohio Garden Club of the Year under her stewardship. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Albert; four daughters; a son; and 10 grandchildren.

## 1980

**Deborah Thomas Marcia** died Oct. 20, 2009. She is survived by her husband, David; her parents, Catherine and William Thomas; and many friends.

## 1985

**Michael Shoaf** died Nov. 11, 2009. He was employed by Oakland Nursery in Delaware, OH. He enjoyed music and played the saxophone. He is survived by his parents, Lloyd and Sharlene Shoaf; siblings, Denise, Ronald and Larry; two nieces; two nephews; his stepgrandmother, Carman Jackson; and many friends.

## 1986

**Todd Pontius** died Nov. 13, 2009. He was an agent for Northwestern Mutual and a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and Life and Qualifying Member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He was a member of the Wedgewood Country Club and coached baseball for Ohio Young Athletic Association, Delaware, OH. He was preceded in death by his father, John Pontius. Surviving are his wife, Kay Lynn; sons, Tanner and Nathan; mother, Judy Pontius; siblings, Doug, Brian, and Lisa; and many other relatives.

## 1991

**Mary Ann Martin** died Oct. 8, 2009. She was the director of nursing, as well as a clinical professor, at The Ohio State University. She was preceded in death by her father, Tony. She is survived by her husband, Bob; son, Bobby; and daughter-in-law, Emily; grandson, Jack; mother, Mary Catherine; brothers, Eddie, Henry, Tommy and Bobby; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## 2005

**Brenda Bearss-Ronk** died Dec. 17, 2009. She received her master's degree from Seton Hall. She is survived by husband, Mike; and daughter, Katelynn.

**Zachary Gilbert** died Nov. 6, 2009. Zach will be remembered for his intellect, his athletic and artistic talents, and his ability to make others laugh. He was caring and devoted to his family and friends. He is survived by his parents,

Thomas and Vicki Gilbert; and sister, **Jamie '02**.

## 2011

**Josh Gulvas** died in an hiking accident Sept. 11, 2009. He graduated from Gahanna Christian High School where he played soccer, basketball, and baseball. While at Otterbein he was enrolled in nursing with the hopes of working with children at Columbus Children's Hospital upon graduation. Josh was a committed follower of Christ, and he deeply loved and cared for all his friends and family. He was a talented soccer player and often coached his younger sister's team. He is remembered as fun and full of life and someone who always had time to meet the needs of others in special ways. He is survived by parents, Rand and Shelley Gulvas.

## Friends

**Janet Horning** died Nov. 28, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Carl Horning. She is survived by her daughter, **Elizabeth Horning Weiler '85**.

**Arnold Leonard** died Oct. 30, 2009. He was a professor, emeritus status, at Otterbein in the Life and Earth Science department. He was with the college from 1964 to 1989. Preceding him in death was his wife, Mary Swartz Leonard. Surviving are his children, **Steven Leonard '78**, **Susan Leonard Holbrook '82**, **Eric Leonard '84**, Janet Leonard O'Malley and Cathy Leonard French.

**Rex Ogle**, chemistry professor at Otterbein for 29 years, died Jan. 1, 2010. He

was a 50-year member of the American Chemical Society and was past president of the Central Ohio Chapter.

He was more than a teacher and researcher, but also a mentor whose commitment to his students extended beyond the classroom, even providing many a place to stay when needed. Heifer Project International, Habitat for Humanity, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and The Open Shelter were among organizations to which he gave substantial time and energy. He is survived by his wife, **Marcia Searfos Ogle '66**, and their six children, **Jennifer Ogle Freshly '99**, **Suzanne Ogle Ankrom '79** (**Jeff '78**), **Craig Ogle '76**, **Kim Ogle VanWassen '76**, **Heather Ogle Rodwell '93** and Colleen; 14 grandchildren; and many relatives and friends. **Editor's Note: There are two tributes online to Rex Ogle and his life, one written by Bob Place, emeritus professor, and Myron Campbell '77; and the other**

**written by Fred Glasser '69. They can be found at [www.otterbein.edu/passings](http://www.otterbein.edu/passings)**

**JoAnn Ricevuto** died Dec. 11, 2009. Surviving is her husband of 60 years, Guido, an Otterbein track coach for more than 25 years. JoAnn was his constant companion, always keeping records and stats. Also surviving are children, Susan Ammon, **Lori Ricevuto Moore '88** and **Chris Ricevuto '80**.

**Henry Ruegg** passed away Dec. 11, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was associated with the Ohio National Bank from 1941-1979 when he retired as vice president and chief trust officer. He belonged to Kiwanis Club, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Athletic Club, Columbus Area Council of Churches, and was president of the Columbus Executive Club. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughter, **Karen Ruegg Montgomery '64**; and son, Stephen. ●

## From the Editor: New Policy on Obituaries

In the past few years, because Otterbein's alumni base continues to grow, and age, exponentially, it has been increasingly challenging to pay full tribute to all of our departed family fully in *Towers* magazine. All of our alumni are important to us, and in order to do justice and be fair to all, the *Towers* Editorial Staff will be implementing a streamlined and shortened version of obituaries in issues to come. However, we will be providing more lengthy stories and celebrating the lives of Otterbein's family members, and their passing, on our Web site. And if any alumnus does not have access to the internet and wishes to obtain full obituaries by mail, we will be happy to fulfill individual requests. In the next issue we will provide further details on where to go on the internet, or where to request individual obituaries by mail. We appreciate your input into this process. Feel free to contact Roger Routson, editor, at [rroutson@otterbein.edu](mailto:rroutson@otterbein.edu) or call 614-823-1600 with your thoughts. Thanks for your understanding, and we look forward to hearing from you.

~ The Editor



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## Otterbein Memories: A Reminiscence

by Edith Walters Cole '60

I didn't want to go to Otterbein at first. I wanted to stay in Pennsylvania and go to Bucknell or Albright College. I was waitlisted for Bucknell and Albright was on the Reading Railroad line. Since my father worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and could get me a pass to Columbus, my stepmother and I used our passes and I packed my steamer trunk and headed to Otterbein never having seen the campus. I planned to stay one year but I soon learned the meaning of "The Otterbein Love Song."

I traveled on the train for the next three and one-half years and always managed to have an adventure that I had to relate to Dr. Grissinger. My freshman year a friend and I had to sit in the women's lounge because the train was so crowded. We missed the call for Columbus. The next stop was Xenia. The conductor phoned ahead and the lineman got out on the tracks and flagged down the mail train. Oh, how we were teased on the return trip to Columbus. However, we were just worried that we would get double cuts if we missed chapel!

My fondest memories were of my professors who encouraged my growth and took such personal interest. After taking Jim Grissinger's speech class, I decided to have a double major: business, and speech and theatre (the departments were together) with minors in French, Spanish and economics. I lived and worked in the basement of Cowan as well as in the public relations office when we worked on Dr. Turner's inauguration. I was in *Oklahoma*, Chuck Dodrill's first big production, and then worked in some capacity on almost every other production.

I graded Spanish papers for Dr. "Papa" Rosselot and was invited to join the team going to France with Dr. Lavelle Rosselot to make French teaching films. Unfortunately, I could not afford to go. I had long hair that I cut and saved in a net. Miss Rosselot asked to borrow it to use in the films, so my hair went to France without me. It was another 12 years before I got to France!

I felt I was grounded spiritually by Dr. Deever's religion classes, Sunday School and singing in the choir at Church of

the Master. Dr. Coulter's Shakespeare class and Mr. Bailey's Business Law class were very influential in my growth, but Mrs. Nelson's English class was life changing. In her last class she announced, "you will soon forget the sonnets of Shakespeare and the escapades of Don Juan, but I want you to remember: you are not an educated person until you have compassion for others." On those words she ended class; but I have always tried to live by them.



Edith Walters Cole

After attending graduate school, my husband and I moved to Columbus and have lived in the area since 1965. When the Speech Department needed help for a year, Dr. Grissinger called me and again I lived and worked in the basement of Cowan. Our summer's entertainment for years revolved around inviting guests to Otterbein's summer

theatre. We also attend as many other productions as possible. Living so close to the campus has afforded me the opportunity to see the wonderful growth. I must admit that I am a tad jealous of the Common Book experience and the Integrative Studies curriculum. How could I not support the institution that continues to light the path for its students?

I think the biggest challenge for Otterbein is trying to keep the cost of tuition in check while keeping the quality of faculty high and controlling the growth so that each student can feel as special by their professors as I did. I believe in a liberal arts education, and am prejudiced that Otterbein provides an excellent one!

I support Otterbein because I believe "to whom much is given, much is required." Otterbein opened many doors of knowledge, prepared me for graduate school, and, while I was on campus, provided me with such acceptance. For all these reasons and more, I think it is important that I pay back as well as pay forward to afford others the opportunity that I had. I also feel that my gift to Otterbein is part of my tithe.

I am now a certified listening coach and a certified laugh leader. I can say Otterbein prepared me to be certifiable! And incidentally, I've never returned to Pennsylvania to live.

## New Endowed Funds at Otterbein

### The Department of Life and Earth Sciences Faculty Research and Scholarship Endowed Fund

Created by **Michael Hoggarth** of the Life and Earth Sciences Department, this fund will provide opportunities for life and earth sciences faculty to fulfill research projects or professional scholarship. Hoggarth is a full professor at Otterbein and has been on the faculty 17 years. He received his Ph.D. in zoology from The Ohio State University and then worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation, Environmental Service Division prior to being employed by the College. His research examines the ecology, life histories and systems of mussels

in the family Unionidae and land snails in multiple families. Recently he has used his studies of mussels and other aquatic organisms to examine questions of water resource integrity. Professor Hoggarth has co-authored the book, *Freshwater Mussels of Ohio*, along with G. Thomas Watters and David H. Stansbery. Hoggarth believes that by increasing opportunities for faculty scholarship we will enhance the collegiate experience for both students and faculty.

### Correction

The new Science Center investor listing should have identified contributors John and Thelma Hodson Orr. We regret the omission.

## Memorial & Honorary Gifts

*The following gifts were made to Otterbein College from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, to remember and honor special friends to Otterbein and loved ones.*

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- The trust will pay income for life or for a term of years.

### The Benefits

- Bypass capital gains taxes on the sale.
- Enjoy increased income in your retirement.
- Leave a gift to Otterbein College.
- If the trust increases in value, the gift to Otterbein will also increase.

If you would like to know more about supporting Otterbein through a charitable remainder annuity trust, or if you have questions about how a CRAT could work for you, please contact Donna Burtch at (614) 823-1261 or [dburtch@otterbein.edu](mailto:dburtch@otterbein.edu)



# Alumni NOTES

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Kara Anderson

## Meet the Newest Face in Alumni Relations

Kara Anderson is the new assistant director of Alumni Relations. Anderson has five years of combined experience in nonprofit development and event management. She earned bachelor's degrees in corporate communications and journalism from Elon University and a master's degree in nonprofit leadership and management from Arizona State University. Anderson assumed the duties Jan. 5, 2010.

As assistant director, Anderson will develop and implement creative programs for Otterbein's alumni and serve as a key representative from the College in outreach efforts. Her main responsibilities include young alumni programming, alumni/student networking events, electronic communications (e-newsletter, alumni Web site, and alumni groups on Facebook and LinkedIn), the Zero Year Class Reunion, and the Student Alumni Association.



Kara Anderson

Most recently, Anderson worked as a development intern with the Phoenix Art Museum, mainly responsible for grantwriting, prospect research and donor events. While completing her master's degree, she worked at Taliesin West, the headquarters of The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, in Scottsdale, AZ.

Prior to her move to Arizona, Anderson was the program manager at Promotions One Inc. in Columbus, Ohio and assisted planning First Night Columbus. Her previous experiences include event planning internships with the Carolina Ballet and the Union County (Ohio) Convention and Visitors Bureau. In addition, Anderson held an international internship in Sydney, Australia with Sweaty Betty PR. In her spare time, Anderson enjoys traveling, performing arts, Arabian horse shows and snow-skiing. Anderson is the niece of **Jan Lenahan Dwyer '66**.

## Otterbein Alumni Club News

Register at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) (click 'events/registration')

**The Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland** will be featuring an Otterbein Networking Event on March 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Mavis Winkles in Twinsburg, OH, at the Route 91 exit off I-480. The evening is an opportunity to network with alumni professionals from and around the Cleveland area. Bring business cards and a good attitude to enjoy the evening!

**Contact:** Jeff Sabo '08, [jeffrsabo@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffrsabo@yahoo.com)

**Facebook:** Otterbein Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland



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Otterbein Alumni Clubs

Dr. Kathy A. Krendl, president of Otterbein College, will share her vision for Otterbein's future. The club will be collecting groceries for the Fort Myers Area Community Cooperative Ministries food pantry.

**Contact:** Jim Wagner '56, [wagnerjk@juno.com](mailto:wagnerjk@juno.com)

**John Bullis '56**, [jhbullis@hotmail.com](mailto:jhbullis@hotmail.com)

**The Alumni Club of Akron-Canton** is joining the Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland at their Networking Event on March 4, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Mavis Winkles in Twinsburg, OH (see above). Join the club in their second annual Community Plunge event on April 24 (including a zoo visit afterwards) and the annual August 9 Summer Send Off to welcome new students and parents.

**Contact:** Chris '88 and Susan Howell Grant '87, [csshgrant@gmail.com](mailto:csshgrant@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Otterbein Alumni Club of Akron-Canton

**The Alumni Club of Southwest Florida** will be holding their annual luncheon on Saturday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12 noon at the Colonial Country Club.

**The Alumni Club of Central Ohio** invites you to participate in the annual spring Community Plunge on Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. at the Otterbein Campus Center Lounge. Work alongside current students, alumni and faculty as we continue a longstanding tradition!

**Contact:** Joyce Ray '00, [joyce@columbusfoundation.org](mailto:joyce@columbusfoundation.org)

**The Alumni Club of Atlanta** is planning a "Lunch & Give" on Saturday, April 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., location TBD.

**Contact:** Alicia Caudill Colburn '95, [acaudill@gsc.edu](mailto:acaudill@gsc.edu)

**Young Alumni of Central Ohio** – watch Facebook and the alumni Web site for our upcoming spring networking event specifically for Otterbein grads from the '90s and '00s! Let us know if you have ideas or are interested in helping us design a young alumni network.

**Contact:** Holly Fenner Ritter '06, [hritter@otterbein.edu](mailto:hritter@otterbein.edu)



**Facebook:** Find the Otterbein College Alumni Association fan page and become a fan to get campus information, event announcements, access to photos and more.

## Are you job searching? The Center for Career Planning Can Help

We know that millions of people in the U.S. have been affected by the recent economic downturn. If you are currently out of work and seeking employment in your field or embarking on a new career path, let Otterbein assist you. There are many alumni services provided by the Center for Career Planning at Otterbein.

We can help you:

- revitalize your resume
- bring rusty interview skills up to date
- give advice about the most effective job search strategies
- connect you to the latest online resources including our Cardinal Careers Job Board
- help you locate other alums for career networking
- career counseling to discuss your job search plans with a career professional to make sure you are on the right track. If you can't make a face-to-face appointment because you do not live near campus, it may be possible to communicate through email or phone.

You can connect with the Center for Career Planning and make an appointment by phone (614-823-1456), email ([careerplanning@otterbein.edu](mailto:careerplanning@otterbein.edu)) or online ([www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning/counselingform.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning/counselingform.asp)).



*Holly Ross '93, Judy Ketner Dollison '88 and Gary Baker II '94 catch up at a Cardinal Networking event.*



*Javier Sanchez and Glen Harris '00 network at last year's African American Alumni Network Hall of Fame presentations.*

## Otterbein Alumni Benefits and Services

Otterbein offers these alumni benefits and services in a variety of areas.

- Search for full-time and part-time jobs on Cardinal Careers—a free career board for the students and alumni of Otterbein College.  
**[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'Cardinal Careers'**
- Post a job or internship through Cardinal Careers.
- Get free personalized career assistance on revitalizing your resume, writing a cover letter and preparing for interviews through the Center for Career Planning. Check the Web site for resource tools:  
**[www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning](http://www.otterbein.edu/careerplanning)**
- Connect with Otterbein friends 24/7 on the Alumni Online Directory. Search by occupation, city, or state to connect with alumni in a career field of interest. **[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'Online Directory'**
- Network at alumni events like Otterbein Community Plunge Service Day (April 24), Alumni Weekend (June 11 – 13), Homecoming (Oct. 23), and Young Alumni networking events (watch Facebook).
- Request transcripts at **[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'Benefits'**
- Join our Otterbein College Alumni group on LinkedIn and Facebook to network with others and learn about alumni events and campus happenings.
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*Virginia O'Keefe, Bill Pearce '87 and Pat Merriman '68 reconnect at one of the Cardinal Connection Tours.*





*Making the International Connection: After Tom Sporck '67 (right) read in the Winter '09 Towers about the efforts of Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63 to rebuild Sierra Leone villages that were ravaged by the 10-year rebel war, he asked her to come speak at the Vandalia Rotary Club in Charleston, WV. At far left is David Yaussey '81. Both Tom and David are past presidents of the Rotary Club.*

## Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at  
[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni), click "Events/Registration"

**February 20** – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida ECHO Farm Tour and Lunch, 9:30 a.m.

**February 26** – African American Alumni Network Hall of Fame Reception, Columbus Urban League, 6:30 p.m.

**March 6** – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida annual luncheon at Colonial Country Club, 11 a.m.

**March 24** – Alumni Club of Cleveland and Akron-Canton, Networking Event at Mavis Winkles in Twinsburg, OH, 5-7 p.m.

**April 11** – Otterbein Alumni Gathering w/senior theatre students at Hurley's in New York City.

**April 20** – Networking in the Gallery, Roush Hall, Health/Sports Management/Athletic Training, 6 p.m.

**April 24** – Alumni Clubs of Central Ohio, Akron-Canton and Atlanta join in with Otterbein's Annual Community Plunge Day

**June 7** – Zero Year Reunion for undergrads, Rike Center, 4:30 p.m.

**June 8** – Master's Reception, Roush Hall, 4:30 p.m.

**June 11 – 13** – Alumni Weekend

**June 26** – June Bug Jamboree in Waynesville, OH, 4 p.m.

**August 8 – 16** – Alumni Clubs hosting Summer Send-Offs for new students and parents

**August 22** – Third Annual Track Reunion Picnic for 1977-88 alumni, Coach Lehman's home, 1 p.m.

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- Class of '70  
Old Bag of Nails, Westerville
- Class of '65  
Holiday Inn, Worthington
- Class of '60  
Holiday Inn, Worthington
- Class of '55 – 2:30 p.m.  
Dessert Reception, Campus Center; MCL Cafeteria, Westerville
- Class of '50 – 2:30 p.m.  
Dessert Reception, Campus Center; Lounge & Reunion Dinner, Jimmy V's Restaurant, Westerville

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