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# From the PRESIDENT

by Kathy A. Krendl

## Legacy Students, the Inauguration and Homecoming



This is my first opportunity to greet you officially as the 20<sup>th</sup> president of Otterbein College. I want to thank everyone for the gracious welcome. From the June Bug Jamboree, to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, to the reception at President Gordon Gee's Bexley home, my first summer continues to be a series of lively and well-attended events. I have met many alumni and friends and have enjoyed hearing all of their Otterbein stories. Now I'm looking forward to the academic year and to getting acquainted with our new and returning students.

The entering class of 2013, like many before it, includes about 20 percent of students coming from "legacy" families, that is, those who have at least one family member who previously graduated from Otterbein. These legacy students help us carry on many Otterbein traditions. They lead the early morning charge on Schneider's for warm doughnuts and milk; they remind their classmates that the chimes that sound across the college green at noon are serenade songs that Otterbein students have sung at special events for decades. Many of them have heard parents and grandparents sing those traditional songs over the years.

Keeping these traditions alive and keeping alumni involved in helping us recruit incoming students extends the reach of the Otterbein family over many generations and around the world. We appreciate your help in attracting both undergraduate and graduate students to our programs.

You will also be hearing more about plans to launch new and expanded programs through the Graduate

School and Center for Continuing Studies. The recent reorganization of this unit will help Otterbein respond to the pressing needs of central Ohio residents. As it has done in the past, Otterbein must develop programs and opportunities to serve adult students who seek to refresh their skills and explore new career paths. Watch the website for announcements and new developments.

I hope you have all received your Homecoming announcements and have the dates on your calendar. We will begin the weekend with the inauguration on Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to this event. I would be honored by your presence and will be there to greet you at the luncheon following the ceremony. The event will be a celebration of Otterbein's past, present and future and will feature the students from the Art, Music, and Theatre and Dance Departments. It is also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Otterbein's marching band. Friday evening the Theatre Department will be performing *Babes in Arms*. Following the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning, the Cardinals will take on cross-town rival Capital. I predict a big win for the Cardinals! A full schedule of Homecoming events for the weekend is available on the website at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni). (See the back cover and page 38 for more information.) I promise you it will be a good time for everyone. Bring your whole Otterbein family and all those legacy and legacy-to-be children. I look forward to seeing you there and hearing *your* Otterbein story.

~ Kathy A. Krendl

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# College News

compiled by Jenny Hill '05

## New Presidents' Gallery Unveiled

Upon the retirement of Otterbein College President C. Brent DeVore after 25 years of dedicated service, the College unveiled its new Presidents' Gallery on Friday, June 12, on the second floor of Towers Hall.

In attendance were President DeVore and his predecessor, Tom Kerr, the College's 18th president. Presidents Howe (13th) and Vance (16th) had family members in attendance. Members of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees, including Chairman Tom Morrison, also attended.

The wall, a contemporary design that retains the traditional arched windows and doorways of Towers Hall starts with President Griffith in 1847 and ends with President DeVore. Towers Hall, the oldest and most recognizable building on campus was built in 1872 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. Each president has a 6-foot-tall window-shaped plaque featuring his photograph and biography. The 19 plaques lead down a curved hallway. The exhibit is flanked with two restored 12-foot-tall stained glass windows from Towers Hall. This was made possible through contributions by Board of Trustees donors and **Sandra Rubino Paul '46**. This is the first time in College history that all presidents are featured in one location. ●



*The new Presidents' Gallery on the second floor of Towers Hall was unveiled on June 12. Each of the 19 presidents of Otterbein have a plaque featuring a photo and biography. Above right (screened) are the 18th and 19th presidents, Tom Kerr and Brent DeVore.*

**25 Years of an Engaged Otterbein:**

# Bidding Farewell to President DeVore

Otterbein College bade farewell in style to retiring President C. Brent DeVore throughout spring quarter with a variety of events, from the dedication of C. Brent DeVore Hall to the *Diggin' with DeVore Spring Community Plunge*.

On May 8, a crowd gathered to dedicate C. Brent DeVore Hall, formerly known as The Suites, in honor of President DeVore's dedication to students throughout his tenure. The residence hall, built in 2006, is a \$9.7 million, three-story, suite-style building which houses 174 students and features an impressive view of the football field. The residence hall features kitchen facilities, a computer lab, a laundry room and lounges where students often gather to watch games during football season.

Later that evening, over 200 guests attended the gala fundraiser, *Reflections in Silver: Celebrating 25 Years of an Engaged Leadership*. Through ticket sales, sponsorships and an auction, the gala raised over \$25,000 for the endowed Carl and Helen DeVore Memorial Humanitarian Award, established in honor of President DeVore's parents. The program featured entertainment from the Otterbein Departments of Music and Theatre and Dance, as well as a tap dance lesson for President DeVore. Those who would like to contribute to the Award can visit [www.otterbein.edu/presidentstribute](http://www.otterbein.edu/presidentstribute) or call (614) 823-1950.

Otterbein's campus celebrated Earth Week 2009 from April 20-25, with the highlight event on April 25, the *Diggin' with DeVore Spring Community Plunge*.

*Diggin' with DeVore* sent a record number of students, alumni, faculty and staff into the Westerville and Columbus communities to perform a day of service, involving over 20 sites and 300 participants.

Service sites included elementary and middle schools, Hanby House, Goodwill Columbus, Humane Society of Delaware County, McKendree United Methodist Church, United Methodist Children's Home, Dreams on Horseback, Habitat for Humanity and the Westside Free Store. Activities included outdoor cleanup projects, such as a neighborhood clean up and cleaning debris on riding trails, building a compost bin, setting up for a community event and sorting items for the Free Store. The Alumni Club of Akron also participated. ●



**Top:** President DeVore enjoys a laugh at the *Reflections in Silver* gala fundraiser. **Upper middle:** With Chelsea Merriman '09 and Joyce Ray '00 at the *Diggin' with DeVore Spring Community Plunge*. **Lower middle:** With wife, Nancy Nikiforow, at the last senate meeting. **Above:** Dancing a number at the gala fundraiser and earning a laugh from his dance instructors.



### **Assistant Professor Dr. Shannon Lakanen Receives Fulbright Award**

Dr. Shannon Lakanen, assistant professor of English at Otterbein College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at University of Montenegro in Fall 2009, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

"It's a huge honor to be awarded the Fulbright. Montenegro is the world's newest fully-recognized independent nation, so it's extremely exciting to have the chance to work with students there," Lakanen said.



*Professor of English Shannon Lakanen with son, Alex Botello*

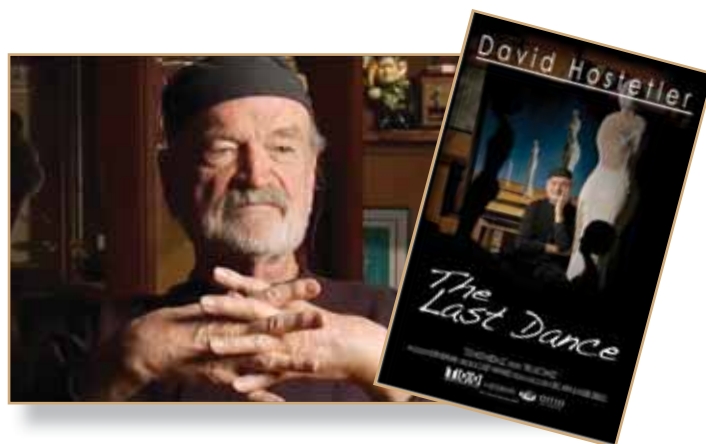
In the city of Podgorica, Lakanen will teach creative writing and American language and culture at the University of Montenegro from August through December of this year. Along with her son, Alex, she hopes to tour Eastern Europe on weekends.

Lakanen is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors and teachers. They have been awarded 39 Nobel Prizes. Since its inception more than 60 years ago, approximately 300,000 Fulbright scholars have participated in the program. For more information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit <http://fulbright.state.gov>.

### **Assistant Professor Janice Windborne Works on Award-Winning Documentary**

Janice Windborne, assistant professor of communication at Otterbein College, was on the team that produced *The Last Dance*, a documentary that recently won Best of Show from the Broadcast Education Association and National Association of Broadcasters (BEA/NAB) in Las Vegas and Best Documentary at the Appalachian Film Festival in West Virginia.



*Sculptor David Hostetler with the movie poster, The Last Dance. (photo screen capture from movie trailer).*

*The Last Dance* is the story of world-renowned sculptor David Hostetler, an artist from Southeast Ohio who has been carving female figures for the last 60 years. In the documentary, he talks about his life and his relationship to women and to art and through his words, viewers gain both an understanding of what motivates the artist and of a period in American history. Hostetler's work is displayed in many of the world's most prestigious galleries and wealthiest homes, but the most prominent location is in front of Trump Tower in New York City.

"I did research, writing, arrangements for locations, promotion and some other tasks necessary to get the production going and to keep it in the appropriate public eye," said Windborne, who was the documentary's associate producer.

NAB is the largest professional organization of media professionals and pairs with media educators under the auspices of Broadcast Educators Association. *The Last Dance* achieved top honors over approximately 1,000 other submissions. One judge commented that the film "is worthy of a theatrical release and Oscar nomination. It tells a multi-levelled story and uses a beautifully-crafted visual aesthetic."

The Appalachian Film Festival is a yearly festival honoring works from individuals residing or attending school within the Appalachian region of the country, from New York to Georgia. Over 235 documentaries were judged on subject matter, appeal, direction and editing.

### **Dr. Joan Pryor-McCann Will Participate in Human Genome Research**

Dr. Joan Pryor-McCann, professor of nursing at Otterbein College, recently was selected from a competitive pool to participate in the National Human Genome Research Institute's 2009 Summer Workshop in Genomics, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and held at their health campus in Bethesda, Maryland, in August. As part of Dr. Pryor-McCann's selection, junior nursing major Lauren Shoemaker from Heath, OH, will accompany her for the weeklong workshop.



*Professor of Nursing  
Joan Pryor-McCann*

This intensive course is designed to update biology instructors, as well as other instructors and researchers in related disciplines, on genomic science. The course focuses on the continuing effort to find the genetic basis of various diseases and disorders, and

current topics on the ethical, legal and social implications of genomics.

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) led the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) contribution to the International Human Genome Project, which had as its primary goal the sequencing of the human genome. This project was successfully completed in April 2003. Now, the NHGRI's mission has expanded to encompass a broad range of studies aimed at understanding the structure and function of the human genome and its role in health and disease.

### **Otterbein Student Chapter of CMLA Selected for National Leadership**

The Otterbein College student chapter of the Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) recently was named the National Officers of the national CMLA, overseeing all CMLA chapters throughout the country.

The current Otterbein and National CMLA leadership team include the following students: Chief Executive Officer Lauren Prossack of Hilliard, OH; Assistant Executive Officer Katie Ostendorf of West Chester, OH; Chief Communication Officer Katie Robinson of Circleville, OH; and Chief Business Officer David Mossbarger of Canton, OH.

OCMLA or Otterbein Collegiate Middle Level Association is an affiliate of the National Middle School Association (NMSA). The national Collegiate Middle Level Association was founded by John Swaim in 1989 and currently has 31 chapters. These 31 chapters represent a growing number of colleges and universities who are now preparing teachers to teach young adolescents in the middle grades (Ohio Middle Childhood Licensure includes grades 4-9).

OCMLA is a professional and social organization on campus for all middle childhood education majors. OCMLA hosts a variety of professional development

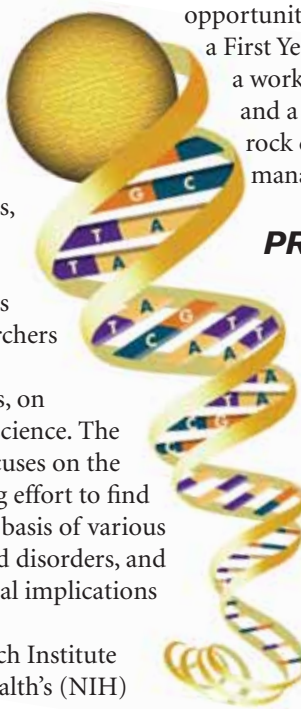
opportunities as well as social events. Past events include a First Year Teacher Panel; a Children's Services speaker; a workshop at the William Sheridan Teacher store; and a team-building event at Vertical Adventures rock climbing. Upcoming events include a classroom management speaker and a resume workshop.

### **PRSSA Wins Award**

The Otterbein College chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA) was recently recognized by Donate Life Ohio through the Ohio Department of Health for its achievements in the Do It Now! College Challenge.

The goal of the statewide program is to register 240,000 new organ donors on the donor registry this year. With 17 public and private colleges across Ohio participating, the challenge reached this year's goal for the state.

Each participating institution set a goal to reach, and Otterbein was "Closest to Goal" of the 17 institutions. The campaign leaders were students Erin Glaser of McMurray, PA, and Jeana Harrington of Sandusky, OH. ●



*DNA Strand.  
Drawing courtesy U.S.  
Dept. of Energy Genome  
Programs*



*An Otterbein student participates in classroom instruction in a Westerville elementary lab room.*



# Spotlight on FACULTY

**Name:** Norman Chaney

**Title:** Professor of English

**Hometown:** Brazil, Indiana

**Education:** B.A., The University of Indianapolis (formerly Indiana Central College); M.A., Indiana University; M. Div., Yale University; M.A. and Ph.D., The University of Chicago

**Which particular topic do you most enjoy teaching?** I most enjoy teaching British literature of the 15th to the 17th centuries. My favorite writers within these centuries are Malory, More, Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton, and Marvell. These centuries represent a period in British literature when an old way of seeing the world was ending and a new way was beginning.

**Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise?** Every period of British literature is built on literature that went before it. Even Shakespeare for all his individual genius was deeply indebted to previous writers. If a person I met wanted to have a rounded knowledge of British literature, I would tell him or her that knowledge of the literature of the 15th to the 17th centuries is essential.

**What research are you currently working on?** Over the past several years I have directed my attention to the genre of nature writing in both British and American literature, and have offered variations of a



*Professor of English Norman Chaney*

course titled “The Environmental Imagination.” The environmentalist manifesto in our time to “save the planet” is impossibly ambitious. As one of my favorite nature writers has noted—the late Stephen Jay Gould—the planet will save itself. It always has. What it may not save is the human species. Nature has made a “deal” with us. She will allow us to exist so long as we respect her boundaries. I am currently writing a book on nature writers who remind us that nature has boundaries.

**If you were not an educator, what would be your dream job?** I would be a farmer. I have never forgotten the summers when I was growing up that I spent with my maternal grandparents on their 250-acre farm. It was in the days before farming became agribusiness. When I mount my vintage International farm tractor to mow the acreage on which my

wife, Freda, and I now live, I return in thought to those days of summer. I believe Thomas Jefferson had it right when he envisioned an America of family farms, cottage industries, and small communities. I admit to being hopelessly a Jeffersonian romantic.

**What are your hobbies outside the classroom?** I greatly enjoy maintaining and piloting my Cessna 150 airplane; ornithology; gardening; carpentry; antique restoration; clinking out tunes on the piano; writing; and helping Freda to manage the bed and breakfast that we established ten years ago in our Federal-style home that was built in 1823. I try to keep up with the maintenance, except for plumbing and electricity work, which I have learned through experience to leave to professionals. All domestic charms of the place emanate from Freda’s personality. ●





*The Otterbein marching band of 1910.*



*Andrew Schwartz first put the band on the football field at halftime in 1909.*

# 100 Years of Marching Bands at Otterbein

*by Stephen Grinch '98, Otterbein Archivist and Tubist for the Otterbein band, 1993-2000*

Football at Otterbein began in 1890, and soon after 1900 student-organized pep bands began to play and cheer from the sidelines at the home football games. In 1909, the new violin instructor, Andrew Schwartz, took direction of the band and put them on the field to perform drills at halftime. Though Schwartz did not remain at Otterbein beyond that school year the idea of a “marching” band took hold.

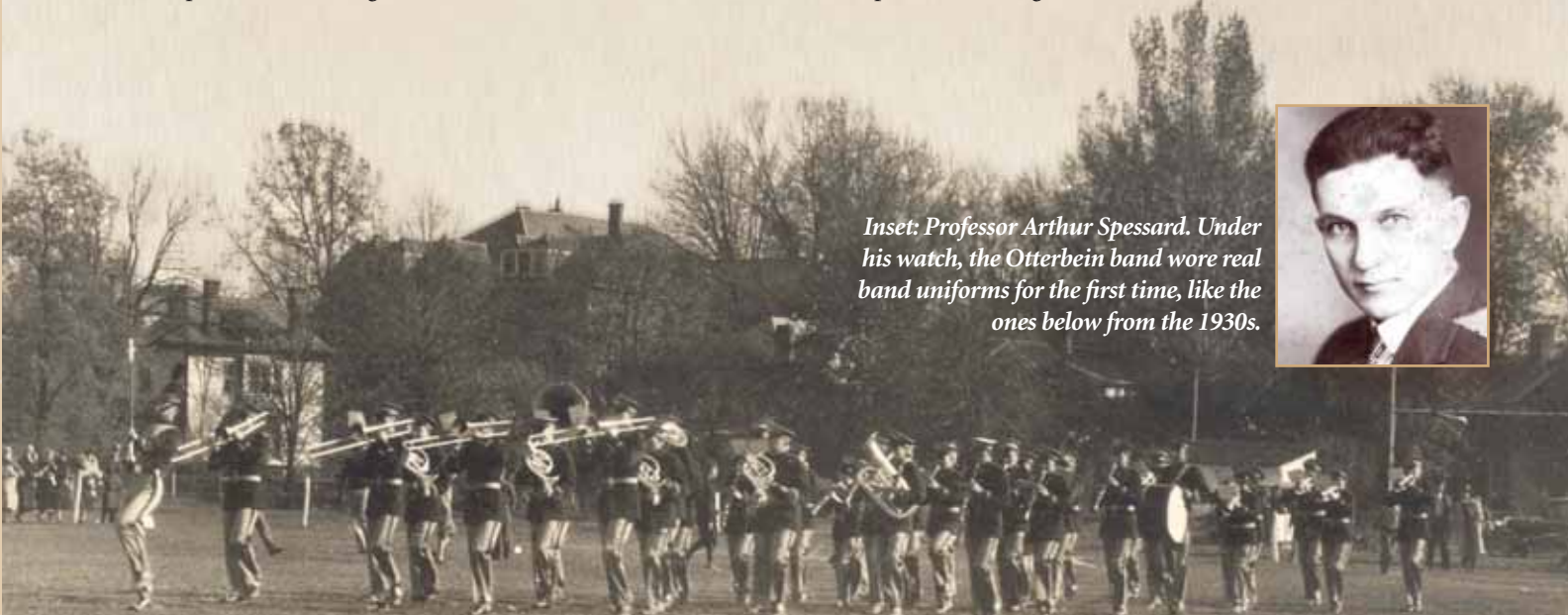
Though 1909 was the year that is officially recognized as the start of marching bands at Otterbein, other forms of bands existed almost from the inception of the College. “One of the

early organizations was a brass band in the 1850s, which was led by Prof. Thos. McFadden, who later went into the service with the 46th regiment, O. V. I. [Ohio Valley Infantry],” according to Rev. Henry Garst’s *History of Otterbein University*. The tradition of band music at Otterbein’s first commencement ceremony in 1857 was started by McFadden’s brass band.

Band instruments were purchased in 1889, and shortly thereafter mention of the “Otterbein Euterpean Band” began appearing in the College publications. The April 1891 *Aegis*, the school newspaper of the time, states “Heretofore [the Euterpean

Band] has given Saturday Evening open air concerts, but this year it will make a change and give a series of four concerts in the college chapel.” But after 1891, no mention is made of the Euterpean Band.

In 1915, the band was made up entirely of brass, drums, and clarinets. The band ceased to exist in 1918, due to the United States’ involvement in World War I. In the fall of 1924, a small band was organized under the direction of Rodney Shaw of Columbus. The following year, Professor Arthur Spessard took charge, but by the fall of 1927, the band had again been dissolved.



*Inset: Professor Arthur Spessard. Under his watch, the Otterbein band wore real band uniforms for the first time, like the ones below from the 1930s.*



The year 1930 was a major turning point for the bands at Otterbein. A new, larger band was organized by Professor Spessard. Uniforms, the first ever for the Otterbein band, were purchased solely through donations from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. It was also the first year that band was recognized by the School of Fine Arts as part of the college curriculum. Though the numbers would decrease toward the end of the 1930's, the band had become a permanent fixture on the Otterbein campus.

Alumni and friends of the band have often performed with the marching and the concert bands. This tradition goes back to 1928, when Professor Harry Hirt was hired as assistant band director. In most early photographs of the band, he can be found playing in the clarinet section.



*Professor L. L. Shackson*

In 1940, Professor L. Lee Shackson took over the band. In his own words, he wanted the band to provide "as much free music at Otterbein as we possibly can." Though World War II would leave the band program at half strength (every man in the group had joined the war effort), the players who remained were determined to provide the College with the music Professor Shackson had proposed.

When Professor Shackson finished his tenure as band director in 1947 (to take up the position of chair of the department the next year), the band had grown to 50 members, the largest ensemble the College had seen.



*Professor Gary Tirey*

Directors William F. Cramer (1946-50) and Mrs. Betty Semple Glover (1950-1952) were on hand to welcome back the men and women who had fought in World War II as their ranks swelled the campus population. In 1953, Professor Robert Westrich took command of the band. He expanded the band's role on campus, adding their music to the spring baccalaureate service and at groundbreaking ceremonies.

The 1960s proved to be a time of transition for the Otterbein Band. Upon the retirement of Professor Westrich in 1962, the band director position passed around to different members of the department. Professor Alan Bradley served two one-year terms as director (1962-63 and 1964-65), with Karl Glenn serving in between (1963-64). Arthur Motycka then took up the position for two years (1965-1967). In 1962, the department began to draw a distinction between the marching band and the concert band (the latter referred to as the Symphony of Winds).

Both programs continued independently of each other, though they shared many members. In the fall of 1967 Ray Eubanks was hired to conduct the Symphony of Winds. Marching Band was not offered in 1967, but there was strong enough student interest to bring the program back the following year.

The Otterbein College Band program of today was born in 1968 with the arrival of Professor Gary R. Tirey. He took over both the marching

band and the Symphony of Winds in the fall of that year, and immediately instituted several changes in the program. The "O" Squad Dance Team was created in 1968, and in the early 1970s the Flag Corps was added (today known as the Cardinal Guard).

The Marching Band began traveling to away games and performed in parades throughout Central Ohio. The Marching Band also presented a fall concert on campus for the first time. Guest directors and clinicians were regularly brought in to advise the band, including William Moffit, Col. James Morgan, and renowned director of bands at Capital University, Professor Wilbur Crist. **Don Wolfe '71** served as assistant marching band director for 12 years during this time, coaching the front groups and creating flags and other props for pre-game and halftime shows.

The Marching Band was featured a remarkable eight times on national television during professional football halftime shows between 1970 and 1990. There have been three successful band uniform fund raising drives (1983-85, 1995-97, and 2009). Professor Tirey instituted the Alumni Band's participation in the annual Homecoming Parade and Commencement and organized the summer Otterbein Marching Band Workshop from 1970 to 1987. At its height, this yearly event was one of the most renowned and respected camps in the United States for both students and directors. The College continues to host area high school band camps every summer.

In the spring of 1969, the Otterbein bands went on tour for the first time, a tradition still in place today. That year, Crown Imperial March was first used as the processional music at the Otterbein Commencement (Ralph Vaughan William's *Sine Nomine* was added as the recessional music in 1976, and Kris Lehman's *Commencement Fanfare* was first used as the opening fanfare in 1986). In the spring of 1971, the Wind Ensemble was formed as a third outlet for instrumental performers.





*Otterbein Marching Band 1954*



*Professor Jeffrey Kunkel*



*Professor Jeff Boehm*



*Otterbein Marching Band 1966*



*Otterbein Marching Band 2004*

Shortly after, the Symphony of Winds became known as the Concert Band, a name that holds to this day.

In the summer of 1971, Professor Tirey took the bands on tour to England to perform at the Anglo-International Festival of Music. The trip was such a success that the bands were invited back in the summer of 1973. Band tours cross Ohio most every year and out of state destinations include Chicago, Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, Toronto, New York City, New Orleans, Alabama and Texas. Recent trips overseas have included five tours to England, Scotland and Wales, and in 1999 to France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

In the fall of 1994, Jeffrey Kunkel was hired to serve as professor of music education and Jazz Band director, as well as to assist with the Marching Band. The next year, Professor Tirey stepped down as Marching Band director and Professor Kunkel became director. Assisting him with the Marching Band was **John Orr**

**'79**, who remains in this position to this day. In 1997, **Jeffrey Boehm '82**, returned to Otterbein as professor of music education and director of the Marching and Jazz Bands. At that time, he took direction of the Concert Band and Professor Tirey took sole direction of the Wind Ensemble. Russell McCutcheon and Michael Yonchak have led the Cardinal Marching Band since Jeff Boehm's departure, and the current director of Band, Wind and Percussion Activities, and director of the Wind Ensemble is Margaret Underwood.

In the 21st century the Otterbein College Band continues the tradition of excellence that is 100 years old. Despite the pull of an ever-increasing amount of activities and commitments, the number of students involved in the band program remains strong. Alumni involvement in the ensembles continues to grow, with many graduates encouraging their children to attend Otterbein to continue the Otterbein Band tradition. ●



*Melanie Kingery White '02 meditates on the joys of the sousaphone.*



## *Six Otterbein Women who are*



**Isabel Howe Ziegler '40**



**Joanne Klepinger Dittmer '50**



**Marsha Rice Scanlin '74**

# *Leading the Way*

*by Grace Proctor '09*



*Otterbein's first two graduates were Kate Winter Hanby (above) and Sara Jane Miller in 1857.*

*Otterbein College has admitted women since its founding, and the first two graduates of the College in 1857 were women. It is no surprise, then, that some of the most prestigious graduates of the College have been women. Of the scores of alumnae who walked the Otterbein campus, here are a few of Otterbein's "Leading Ladies."*

**Isabel "Belle" Howe Ziegler '40** is "the big 90." A native of Westerville, she graduated from Otterbein with a bachelor's degree in science and a minor in French. She married Dr. **Samuel R. Ziegler '36** (now deceased) after graduation and the couple moved to New Mexico to help establish a hospital in the community of Española. Although they planned to stay two years, they made Española their home because they found the three local cultures—Native American Indian, Hispanics and Anglos—delightful, friendly and interesting, according to Ziegler. "The climate was wonderful, and surroundings beautiful."





**Nancy L. Bocksor '79**



**Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95**



**Melissa D. Johnson '99**

In fact, the couple became so established in the community that Ziegler was friends with renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe, and Dr. Ziegler was O'Keeffe's personal physician for 35 years.

Ziegler chose to attend Otterbein because it was a family tradition. "Growing up, Otterbein was part of my life. Enrolling as a student came naturally and seemed expected," said Ziegler. While at Otterbein, she made fond memories outside the classroom, and inside the classroom, her professors prepared her for life after college. "I was inspired by my professors to excel and from them, I gained sound knowledge gleaned from their teachings."

During her six decades (and counting) in Española, Ziegler helped start a library, now the City Library, and worked with the mayor, City Council, and State Highway

Department on landscaping projects. She initiated the landscaping of 60 traffic islands in the city. In 1964 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Española Chamber of Commerce, and in 1979 she was elected first

Woman President of the Española Chamber of Commerce.

"I was not expecting such recognition for my accomplishments. It always seemed that I was aware of a need that should be filled, so I would



*"Belle" Ziegler celebrates her 90th birthday with family and friends.*

make the effort to see that it was accomplished,” she said. “I am proud of what I have accomplished when it has brought satisfaction to a need. That has been rewarding.”

In 2006, she reached out to fellow alumni. “I was privileged and honored to welcome the Alumni Cardinal Migration to New Mexico, ‘Land of Enchantment,’” she said.

Today, Ziegler is finishing writing the *Adventures of the Rocking Z in New Mexico*, the story of her great adventures and happenings while living in New Mexico.

“Life at Otterbein College was a bubble—nourishing and challenging,” said **Joanne Klepinger Ditmer '50**. Joanne chose Otterbein because it was a family tradition; her father, **Murn Klepinger '23** was a founder of Jonda fraternity and served on the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

While the decision was made by tradition, the education was uniquely suited to Ditmer. “Universally, the professors had a strong sense of what I could do. They challenged and



supported me. I had a rewarding experience that was both enjoyable and fun,” she said.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in English, Ditmer moved to

Denver, where she wrote advertising copy for a Denver department store, before becoming an assistant buyer and then account executive at an ad agency. She was hired by *The Denver Post* in 1958, and worked in every department except sports until 2002.

“I was a feature writer much of the time, writing on every topic imaginable.” In the 1960s, *The Denver Post* was the first newspaper in the nation to have a special section devoted to environmental issues, and Ditmer was one of three reporters assigned to write for that section.

Her personal column began in 1962, and continued once a month until her retirement. “It’s really rewarding and great fun to research a subject, find information which may not have been seen before, and then present it to inform the public,” she said.

The farewell published in *The Denver Post* on her retirement read, “Joanne has served as a community voice on environmental and land-use issues, historic preservation and urban conflicts. Her solid reporting and passionate advocacy set yardsticks for other journalists to follow.”

Retirement has not been boring. This year will be the sixth year that she will travel to Kathmandu, Nepal, as a volunteer for the Himalayan Dental Relief Project, which brings free dental care to impoverished children of Nepal, northern India, Vietnam and Guatemala in partnership with local organizations. Volunteer dentists, hygienists, and non-medical volunteers deliver treatment and preventive care in dental clinics that serve children in schools, orphanages and remote villages.

In addition, Ditmer has been a trustee for Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and has received awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities. She received Otterbein’s Special Achievement Alumni Award in 1993. Her advice to today’s Otterbein students is, “Never settle for a career you’re not happy with.”



**Marsha Rice Scanlin '74** has been through a journey. “It has not been a straight line at all,” she said. “It has been filled with lots of detours and back-doors. Each area I’ve worked in—education, private sector and corporate—has allowed me to learn new skills and contributed to my well rounded view of things.”

Scanlin has been in human resources for 29 years and is currently the associate vice president for human resources at Nationwide in Columbus, OH. “I never thought of working at a large corporation,” she said. “I grew up in a town of 500, while Nationwide has 35,000 associates.”

Scanlin came to Otterbein for a campus visit and never looked back. She is a firm believer in a liberal arts education and “development of the whole person.”

“I had great exposure at Otterbein as a speech and theatre major,” she said. “The communication skills I learned have been critical in my profession.”

After graduating from Otterbein, on the advice of Joanne “Dean Van” Van Sant, Scanlin earned her master’s degree in speech pathology at Bowling Green State University.

She worked as a residence hall director at Bowling Green State University before becoming a paralegal. When she resigned that position, the firm asked her to stay on as its first personnel director.

Scanlin experienced the world of the law firm during an “interesting time for women.”



“Many women went into teaching and nursing, and were faced with challenges to be successful in other careers. Law firms were largely male-dominated. I paid particular attention to how they interacted and communicated with each other, and adjusted my own communication style,” she said.

At one point, she was told that she wouldn’t get a raise, while her male administrator counterpart would, so she decided to resign. “Over the weekend, I was asked to stay, and I did for 15 years.”

Scanlin has also faced challenges outside her career. Twelve years ago, she survived breast cancer, and she has spent a decade volunteering at The James Cancer Center and Moffitt Cancer Hospital in Tampa, Florida. She has been a spokesperson, mentor, and advocate for cancer patients. Her favorite quote is by Alfred Lord Tennyson: “I am part of all that I have met.”

Her advice to current Otterbein students is, “Don’t forget backdoor opportunities, always be aware of them. And participate, volunteer. When you give back, you receive more. Be open to new ideas, be a lifelong learner. Explore the world outside your comfort zone. Make friends of all ages and keep old friends. And don’t forget family.”

**Nancy L. Bockor '79** lives in Arlington, VA, where she has operated her own political consulting firm for almost 20 years. Tagged a “democracy coach” by a major German newspaper, she specializes in teaching individuals how to achieve leadership in their communities, either by running for elected office or by becoming citizen activists.

Bockor’s work has taken her to all 50 states and more than a dozen foreign countries, including Mongolia, Belarus, Russia, the Republic of Georgia, Poland, Turkey, Australia, England and Germany. She recently returned from spending a week in Nigeria, where she advised nine women members of Parliament in advanced leadership and communications training.



“I taught the women MPs how to tell their own personal stories about what inspired them to run for public office,” she said. “They’re going to be a part of a documentary to encourage other women to begin their own paths to public service.”

In 2007, Bockor was selected by the Center for Liberty in the Middle East (CLIME) as a mentor to women candidates there. One of her mentees now serves as the youngest woman in the Jordanian Parliament.

Building on that success, Bockor has been working with CLIME to launch an Online Activism Institute. Ninety women participated in the pilot e-learning environment in Egypt and Jordan. She coordinated the mentoring phase, which provides motivated women with personalized one-on-one training and advice to reach their activism goals.

While a student at Otterbein, Bockor “loved all the opportunities the school offered, including being selected to be a Student Trustee, my first ‘big’ election.”

“Professors were much more than instructors—they were my mentors,” she said. Political Science Professor John Laubach opened many doors for internships and remained a dear friend to Bockor until his passing last year. History Professor Harold Hancock “engaged his students, both in and out of the classroom.” And Economics Professor Patrick Lewis

encouraged Bockor to take Russian, even securing a tutor for her.

“When I graduated, I had a better resume than most 25-year-olds,” she added. “Because of my Otterbein experience, I landed a job in the office of then-freshman Congressman Newt Gingrich.” Since then, she has worked with Gingrich in many capacities.

Recently, Bockor has been using online social networking to reconnect with old friends. “The years have passed yet the roots of friendship have remained intact,” she said. “It’s those personal relationships that make Otterbein such a special place.”

Bockor brings the lessons she learned from her professors at Otterbein to her own teaching. She is an adjunct professor at George Washington University’s Graduate School of Political Management where she teaches both an online and a live fundraising course. She is vice president of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale, where she chairs the school’s curriculum committee, and is on the board for Running Start, an organization that encourages young women to run for office.

### **Wendy Peterson Bradshaw '95**

was able to discover much about herself and take advantage of the many resources afforded to the students when she was at Otterbein studying public relations.

Now as director of community development for the Columbus Blue Jackets, a National Hockey League team, she serves as the team’s liaison to Central Ohio through a variety of grassroots outreach programs designed to develop a strong presence in the Columbus community.

“I did not aspire at the time to be in sports, but my current position has allowed me to blend all of my talents and passions into one and make a measureable impact on the community,” said Bradshaw.

She said that while in school, **Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89** in the College’s public relations office gave her a real understanding of graphic

design and showed her another side of the public relations field. Her consultation and support from Professor Denise Shively and working with then-Assistant Dean of Students **Becky Fickel Smith '81** in various leadership roles during her tenure at Otterbein also prepared her for life after college.

"I was fortunate to have great mentors and great internships that afforded me the opportunity to meet key business leaders and network myself in the field of community relations and philanthropy," said Bradshaw.

Her advice is, "Take advantage of any opportunity to intern. My internships were invaluable to my career path today. Networking is crucial. Make sure you are doing something you love, follow your passion. Surround yourself with hardworking people who share your same passion and energy. Stay fresh and always continue learning."

Innovative brand strategist **Melissa Dawn Johnson '99** is president and CEO of Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. VSMCG is a premier branding firm offering consulting, training and networking services to influential companies and industries. In the decade since graduating from Otterbein, she has been an entrepreneur, author and personal brand strategist.

Her book, *Brand Me, Make Your Mark: Turn Passion into Profit*, gives a seven-step brand blue print to help one make a passion into a profitable life. She has worked with actors and artists, such as Mary J. Blige, Shania Twain, Common, Jessica Simpson, and Hill Harper, as well as executives, politicians, professional athletes, pastors and corporations such as Pepsi, the National Football League, and CitiBank.

Johnson came to Otterbein for a college tour and instantly knew she wanted to go here. "There were many



opportunities and organizations that you could be a part of," she said.

She came to Otterbein on a community service scholarship and served as the student coordinator of the Indianola Middle School Mentoring Program.

That leadership experience, as well as internships opened many doors.

"Professor Denise Shively encouraged me to get internships for experience," said Johnson. "My Victoria Secret's internship while at Otterbein led to a job at Procter & Gamble within the department of Beauty Products."

She moved up the ladder at Procter & Gamble before branching out on her own and earning her master's degree from Northwestern University in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Johnson hasn't forgotten community service along the way. Among her many accomplishments, she is the founder of two non-profit organizations called R.E.A.C.H. and Face 2 Face, Expressions in Mime. R.E.A.C.H. (which stands for Remember to Extend A Caring Hand), was founded in 1994 as a youth outreach program to promote high school volunteerism. Face 2 Face, Expressions in Mime was founded in 1998 to help people express their problems and emotions in a healthy way through movement and music.

Johnson's advice to students is to "be persistent and don't take rejection personally. My parents always said you can pursue anything you want to." ●







# Commencement

## 2009

On June 14 Otterbein College President C. Brent DeVore presided over his final commencement ceremony before retirement. In his honor, the class of 2009 raised \$1,519 to donate to the College's Annual Fund.

Over 570 students graduated in the Rike Center on the Otterbein campus in Westerville. Among them was Emmanuel "Manny" Brown, who was chosen as the commencement speaker for his graduating class.

"Otterbein has a special place in my life and it is unimaginable to even articulate my true feelings," Brown said. "Otterbein has really made a difference in my life and I hope to be able to give back to the institution the way it has given to me. Someday I hope to be able to help change someone's life the way Otterbein has changed mine."

A sociology major from Columbus, Brown is a student member of the College's Board of Trustees and serves as the College Judicial Council Chair and is a member of Administrative Council, College Senate, Student Life Committee and Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation Committee. He is a member of Otterbein's African American Student Union.

Brown is assistant regional vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and is a member of their board of directors. In addition, he serves on the Alpha Phi Alpha Educational Foundation and is a financial aid advisor for I Know I Can in Columbus. He has interned in the office of an Ohio State Senator and with the Task Force Police. He will be pursuing his master's of divinity degree at Vanderbilt University, which offered him the Dean's Scholarship.

Thirteen students auditioned for the honor of giving the commencement speech. Excerpts from their speeches can be read at <http://www.otterbein.edu/Classof2009/commencement-speeches09.asp>.

A commencement ceremony for the 110 students receiving master's degrees in business, education and nursing was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, in Cowan Hall on the Otterbein campus. The featured speaker at the master's commencement was Bruce Vanderhoff, chief medical officer of OhioHealth. ●



*Commencement speaker Emmanuel Brown*



*President DeVore is presented with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Morrison.*





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# Golden Reunion

## Golden Reunion Class of 1959

**Front Row:** Lew Shaffer, Rose Marie Tucker-Nemeth, Lannie Baker Bartter, Vera Andreichuk Rea, Joanne Albright Seith, Rosalie Mione DeArmas, Kay Dornan Ciminello, Betsy (Elizabeth) Messmer Kennedy, Pat Sliver Moore, Fran Sadler Leanza, Delytes Jones Ayres, Bob Derringer. **Second Row:** Arline Horter Spoenlein, Amy Brown South, Duan Roth, Helen Wells Miller, Lorrie Bliss Wallace, Sara Wright Lingrel, Frank Ciampa, Richard Morain, Thomas Phillips, Carole Fitzthum Kuns, Philip Sprecher, Francine Thompson Buckingham, Eileen Mitchell Payton, Mary Kay Atwood Day. **Third Row:** Doris Repetylo Spaeth, Donald Witter, John Schlenker, Don Tallentire, Nancy Lucks, Karen Seigfried Wright, Marilyn Bohla Young, Diane Daily Cox, Mary Sue Webner Smith, Bonnie Paul Steck, Terry Hitt, Wavalene Kumler Tong, Marilyn Miller Wyville, Nancy Gallagher Macakanja. **Fourth Row:** Jim Nuhfer, Ralph Barnhard, George Stump, Gary Termeer, Neil Leighton, Ralph Bender, Eric Winterhalter, Don Sternisha, Charles Lembright, Janet Risch Selby, Pat Hulit Reid, R. Paul Koons, Robert Tharp, David Burger, Tom LeBlanc.







## Class of '59

### Class of 1954

**Front Row:** Miriam Gress Szanyi,  
Eloise Tong Purdy, Waneta Williams  
Shilling, Anne Hathaway King.  
**Second Row:** Glenn Miller, Don  
Shilling, Ed Axline.







### **Class of 1949**

**Front Row:** Ede Peters Corbin, Margaret Barnes White, Jean Conn Bowman, Evelyn Rose Mitchell, Gerald (Jug) Ridinger, Larry DeClark, Bob Vance, Dan Corcoran, Regina Arnold Wheelbarger, Louise Stouffer Schultz, Barb Bone Feightner, Evelyn Widner. **Second Row:** Nancy Jones Simmons, Bob Corbin, Sally Lou Wood Conklin, Joyce Kelly Gordon, Dick

Bridgman, Warren Hayes, Beulah Rammelsberg Fritsche, Marilyn Call Pflieger, Anna Bale Weber, Alice Walter Stoddard, Barbara Stephenson Lyter, Shirley Hanaford Philley, Marie Anderson Murray, Joe Wheelbarger, Norma Jean Kreischer Savage, Wilbur Woods, Joy Gustin Hassenpflug.



### **Pre-1959**

**Front Row:** Miriam Gress Szanyi '54, Eloise Tong Purdy '54, Curt Tong '56, Hazel Brehm Hayes '47, Anne Hathaway King '54. **Second Row:** Evelyn Rose Mitchell '49, Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51, Waneta Williams Shilling '54, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Ed Axline '54, Warren Hayes '49, Glenn Miller

'54, Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43, Warren Ernsberger '43. **Third Row:** Gerald Ridinger '49, Don Shilling '54, Edmund Cox '58, Bob Fulton '57, Ed Mentzer '58, Rolland King '53, Lois Bachtel Sommer '48, Jerry Lingrel '57.





### **Class of 1964**

**Front Row:** Karla Hambel Lortz, Martha Deever Matteson, Linda Conrad Shimer, Kathy Kanto Carpenter, Mary Hall, Janis-Rozena Peri, Sandra Williams Bennett, Carol Schwertzer Cheek, Sarah Boger Martin, Sandy Joseph Ziegler. **Second Row:** Ulrike (Ricki) Walchner Blair, Julie Adams Bartley-Geraghty, Linda Lewis Garger, Karen Ruegg Montgomery, Dini Fisher Parson, Diana Darling Case, Barbara Maurer Lindeman, Jeanie Pfleger

Sutton, Sally Banbury Anspach, Carol Leininger, Linda Bussard Hartranft, Larry Ishida. **Third Row:** Chuck Zech, Bob Shimer, Joseph Miller, Sanford Lauderback, Richard Russo, Mike Doney, Elizabeth Glor Allen, Ginny Walker. **Fourth Row:** Pam McIlroy Daily, Jackie Reed Parker, Ray Brandeberry, Dale Smith, Gene Gangl, Lloyd Jones, Sam Ziegler, Jesse Blair, David Fodor.



### **Class of 1969**

**Front Row:** Judy Gilg Donovan, Carol Roe Smith, Susan Hiechle Schnapp, Whitney Keyes, Linda Spicer Beckner, Ruth Miller Rucker, Betty Wagner Kennedy, Becky Morgan Corbett, Barbara Immel Muhlbach, Jane Whearty McMeekin. **Second Row:** Loretta Evans Heigle, Patricia Copeland Kelley, Marlene Lansman Deringer, Lani Koach, Dianne Fisher Abbott, Elaine Laycock Pickrell, Cheryl Roosa, Kathy Smith-Boyd,

Kay Needham Hedges, Dee Dee Krumm Heffner, Sue Cooksey Mullenix, Carol McCoy Morrison, Gail Lewis Kohlhorst, Trudy Philipp Walter. **Third Row:** Tom Jent, Fred Steck, Bob Dull, George Mellors, Jim Morisey, Jim Henry, Fred Glasser, Chris Cordle, Carolyn Fell Fisk, Sarah Barnes, Bill Sechrist. **Fourth Row:** Bert Stohrer, Dave Strick, Dick Beckner, David Jones, Cecil Elliott, Dean Rugh, Michael Leadbetter, Dennis Heffner.



# Alumni



## **Wendell Foote '60 and (posthumously) Judith Lovejoy Foote '58 ~ Service to Otterbein**

Serving their alma mater was second nature to Wendell and Judy Foote. To them, it just plain made sense. They loved Otterbein, they valued higher education, and they had a desire to see students excel and achieve. So they simply invested in the things they felt were essential, including some of Otterbein College's most important campaigns and initiatives. After his graduation, Wendell worked first at Wyeth Laboratories, then Xerox and later H.B. Fuller, an adhesives and paint manufacturer. In 1969, he and a fellow coworker left the H.B. Fuller Co. over policy differences and started their own business, Specialty Polymers, Inc. Because of a non-compete clause, the Footes had to relocate west of the Mississippi. So Wendell chose Oregon, a place he'd visited and fallen in love with one weekend while in the Navy. Judith enjoyed a long career as an elementary school teacher and was known as a favorite teacher among students and colleagues alike. Despite the long distance from Otterbein, the couple maintained friendships with their fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, and gave benevolently to various college funds.

**Dr. Thomas Dipko '58 ~ Special Achievement** At Otterbein, Tom thrived under the tutelage of professors like Robert Price. When he moved into the home of Otterbein's one-time librarian, Marie Crumrine, as caretaker, she graciously tutored him on the fine and subtle art of the English language. These encounters would not just serve him well, they would shape his very future. Tom Dipko went on to earn his masters of divinity and PhD, and became the recipient of five honorary doctoral degrees, a member of the North American Academy of Ecumenists, and a Fellow of the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He is an ecumenist and interfaith leader in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical scholar, author, lecturer, teacher, mentor and volunteer. He spent more than 20 years as pastor to churches in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and was a member of the Churches Uniting in Christ executive committee, a conference minister of the Ohio Conference, and executive of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. He is widely and immensely respected for his work and contributions to worship and liturgy, offering guidance in the publication of *The New Century Hymnal*.



**Ms. Peggy Ruhlin '79 ~ Special Achievement** Peggy Ruhlin was one of the first to graduate from Otterbein's Continuing Studies program. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Business Administration, and soon after she earned her CPA and founded her own accounting business. When she heard about the then-new CFP (or certified financial planner) designation, she immediately wanted to know more. She had found her life's purpose and passion: financial planning. Her financial savvy, coupled with her ability to build strong client relationships, quickly put her on the fast-track to becoming nationally recognized as one of the best financial advisors in the country. Peggy has been a sought-after source by national news publications, including *Money*, *Fortune*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. She also presented a weekly financial commentary program on a National Public Radio affiliate, for which she was twice-nominated for an "Excellence in Personal Finance Reporting" award, and she's currently a commentator for WOSU-AM in Columbus, Ohio. She is currently a member of Otterbein's Board of Trustees and increased her leadership role significantly in just four short years, now chairing the Investment Committee and serving on the Audit Committee.



# Awards

For full-length bios of the 2009 Alumni Award winners  
written by Jan O'Daniel '86, go to  
[www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards/alumni-awards.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards/alumni-awards.asp)

## Dennis '69 and Dee Dee Krumm Heffner '69 ~ Community Service Award

Although they say they're "just United Methodist missionaries," Dr. Dennis and Mrs. Dee Dee Heffner are that and so much more. Since 1975, they've lived and worked in the culturally diverse and beautiful high desert of northern New Mexico, pouring themselves into the lives of others. Together they minister, teach and serve wholeheartedly in the Espanola Valley. They say Otterbein was instrumental in allowing them to answer God's call to a life of service. Dr. Heffner is a long-time pastor, a founding member of an interfaith community services organization, and chair of the New Mexico Conference Board of Global Ministries, whose mission work spans from the south Congo to Juarez, Mexico. He supports Hispanic, Mexican and Navajo ministries in New Mexico; participates in disaster coordination for New Mexico and a portion of Texas; and is an advocate for abused women and the elderly. Mrs. Heffner is still at McCurdy, teaching English, speech and drama, and inspiring and encouraging young people. Ninety-eight percent of McCurdy students, most of whom are considered "at risk," go on to pursue higher education.



**Nancy Nikiforow ~ Honorary Alumna** Nancy Nikiforow is a hard-working, detail-oriented, compassionate, go-getter with a penchant for getting things done well and getting them done right. She's described by colleagues as "professional, positive and engaging." And for 10 years she was Otterbein's own "Energizer Bunny," working tirelessly to raise and manage over \$10 million for the College to benefit students, faculty and staff. At Otterbein, Nancy served as the Director of Grants and Special Projects from 1995 until 2005, when she followed her heart and went back to working directly with students through the I KNOW I CAN organization. During her time at the College, she wrote grant proposals to government, corporations and foundations, including four top-ranked federal awards; oversaw proposal writing, budget management and reporting; identified and researched funding sources; cultivated and stewarded donors; and successfully completed three challenge initiatives. Nancy also was a principal creator for many initiatives that became permanent fixtures on campus, including the Center for Community Engagement, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Clements Recreation Center.

**Dr. Paul B. Paulus '66 ~ Distinguished Alumnus** Paul Paulus is a professor of psychology at the University of Texas Arlington, where he has held the post for nearly 40 years. He's also dean of the College of Science, a prominent and well-published researcher, and a pioneer in group creativity in the field of group behavior and environmental psychology. His research on prison housing conditions influenced the development of national and state standards for prisons. His research has been cited in numerous court cases and news outlets, including *The New York Times*, and led to an appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. He also conducted research on group effectiveness, creativity and innovation and his research in this area has been cited in numerous papers and magazines, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *Inc.* magazine. He says his most rewarding work is, however, research and discovery in collaboration with his peers and students. He also credits his Otterbein experience as foundational to his success. "Otterbein cares about people," he says. "Not just about who you are and what you do, but also how you treat others and relate to people."



# Class NOTES

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## 1943

**Warren and Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43** celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Nov. 18, 2008. Pat's book, *Uptown*, was published for Westerville's 150th anniversary.

## 1955

**Wayne Fowler** is a member of the Gateway Choral Society. Wayne was a soloist in their presentation on Palm Sunday of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" performed at the Sidney, OH, First Church of God.

## 1960

**John Lloyd** had two of his string orchestra compositions played at a concert in Glasgow, Scotland, on April 19. He is one of the organists

## 1970

**Brian Hartzell** was named manager of development for Hospice of North Central Ohio. Brian has more than 25 years experience in the hospitality house field, serving as executive director of the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland and, more recently, as the residential manager of the Munson Manor Hospitality House in Traverse City, MI.

at the First Presbyterian Church in London, OH.

## 1963

**William McDonald** retired after 41 years of ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. He served churches in the East Ohio and Oregon-Idaho conferences. He also served for 15 years on the conference staff of the Detroit and Oregon-Idaho conferences. He lives in the historical town of Jacksonville, OR.

## 1964

**Phyllis Bush Miller** was named Outstanding Senior Citizen for 2008 by the Ohio District 5 Area on Aging. She was recognized

## 1956

**Lillian Gullett Shah's** book, *Keeping Healthy by Keeping Track: A Complete Guide to Maintaining Your Own Medical Records*, was named Best Book of 2009 by the Delaware Press Association.

on Senior Citizen Day at the Morrow County Fair for her many volunteer activities in her church and community.

## 1965

**John Taylor** retired in 2001 after 35 years in the physics and engineering fields.

## 1968

**Robert Buttermore** was recently published in *Advance* magazine recognizing his development of the "Alphabet Game," a tool he uses as a speech-language pathologist. He is retired and is based in New York.

## 1970

**Robert Fortner** is the executive director of the International Center for Media Studies in La Mirada, CA. He has also accepted an appointment as research scholar in the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.



## 1973

**James Barr** retired in Jan. 2009 from his position as a school counselor at Pickerington, OH, schools.



## 1974

**Barb Hoffman** retired in June after 35 years of teaching in the Harrison Hills City School District, Harrison County, OH. She taught family consumer sciences; health and physical education; was director of athletics; coached volleyball, basketball, track and field, and cheerleading; and was the advisor of the yearbook and FHA/HERO. Her future plans are to volunteer in the community, spend time with family and friends and enjoy retired life.





## 1982

**Joanie Romeiser Schilling** is serving as pastor at Maumee United Methodist Church, Maumee, OH.



## 1985

**Sandra Chaffee Grant** is the director of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, OH. She also spoke to the LIFE group at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan about ways of maintaining life. She has been employed at the CHWC-Bryan for 23 years, 18 of those in oncology.

## 1988

**Sarah Ross Arena** lives in Mexico, NY, and is owner of Arena's Eis House Restaurant. She says she will never forget her great friends at Otterbein.

**Elizabeth Helwig Carlson** was selected as one of 1,000 delegates nationwide to attend the Lance Armstrong Foundation LIVESTRONG Summit in July 2008. Attendees were inspired and empowered by renowned keynote speakers and hands-on training sessions. The training enabled them to return to their communities with the necessary tools to support the Foundation's efforts to make cancer a national priority. As a 12-year cancer survivor, she is active in the LIVESTRONG movement and has worked within her school district to educate, advocate and increase awareness of cancer issues and healthy choices.

## 1973

**Dennis Drennen** was named executive director of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Jan. 1, 2009. He was also ordained by the Evangelical Church Alliance as a minister of the Gospel in October 2008.



## 1993

**Kevin Pate** received tenure at Marietta College in 2007 and was elected chair of the Chemistry Department in 2008. He and his wife, **Michelle Pignotti Pate '94**, were expecting their third child in May.

**Pamela Powell** is a CPA working as a finance manager for Mount Carmel Health System. She is responsible for the financial statements and grant reporting of the Mount Carmel Foundation. Pam has been a part of the Mount Carmel family for nearly 11 years. She has also served as the president of the Alumnae Chapter of Epsilon Kappa Tau Sorority since 2001.



## 1974

**Dee Hoty** played Dorothy Brock in *42nd Street* in June at the MUNY outdoor theatre in St. Louis. In August she will open in *Bye Bye Birdie* on Broadway. Pictured at right is **Duane Dillman '60**, **Arline Speelman Dillman '60**, **A.J. Smitrovich '09**, **Deborah Banwart Lewis '77**, **Dee Hoty '74**, **Glynn Turquand '54** and Susan Turquand.

## 1995

**James Donovan** has been named digital art director for GSW Worldwide, a healthcare advertising agency.

## 1997

**Susan Weaver Tackett** is living in Kansas and working for Picerne Military Housing as a staff accountant.

## 1998

**Marina Ourshansky Eller** is a nurse at Berger Maternity Center in Circleville, OH. She served on the clinical faculty at Otterbein this past spring in the department of nursing.

**Joshua Funk** relocated his family to Perrysburg, OH, as Josh became the new youth pastor at Grace United Methodist Church.



**Kevin McFarland** was promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the Violet Township, OH, Fire Department in February 2008. He is an instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy and Bowling Green State University. Kevin lives in Pataskala with his wife Mandy and their 4 year old twins, Kylee and Cullen.

**Emily Devaney Replogle** and her husband, Adam, currently own their own telephone and digital communication business, EAC Technologies. Emily spends most of her time, however, at home with their children, Hanna, 4; Charlie, 2; and Austin, 8 months.



## This Surgeon Trades Brains for Brine to Unwind

by Grace Proctor '09

What does a brain surgeon do to unwind? Well, for Dr. **Bradford Mullin '84**, scuba diving with his wife **Catherine Bell Mullin '84** is his passion when he is not saving lives.

Brad Mullin, a Columbus native, came to Otterbein in 1980. While at Otterbein, Brad was a member of Sigma Zeta, Order of Omega, and Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in life science.

Brad credits Otterbein with giving him a start on the road to his career. "My professors helped mold me into a better student over my years at Otterbein and prepared me for my future," said Mullin.

Currently, Brad serves on the Science Campaign Committee and has shown great interest in connecting to students interested in his profession. For his professional success, he was inducted into the Gahanna Lincoln High School Hall of Fame in 2004, and was also named one of the top neurosurgeons in Central Ohio by his colleagues in 2004.

"I attended the Ohio University College of Medicine, where I graduated with a M.D. in 1988," said Brad. Following his internship and residency at The Ohio State University Hospitals from 1989-1994, he joined Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons, where he has worked ever

since. "My primary focus has been related to the brain and spinal cord," he said.

Brad met his wife, Catherine, while the two were students at Otterbein. Catherine, a native of Wapakoneta, OH, graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer science and went on to earn a master's of business administration degree from the University of Dayton. The couple has three children: Linda, 19, Brent, 16 and Maria, 14.

In Brad and Catherine's spare time, they both work at the Aqua Immersion Dive 'N Travel Center. "I serve as one of a few rebreather instructors at the Center and my wife serves as the assistant manager and is in training to be an Aqua Immersion Divemaster," said Brad.

Connecting to his passion for diving, which Brad began doing with his father in 1975, the Mullin family travels all over the world to enhance their diving experiences. Additionally, Brad's brother, **Kerry Mullin '96**, and his wife, **Stacey Azbell Mullin '98**, are also instructors at Aqua Immersion.

"In two years I am going to provide a scuba diving course as an elective to any Otterbein student who is interested in scuba diving," Brad said. "Scuba diving is fun, and I think everyone should try it." That seems like sound advice from a man whose high-stress day job is saving lives. ●



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## 1999

**Tim Morrison** has been appointed pastor of the Spencer United Methodist Church, Spencer, OH.

## 2003

**Beth Johnson** works for the Federal Judicial Center International Judicial Relations Office in Washington, D.C. She coordinates meetings for visiting international delegations and provides technical assistance to foreign judiciaries. She recently collaborated with a visiting judge from Afghanistan on a criminal procedure bench book for the Afghanistan judicial system.

**Carrie Lynn Johnson** is the assistant director of marketing and medical relations at the Association of American Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC.

**Sarin Arnholt Wilson** earned her master's degree in science education from Lesley University, and is currently teaching 6th grade science in Somerset, KY.



## 2004

**Megan Durbin** is working at Nationwide Children's Sports Medicine and is head athletic trainer at London High School in London, OH.

**Megan Hass** received her master's degree in health science from the University of Arkansas in 2006. During her two years there

## 1996

**John Csokmay** spent four years in Hawaii doing a residency in OB/GYN, then a year in Tennessee practicing OB/GYN. He is now in Maryland in a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. He is pictured at right with daughter, Audrey, and wife, Mara.



she worked as a graduate assistant for the women's cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams. She is now working as an assistant athletic trainer and teaches for Kalamazoo College, MI. In January 2009 she became a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

**Bridget Rumer** is an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Rhode Island. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 2004 with a master of science degree in sports administration. In her free time she is a sports administration intern at the University of Rhode Island.

## 2005

**Jenny Brantingham** is employed by the Cleveland Clinic, contracted to work as the athletic trainer at Warrensville Heights High School. This fall will mark her fourth season at the high school. Jenny is currently working on her master's degree through California University of Pennsylvania.

**Paolo Licata** is certified through the National Academy of Sports

Medicine as a performance enhancement specialist.

**Jeremy Ranalli** has earned his U.S. Soccer National "C" License. He has been coaching competitive youth soccer for the last nine years and is a former coach for Big Walnut High School, Sunbury, OH. Jeremy is currently the Boy's Club Director for the New Albany, OH, Freedom Soccer Club.

## 2006

**Missy Butcher** is employed at Connelly Rehab in Westerville, OH.

**Molly Camp** is working in Les Waters' production of *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* at Berkeley Repertory Theatre in Berkeley, CA.

**Tiffany Estes** is employed by Ohio Health, and through them, works for Westland High School in Columbus, OH. She received her master's degree at California University of Pennsylvania in May 2008. She has also been certified as a performance enhancement specialist from the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and speed and explosion specialist from the National

Academy of Speed and Explosion.

**Erika Kastner** received her master's of science in exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training from Marshall University. While there she served as a graduate assistant with football, swimming and diving, women's soccer and women's tennis. She also worked with the Huntington Heroes arena football team as an assistant athletic trainer. She is now an assistant athletic trainer and professor at LaGrange College, GA.

**Mallory Land** received her Juris Doctorate degree from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, on May 17, 2009.

**Justin Morrow** will serve as assistant director for Camp Hoover, part of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus.

**Ben Patterson** graduated from the University of Michigan Law School on May 9, 2009.

**Emily Wood** works for KDRV-Newswatch 12 in Medford, OR. Emily received her master's in journalism

## (F)Rat Brothers Bond Transcends Generations

by Grace Proctor '09

Rats swarmed to central Ohio from all over North America in January. And by Rats, we mean Zeta Phi alumni, of course! **William (Bill) Daubenmire '82** helped start the reunion. He had help from fellow colleagues **Mike Puskarich '82** and **Scott Carroll '81**.

Daubenmire said, "Originally, we wanted to come to town, meet at a hotel for the weekend, tour the campus, and visit the Rat House and maybe even watch a Cardinal football game."

The original list was around 25, and ultimately 11 brothers were able to attend. The group rented a 5,000 square foot house in Muirfield Village in Dublin, OH, for the gathering spot, which was nicknamed "Rat House II."

The 11 alumni traveled to Otterbein from all over North America. Carroll flew in from Charlotte, NC; **Pat Borghese '82** from Phoenix, AZ; **Mike Christodoulou '82** from Quebec, Canada; and current Otterbein Trustee **Al Waterhouse '82** from San Diego, CA. Ohio residents that attended the reunion were Daubenmire, from Hebron; Puskarich, from Cadiz; **Mitch Ulery '82**, from Springfield; **Carl Weaver '82**, from Columbus; and **Matt Frantz '79**, from North Royalton. Ron Arnett and Chris Roberts, who live in Bellefontaine, OH attended, but did not graduate from Otterbein.

According to Daubenmire, after nearly 30 years of separation, and the initial shock of seeing heavier physiques and grayer hair, it was as if only minutes had passed since Zeta Phi alumni were last together. "Smiles abounded, to the point that cheeks were sore the next morning. Special consideration was given in memory of **Dave Nespeca**, a 1982 classmate who had passed away, but was a very important part of this Zeta Phi group."

"Time stood still that evening, and these old men, just for awhile, were once again young college guys with very few worries," Daubenmire said.

The next morning the entire group traveled to the Rat House at 48 W. College Ave. in Westerville. They were welcomed by Zeta actives who were anxious to meet the alumni, exchange stories and show them the fraternity house. Breaking off into smaller groups, the alumni wandered every inch of the old house, pointing out the old things, and being impressed with the new.

"Although we were old enough to be their fathers, and they were young enough to be our sons, for that magical afternoon, we were all the same, Zeta Phi brothers—Rats," Daubenmire said.

Ron Arnett credits Zeta Phi for helping him make new friends, "Friends that I think about often, but don't get to see that often." Daubenmire will never forget "winning the Intramural football championship game, under the lights, on the main field, against Pi Kappa Phi (Club)." And Scott Carroll remembers "Spring Fling, Rush Week, toga parties, weekend social visits to OSU (High Street), and hanging around the Rat House playing cards, backgammon, etc."

When the weekend was over, they returned to their normal lives as doctors, lawyers, business owners, an engineer, a comptroller, a financial planner, among other professions. ●



**Left:** Reunion organizers Scott Carroll, Mike Puskarich and Bill Daubenmire. **Above:** The "old guys" and current students are brought together by the Zeta Phi bond at the Rat House at 48 W. College Ave.



from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in 2007. In May 2008 she moved to Oregon to report for KDRV, the ABC affiliate. She anchors and produces Newswatch 12 Weekend at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. She also reports during the week for Newswatch 12.

## 2007

**Andy Bowsher** is employed by the Ohio State Senate as the legislative aide for State Senator Jim Hughes who represents the 16th Senate District, located in western Franklin County.

**Jason Brazwell** is the resource management analyst for Limited Brands Technology Services, Columbus, OH.

**Allison Cooper** is currently living in New York City and was accepted to graduate school at The New School and is working full time toward a master's degree in media studies.

**Kristen Moore** is employed by the Sports Medicine Center at Grant Hospital, Columbus, OH.

**Beth Rowland** completed her master's degree in exercise sport science at East Carolina University.

**Christine Smothers** owned her personal training business for nine years. She is phasing it out to pursue a passion for fitness and travel to raise awareness and money for Multiple Sclerosis. She was diagnosed in 2005 while at Otterbein College. Since 2006 she has gained valuable knowledge

## 2007

**Justin Tatman** is a staff assistant athletic trainer with the Miami Dolphins. He recently completed his master's degree at the University of North Carolina. He says working football in the NFL in front of 50,000 fans is not that different than working at Memorial Stadium on a Saturday in Westerville (except a lot more people are watching, and the players are significantly bigger).

in the health and wellness field and speaks on occasion to individuals and groups regarding how they can take control of their health by eating well and exercising. She has created a team to inspire others to do the same. She trains, organizes and plans travel fitness tours specifically to raise money for MS research.

**Bobby Wright** is currently living in Gavle, Sweden. He is coaching a youth baseball team, and coaching/playing on an adult team. He also teaches baseball theory and gym classes for the local schools. Bobby plans to return to Otterbein in the fall of 2009 as a graduate assistant in athletics while earning his master's degree.

## 2008

**David Bahgat** plays the apostle Philip and several bit roles in the Broadway touring production of *Superstar*. He joined the tour in November 2008.

**Matt Brown** is employed by the Sports Medicine Center at Grant Hospital and through the hospital program is working at Franklin Heights High School.

**Allie Busser** has relocated to Canton, NY, to work for St. Lawrence University as a graduate assistant, coaching

volleyball and working with their athletic training staff.

**Katie Homan** obtained a graduate assistant position with women's basketball at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently an athletic training intern at Walt Disney World Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, FL.

**Tom Long** interned this past spring with the Atlanta Braves during spring training. He will be attending physical



therapy school at Mt. St. Joseph's in Cincinnati.

**Ryan Studer** has obtained a graduate assistant with men's soccer at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC.

## 2009

**Kayla Sechler** is working for St. Jude Research Hospital as an event marketing representative at their regional fundraising office in Columbus, OH. ●



### Students Support the Annual Fund and President DeVore!

This year students were asked to give a gift to the Annual Fund in honor of President DeVore and his 25 years of service to Otterbein. More than 76 students donated \$1,519 to the College in support of the Annual Fund. The total was announced at this year's commencement ceremony. President DeVore is pictured above with student volunteers for the Otterbein's phonathon.

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# MileSTONES

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## Wedding Album



**1997**

*Susan Weaver Tackett '97 with husband, John*



**2002**

*Mary Logan So '02 with husband, Walter*



**2006**

*Stephanie Delgado Saunders '06 with husband, Randall '05*

## Marriages

**1997**

**Susan Weaver** to John Tackett, July 30, 2008.

**1998**

**Amy Rohr** to Elek Hiss, Dec. 1, 2007.

**2002**

**Mary Logan** to Walter So, May 8, 2009.

**2004**

**John Cheney** to Ashley Williams, Aug. 23, 2008. The bride is the granddaughter of **Warren '43** and **Pat Ernsberger '43**.

**2006**

**Stephanie Delgado** to **Randall Saunders '05**, Oct. 18, 2008.

**2007**

**Ember Johns** to Jason Grant, July 21, 2007.

## Additions

**1988**

**Polly Huston Ekin** and husband, **Brad '89**, a son, Gorden Rex, April 3, 2009. He joins siblings, Caleb, 18, Lydia, 16, Zane, 13, and Erin, 5.

**1990**

**Barbara Eckelberry Fluhart** and husband, Harry, a daughter, Riley Maddison, Dec. 9, 2008. She joins big brother, Nathan, 9.

**Amy Baldwin Foster** and husband, Robert, a son, Joel Aiden Jeffrey, March 4, 2009.

**1991**

**Ash Reynolds Babbitt** and husband, Geoff, a son, Colin Lyle, April 3, 2009.

**1993**

**Jennifer Hagquist Ladd** and husband, Jeff, a son, Brian, March 27, 2007. Brian joins big sister Megan, 5.

**1997**

**Jennifer Lambert Bowers** and husband, **Silas '02**, a son, Jackson Ray, Feb. 28, 2009.

**1998**

**Carla Burkhardt-Phillips** and husband, Steward, a daughter, Hayley McKenna, July 2, 2008.

**Marina Ourshansky Eller** and husband, Tom, a son, James Kenneth, Jan. 20,

2009. He joins big sister, Sophia, 3 1/2.

**Joshua Funk** and wife, Kara, a son, Micah Samuel, June 12, 2008. He joins sister, Lydia, 5 and brother, Isaac, 2.

**Cassandra Oshaben Lombardi** and husband, Koy, a daughter, Josephine, Nov. 14, 2008.

**Robin Klingshirm Yohe** and husband, Grae, a daughter, Sydney, April 28, 2008.

**1999**

**Jennifer Harrell Jonason** and husband, Allan, a son, Joshua Edgar, March 24, 2007.

**Molly Barnard Mossman** and husband, **Kyle '99**, a son, Henry, Aug. 25, 2008.

**Lyndsie Buchanan Weakley** and husband, Kelly, a son, Jacob Michael, Feb. 9, 2009.

**2000**

**Jessica Gordon Calaway** and husband, **Jacob '02**, a son, Matthew Lee, Jan. 19, 2009.

**Molly Bowen Harr** and husband, **Chris '99**, a son, Kian Christopher, March 11, 2009. He joins big brother, Quinn, 1.

**Brian Zartman** and wife, Myra, a daughter, Olivia Rae, March 7, 2009. Big sister Ava welcomed her new sister.



## Baby Album



**1990**

Riley Maddison Fluhart



**1991**

Colin Lyle Babbitt



**1997**

Jackson Ray Bowers



**1998**

James Kenneth Eller  
with big sister, Sophia



**2000**

Kian Christopher Harr



**2001**

Sullivan Scott Arthur with  
big brother, Jackson



**2002**

Elijah Hunter Duffner



**2003**

Elise Yumi Nielson

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shortest side and jpeg format is preferred.

**2001**

**Tricia Johnson Arthur** and husband, **Scott '99**, a son, Sullivan Scott, March 20, 2009. Sullivan joins big brother, Jackson, 2.

**2002**

**Tracy Johnson Duffner** and husband, Brandon, a son, Elijah Hunter, Feb. 20, 2009.

**Christopher Williams** and wife, Jenny, a son, Wyatt Christopher, July 10, 2008. Proud grandparents are **Warren '43** and **Pat Orndorff Ernsberger '43**.

**Rayshawn Wilson** and wife, Christie, a son, Baldwin Henry Alexander, April 9, 2009.

**2003**

**Tara Feeney Kraner** and husband, Christopher, a son, Thomas John, Oct. 28, 2008. He joins big sister Cecelia, 2.

**Natalie Arnold Nielson** and husband, Corey, a daughter, Elise Yumi, March 20, 2009.

**Carrie DeSimpelaere Reardon** and husband, Tim, a daughter, Madison Marie, July, 12, 2008.

**2004**

**Sara Suntum Garrabrant** and husband, James, a daughter, Bethany Rose, Feb. 23, 2009.

## Deaths

**1932**

**Helen Cole Young** died May 4, 2009. In 1932 Helen was assigned by the Evangelical United Brethren Board of Missions to teach at Harford School for Girls in Moyamba, Sierra Leone, West Africa. She and her husband, **Rev. Dr. Parker Young '34**, continued to serve as missionaries in Sierra Leone over a period of 10 years. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Connolly; two sons, David and Paul Young; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Young was the last of her

immediate family, preceded in death by seven siblings.

**1935**

**Robert Van Sickle** died March 5, 2009. Robert was a retired farmer and member of the First United Methodist Church in Cardington, OH. Surviving are his wife, **Mary McMillan Van Sickle '44**; and children, Craig Van Sickle, Dorothy Thomas, Veda Williams, and R. Smythe Van Sickle. Also surviving are relatives, **Mary Jane Kline Van Sickle '42**, **Frank Van Sickle '41**, **Gretchen Van Sickle Cochran '67** and **Amy Cochran '93**. Relatives preceding him in death are parents, **Frank Van Sickle 1906** and **Elsie**

**Smith Van Sickle 1903;**  
**Virginia Nicholas Provost**  
**'29 and Gertrude Van Sickle**  
**Clapper '35.**

## 1937

**Mary Arndt Khelghatian** died May 9, 2008. She is survived by her children, Marguerite Suh, Ruth Ellen Foschini, Miriam Coberly, and John Khelghatian; grandsons, Stephen Suh, David Suh, and Nathan Suh; and great-granddaughter, Ivy Suh. Mary attended Faith Baptist Church in Winfield, IL, where she was a member of the Christian Women's Club. She played the organ and piano at Windsor Park Manor, Carol Stream, IL. She was an elementary school music teacher and taught piano to many children in Naperville, IL, including her grandsons.

## 1943

**Emmajane Hilliard Cover** died March 16, 2009. She was preceded in death by **William Cover '41**, her husband of 56 years, and relative, **Marie Holliday Woltz '41**. Emmajane is survived by four daughters, Karen Wilson, Lynn Brazell, Cindy Wall and **Christine Cover Paterson '82**; 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In the 1960s she was a teacher for Wee People, a local private, cooperative kindergarten in Marion, OH. Then she was employed as a social worker with the Marion City Schools, and later became a teacher for developmental language operated by The Easter Seal Society. Before retiring in the 1980s, she worked for Cubberly Photography Studio in Marion.

## 1947

**Waid Vance** died May 28, 2009. A lifelong resident of Westerville, OH, he served in WWII in the South Pacific. He was employed as a senior engineer with Brundage, Baker, and Stauffer, Ltd. until he retired in 1988. He also served 20 years as a commissioned officer in the Navy. He served as president of both the Otterbein Alumni Association and the Westerville Historical Society, and was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Master, Lions Club, Franklin Co. Genealogical and Historical Society, the Franklinton Historical Society and Pioneer Families of Franklin County, OH. In 1982 he received the Service to Mankind Award from the Sertoma Club of Westerville. He was preceded in death by father, **Floyd Vance '16** (who served as president of Otterbein from 1957-58); and son, Robert. He is survived by his wife, **Sylvia Phillips Vance '47**, Otterbein emeritus professor of French; daughters, Mary Vance and Sara Vance; brother, **Robert '49**; and many other family members and friends.

## 1949

**Art Schultz** died May 6, 2009. After Otterbein, Art graduated from the United Theological Seminary, and the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a Ph.D. He served as minister of Albright United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh; director of public relations at Otterbein; president of Albright College in Reading, PA; president of Ashland College in Ashland, OH; and served as a minister at various local churches,

including the Church of the Master United Methodist and Church of the Messiah, both in Westerville. In 1959 he was a charter member and served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Westerville. In 1960 he was named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Westerville. He was a member of several Masonic bodies, Shriners, the Westerville Historical Society (president 1986-89), and a former member of the Torch Club of Columbus. Preceding him in death were his parents, Rev. Elmer and **Alice Flegal Schultz '24**. He is survived by his wife, **Louise Stouffer Schultz '49**; son, **Thomas Schultz '70 (Charlayne Bennett '70)**; daughter, **Rebecca Schultz Amorelli '76**; granddaughter, Andrea Golias (David) and their children, Joel, Matthew, Mary and Isabel; grandson, Jeffrey (Colleen) Schultz and their daughter, Mallory; and grandson, David (Carolyn) Schultz, and many other relatives and friends.

**David Smeal** died July 25, 2008. He is survived by his children, Victor and James Smeal, Laurene Berry, C. Kay Grant and Leona Ridenbaugh.

## 1951

**G. William Auman** died March 12, 2009.

**Don England** died Feb. 22, 2009. Don received his master's degree in education from the Ohio State University. He was an educator for 32 years, teaching for five years then serving as an elementary school principal in the Columbus, OH public

school system for 27 years. In retirement he began a new career at the Columbus Zoo, meeting and talking to people from all walks of life as captain of the zoo riverboat, the Scioto Belle. He is survived by his wife, Ruthann; daughters, Tara and Kathy; and many family members and friends.

**Milton Lang** died Feb. 23, 2009. Milt was preceded in death by his wife, June. He was a veteran of WWII, having served with the U.S. Navy, and was a member of the American Legion Charles Faust Post 28. Milt taught mathematics at Cuyahoga Falls High School in Ohio from 1955 to 1982, when he retired. He was a president of Cuyahoga Falls Education Assoc. and was chairman of the math department. He is survived by children, Gary Lang, Amy Norris and Lisa Forshey; and three grandchildren.

## 1952

**Louise Grell Bailey** died Feb. 26, 2009. She is survived by her husband, William; and sister, **Frances Grell Smith '49**.

**John Matthews** died Sept. 13, 2008. Surviving are his wife, Elaine; and children, Julie Hodges, Brian Matthews, and John Matthews. He was preceded in death by relative, **Albert Zepp '24**.

**Max Mickey** died April 15, 2009. Max attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Physical Therapy, as well as the Columbia School of Hospital Administration. Max established the Physical Therapy Department at



Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro, PA, in 1958 and worked in the physical therapy and vocational rehabilitation fields for more than 30 years. Surviving is his wife of 55 years, **Alice Carlson Mickey '53**; son, John; daughters Judy Watson and Ann Miller; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters Roma Thompson and Carol Service; brother Terry Mickey; eight nieces and nephews; relatives **Mary Cay Carlson '47** and **John Wells '48**, **Edna Dellinger Carlson '22**, **Kay Wells Landis '74**, **Philip Wells '77**, **Gwen Wells Blair '76**, and many family and friends.

## 1954

**Ronald Smith** died Dec. 9, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Jo.

## 1955

**Donna Sniff Sitton** died April 7, 2009. Her professional career included teaching music in Ohio and teaching in Pinellas County, FL, until retiring in 1995. She was a member of the North Pinellas County Retired Educator's Association, a Funded Life member of Ruth Eckerd Hall, Leading Ladies, a supporter of Florida Orchestra, Amadeus Society, a sustaining member and supporter of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and Sterling Society, as well as Delta Kappa Gamma-Delta Alpha Chapter, and American Association of University Women. Donna was recently recognized as "Team Mom" for the Eckerd College basketball program where she and her husband, Eugene, (preceding her in death) supported them with the Harley-Sitton Scholarship

Fund. The couple won international acclaim for producing orchid hybrids that have earned over 45 awards. She is survived by her son, Owen Eugene; nephew, Adam Sniff; and niece, Sheryl Elkins.

## 1956

**Dick Bell** died March 31, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Linda; brothers, **Roger '59** and **Roderick '65**; and sister, Roberta Miller. He was preceded in death by sister, **Sharon Bell Peiper '65**. Dick had six children, five grandchildren, and one godchild. He attended United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, where he graduated with a master's of divinity degree. He served as minister of the United Church of Christ, Delaware, OH, and for several years as chaplain in the National Guard. After serving several churches in central and northern Ohio, he moved to Wildwood, FL, where he became counselor and administrator of Sumter County Comprehensive Mental Health Services. After three years he took a position in Boston, MA, as the deputy commissioner of Mental Retardation. He was also director of Danvers State Hospital and Hogan Regional Center. Dick retired in 1994.

**Walter Bonnett** died Feb. 26, 2009. Surviving are his wife, Shirley; sons, Kevin and Greg; and many extended family and friends. Walter was a long time resident of Dayton and continued the business, Bonnett's Bookstore, started by his parents and which now is owned by his sons.

He attended Wright State University in Dayton and The New York Academy of Fine Arts, and had a passion for reading, acting, music and movies. He performed on stage in New York, Wright State University, Sinclair and Dayton Theater Guild and taught in the Vandalia-Butler School system.

## 1958

**Charles Allton** died Jan. 21, 2009. Charles practiced law for 30 years in San Diego, CA, and was a member of the VFW. He loved singing and entertaining, from big bands and piano bars, to karaoke. Preceded in death by his sons, Johnny and Scotty, his parents; brother, Richard; and relatives, **Morris '36** and **Marjorie Allton**; **Rev. George Allton '53**; and **Wayne Allton '57**. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Randy, Mark, Teri, Christy, Matt and Sara; brother, Dell; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and several Otterbein relatives, including **Pamela Allton Barber '78**, **Marilyn Allton Fields '61** and **Gary Fields '62**.

## 1959

**Richard Ramsey** died July 18, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; and children, Theodore, Curtis and Pamela.

## 1961

**Thomas Daye** died April 24, 2009. Tom retired as a teacher and truancy officer from Dayton Public Schools. He owned and operated Daye's Sales and Service Bicycle Shop and was a member of Concord United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Vivian;

son, Mark; daughter, Melissa; granddaughter, Kaitlin Daye; and many relatives and friends.

## 1964

**Linda Rauch Snelling** died June 8, 2006. She was a member of TWIG, a sewing and craft organization that supports United Hospital Medical Center in Port Chester, NY, and the Parent League. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, **Richard Snelling '63**; daughter, Elizabeth Baker; sisters, Joyce Bernard and Barbara Bartlett; brother, Edward Rauck; and grandchildren, Avery and Ansley Baker.

## 1965

**Bill Rivers** died April 21, 2009. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from Nationwide Insurance in 1988 after 20 years of service. Most recently he was a business consultant. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Juevonna; mother and step-father, Mary Rivers and Jack Haves; brother, Theodore; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## 1969

**Beverly Miller Royer** died April 11, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Ron; and daughter, Jodene.

## 1970

**Carl Henry** died Jan. 21, 2009. He was retired after 30 years of teaching at Western Brown High School in Brown County, OH. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Markeson Henry '70**; son, Bill; daughter, Mindy; and four grandchildren.

## 1974

**William Hatzer** died Dec. 6, 2006. He is survived by his sister, **Ellen Hatzer Thompson '72**. Preceding him in death was his mother, Clara.

## 1978

**Kay Wells Hollingsworth** died March 19, 2009. Kay was a social worker having worked at the Crawford County Children's Home, College Park, and Camp Echoing Hills, Coshocton, OH. Kay was the first female member of the River View FFA and the first female member/president of the

Warsaw Lions Club. She was a former 4-H member and attended Canal Lewisville United Methodist Church, was a member of the Wallhonding Valley Grange and was an avid doll and stamp collector. Kay is survived by her husband, David; mother, Elnora Wells; brothers, Lynn and **Kim '75**; and many extended family and friends. Her father, Robert Wells, preceded her in death.

## 1995

**Elizabeth Weltner Huffner** died March 15, 2009. She is survived by her husband,

Donald; children, Kathryn and Donald; parents, David and Barbara Weltner; brother, Eric; and many family and friends. Elizabeth was a teacher at Saint Agatha School in Upper Arlington, OH, and Saint Jude the Apostle School in Sandy Springs, GA. She spent the last five years in community service and volunteer work. She was active with Blessed Trinity High School, the Sandy Springs community, National Charity League and was a founding member of The Christ Child Society of Atlanta and served on the board for three years.

## 1999

**Julie Bagley** died April 25, 2009. Julie was a member and youth leader at Faith Christian Center, Columbus, OH, and employed with Progressive Medical, Inc. She is survived by her mother, Carmen Bagley; father, William Bagley; grandparents, Franklin and Martha Dennis; grandmother, Edna Bagley; sister, Mollie Bangert; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, including **Carrie Heibel White '90**, and friends. ●



# Strike up the Band!

## *It's a Centennial Celebration!*

**It's the 100th Anniversary of the Otterbein College Cardinal Marching Band, Homecoming Weekend, October 23 – 24, 2009.**

All Otterbein alumni who performed with the Cardinal Marching Band and auxiliary groups are invited to participate.

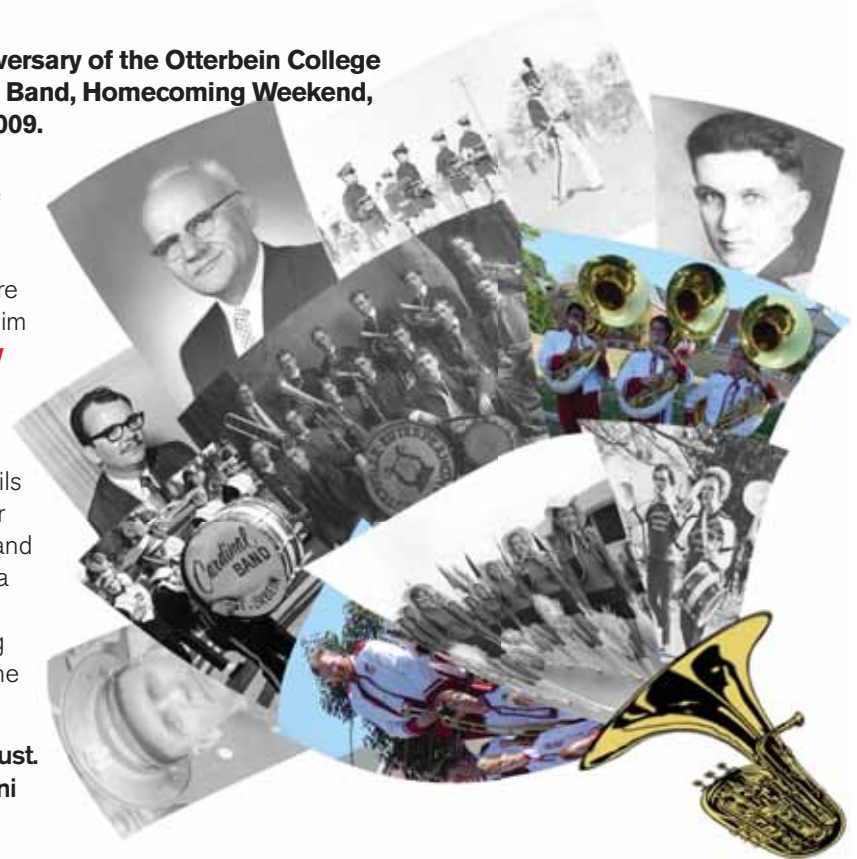
Conductors currently scheduled to appear are **Jeff Boehm '82**, Jeff Kunkel, Russ McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, **John Orr '79**, **Jim Shackson '61**, **Gary Tirey H '90** and **Don Wolfe '71**. Relive classic Otterbein standards like *Ol' Man River* and the beloved *Otterbein Love Song*.

Calendar a social event at Old Bag of Nails on State Street, Westerville on Friday, October 23, participation in the Homecoming parade and other activities on Saturday, October 24, and a band concert that evening at 8 p.m.

Let us know if you are interested in being a volunteer to recruit members to return for the celebration.

**Registration brochure will be mailed in August.**  
**614-823-1650 • [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)**

**See you in October!**





# Alumni NOTES

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81

## Join an Alumni Club Online!

*What will Alumni Clubs & Networks webpages provide you? Service to Otterbein, networking opportunities, educational outings, connections in your region, photos and more.*

*Visit [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/clubs](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/clubs) to find the club and network nearest you!*

### Alumni Club of Central Ohio

**Dancin' Through the Decades** is an alumni, off-campus party where you can relive the good ol' Otterbein days! Saturday, October 24  
7 p.m. – Midnight  
Holiday Inn, Worthington  
\$15 per person  
\$25 per couple  
(includes appetizers)  
Games, prizes, trivia, decades of music and more!  
Cash bar  
Sponsored by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio

**Otterbein is OUT FOR BLOOD** in the Cap-Otter Blood Drive on Friday, October 16 at the Campus Center. Watch the website for more details on the competition and where and how you can give around the city and country. Sponsored by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio

### Alumni Club of Greater Atlanta/Georgia

The Greater Atlanta/Georgia OC Alumni Club would like to invite you to join them in reading this year's **Common Book**, *Strange as this Weather Has Been*, by Ann Pancake. Alumni can participate on an online blog to have virtual discussions about the common book. Visit **[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)** to learn of the blog spot.

(Atlanta area alumni: Watch for a local opportunity to gather at a common book discussion reception. For information email Andrea Kesterke at [akesterke@juno.com](mailto:akesterke@juno.com).)

### Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland

The recently formed Otterbein Alumni of Greater Cleveland Club is **looking for new members** as we grow over the next

several months! If you live in the Cleveland area and are interested in joining, please contact Club Coordinator Jeff Sabo at [jeffrsabo@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffrsabo@yahoo.com) or [alumnicleveland@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumnicleveland@otterbein.edu). Meetings usually occur on the second Wednesday of every month. Contact Jeff for more details.



*The Otterbein Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland enjoys a night out at the Great Lakes Brewing Company on June 20.*

### Alumni Club of Southwest Ohio

Over 100 southwest Ohio alumni gathered at the 12th annual June Bug Jamboree. See more details and photos on page 40.

### Alumni Club of Southwest Florida

The club will meet on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. at Otterbein to plan their **'09-'10 calendar**. For those of you who travel to Ft. Myers during the winter, make sure you join us for the annual **Southwest Florida Luncheon** at Colonial Country Club on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Dr. Krendl will be our guest speaker.

### Alumni Club of Akron/Canton

In the spirit of Otterbein community service day, the Akron/Canton Club participated from afar by serving their community through **"Keep Akron Beautiful."** They challenge other clubs to participate in next year's Otterbein service day on April 24, 2010. Watch for future club events on the club website.

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***Come early for the Inauguration of our 20th president!  
10 • 23 • 09, 10:30 am, Rike Center***

## **Dancin' Through the Decades**

All-alumni off-campus party. See details under Alumni Club info on page 37.

## **Reunion Gatherings through the Decades–**

Stop by the Reunion Tent at the Tailgate for your free gift!

*It's a '70s Party for 1974 and 1979 and inviting the cluster years of '73, '75, '78 and 80.*

Holiday Inn, Worthington

6:00 pm, \$15 pp, \$25 per couple includes appetizers

*It's an '80s Party for 1984 and 1989.*

Holiday Inn, Worthington

6:00 pm, \$15 pp \$25 per couple includes appetizers

*It's a '90s and '00s Party for 1994 and 1999 and 2004!*

Holiday Inn, Worthington

7:00 pm, \$15 per person; \$25 per couple (includes appetizers)

## **WANTED:**

Alumni for the 2nd annual Otterbein alumni home-based business showcase, 11 am – 1:30 pm at Homecoming. Interested? Email [rsmith@otterbein.edu](mailto:rsmith@otterbein.edu). **Melissa Lafayette Dardinger '96** participated last year and said: "We had a great time, and others we spoke with told us they enjoyed themselves as well."

## **We need you to help us CAN Capital!**

From Oct. 10 to Oct. 24 Otterbein and Capital are collecting cans of food for a local food bank. Drop off donations at the Campus Center. Free admission to the Cap- Otter football game is a CANNED good.

## **It's what connects us – serving others!**

Otterbein and Capital students and alumni will be providing community service on Saturday, Oct. 17. Sign up at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni).

## **Otterbein is OUT FOR BLOOD**

It's Cap vs. Otter in a blood drive. See details under Alumni Club info on page 37.





**OCF 25: 1984-2009**

## **Otterbein Christian Fellowship 25th Year Reunion**

***Immeasurably More...***

**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

5 p.m. Family Dinner in the Campus Center

\$10 pp in advance, \$12 at the door

\$5 ages 6–12, free for 5 and under

6:30 p.m. Family Worship Celebration in  
Church of the Master

[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'homecoming'

Send us your fond OCF stories at

[alumniinfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniinfo@otterbein.edu) for the

online memory book

***...throughout generations.***

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

## **Alumni Directory Available Online**

The Alumni Online Directory is free and easy to use. Use it to find old friends, post Classnotes, and even update your own contact information. But if you wish that your information NOT be included on the directory, you can opt out. Standard directory information includes name, preferred class year, address, phone number, e-mail address and employment information. Your name and preferred class year will always be viewable by other alumni. You may 'opt out' from having some or all of your directory information viewable by other alumni by completing the online form at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/optout.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/optout.asp) or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

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## **Sphinx: 90 Alumni at our 90th Anniversary**

**Sigma Delta Phi (Sphinx) fraternity is celebrating a big milestone: our 90th Anniversary at this year's Homecoming. All brothers and their families are invited for a full day of activities including our annual meeting, a formal dinner and the "Long Island Iced Tea Party." Don't miss this one. It's sure to be the best Homecoming festivities we've ever had!**

*For more information, please visit [www.ocsphinx.com](http://www.ocsphinx.com) or contact Casey Parsons at [president@ocsphinx.com](mailto:president@ocsphinx.com).*

## **Save the Date for AlumMatters**

*Register online for these events at*

*[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni), click "Events/Registration"*

**August 16** – Track Reunion for 1977-1988 coached by Miller, Lehman, Ricevuto

**September 4** – Alumni Cross Country Meet, women, 6:30 p.m., men 7 p.m. start

**September 24-27** – Cardinal Migration to Asheville, NC

**October 7** – Networking in the Gallery, 6 – 8 p.m., Roush Hall for students-alumni in Humanities/Non-Profit

**October 16** – "Out for Blood" OC and Capital Blood Drive at the Campus Center (see page 37)

**October 17** – Otterbein and Capital Combined Community Service Project (see page 37)

**October 23** – Presidential Inauguration, 10:30 a.m., Rike Center

**October 24** – Homecoming

**October 27** – Common Book Convocation with author Ann Pancake

**November 1** – Otterbein Women's Club Meeting with President Krendl

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

**March 6** – SW Florida Annual Luncheon in Ft. Myers, Colonial Country Club

## Recent Alumni Gatherings



### '09 June Bug Jamboree

Over 100 southwest Ohio alumni gathered at the 12th annual June Bug Jamboree to welcome President Krendl, enjoy the food, fishin' and fellowship. Next year's date is Sat. June 26, 2010 at the home of Bill and Helen LeMay. **Above Left:** Fishing is always a kid's favorite at the Jamboree. **Above Center:** Dave '66 and Mary Crippin enjoy the culinary delights. **Above Right:** Bill LeMay '48 received his second Bronze Star at the June Bug awarded over 50 years after his service in WWII. Find out why Bill just received it at [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu) and click 'alumni news.' **Left:** President Kathy Krendl enjoys meeting and chatting with alumni and friends.



## Sport your Otterbein Pride Via Lands End

The Otterbein Alumni Council is proud to announce new Otterbein Alumni clothing through Lands End. Please visit their website to see what items can be custom embroidered with the Otterbein logo. Depending on the color of the garment, the logo can be selected in red, white or black. For those of you who wanted Oxford shirts or fleece jackets, now is the time to place your fall order! We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming sporting your new Otterbein Alumni duds! Visit [http://ces.landsend.com/Otterbein\\_College](http://ces.landsend.com/Otterbein_College)

**Go Cardinals!!**







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## Institutional Mission

*The mission of Otterbein College is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein College is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational college that sponsors traditional and continuing education programs of liberal arts and professional education at Baccalaureate and Master's levels. Our commitment is to the liberal arts as the broad base of all learning.*



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## Homecoming Highlights:

- Inauguration of Otterbein's 20th President
- Up 'til Dawn 5K Run/Walk
- Parade, Tailgate and Family Festivities
- Tours of the new Center for Equine Studies and the new Science Center
- Alumni Softball Game
- Cap-Otter Football/ Men's Soccer vs Ohio Northern
- 100th Anniversary of Otterbein Cardinal Marching Band
- 25th Year Reunion for Otterbein Christian Fellowship
- '70s Reunion for the Class of 1974 and 1979 and '80s Reunion for the Class of 1984 and 1989
- '90s/'00s Reunion for 1994, 1999 and 2004
- Dancin' Through the Decades All –Alumni off-campus party

*See inside for more details!*

