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On the Cover: President Krendl is officially inaugurated as Otterbein's 20th, and first woman, president. Photo by Doug Martin.

Otterbein Security to Become Police in 2010

Otterbein College Security is on target to become an official police authority by July 1, 2010. "We're still in transition," said Larry Banaszak, director of security. "We'll make the full transition when we're fully prepared and equipped."

Current security officers have received training and certification through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and were commissioned as police officers last February. "It's going very smoothly," said Banaszak. "It just takes time."

Currently the department is focusing on the administrative and legal requirements necessary for the conversion, such as proper policies and procedures, hiring standards and officer contracts, among others.

A variety of updates to current equipment is necessary as well. Existing security vehicles will be modified with police computer systems and lights, and officers will undergo background checks and

complete advanced training. Some new equipment will also be purchased, including computers, radios, handguns, tasers and pepper spray.

As a police authority, "it's an added level of safety and security and quicker service to the campus," said Banaszak.

As security, officers can hold a scene; however, they cannot take action until the Westerville Police Department (WPD) arrives,



which on average is a few minutes later than security's response. Under their new authority, campus police will have the power to respond to crimes in action and provide quicker service. "We know all of the nooks and crannies on campus," Banaszak said. "We'll be able to respond quicker."

According to Banaszak, the Otterbein police department will have the authority to stop and detain, arrest, deter crimes in progress, conduct



Larry Banaszak
director of Security

searches and seizures and investigate criminal activity. "We'll be doing all of the things any regular police force does," he added.

Otterbein police will only have jurisdiction over campus property and they'll work out mutual agreements with Westerville Police Department to respond to private residences and the streets surrounding campus.

While the transition is already in progress, different aspects of the program will be phased in over the next four years,

starting with the department's official recognition next July.

According to a presentation given last February to the Board of Trustees, most new equipment will be purchased and select staff will have salaries adjusted in the first two years. By 2013, when everything is finished, the switch will require a total budget increase of \$183,414.

Feedback thus far has been "overwhelmingly positive," Banaszak said. "Administrators have been very proactive and many other colleges have switched as well, it's really the way of the future." ●

Evolutionary Scientist Featured in 19th Science Lecture Series

Two hundred years after Charles Darwin's birth and 150 years after the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, scientists are studying evolution at the molecular level. Sean B. Carroll,

at venues such as the American Museum of Natural History and the Field Museum in Chicago. He is a professor of molecular biology and genetics and an investigator with the

Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Wisconsin. His research has centered on the genes that control animal body patterns and play major roles in the evolution of animal diversity. Major discoveries from his laboratory have been featured in *TIME*, *US News & World Report*, *The New York Times*, *Discover* and *Natural History*.

He is the author of three books: *Remarkable Creatures* (2009, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), *The Making of the Fittest* (2006, W.W. Norton) and *Endless Forms Most Beautiful: The New Science of Evo Devo* (2005, W.W. Norton).

Regarding his latest book, *Remarkable Creatures*, Dr. Carroll states: "I like to tell stories at the intersection of natural history with molecular biology, where we can explain how some aspect of a remarkable creature evolved. The natural history of some creature

is what first engages me or my audiences, but we now have the means to know not just what exists, but to understand how it came to be. That power makes for a deeper and much more complete understanding of evolution and the history of life."

Dr. Carroll's lecture at Otterbein coincided with the opening of the newly renovated Science Center and is the 19th Science Lecture Series. ●



widely recognized as the leading public voice of evolutionary science in the U.S. today, discussed foundational questions of evolutionary biology in his lecture, "Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species." The lecture was held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Riley Auditorium in the Battelle Fine Arts Center.

A fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Carroll is a much sought after speaker

at venues such as the American Museum of Natural History and the Field Museum in Chicago. He is a professor of molecular biology and genetics and an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Wisconsin. His research has centered on the genes that control animal body patterns and play major roles in the evolution of animal diversity. Major discoveries from his laboratory have been featured in *TIME*, *US News & World Report*, *The New York Times*, *Discover* and *Natural History*.



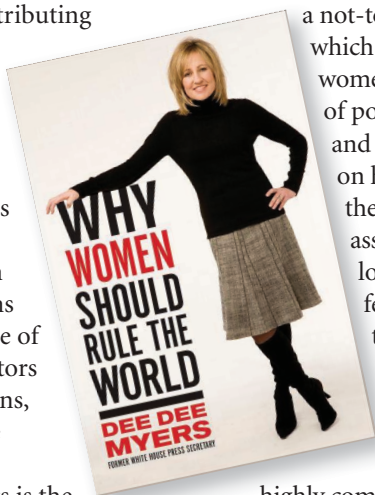
Sean Carroll with Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Michael Hoggarth

Former White House Press Secretary Coming to Campus

Otterbein will host a lecture by 2010 Pack Distinguished Lecturer Dee Dee Myers on Feb. 24, 2010. Myers served as White House press secretary under President Clinton from 1993-1994 and is a political analyst and commentator, contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* and author of *Why Women Should Rule the World*. Myers is an expert on the issues facing women in Washington and in leadership positions of all kinds and one of the top commentators on national elections, the players and the issues.

Dee Dee Myers is the first woman and one of the youngest people ever to serve as White House press secretary. During the first years of the Clinton Administration, Myers explained the actions of the new president to a vigilant press corps and to the nation. She earned the respect of both with her sharp political instincts, sense of humor and ability to explain complex subjects in straightforward language. Since leaving the White House, Myers has worked as a political analyst, commentator and writer.

Myers is currently a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* magazine and a frequent political commentator on NBC and MSNBC. After leaving the White House, Myers was an original consultant to the NBC series, *The West Wing*, and contributed story lines and technical advice throughout its prizewinning long run. In March of 1999, Gov. Gray Davis appointed Myers to the California State University Board of Trustees. The Board sets policy for the 23-campus Cal State system, the largest public university in the world.



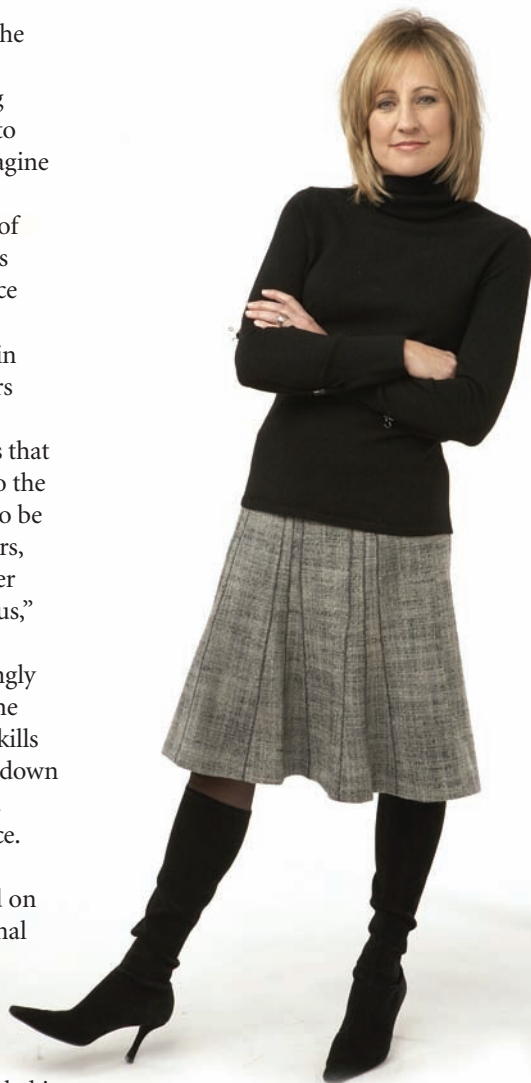
Myers' book, *Why Women Should Rule the World*, considers the question: What would happen if women ruled the world? Blending memoir, social history, and a call to action, Myers challenges us to imagine a not-too-distant future in which increasing numbers of women reach the top ranks of politics, business, science and academia. Reflecting on her own experiences in the political arena, Myers assesses the crucial but long-ignored strengths that female leaders bring to the table. "Women tend to be better communicators, better listeners, better at forming consensus," Myers argues. In a

highly competitive and increasingly fractious world, women possess the kind of critical problem-solving skills that are urgently needed to break down barriers, build understanding and create the best conditions for peace.

Before joining the Clinton campaign in 1991, Myers worked on a variety of local, state and national campaigns. She served as press secretary for Dianne Feinstein in her 1990 bid for governor, and worked on the presidential campaigns of Gov. Michael S. Dukakis and Vice President Walter F. Mondale. She also worked on the staffs of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and California State Senator Art Torres.

Myers also spent two years as the liberal co-host of the CNBC talk show *Equal Time*, discussing daily political developments with conservative co-hosts Mary Matalin and later, Bay Buchanan. She left the show in 1997.

Myers is 1983 graduate of Santa Clara University. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Todd S. Purdum, national editor for *Vanity Fair*, and their daughter, Kate, and son, Stephen.



Dee Dee Myers

The Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence and Distinguished Lecture Series was established through a gift from alumnus **Vernon L. Pack**, a 1950 graduate of the College and resident of Westerville, Ohio. The Series seeks to address important current issues that allow the Otterbein community to reflect on ethical, spiritual and social issues and to enrich the educational experiences of Otterbein students. ●

English Prof Named Ohio Poet of the Year

Terry Hermesen, professor of poetry, composition and literature in the Department of English, has been named Ohio co-Poet of the Year for 2009 for his book *The River's Daughter*.

Jeff Gundy, author of *Spoken Among the Trees*, describes the 112-page, paperback book of poems that incorporates riddles and inkblots: "From luminous evocations of childhood and place, to riddles so beautifully, lucidly obscure that they crack my mind open like an egg, to explorations of inkblots and loves old and new, Terry Hermesen's *The River's Daughter* is filled with pleasure,

challenge, and nourishment. Hermesen is a subtle, bold lover of both words and the world; he confronts their perils bravely even as he sings their joys."

Hermesen has participated in the Ohio Arts Council's Artists in the Schools program, teaching in art galleries in Oberlin, Toledo and Cleveland, as well as teaching at the Columbus Museum of Art. He is the author of several collections of poetry, including *Thirty Six Spokes: The Bicycle Poems*, and with David Garrison edited the food-poem anthology *Taste and See*. ●



Terry Hermesen

New VP for Institutional Advancement Named

Otterbein College has hired Heidi L. Tracy as the new vice president for Institutional Advancement. Tracy has 14 years of successful and comprehensive advancement experience in higher education, including past development experience at Carnegie Mellon University and Ohio University. She assumed the post Nov. 2.

"Heidi brings major gift, campaign, and staff development experience from Carnegie Mellon University. Recruiting someone with her leadership skills will bring new levels of opportunity for Otterbein College. I look forward to working with her to launch an ambitious agenda for the institution," said President Kathy Krendl.

Tracy has served as vice president for individual giving at Carnegie Mellon since August 2006. She oversaw a staff of over 50 development officers in annual giving, major gifts, planned giving, international development and parents' leadership giving programs. The team produces approximately \$20 million in new commitments each year for Carnegie Mellon.

Prior to her position at Carnegie Mellon, Tracy served the development office at Ohio University from 1995-2006, as assistant dean for development, assistant director for major gifts and most recently, director for major gifts. In that time, she secured more than \$37 million for the university, including a \$15 million corporate foundation gift to name the Scripps College of Communication.

Tracy earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in 1989. ●



Heidi Tracy

Mortar Board Gets National Award

The Teleiotes chapter of Mortar Board at Otterbein College was among the outstanding chapters to be honored for their excellence at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference.

The group received the Silver Torch Award, presented to chapters executing timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Chapter President Hannah DeMilta was present to accept the chapter's award.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. ●



Hannah DeMilta

Second Class Inducted into Athletic HOF

The Otterbein College Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed nine inductees on Saturday, Oct. 3 prior to the football game against Heidelberg University.

"Top to bottom, the whole class is really well-deserving of this honor," said Tim Doup, assistant athletic director and chair of



Harold Augspurger

the selection committee. The nine inductees were selected for their significant contributions to Otterbein's athletic programs, either as athletes or in supporting roles.

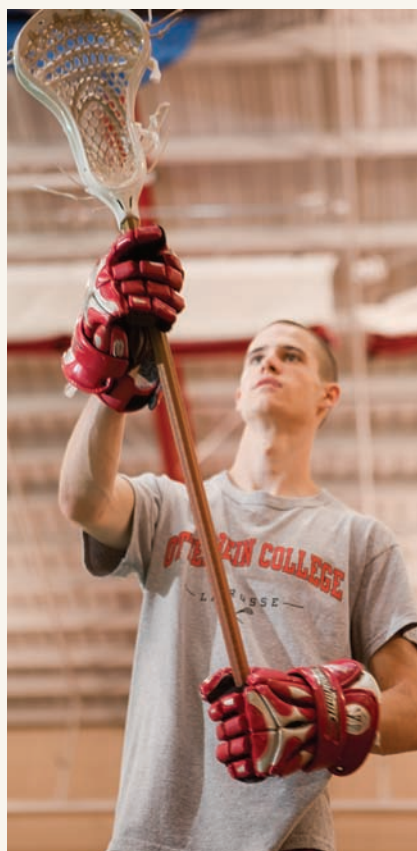
Harold F. Augspurger
'41 took full advantage of the athletic opportunities offered at Otterbein

College from 1937-1941. During this time, Harold earned 10 letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track and field and was captain of the 1941 Otterbein basketball team, leading the way while earning second team All-Ohio and Ohio Conference honors. As a student athlete, Augspurger served as president of Varsity "O" and was active in many areas of campus. His contributions to Otterbein go beyond athletics as well with his service on the

Lacrosse Comes to Otterbein

Otterbein has announced the appointment of Colin Hartnett as the college's first head men's lacrosse coach.

Hartnett, 28, has been the assistant coach for the men's lacrosse team at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, N.Y., since he graduated from the College of Wooster in 2003. Otterbein is expected to begin varsity competition in spring of 2010.



"Colin is a young and enthusiastic coach from a good NCAA Division III school out East. He has several ties within the central Ohio area and we are excited to get the program started," said Athletic Director Dick Reynolds.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity that Dick Reynolds and everyone at Otterbein College has given me," said Hartnett, a native of Canandaigua, N.Y. "I think that the College is committed to building a successful lacrosse program that will be consistent with the high level of athletics at the school."

In his five years at St. John Fisher, Hartnett helped build a team from the ground up and take it to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs three years in a row and to a school best 11-3 record in 2008.

He served as the offensive coordinator in 2004 and 2005 at St. John Fisher, and as the defensive coordinator since 2006. While offensive coordinator, the team finished the 2005 season averaging 10.8 goals a game, an increase over the 8.3 average in 2004. As defensive coordinator, the defensive unit improved to 28th of 130 teams in the country, allowing just 7.3 goals an outing in 2008, a sharp drop from the 13.4 average in 2004.

Hartnett received his bachelor's degree in history from Wooster in 2003. He earned four varsity letters



Colin Hartnett, men's lacrosse coach

in lacrosse, finishing his career as the school's fourth all-time leading scorer. As a freshman, Hartnett scored 52 points and was runner-up for the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Newcomer of the Year award. He was a two-time member of the All-NCAC team and served as team captain his junior season.

"The Midwest has developed as a hotbed of high school lacrosse and the addition of a varsity program will greatly benefit the school. I look forward to working with everyone at Otterbein in preparation for the 2010 season. I am excited to return to Ohio and make roots in the Westerville area," said Hartnett. ●

Otterbein College Board of Trustees from 1966-2006. Now an honorary trustee, Augspurger has made an everlasting mark on both athletics and Otterbein College.



Kenneth L. Zarbaugh '50 was a four-year letterman and one of the best running backs to ever play football at Otterbein College. Sixty years later, he still holds

Kenneth Zarbaugh three school records, including most total touchdowns and most rushing touchdowns in one game with five against both Oberlin and Ashland, and the most rushing touchdowns in a single season with 19. His record of scoring five touchdowns in one game is still good for third all-time in the OAC. He was a first-team All-OAC selection in 1949. Zarbaugh also coached and taught at Otterbein from 1956 to 1965.

Harry Ewing H'54 was known as "Mr. Athletics" at Otterbein College from 1934-1958, when he was the athletic director, the coach of all sports, trainer, and physical education director. After playing football at the University of Nebraska and earning a law degree, Ewing joined Otterbein during the midst of the Great Depression and resurrected the athletic program, which was in dire shape at the time.

During his career as a coach at Otterbein, Ewing compiled an 18-7-3 record in football, a



Harry Ewing

45-15 record in basketball, and a 12-6 record in baseball. For his impact on athletics at Otterbein, the track in the Rike Center is named in his memory.

Gary Reynolds '64 earned 12 varsity letters, participating in football, basketball and track. He was a second team All-OAC selection as a half back and one of the top rushers in the conference. During his senior year, he was voted tri-captain of the football team, captain of the basketball team and co-captain of the track team. In 1964 he was named the most valuable senior football and track athlete and was recipient of the Augspurger-Ballenger Cup given to the outstanding senior athlete-sportsman.

The brother of fellow inductee, **Dick Reynolds '65**, the two are the first brother combination to be inducted into the Otterbein College Athletic Hall of Fame.



Gary Reynolds

Richard "Dick" Reynolds '65 is the most successful basketball coach in the history of the Ohio Athletic Conference. He was the first to win conference championships in four decades, has been selected as OAC coach of the year nine times, and has a 623-379 record. The Cardinals have advanced into the NCAA Division III Tournament 13 times under Reynolds' tutelage, winning Otterbein's first and only national championship in 2002 and reaching the Final Four in 1981 and 1991. The Cardinals have also won or shared the regular season title 11 times and won the post season tournament eight times. In 2009, Coach Reynolds was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition to his basketball duties, Coach Reynolds has served as the director of men's athletics since 1992. He was also placed in charge of women's athletics in 1998 after Otterbein combined both men's and women's athletics into one department. As a student-athlete at Otterbein, Reynolds earned 12 letters,



Dick Reynolds

four each in football, basketball and track and field. He earned all-conference honors as both quarterback and defensive back in football, and

also in basketball.

Karen Fishbaugh Linder '80 completes the first father-daughter pair to ever be inducted into the Otterbein College Athletic Hall of Fame as she follows her father, Richard "Dick" Fishbaugh, by becoming the second coach in the family to be given the honor. Linder captained the softball and volleyball teams and was named Outstanding Female Athlete as a senior. With coaching in her blood, she began her career at Union College in Kentucky as the head basketball and softball coach before being offered the same positions at Ashland University in Ohio, where she stayed until 1996. During this time, Linder's teams won three conference titles and were



Karen Fishbaugh Linder

ranked in the nation's top 10 in team grade-point average. She joined Kent State University in 1997 as the Head Softball Coach and, by 2007, became the winningest

coach in school history. She and her father are the only father-daughter combination to win 600 career games as baseball and softball coaches in NCAA history.

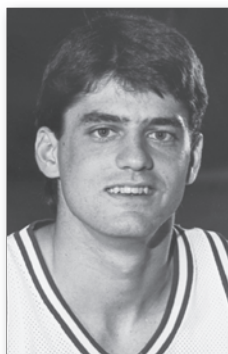
The **1983 Baseball Team** was the first Cardinal squad to make it to a national championship game in any sport. Led by Coach Dick



1983 baseball team

Fishbaugh, team MVP Kirk McDonald, and first team All-OAC selections Mike Blythe and Bret Brownfield, the Cardinals would make it to the NCAA College World Series after winning the conference championship. Beating their archrivals, the Marietta Pioneers, in the championship of the OAC Southern Division and again in the first game of the NCAA Division III World Series, the club would lose to North Carolina Wesleyan before winning two more games and setting the stage for a classic matchup in the national championship game against Marietta. Although the team would ultimately lose, the success of the 1983 team highlighted Otterbein baseball as one of the best Division III programs in the country.

Richard "Dick" Hempy '87 was one of the best players to ever don an Otterbein Cardinal jersey. Over



Dick Hempy

the course of his four years at Otterbein, Dick was a four-time All-OAC selection, a two-time OAC Player of the Year, a three-time All-America, and the 1985-86 NCAA Division III Player of the Year. By the time he graduated, he held five school records, including most points scored

in a game (52), most points scored in a season (824), most field goals made in a season (298), most free throws made in a season (228), and best career field-goal percentage (63.8). With Hempy as the heart and soul of the team, Otterbein won three conference titles and made three NCAA appearances. Hempy was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007.

JoAnn Tyler H'95 decided to join the Otterbein College Women's Physical Education Department in the fall of 1962 after meeting fellow Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame member

Marilyn Day '53. During

the course of her 35 years at Otterbein, she was highly

regarded for her expertise in elementary physical education and known for her dedication to the art of teaching. In addition to her academic responsibilities, Tyler coached women's tennis from 1965-1972 and and from 1979-1991. Her 1986 team won the Ohio Athletic Conference Championship. ●



JoAnn Tyler

New Minor in Leadership Studies Offered

The development of student leadership has always been a focus at Otterbein. This year, that focus will occur both in and out of the classroom.

Beginning this fall, a minor in leadership studies is available for traditional undergraduate students as a means to help them develop the leadership skills necessary to have significant impacts on their communities and workplaces.

"Leadership is absolutely essential for a student's development," said John Kengla, who facilitated the leadership committee's process and developed the third course.

The minor will "prepare students for society by developing the skills for leading groups and organizations and becoming effective change agents," said John Ludlum, chairperson of the curriculum committee. The minor will also aid students interested in entrepreneurship.

Through four core leadership classes, students combine theory, perspective, skills and practice while also exploring their individual leadership potential. Students encourage social change and community development and interact with community leaders while participating in service-learning

projects and ultimately improving their communities.

In a final leadership project during the student's senior year, students "identify a specific challenge where they can make a change using their leadership skills," said Ludlum. "Experience is a part of each class. You have to put students in a position where they're applying their skills and evaluating themselves," he added.

Ludlum projected between 20-40 students will eventually enter the program each year; however, the number will depend on the flexibility and requirements of semester schedules. ●

Spotlight on FACULTY

Name: Uwe Trittman

Title: Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Education: Physics Diploma, University of Heidelberg, Germany; Dr. rer. nat., Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics, Heidelberg, Germany.

Which particular topic do you most enjoy teaching? One topic is certainly the advanced physics course of particle physics, since this is my area of expertise. However, I got into physics because I wanted to become an astronomer, so teaching the Integrative Studies astronomy course is a great joy, too. Additionally, I started the astronomy lecture series “Starry Monday” at Otterbein. Every first Monday of the month there is a lecture on an astronomical topic, and we go up to the Weitkamp Observatory for observing afterwards, weather permitting and public welcome. That’s fun for everyone involved.

Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise? High Energy Physics is arguably the most fundamental field of science. It tries to describe how the elementary, i.e. not further divisible, particles of nature interact with one another. In a reductionist world view everything else in science follows from our understanding of these fundamental interactions. Even if you don’t subscribe to this point of view, it is wonderful to think that you are studying nature at its deepest level.

What research are you currently conducting/projects are you currently working on? I am a theoretical physicist and typically do my calculations numerically,

i.e. using a computer. My latest research paper is being published this month and deals with the masses of the bound states of a (brace yourself) supersymmetric quantum field theory. I was able to come up with a new term in the equations that give mass to some of the elementary particles in this theory while keeping the symmetry intact. I studied the dependence of the bound-state mass on the mass of the constituents. Think of this as a toy model for the system one really wants to understand: the proton, one of the constituents of the atomic nucleus. In the modern view, the proton is itself a bound-state of quarks, today believed to be truly elementary, in a theory called Quantum Chromodynamics.

If you were not an educator, what would be your dream job?

This is a tough one, since I basically have my dream job. The reason I say this is my conviction that a balanced life is important, work being an integral part of it. As a professor I can be an educator, a researcher, an outreach person, and contribute to the College’s educational policies and visions. All of these duties are challenging me as a person, and are able to generate frustrating as well as euphoric moments. A balanced mix of responsibilities creates synergy, thereby avoiding unproductive phases, constituting a self-rejuvenating process, and, averaged over time, keeping me positively satisfied, happy, and creative. Last but not least, my work will advance students’ education and progress in scientific research, however tiny my contribution may be. As exciting as it sounds to be an artist, craftsman, or some kind of self-employed (or independently rich!)



Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy Uwe Trittman, at the world’s largest single-dish radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

learned person, I think I wouldn’t do well in the long run without a minimal structure of responsibilities.

What are your hobbies outside the classroom? A lot of my free time is spent with my family: my wife Jennifer, a busy pediatrician and neonatal fellow, and our almost two-year old, Arthur. I’m pretty strict about going on a big ride with my trekking bike once a week, often in the Hocking Hills region. Caring for a hundred-year-old house with a large garden is fun for me, although for every project finished it seems there are two new ones popping up. Free time hasn’t been all that available lately, but I’ve been into backyard astronomy observing and a bit of painting and drawing in years past. Needless to say, I enjoy reading as much as I can. ●

Plaque Honors Fallen Veterans Since WWII

The Otterbein community gathered on Friday, Oct. 23, in the foyer of Memorial Stadium to honor and pay tribute to Otterbein's fallen heroes.

President Kathy Krendl and Board Chair **Tom Morrison '63**, along with Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Gatti, dedicated a plaque honoring 12 Otterbein soldiers who were killed in action, in the wars and conflicts since World War II.

In 1946, veterans returning to Otterbein from WWII organized a campaign to raise funds for a new stadium meant to honor the veterans who lost their lives during WWII. Otterbein dedicated "Memorial Stadium" in 1948 in recognition of the veteran's efforts and support for the College.

"It is fitting," said Gatti, "that we stand here again today to honor other young men who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country – for us."

The names on the plaque include soldiers killed in action after WWII. They are:

Arthur Sapp '51 – Electronics technician third class, United States Navy, drowned while stationed at Norfolk Naval Air Base 07-13-1951.

Francis T. Hambley III '50 – First Lieutenant, United States Air Force KIA (plane crash over Niigata, Japan) 10-13-1953.

Jack Hudock '51 – Lieutenant, United States Air Force, KIA (plane crash north of Atlanta, GA) 06-18-1954.

Dingus Banks '68 – First Lieutenant, 127th Military Police Company, United States Army, KIA (enemy fire near Qui Nahn, Vietnam) 02-04-1968.

Arnold William Lamp, Jr. '64 – Captain, United States Air Force KIA (plane crash over Vietnam) 04-12-1969.

James C. DuPont '68 – Lieutenant United States Army, KIA (unknown, north of Saigon near the Cambodian border) 09-18-1970.

Peter H. Chapman II '62 – Captain, United States Air Force, KIA



Board Chairman Tom Morrison speaks during the dedication of the veteran's plaque.

(helicopter he was piloting downed during a rescue mission) 04-06-1972.

Douglas C. Topping '65 – Major, United States Air Force, died while serving at Wright-Patterson AFB, July 1976.

Terry Quinn McCammon '68 – Captain, United States Air Force, killed in training mission over eastern

New Mexico 10-14-1981.

Samuel F. Pearson '03 – Corporal, United States Army, KIA (rocket attack, Camp Victory, Iraq) 10-10-2007.

Roger Vickers '65 – Details unknown.

Wayne Moonjiam '65 – Details unknown. ●

Director of CCE Finishes Year as Engaged Scholar

Melissa Gilbert, director of the Center for Community Engagement, recently wrapped up one year's worth of national service as one of 10 2008-2009 Engaged Scholars for New Perspectives in Higher Education, on behalf of Campus Compact, a higher education association dedicated to campus-based civic engagement.

The scholars' year-long service culminated in a book, *The Future of Service Learning: New Solutions for Sustaining and Improving Practice*, that was published in August. As part of her work, Gilbert co-wrote one of the book's chapters about fostering interdependent community partnerships.

"We came together as national leaders to turn out a new direction for service learning as a field," said Gilbert. "We discussed hurdles and barriers, and moving forward and enhancing community involvement."

Although Gilbert's appointment lasted only one year, her national work is just getting started. Gilbert will now participate in numerous panels promoting the book and speak about the group's work at conferences and events across the country.

"It was an honor to work with such an amazing group of colleagues, all of whom are helping to shift dialogue to take into account issues important to our field," said Gilbert. "We were able to bring cross-discipline and national dialogue to the forefront and form visions we wanted to create together." ●



Melissa Gilbert



Science Center Opens

by Jenny Hill '05

Otterbein officially opened its new Science Center, which has undergone a \$20 million renovation and addition, at a ceremony on Oct. 9.

President Kathy Krendl welcomed the audience, which filled the Foote Atrium, to the ceremonial opening. Board Chair **Tom Morrison '63** and Board member **Ted Huston '57** each thanked the many donors and committee members who helped make the new center possible.

Recent graduate **Sadie Bartholomew '07**, who is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in biochemistry at Stanford University, then took the podium to talk about

the excellent education she received despite the former condition of the building. "While I have found that I am as prepared as, and in some cases more prepared than, my classmates at Stanford, I can only imagine what the current students will be able to accomplish in this new center," she said.

Bartholomew is currently a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow and the recipient of the Cellular and Molecular Biology Training Grant through the National Institutes of Health, which both cover her tuition and provide an additional stipend.

The keys to the Center were then given to students **Anna Haller '10**, **Troy**

Burton '11 and **Justin Young '10**. Haller and Burton are student trustees, and Young is a Goldwater Fellow.

While touring the Center after the ceremony, attendees could view research posters presented by current students, visit a laboratory with an experiment-in-progress to determine a link between diet and internal temperatures in turtles, check out the medical technologies available in the nursing labs and discuss the plants inside the new greenhouse with Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Jeff Lehman.

"The renovations have improved the functionality as much as the aesthetics of our facilities," said



Sadie Bartholomew



Wendell Foote



Investors for the new Science Center at Otterbein College

(as of Oct. 1, 2009)

The sciences are a critical part of a liberal arts education. The investors noted here have committed their support to bringing together the different science disciplines in a strong, integrated program that is ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Otterbein College is grateful to have wonderful and caring alumni, individuals, corporations, foundations and community partners who believe in our mission and support our vision.

Fundraising efforts for the project are ongoing. Contributions may be directed to Heidi Tracy, VP for Institutional Advancement, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. htracy@otterbein.edu • 614-823-1305.

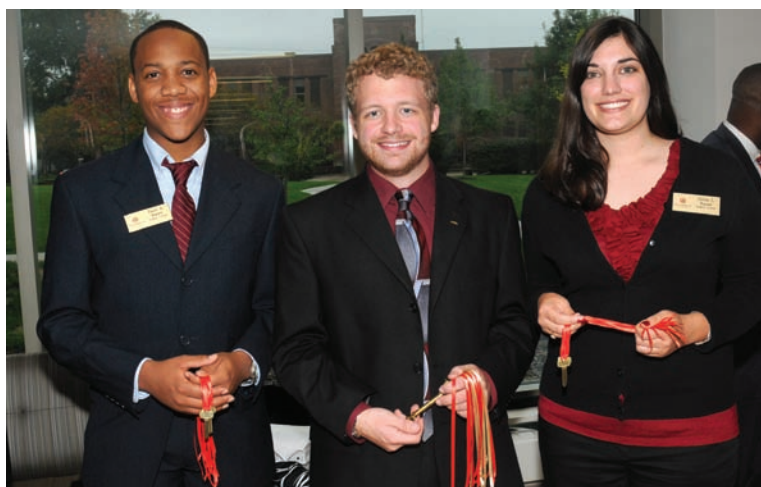
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Above: Troy Burton '11, Justin Young '10 and Anna Haller '10 hold symbolic keys to the new Center. The keys were presented to the students at the dedication ceremony on Oct. 9.

Lehman. "Students are working in healthier and safer laboratories, which will have a positive influence on their educational experiences."

Over 200 donors have supported the Science Center to date. The 135-room complex includes a renovation of the existing facility and a 30,000 square foot addition on the south side of the building. The project began in June 2007 and was completed in February 2009.

The facility features a new greenhouse and an atrium and brings the departments together in modules that include a large teaching lab, a small project lab and an office representing a discipline. This atmosphere will make the transition to graduate or medical schools easier for science students by providing modern laboratory equipment in an interdisciplinary, hands-on environment. ●



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**Dr. Kathy A. Krendl,
20th President of Otterbein College**

REFLECT • CONNECT • ACT

The inauguration of Kathy A. Krendl as 20th president of Otterbein College on Oct. 23 was a celebration of Otterbein's roots and a glimpse into its future.

"Since 1847 women and men together have thought, taught, studied and lived in every square inch of this place," she said. "Their ambitions, their beliefs, their toil and their treasure built Otterbein College, which like a shining light, has graced the city of Westerville, the state of Ohio and our nation.

"I want to pursue that image of a shining light as we *reflect* on the history of Otterbein College and *connect* its origins in the mid-19th century with the 21st century and beyond," President Krendl continued. "Drawing these connections between past and present will help determine how we will *act* in shining that light into the future, setting the course for the generations to come."

President Krendl first shared her reflections on Otterbein's past. "The current seal of Otterbein College was adopted in 1926. There is a lamp on the seal emitting beams of light," she said. "Light as a symbol of knowledge, learning and insight permeates our language. It is an appropriate symbol for Otterbein College because enlightened knowledge is the core of the Otterbein experience. Our faculty have been turning on the light of learning for students for 162 years."

President Krendl continued by recounting stories from students and alumni, representing all generations, about the lessons they learned while at Otterbein and the sacrifices families have made to ensure their children received an Otterbein education.

by Jeana Harrington '10

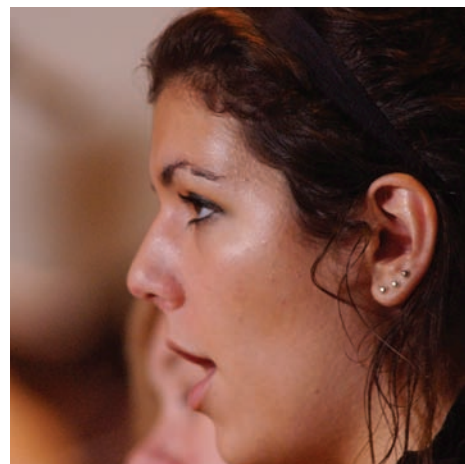
She specifically recalled one woman's story at a recent alumni event. The woman's father had resigned as a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and taken a custodial position at Otterbein so his three children could receive their undergraduate degrees courtesy of the institution. "He knew the value of an Otterbein education far exceeded anything else he could give his children, so he found a way to make it possible," she said.

"Otterbein's shining light serves as a beacon of hope for those who have great ambitions and great potential but for whom the distance seems impossibly far to traverse," President Krendl continued. "Yet time and time again, as the stories go, some minor miracle occurs and the seemingly impossible becomes possible."

President Krendl then discussed the connections she has seen between the past, present and future, between the generations of Cardinals, and between Otterbein and communities both local and across the world. "At Otterbein connections are about relationships, and I have learned in recent months that friendships that begin here are built to last," she said.

She shared a story of two women who travel across the country every year to attend a weekend alumni gathering together. "They no longer have to don the dresses, white gloves and flowery hats required at College events when they were students," President Krendl said. "Now they come prepared for what amounts to a 72-hour slumber party."

Relationships, however, aren't the only connections Otterbein students



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She recalled the story of a 90-year-old 1940 graduate who, after his time at Otterbein, had returned home to Sierra Leone. "His determination to continue to

serve, to continue to support, to continue to shine his light among his people was humbling," she said. "He was connected to Otterbein, but he was also connected to his country, and his education here had provided him the necessary tools and skills to help his people."

This particular story exemplified a common theme in Otterbein's history—preparing for a life of service. "Otterbein graduates are engaged citizens who make a difference in others' lives," President Krendl said. "It's a proud and honorable tradition, and it sets Otterbein apart."

Finally, President Krendl called on members of the Otterbein family to act to bring about a better Otterbein and a better world. She recounted the stories of two men fundamental to the establishment of Otterbein—Lewis Davis and William Hanby—without whom Otterbein would not exist.

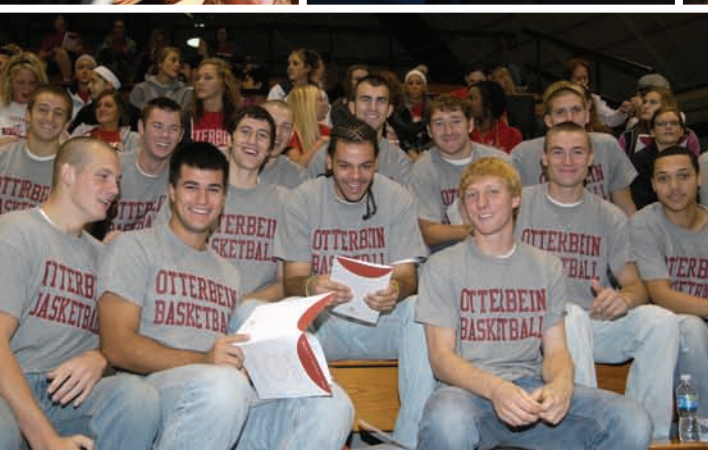
"These stories of Lewis Davis and William Hanby illustrate something

basic about Otterbein—it is an institution that to this day will not be still. In the face of challenges, Otterbein has always refused to retreat. It has not turned back, it has moved ever forward, carrying with it the enduring values of an institution founded on progressive ideals," President Krendl said.

President Krendl ended her address with a call to action for Otterbein's past, present and future generations. "Today I propose that we go against the grain and turn away from the humility and modesty that have characterized Otterbein in the past," she said. "I would like to challenge each of you to abandon the idea that Otterbein is a hidden gem, a well kept secret. Instead, I ask you to celebrate Otterbein and its ideals. In the days ahead, I ask each of you to reflect, connect and act in your own way on behalf of Otterbein College," President Krendl concluded. "Carry the light of learning out into the world. And in the process, let us pledge anew, that we will be true, to our dearest Otterbein." ●



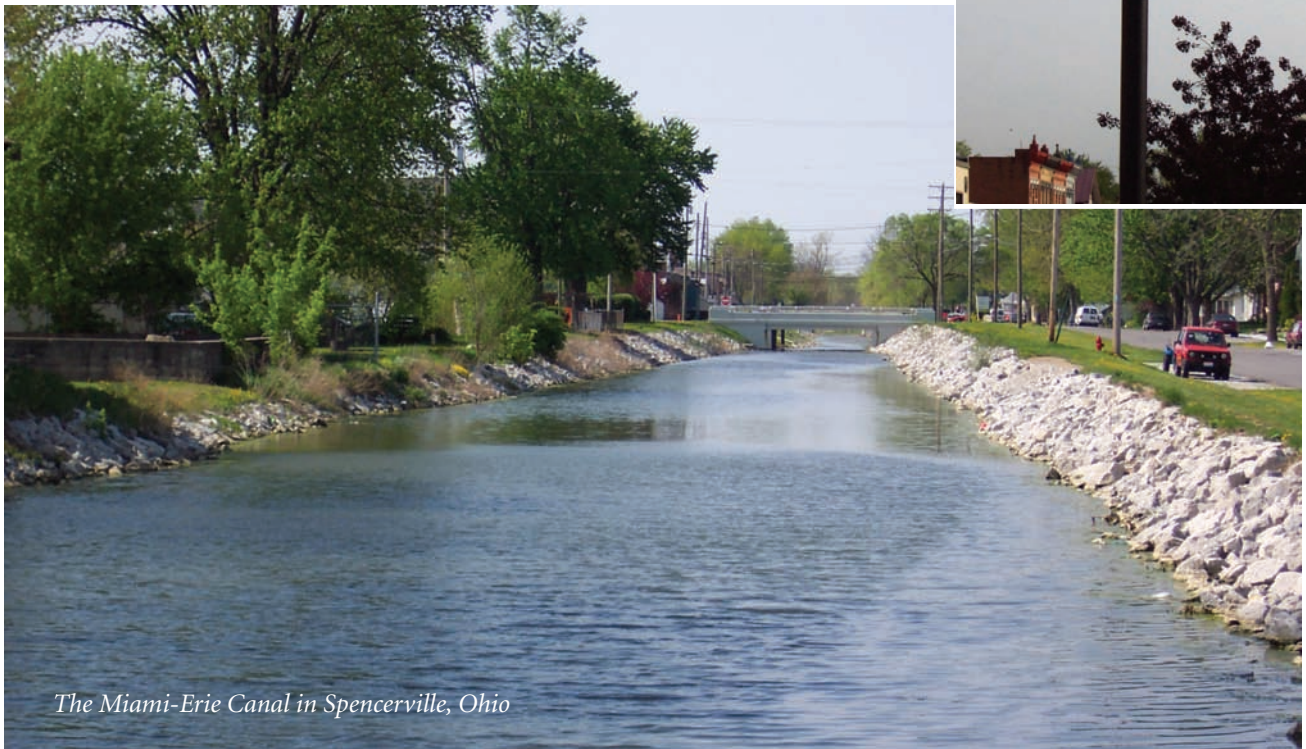
For President Krendl's complete speech video, and photos from the Inauguration, go to www.otterbein.edu/inauguration/recap.asp



Meet our New President

by Roger Routson

Kathy Krendl is undeniably an Ohio girl. She grew up on a farm near Spencerville in northwest Ohio, on land that was once thought to be part of the Great Black Swamp. Otterbein's 20th president got her start in flatlands where ash, elm, cottonwood and sycamores line the banks of the Miami and Erie Canal. Route 66 (that's STATE Route 66) angles through the town of 2,000 and along the canal, which roughly divides the town into east and west halves.



The Miami-Erie Canal in Spencerville, Ohio

One of six children, Kathy Krendl and her siblings worked the family row crop farm. When she was around 11 or 12, her father turned the management of the farm over to the kids, so they could earn money for their college educations. This would begin her experiences in business and management, long before she ever graduated from high school.

“We (the children) began a produce market. Each one of us was assigned management of the farm for three years. It was our responsibility to see that the planting got done, the produce markets had the materials and supplies they needed. We had a couple of grocery contracts. A&P was a big contract for us,” Krendl said.

“It gave each of us an opportunity to gain experience in managing and running a farm operation. There was a lot of orchestration to pull everything together. It took a lot of management, teamwork and training. I think that was my parents’ intentions, to show us we needed to understand each other’s strengths and weaknesses, and each of us had certain responsibilities. Everyone had an area of expertise, so it took everyone working together to get the job done.”

It was also each child’s responsibility to research and pursue admittance into the colleges of their choice. Through that, Krendl’s college career began early. “As a high school student I did some summer coursework—before the crops came in—at Ohio Northern, Bowling Green and Ohio University. It was good getting my feet wet at different colleges and different campus environments. It was hard work along with the farm work.”

Off to College in Wisconsin

But when it came time to pick a college, she chose a small liberal arts college, Lawrence University, in Wisconsin. “The scholarship they offered was attractive, but I just liked small liberal arts colleges in the Midwest. I liked the appearance of the campus, liked the people I talked to, and liked the size of it,” she said.



After receiving her undergraduate degree in English, she began teaching high school English at Wapakoneta, OH, where she served as the advisor to the school newspaper. This early interest in journalism pushed her toward The Ohio State University, where, going to night school while teaching, she earned her master's degree in journalism. She eventually earned her doctorate degree from the University of Michigan while she taught at Ohio State.

And no, as a graduate of both universities she refuses to take sides on the storied OSU-Michigan rivalry. "I try not to fall on either side," she said with a slightly sly smile.

In her career, Krendl has stayed close to her Midwest ties, serving for 13 years at both Indiana University and then Ohio University. At the former she served as professor and chair of the Department of Telecommunications and as dean of the system-wide School of Continuing Studies with offices on all eight IU campuses. At OU, she served as the dean of the Scripps College of Communication for eight years before becoming provost in 2004. In 2007, her responsibilities there were expanded to executive vice president and provost.

A Special Place—and its Issues

Now that she's had some time on the job and to soak up the culture of Otterbein, what are her initial impressions? "The strongest initial impressions are around the special nature of the place and the way in which people respond to it," she said. "What has been striking to me has been that a lot of the conversations I've had with people—alumni and students—are directly about the academic experience, which I think is great. Alumni will remember a particular professor and something that he or she said. That academic connection resonates with the history of the institution and the idea of being a college of opportunity. People engaged intellectually at the institution, and it did open a lot of doors of opportunity for them."



President Krendl participated in this fall's community plunge. More than 240 Otterbein College freshmen served 21 Columbus-area community agencies during the Center for Community Engagement's 17th annual New Student Community Plunge on Sept. 12.

Clearly, she already has a passion for this place called Otterbein that so many have come to experience and love. But having a proud tradition and storied history will not necessarily carry you through tomorrow. Where are we going? And what, right now, are our most pressing issues? "I think the most pressing issue right now is the need of the College to define itself clearly in the marketplace for recruiting. That goes directly to the budget, as we are a tuition-dependent institution. But I don't want to say the budget is the most important issue, because that's probably true for everyone. Our unique challenge is finding the right way to define Otterbein as the destination of choice for the right students. We've depended heavily on legacy students and students from the immediate region. We need to be better known, we need to be better and more clearly defined, and we need to be developing plans and striving to reach those goals."

When asked to look five years ahead, and define what Otterbein's most pertinent issues will be in that time period, she said, "We have some work to do in terms of some basic infrastructure that we need to attend to in our information technology area. We need to look at our campus facilities from a master planning process and think about where we see

our growth taking place. If we meet the targets that are identified in the strategic plan, clearly we are going to be growing in some areas and we need to make sure our facilities are keeping pace with that growth."

Krendl sees most of our physical facilities as being in good shape, but there are some areas of concern. "I think the Campus Center is a challenge for us and we need to determine how we're going to proceed in using it as a hub for university activities. It looks dated, it's not terribly welcoming, so I think we need to do some work on that. But that needs to be done as part of a master plan, not just by itself."

She also sees work needing to be done in the area of Continuing Studies. "We need to regain some ground in terms of serving continuing studies and adult students. We did at one time have a robust program and I think we've lost a little bit of that because of the lack of clarity of our particular role in that marketplace and there's just a lot more competition out there now. That's where we projected a lot of our growth and set some goals, so we need to really look seriously at that pool of students and determine what we can do well in delivering the kinds of programming and the quality of programming we want to deliver in which students will succeed and in which there is great demand."

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The connection with the surrounding community is another area of importance for her. "Working effectively with Westerville is critical to our future. I've found good partners in the leadership at the city level and they seem very interested in seeing Otterbein flourish just as it's in our best interest to see Westerville flourish. Working on that town-gown relationship, making sure that continues to be healthy and sustainable and productive for both parties is another important avenue of opportunity for us." Krendl sees Otterbein sharing its facilities with the community to the betterment of all. "We have a wonderful new addition to the Science Center, and a wonderful new equine facility, but there's no reason Otterbein has to keep those new additions to ourselves. They should be a community resource that we share with the community. We can use them to gain visibility, to provide educational opportunities for students and all kinds of audiences from the immediate community. I think there's wonderful potential in those new facilities that we're just beginning to bring into focus. We need to look at those resources in new ways to really maximize the potential to advance the institution. I think that's something that everyone has to be thinking about."

On Change, Students... and What it Means to be Otterbein's First Woman President

With Otterbein looking at the possibility of aligning its name to Otterbein University, with quarters going by the wayside for semesters in 2011, with the addition of more

graduate programs and with ever growing enrollment numbers, some wonder if Otterbein is changing too quickly or if perhaps it might be losing some of its small college charm and getting too big. What does our new president think of this?

"We need to be very clear as to what it is we want to hang onto. And in my mind it is the core enduring values of Otterbein. Things like serving as a college of opportunity, focusing on a life of service, engaging in community service, giving back, working for the good of all people. Those kinds of values, the idea of lifelong learning, the idea of inclusiveness and diversity, all of those are core values we can trace way back in the history of Otterbein College. If that is what we want to hold onto, I think it's quite possible for us to do that by being very clear, by being very consistent in the way we talk about

those kinds of values and the way in which we instill those values to our students who come here. So that's part of the answer.

"The second part of the answer is we have multiple missions. We have an adult graduate professional mission, we have a continuing studies mission, and we have an undergraduate mission. That's not new. That's been part of Otterbein's character for many years. Many Otterbein alumni look at their own experiences as being unique and small and intimate, and I think we can retain that in the undergraduate residential program. A small faculty-to-student ratio will maintain those characteristics and will keep those enduring values in that context. But that doesn't necessarily translate to what we are doing in graduate and professional education and to what we are doing in continuing studies. When we talk about the Otterbein



President Krendl and husband, Richard Gilbert, who is teaching English at Otterbein, take in the Homecoming game, a thriller that ended in a last minute win over Capital.

experience, for each of those groups it's a little bit different. And most of the growth is actually projected for the graduate, professional and adult audiences, not the undergraduate audiences. So I think it's quite possible for us to have it both ways. I don't think we're changing the nature of the undergraduate experience nor are we abandoning our core values. We're simply finding 21st century ways of fulfilling that mission and maintaining those values."

Our 20th president, much like our 19th, has a real affinity for our students and interacting with them. She plans informal get-togethers, focus groups, and of course, involvement in community projects. "A number of students have given me comments about the kinds of things they'd like me to take a look at, like our web presence, like creating a wireless campus, ideas that drive us forward or enable us to move forward in terms of technology. I'm also interested in sitting down with students and talking to them about what attracted them to Otterbein College. I know for many of them it was a legacy/family kind of connection, but there are lots of other students who are coming here and I want to understand more about that as we try to clarify our identity in the marketplace. I want to be clear

about what it is that is attracting our current students here. Clearly our academic programs are key to that, but I think there have to be other kinds of identifiers that Otterbein is known for that are important to this generation of students. I have been invited to some of the group meetings, student activity meetings, those kinds of things and of course I've met with the students in all of the orientation programs. I participated in the fall community plunge day, and we're talking about going on some more of the service learning trips. You really get to know students in those kinds of environments. Inside the classroom and outside the classroom, I'll get to know the students."

Keen interest in students is one thing Krendl shares with her predecessor, Brent DeVore, who was known for his active involvement in community service and other student activities. One thing she obviously does not have in common with DeVore or any of the past presidents at Otterbein is gender. Does she feel added pressure being the first woman president at Otterbein?

"I don't think I feel added pressure, I think I feel a great sense of pride. I was the first woman dean on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington and I was the first

woman dean at the Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University and so I've been the first woman in several roles. All I ever felt in terms of pressure was that the expectations were high. But expectations should be high for whoever is in those kinds of leadership roles, so for me, it's not about being the first woman, it's about being someone for whom there are high expectations and setting high expectations for myself. But," she paused, reflective, "it is a special privilege to be in this situation where the strength of women in the history of the institution has been so powerful. I'm told that comes from the EUB tradition that women played a leadership role in the United Brethren Church from very early on and that sort of inclusiveness carried over from the church."

Old School Brand of Leadership

When asked to characterize her own style of leadership, Krendl answered, "I'm old school, I think that leadership is in the way in which one lives the values of the organization and tries to reflect those, tries to lead by example in a lot of ways. Also, and I've thought a lot about this, you are a kind of a servant-leader, in that you are there to serve the institution. So that means you've got to understand the people in that institution, you've got to understand the institution and you have to model what you see as the inherent values of it."

As provost at OU, Krendl faced some challenging and contentious times. What lessons from those times did she bring with her to Otterbein? "One thing that I learned is that those kinds of issues and the contentiousness are seldom personal. They really are about people in positions of leadership, people in positions of authority, people who are responsible and accountable for making decisions. What I learned in the process was to make efforts along the way to have more transparent communication. I tried to share information around budget, around



President Krendl chats with students as she hands out t-shirts at New Student Weekend this past September.

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enrollment, around some of the issues we were facing. What I learned is it’s better from the very beginning, and I’ve tried to do this in my comments here, to put the issues out there, and then work toward solutions with people at every turn to try to keep information as open and transparent as possible. I don’t want people to perceive decisions are being made from the top down, as the saying goes, or behind closed doors. It’s important to share information, to engage people in conversations and debates, to be able to do so with discussion and sometimes strong disagreement. Higher education is changing, we face budgetary challenges, we face a number of other kinds of challenges, and the only way to work through that is to work through it together and to share information as openly as we can.”

One thing the new president will do to that end is keep open office hours on Friday afternoon. It may not be possible to do this every Friday because of travel and appointments, “but what I have been telling people is that I will have two or three hours on Friday afternoons when people can just call me and make a 15 minute appointment. We’ll try to keep it moving so I can get more people in, but that would be for the broad community, for students, for faculty, for staff, anybody who has something they want to talk to me about. Email is another easy way to reach me.” Another idea she is considering is having some morning coffees with small groups of people.

She also reflected on the differences between her responsibilities as provost and her

current responsibilities as president of Otterbein, saying the current position is much more “macro” and “big picture...where do we want to grow our programs, where do we see opportunities, where do we see threats. How can I position us best to take advantage of the opportunities and minimize the threats. It’s a much more strategic position than the position of provost.”

When asked if she felt she would match her predecessor’s term of 25 years, she laughed. “I don’t think so,” she said, and laughed again. “I think it’s safe to say probably not. I certainly see a 10-year period of time as sort of bookends on what I would like to achieve. Now what happens at the end of those 10 years, I don’t know. But I think the kinds of things I would like to see us do will take at least 10 years to achieve.”

Stories Yet to Tell

If you’ve seen the “20 Things to Know About President Krendl” display (pages 24 and 25 in this issue), you’ll know that she lists what makes her happy is family time. She and her husband, Richard Gilbert (who is now a lecturer in journalism and English at Otterbein), have two children, Claire, 23, and Tom, 21. Claire graduated from Northwestern and went to work for Deloitte Consulting before deciding to go back to school for graduate work. She’s currently working on her doctorate in higher education at Penn State. Thomas is a junior at Northwestern and studying philosophy. In January he will be going to Denmark to study Kierkegaard.

“I respect and admire my children,” Krendl said. “I genuinely think they are interesting people and I think they are good people.”

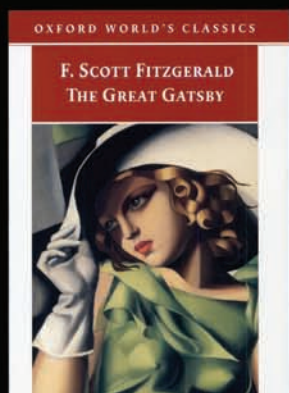
When asked how President Krendl would sum up her feelings of her first days and weeks on the job, and being at Otterbein, she said, “It’s an honor to be here and given the opportunity. To me, Otterbein is a place of a great deal of unrealized potential. And I hear that everyday. I hear that in alumni stories, I hear that from our students, I hear that from our faculty. So much of what happens happens because of the willingness of people to go above and beyond—the faculty and the staff especially. But we don’t really document it, it’s just ‘somebody did it.’ And we don’t use that as, ‘this is the nature of Otterbein.’ These are people who care so deeply about students and want students to succeed that they go above and beyond everyday. Faculty mentor students and take extra time with them and become lifelong friends. Staff are supporting students to help them succeed both in terms of their academic studies and in terms of their development as individuals. There’s just a real community ownership of the academic process and the mission of helping students grow and mature and realize who they are and realize their potential. And I just don’t think that story has been told as effectively as it might be.”

With an Ohio girl, journalism-English-communication major president now at the helm, perhaps it is time for some new storytelling to begin. ●

20 **twenty** things to know about

President Krendl

what makes a great friend
honesty and a sense of humor



favorite book
The Great Gatsby

languages studied
French, German, Spanish



favorite color
turquoise

*Bonjour et bienvenue
sur notre campus.*

what makes a great roommate
being considerate

**activities participated in
& instructed**
basketball, dance, running



Sesame Street character met
Big Bird, on the set, as visiting scholar of
Children's Television Workshop

approach to life
optimistic, but always with a plan B



**#1 project
to do
for the
students**
go wireless





exotic place she's been
Taj Mahal



recycling
she does it

causes she supports

cancer cures, Habitat for Humanity,
Heifer Project International

parents

farmers who encouraged
her and her siblings
to go to college

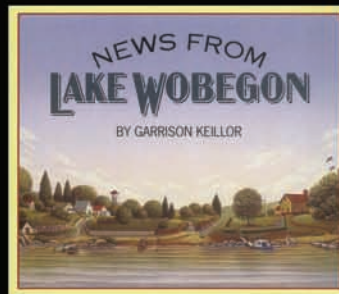
what makes her happy

family time



favorite movies

*To Kill a Mockingbird, It's a Wonderful Life,
The Seven Samurai, A Man for All Seasons*



favorite ice cream

Graeter's coffee flavor

best time of day

morning

favorite radio program

A Prairie Home Companion

#1 job searching tip

pursue positions in
organizations you believe in

**where she studied
literature &
theatre abroad**

London



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1943

Warren "Ernie" Ernsberger was named the Sertoma East Ohio District Sertoman of the Year for his years of volunteer work and active community support. His fundraising efforts have benefited local scholarship recipients, Recreation Unlimited and the Salvation Army.

1948

Nevin Rodes received the 10-year service medal by the chairman of the Asheville, NC, Chapter of SCORE, a national counseling service of volunteer men and women for small business as an arm of the Small Business Association.

1949

Mary Ickes Jamison and husband, **Leo '48**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13, 2009. Many family and friends celebrated with them.

Marilyn Call Pflieger and husband, **Gene '51** celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 11, 2009. The Pflieger's have three children: Mark, Marta, and Marilu.



1950

Jo Anne Curl Forbes was posthumously honored and became the fourth member of her family to be inducted into the Cardington-Lincoln High School Alumni Hall of Fame, Cardington, OH.

Frank Truitt was one of 20 Ohio military veterans inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on Nov. 6, 2008.

1951

Shirley Adams Detamore and husband, **Bill '51**,



1959

James Nuhfer celebrated his 50th Otterbein graduation reunion alongside his children, **Kris '79**, and **Jan Nuhfer Cruz '89**. Kris was celebrating his 30th reunion, while Jan was celebrating her 20th reunion.

celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 5, 2009.

William Winston was inducted into the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Education Foundation Hall of Fame in April 2009. According to his nominators, he is one of the greatest educators Sugar creek Local Schools in Bellbrook, OH, has ever had.

1955

Wayne Fowler and wife, **Gwen**, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Oct. 23, 2008. The two met at a wedding in Knoxville, TN. They met in June, and were engaged by July. Wayne says they have remained best friends through the years.

1959

Victor Sumner was unable to travel to Ohio to attend his 50th reunion. He did return in July, and enjoyed a small gathering with some of his classmates, before leaving for his home in Sierra Leone, West Africa.



1950

Ruth Arthur Woods celebrated memorial day with her family in Vandalia, OH. The family traveled from long distances including, Washington, D.C., and Hartford, CT. The family had 10 Otterbein alumni at the reunion including **Ted Flory '66**, **Carol Kratzer Flory '66**, **Sandee Garwood Kline '68**, **Dick Krazter '69**, **Connie Woods '75**, **Nita Seibel Colgain '75**, **Jack Woods '79**, **Larry Seibel '79**, **Debbie Hoar Seibel '80**, and **Megan Seibel '07**.



This Grandma's Wit and Verve has taken her to the Big Time

by Jeana Harrington '10

Not many 75-year-olds can say their best years are still ahead. For Otterbein alumna **Frances Lee (Myers) Strong '56**—better known as comedian Grandma Lee—her golden years are just getting started.

This fall, Grandma Lee became an overnight celebrity when she first performed on NBC's *America's Got Talent*. A fan favorite from the beginning, Lee continued to entertain week after week and landed a spot in the show's finals. "I never imagined I'd make it to the top 10," Lee said. "Everyone recognizes me now. It's pretty cool."

"It was never about the money," she added. "I just wanted to get my name out there and go to Vegas. And I did just that." She made it to the final show, and although she was clearly an audience favorite with them chanting her name, she eventually lost to country singer Kevin Skinner.

Lee joked on and off stage, once saying in her interview, "I told my kids one day, 'When I die, I want you to have me cremated and take my ashes to Vegas.' Now I have a chance to go to Vegas before my ashes do."

Since the show's finale, Lee and the other finalists have been performing at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas in the *America's Got Talent* live show. "It's like living the dream and I'm thoroughly enjoying every minute of it," she said.

Once the live show wraps up in December, Lee definitely won't have trouble finding her next gig. "My manager has all kinds of things lined up," she said. "I've got offers all over the country."

Although Lee graduated from Otterbein with a degree in English education, it's no surprise she ended up in comedy. "I love performing," she said. "It was something I always wanted to do deep down."

Her act is definitely hysterical but Lee's road to comedy was not so funny. After marrying career-marine Ben Strong in 1958, Lee traveled, and lived, all over the world and started a family – three boys and one girl. She worked for the Cleveland Press and the phone company.

When Hurricane Andrew destroyed their home in Homestead, Fla., in 1992, Lee and her husband moved to Jacksonville to live with their son. Shortly after, Strong was diagnosed with cancer.

He encouraged Lee to take up a hobby while they battled the disease; and when she chose comedy, it was clearly the right decision. "The first time I went on stage, I knew it was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," she said.

When Strong died in 1995, Lee went into comedy full-time, and she's been performing ever since. "It's the most fun I've ever had," she said.

Lee began performing at the Comedy Zone in Jacksonville but it didn't take long for her act to catch on. She's performed in multiple Las Vegas clubs and casinos, and has had a variety of television performances, including appearances on the *Jenny Jones Show*, HBO, BET and E! Entertainment Channel.

Over the years, Lee has performed in almost every state and has been recognized multiple times for her comedy. She won a "golden ticket" to *America's Got Talent* once the producers had seen her tapes, meaning she auditioned right away in Houston, not having to wait in line.

After a definite "yes" from the judges in Houston, Lee went to Vegas to start her road to the finals. "They [the judges] never had anything bad to say about me," Lee said. "You never get tired of that."

Lee's risqué act was centered on jokes about her mythical ex-husband Dwayne, a behind-the-scenes romance with judges Piers Morgan and David Hasselhoff and the shortcomings of the geriatric crowd. In response to her semi-final performance, Hasselhoff responded, "You're funny. I don't care how old you are."

Lee's children, family and friends came out to Vegas whenever possible for the shows, but one special person was missing from the crowd. Lee's husband was only able to see her perform once, but "If he could see me now, I think he'd be beaming with pride," she said. ●



Left and Right: Lee Myers Strong, aka Grandma Lee, performs on *America's Got Talent*. **Center:** With Sonya Stauffer Evans '56.



1961

Judy Pohner Christian and husband, **Michael '61**, had their garden featured on the annual Westerville, OH Garden Tour.



1964

Samuel Ziegler completed his 10th year of teaching and coaching girls volleyball and softball at Mansfield High School, Shreveport, LA. He is also the mentor teacher for the science department as the school becomes a teacher advancement school. Sam has twice received the honor of being named High School Teacher of the Year.



1965

James Danhoff has been selected to receive the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award for 2008. The Norris Award is presented

annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials education.

Richard Reynolds has been inducted into the Ohio Hoop Zone Hall of Fame. He is the most successful basketball coach in the history of the Ohio Athletic Conference, and has been selected as OAC coach of the year eight times.

1969 & 1974

Dayre Lias '69, along with **Don Zeigler '74**, recently flew a FEDEX MD-11 airplane from Memphis to London, Paris, Milan and Frankfurt. The Zeta Phi brothers had not met previous to the trip and learned only about their connection over breakfast on the second day.

1968

Lois Miller Logan is happily retired after 30 years in secondary education teaching theater arts, English and speech, and serving seven years as a librarian. She is currently writing a novel.

1969

Janis Abbott Bobb has retired from serving as corporate director of technical services at *The Columbus Dispatch* newspaper, Columbus, OH. Janis is enjoying traveling, and spending summers at a summer home in Maine.

Robert Dull is currently working as a drug and alcohol counselor at Two Roads Counseling Center in Punxsutawney, PA.

Alan Howenstine and wife, **Nancy Lora Howenstine '69**, are retired from teaching instrumental music in the West Branch School District in Beloit, OH. They still work together at church as choir director and organist, and in planning and directing community productions, such as the recent *Messiah-Sing-a-Long*, and a 200 member

presentation of the musical, *I Love America*. Alan is also busy as a piano tuner/technician, and both are willing babysitters for any of their five grandchildren.



1970

Ronald Scharer was recently a featured financial advisor in Columbus *Business First*. He has maintained a general securities registration since 1974 and offers clients investment advice and money management services including fee-based accounts and privately managed portfolios. He is a senior financial advisor for Scharer Investment Consultants, Marion, OH.

Catherine Worley was named to the Ohio Expositions Commission on July 31, 2009. She has served as a consultant and private attorney since 2004.

1971

Dan Drummond was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of



1971

Randy Cline was recently honored with the Boy Scouts' Silver Buffalo Award for over 40 years of scouting. The Silver Buffalo Award for Distinguished Service to Youth has been given since 1925 to adults who have volunteered their time and efforts to the Boy Scouts of America. Among past award winners are 13 U.S. presidents, astronaut Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney and Colin Powell. Randy has served over three decades as CEO of three different Girl Scout councils and continues to consult the Girl Scouts of the USA on council mergers.



Fame on June 27, 2009. He has officiated high school football and basketball for 37 years. He also works at the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital as a therapist, and coaches high school golf at Unioto High School in the Chillicothe area.

1973

Carter Lewis' play, *Evie's Waltz*, will be hosted by the Contemporary American Theater Company (CATCO). He has had plays produced off-Broadway and across the country. CATCO staged the world premiere of his play, *The Women of My Father's House*, in 1989.

Deanna Hempy Roshong is teaching fourth grade at Liberty-Benton Elementary School in Findlay, OH.

1974

Ted Downing was named the new superintendent of the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District in Belmont Martins Ferry, OH. He has 35 years of experience including his current position as principal of the Sardinia-based high school since 1991. He just completed his ninth year as baseball coach. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro, OH.

Dee Hoty has a role in *Bye Bye Birdie* which opened at the Roundabout on Broadway on Oct. 15.

Jeff Teden recently completed his Advanced Toastmaster Bronze for Pioneer Valley Toastmasters of Springfield, MA.



1975

Janet Jones Watterman has retired as the special education director for the Licking County Educational Service Center. Janet worked for almost 34 years on behalf of students with special needs for Licking County, OH, and Franklin County, OH, Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. She plans on enjoying the additional time to spend with family and friends.

1976

Randy Adams is the new lead producer on a musical opening on Broadway this fall. He is one of the owners of Junkyard Dog Productions. This past summer he produced, in association with Second Stage Theatre, a new musical, *Vanities*. Fellow

Otterbein alumnus, **Dan Knechtges '94** was responsible for the musical staging of *Vanities*.

Lynn Laferty Scull graduated May 16, 2009, from Western New England College School of Law. Lynn was awarded the Edward B. Cooley Award for Excellence in Labor Law. She is taking the Connecticut and Massachusetts Bar Exams and will be practicing labor/employment and education law.

Michael Switzer is currently the vice president of the supply chain for North Mississippi Health Services.

1977

Anne Vittur Kennedy illustrates children's books from her central Ohio home. She has worked with numerous authors including Ann Dixon, Jane Clarke, and Eileen Spinelli. She also authored a children's book of her own, *One Shining Star: A Christmas Counting Book*.

1978

Wendy Wetherbee Armstrong, a social studies teacher at Cloverleaf Middle School, Medina, OH, has been named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar honored from Kent State University.

1979

Ann Hash Overholt and her husband, Larry, are career missionaries with World Gospel Missionaries in Honduras. The couple was in Ohio recently and spoke at the Carrollton, OH, First United Methodist Church during two worship services. She is certified as a family nurse practitioner.



1980

Emilie Caldwell Stewart currently works for the Columbus Blue Jackets as the Group Event Specialist.

1982

Jeff Boehm was published in *Triad Magazine* with the article "Beginning Jazz Improvisation: A Rhythmic Approach." Jeff is the president-elect of the Jazz Education Connection of Ohio (JECO) and professor of music at Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH, where he is the conductor of the concert band.

John Denen is the head girls basketball coach at Washington Senior High School, Washington Court House, OH. Denen was selected from a list of 13 highly-qualified applicants.

Dona Clem Faber has recently passed a board certification exam that has made her a fellow American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators member. By passing this exam, she becomes only the ninth person in the state of Florida, and the 145th person in the United States to have



1982

Lynn Maurer has been promoted to full professor at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL, where she has just completed six years as chair of the political science department. She has also had a book published on parliamentary influence in Spain. Lynn lives in St. Louis, MO, with her daughter, Salena.

passed this exam. She has been working as a forensic investigator for the past seven years in Leesburg, FL.

Craig Merz recently left *The Columbus Dispatch* after working there for 25 years and began a freelance career. He is now a stringer for the Associated Press and covers the Columbus Crew, Ohio State University hockey, and the Columbus Clippers. He has also been writing for *Columbus Monthly* and *The Other Paper*. He was co-author for a cover story, "Building the Beanie Baby," about former Ohio State football player, Chris "Beanie" Wells.

1984

Cynthia Osborn Mitchell was recently promoted to professor of counseling and human development services at Kent State University, Kent, OH.



1985

Tamara Goldsberry Bauman has been named the executive director of the Hocking Valley Community Residential Center in Nelsonville, OH. It is a community corrections facility for boys ages 12 to 18 that serves 12 counties in southeastern Ohio.

Michael Holmes became the CEO for Diagnostic Imaging Services, a Tenet Healthcare in Louisiana.

Cheryl Kager Kintner has earned her master's degree in human resource management from Marymount University in Virginia. She has worked as a human resource officer for the federal government for the past seven years.

1986

Annie Baumann Upper received her master's of science degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix. She intends to further enhance her hypnotherapy skills and continue practice at Gentle Wind in Columbus and hopefully New York City.

1988

Dan Gifford has been named chief financial officer at Progressive Medical, Inc. in Westerville.

1989

Katherine Pontious Goddard will represent Safelite Solutions of Columbus on the Collision Industry Electronic Commerce Association's Board of Trustees. Kathy has spent the last 17 years at Safelite in Columbus, OH, and is a quality and assurance analyst for the Claims Management Division.

Jennifer Olin-Hitt is now pastor of the Green Valley United Methodist Church, Akron, OH.



1990

Scott Miller has been selected as the director of financial services for the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. Scott has worked at OP&F since 2002 and is a certified internal auditor and certified investment and derivatives auditor.

Craig Pickerill, along with his wife, **Amanda Slager '90**, opened a facility in Washington Court House, OH, which offers a free clothing store, free meals, and will eventually provide counseling and

job seeking advice to those in need. This venture is in conjunction with 15 churches in the community and is called The Well at Sunnyside.

1991

Eric Bohman completed his doctorate in education at National-Louis University in Chicago. He lives in Schaumburg, IL, with his wife **Cynthia Miller '91** and two children, Emma and Alec.

Ann Withers Elder is an associate professor of expressive arts at West New Mexico University. She recently obtained tenure and is acting chair of the department, teaches theater courses, is in charge of theater productions and teaches music appreciation. Ann received her MFA from Ohio University.

Traci Kanaan has announced the release of her first comedy and song parody CD. A raucous compilation of stand up comedy and song parodies, *Tinkle Tinkle Little Star*, was recorded during five live performances at McCurdy's Comedy Theater in Sarasota, FL.

Joe Rinehart completed his master's degree in communication from

1988

Yeon-Sung Lee has established a school called Let's Art Children's Art Center in Seoul, Korea. The school has been recognized for its quality of education and international activities and has become a top 10 private art school in Korea. The school is now on traveling exhibition. Let's Art Children's Art Center has been selected as a Korean national delegate to participate in UNESCO International Teachers Conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan.





Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, MI, in May 2008. He is director of broadcasting and instructor of communication at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He and wife, Marcy, just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

1992

Todd Cordisco was recently named to the board of directors for Theater Conspiracy, a Ft. Myers, FL, based not-for-profit theater group whose mission is to “produce and promote the work of the next generation of great American playwrights.” Todd is the director of development/public relations for Lee Mental Health Center, Inc.

1993

Kevin Gerrity is serving as assistant professor of music education at Ball State University School of Music. He presented at the 2009 OMEA Professional Conference and is considered one of the country’s leading experts on the effect of the No Child

1990

Rachael Harris will be acting as a regular comedian on *The Jay Leno Show*. She starred as the controlling Melissa in the hit movie *The Hangover*, and Cooper on the sitcom *Notes from the Underbelly*. Currently she plays one of Courtney Cox’s neighbors, Shanna, on the weekly show, *Cougar Town*.

Left Behind law on K-12 music programs.

1994

Todd Crain entered his show, *Helping Out*, and was a finalist in the National Association of Television Program Executives competition in Los Angeles.



1995

Jennifer Morgan Flory was a guest on *Middle Georgia Music* on WMUM, Macon, GA. Her Max Noah Singers and University Chorus were featured on the broadcast which included recordings from the concert “American Choral Sampler,” April 2008.

1996

Michael Hamilton performed a voice recital towards completion of a master’s degree in vocal performance from The Ohio State University in October 2008. He performed another recital spring 2009 towards completion of an additional master’s degree in vocal pedagogy.

Johnny Steiner released two new albums in 2008, *With Nothing to Do* and *December*. Both albums feature **Eric Van Wagner '99** and **Eileen Fagan Huston '57**.

1997

Holly Baker Jedlicka is the new full-time therapist and program director for PBJ Connections, a nonprofit organization offering equine-assisted learning and therapy for children and teens. Other Otterbein affiliates that take part in PBJ Connections are **Amy Park '07**, **Lois Szudy '99** and **Melissa Victor '87**.

Tracy Worrell is an assistant professor in the department of communication at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

1998

Joseph Kacsandi has been named the principal of Heritage Middle School in Westerville, OH.

1999

Sam Jaeger has been cast in another season of the ABC drama, *Eli Stone*. Sam has had guest appearances on *Law and Order*, *ER* and *CSI*.

Paul Mucciarone has taken on the role of admissions counselor and adjunct professor at Metropolitan College of New York in

1997

Erin Stewart Miller was appointed by Mayor Michael Coleman as environmental steward for the city of Columbus, OH. She is assisting Otterbein by serving on the sustainability committee.

Manhattan. Paul heads the effort of recruiting prospective students who are veterans using the new Post 9/11 GI Bill to pay their way through college. Paul also teaches a course in professional development and self-assessment.



2000

Jennifer Lennox Greenawalt has left Columbus City Schools and is now teaching music at Diley Middle School, Pickerington, OH. She is also the leader of contemporary worship at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington.

Christine O'Connor is currently in China doing a show with Disney Live under Feld Entertainment. The show will move to Russia and then Japan.

Allison Sattinger

performed with guitarist Matt Coleman and bassist Phil Melke for two shows in Columbus, OH. She has recorded three albums, *E*, *Vox* and *A Steady Heart*. Allison also turned a hobby of leather and metal tooling into a business.



Nathan Weaver recently accepted a position at Central Crossing High School in Grove City, OH, as the director of the theatre department. He will be teaching theatre and English.

2001

Kyle Berry, Army National Guard 1st Lt., participated in the 56th presidential inauguration as part of the largest ever contingent of National Guard members to serve in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Stewart has been accepted to the doctorate in business administration program at the Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati.

2002

Jeff Gibbs participated in the fourth annual Dawg Days 3-on-3 basketball tournament held at Village Green Park, Dalton, OH.

Shanon Potts received the *Dayton Business Journal* Forty Under Forty award. She is an assistant city attorney for the city of Dayton, OH.

Rebekah Sheldon ran her first marathon in May, raising over \$2,400 for the leukemia and lymphoma society. She completed the marathon with a time of 4 hours and 54 minutes.



2003

Josh Grimm earned his master's in journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and this fall will complete his doctorate at the University of Iowa. Josh will then join the faculty at Texas Tech as an assistant professor in the department of journalism.

Kim Leonhard Miller is the director of client services at ELEVATE thinking, a brand design and marketing agency in Columbus, OH. Her hiring expands the company's offerings to now include public relations, marketing-based community outreach programming and communication strategies.

Cpl. Samuel Pearson, who died in Iraq in Oct. 2007, has had a portion of Route 66, Piqua, OH, dedicated to him. It is now called Cpl. Samuel F. Pearson Memorial Highway. Samuel was killed by an insurgent attack at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sara Rinfret received her Ph.D. in political science from Northern Arizona University in August 2009. She accepted a tenure track position with the

2005
Mandy Knapp was recognized by Doug Evans, director of the Ohio Library Council (OLC), for initiative in creating saveohiolibraries.com. Mandy developed the website after the governor unveiled his framework for balancing the state budget which endangered the future of many of Ohio's public libraries. OLC wrote a resolution honoring Mandy for getting the word out via the website.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Department of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Heather Lillibridge Tromba earned a master's of science in education degree from Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH. The major was curriculum and instruction with concentration in reading.

2004

Brianne Gindlesperger has received a doctorate in veterinary medicine from The Ohio State University. She is serving an internship at the University of Illinois Equine facility.

Anne Halter Gonzales was elected to her third four-year term on the Westerville City Council on Nov. 3. She is currently Westerville's mayor and has announced her intention to run for the 19th District Ohio House of Representatives seat in 2010.

Mark Lastivka is in corporate gift sales for Cheryl & Co in Westerville, OH.

Amber Sloan is a full-time employee at the Lexington School for Recording Arts in Kentucky, where she teaches audio engineering,



2005

Sarah Grooms is currently living in Shanghai, China, dividing her time between freelance editing, English tutoring and blogging about her life abroad.

John Lintz has been named the new head coach for men's and women's cross country at Otterbein. John has been serving as a graduate assistant under the previous men's and women's track coach, Doug Welsh. John will receive his master's degree in education curriculum at Otterbein.

Alexandra Sewell Lowry, as drama club director at Wooster High School, Wooster, OH, put on the show *Little Shop of Horrors*. She is also the performing arts center manager.

Amanda Evans McGuire has accepted a position of account supervisor with Inside Media, Columbus, OH.

Tom Mueller has completed his Ph.D. in mass communications at the University of Florida. He is now assistant professor of communication at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. He says this accomplishment is all about the encouragement he



2002

Allison Sayre Paugh graduated with her second bachelor's degree, a bachelor of science in nursing, from the Capital University nursing accelerated program. She became a licensed registered nurse, and accepted a 90 day new graduate nurse internship to guaranteed staff nursing position at Select Specialty Hospital in Columbus, OH.

2005

Katelyn Tilley-Wilyerd received her Ph.D. in plant pathology from the Pennsylvania State University in August 2009. She accepted a position at Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, OH, where she continues to research wheat pathology and epidemiology.



received from his professors while working on his MBA at Otterbein.

2006

Michael Cauley ran the Boston Marathon in April 2009. He also started a new career at Discover Financial Services as an account manager dealing with sales and customer service.

Leigh Mack-Jugan received her CPA license in February 2009 and is currently a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs. She is working for PPG Industries in Delaware, OH, as the general accounting supervisor for North America Refinish.

Ray Porter was featured and interviewed in *Business First*, Columbus, OH. He is the chief financial officer/vice president of finance for BMI Federal Credit Union.

2007

Steve Beeley is enrolled at Eastern Michigan University working on a master's degree in orthotics and prosthetics.

Stacey Moyer teaches elementary general and vocal music in the Forest Hills, OH, school district.

Danushka Harshini Nanayakkara is currently pursuing a master's of arts in applied economics at Johns Hopkins University.

Jen Roberts' original play, *The Beekeeper*, ran at Butterfield Theatre Company, Gainesville, TX, in the months of July and August.

Amira Shouman finished her one year commitment as an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer with the Massachusetts Campus Compact in Boston. She started her master's in higher education this fall at New York University.

Heagan Hempy Sparling was featured in *The Courier* newspaper, Findlay, OH. She teaches at Liberty-Benton Elementary School in Findlay.

Megan Ward portrayed Lucille Ball for a *Spend the Evening With...* as part of the Chautauqua Series at ThePlace@Woodward in Mount Vernon, OH.

Kyle Wolfe graduated from officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

2008

Shannon Carr (left) is the administrative assistant for promotions at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. **Erin Sites** (right) is also working at the zoo in Jack Hanna's office.

2008

Brett Rybak has joined the Ohio State athletics communications staff as an intern. He will be working primarily with baseball, women's soccer and men's lacrosse.

Jeff Sabo is now employed with SageRock.com, Akron, OH. He will be doing video production and web-branding for them.

Sandra Thouvenin has an exhibition of artwork at the Massillon Museum in Akron, OH. Her artwork includes woodprints inspired from a trip to Egypt during her summer's tenure as the artist in residence at the Works Museum in Newark, OH. She is currently serving as the museum's special events and volunteer coordinator.

2009

Emily Asbury will be appearing in *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* in New York. She has starred in dozens of shows locally, but this was her first audition in New York.

Bryan Curtiss had an article on disaster awareness published in the spring issue of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission's magazine, *This Ability*.

Ryan Eldridge is the new physical education teacher at

Urbana Junior High School, Urbana, OH.

Dan Ensigen is the new chemistry teacher at Whitehall High School, Columbus, OH.

Mina Makary entered The Ohio State University College of Medicine this fall.

Larsa Ramsini is part of the Teach For America program, working as a math teacher in Baltimore, MD.

Ashley Shier is pursuing a Ph.D. in school psychology at the University of Cincinnati.

Liz Shivener has been cast in the role of Belle in the national tour of *Beauty and the Beast*. Her boyfriend, **Steve Czarniecki '09**, was cast as the understudy of Gaston and the Beast.

Cory Smith was offered the role of Matt in *The Fantasticks* at Barrington Stage in Pittsfield, MA.

Amy Witt is the new receptionist for the Center for Continuing Studies at Otterbein. Her grandfather used to work for Otterbein as the director of financial aid, 1960-1976, and her great-great-great grandfather, Alexander Owen, was the fourth president of Otterbein. ●



MileSTONES

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Wedding Album



2001

Angela Styers Hunter '01
with husband, Patrick



2003

Jennifer Breed Balsat '03
with husband, Ayler '02



2005

Andrea Keller Glasstetter
'05 with husband, Tom



2005

Sara Smithson Reat '05
with husband, Zach



2006

Holly Fenner Ritter '06
with husband, Shawn '07



2007

Amy All Keep '07 with
husband, Robert '08



2007

Noga Granite Ailer '07 with
husband, Alex '10



2007

Carly Shugarman Griffin '07
with husband, Mike '08



2008

Jared French '08 with wife,
Michelle



2008

Janelle Riddle Guirrerri '08
with husband, Matt



2008

Valerie Starkey
Schwartfigure '08 with
husband, Jake

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Marriages

1992

Stefanie Roberts to Amy Tierney, July 3, 2009.

1995

Scott Housel to Jessi Thompson, July 26, 2008.

1997

Tracy Worrell to Rick Louallen, May 8, 2009.

2001

Daniele Conners to Corey Brown, July 4, 2009. In the wedding party was **Ellen Beversluis Mecholsky '03**.

Cindy Nolle to Jonathan Skalyo, May 30, 2009.

Angela Styers to Patrick Hunter, April 18, 2009.

2003

Jennifer Breed to **Ayler Balsat '02**, June 6, 2009.

Mandy Ferguson to Nathan Acker, June 8, 2009.

Julia Hills to Rob Meadows, June 13, 2009.

2005

Andria Keller to Tom Glasstetter, May 2009.

Sara Smithson to Zach Reat, May 23, 2009. Wedding party included, **Erika Hughes '05**, **Kathy Rainsburg '05**, **Matt Wolfe '04**, and **Matt Christian '05**.

2006

Holly Fenner to **Shawn Ritter '07**, Aug. 8, 2009. Members of the bridal party included **Kristen Ruff '06**, **Heather Reichle '06**, **Jessica Snell '06**, **Rik Menchen '06**, **Kyle Durban '06**, and

Ben Braley '07. Ceremony readers included **Kelley Youman Truxall '05**, and **Matt Fosnaugh '06**. Many other Otterbein alumni attended as well.

2007

Amy All to **Robert Keep '08**, June 13, 2009, at Church of the Master. Otterbein alumni in the bridal party include **Mike Young '08**, **Andy Chow '08**, **Mark King '08**, **Ashley Lang '08**, **Ann Keep '04**, **Jennifer Keep '04**, **Mandy All '04** and **Jenny All '01**.

Noga Granite to **Alex Ailer '10**, July 18, 2009.

Carly Shugarman to **Mike Griffin '08**, Sept. 6, 2009.

2008

Jared French to Michelle DeMars, June 23, 2008.

Janelle Riddle to Matt Guirrerri, Dec. 13, 2008. Several Otterbein alumni participated and attended. Wedding party included **Rachel Amey '08**, **Morgan Braun '08**, **Richelle Swineford '08**, **Vanessa Wilson '08**. Music provided by **Whitney Dodds '08**. The wedding was officiated by **Carl Wiley '60**.

Valerie Starkey to Jake Schwartzfigue, Feb. 28, 2009.

2009

Rachael Gallagher to Andrew Rahrig, June 21, 2009.

Morgan Saracina to **James Dailey '05**, June 19, 2009.

Additions

1992

Lora Bishop Pierce and husband, Rod, a son, Paul Joseph, July 6, 2009. He joins big brother, Curtis, 2.

1993

Stephanie Springfeldt and fiance, Vince Mounts, a daughter, Madison Nicole, Jan. 22, 2009.

1995

Bryan Burnham and wife, Susan, a daughter, Henna Lee, March 19, 2009. She joins big sister, Hila, 2.

Melissa Crohen and husband, John Payne, a son, Benjamin Crohen Payne, June 26, 2009. He joins big brother, Jacob.

Katherine Smart Hughes and husband, **Dan '95**, a son, Benjamin Oliver, Dec. 30, 2008. He joins big sister, Amelia Mae, 4.

Heather Rutz and partner, Beth Jokinen, adopted a son, Emmanuel Yohannes from Ethiopia, born Aug. 7, 2008.

1996

John Csokmay and wife, Mara, a daughter, Claire, Sept. 10, 2009. She joins big sister, Audrey.

Stacie Lingle Emerson and husband, Jamie, a daughter, Sophie Mae, Oct. 30, 2008. She joins big brothers, Braeden, 7, and Colt, 4.

Krista Papania Phillips and husband, Brad, a daughter, Erin Morgan, March 1, 2009. She joins big brother, Collin, 3.

1997

Erin Stewart Miller and husband, **Joshua '94**, a daughter, Rachel, Dec. 26, 2008. She joins big sister, Myah.

1998

Doug Eckelbarger and wife, Melissa, a son, Gage Douglas, June 10, 2009. He joins big sister, Liberty, 4 and brother, Brody, 2.

Denise Baker Ell and husband, James, two daughters, Megan Cheyenne and Hailey Faye, officially became members of the family March 26, 2009. They join big brothers, Gage and Max.

Dorothee Mertz Weigel and husband, Paul, a daughter, Clementine, Aug. 26, 2009.

1999

Aireane Taylor Curtis and husband, Clay, a daughter, Mallory Elizabeth, Jan. 17, 2009. She joins big brother, Mitchell, and big sister, Reilly.

Beth Kraus Mitchell and husband, Dan, a son, Jacob, April 17, 2009. He joins big sisters, Madison and Riley.

2000

Amber Brusco Gibbs and husband, Jonathan, a son, Elijah Thomas, April 26, 2009.

Donald Kress and wife, Tara, a son, Barry Donald, June 4, 2009.

Melody McDowell Reed and husband, Thomas, a son, Nathan Samuel, March 13, 2009. He joins big sister, Gretchen, 2.

Baby Album



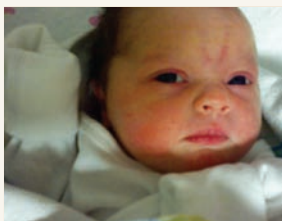
1992

Paul Joseph Pierce



1993

Madison Nicole Springfeldt



1995

Henna Lee Burnham



1995

Benjamin Crohen Payne with
big brother, Jacob



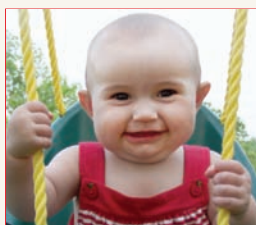
1995

Emmanuel Yohannes



1995

Benjamin Oliver
Hughes with big
sister, Amelia Mae



1996

Sophie Mae Emerson



1996

Erin Morgan Phillips



1997

Rachel Miller



1998

Megan Cheyenne and
Hailey Faye Ell



1998

Clementine Weigel



1999

Jacob Mitchell



1999

Mallory Elizabeth
Curtis



2000

Nathan Samuel Reed



2000

Elijah Thomas Gibbs



2000

Barry Donald Kress



2001

Thomas Michael
Stewart with dad, Jeff



2002

Rylee Grace Dudzinski



2002

Carter Lastivka



2002

Mallory Evelyn
Kirby



2003

Claire Natalie Terhune



2003

Tanner James
Shavers



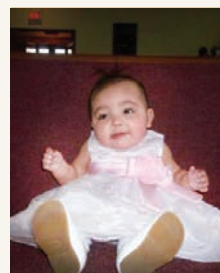
2004

Ella Lynn
Stuller



2007

Jackson Lee
Schneider



2008

Audrea Lynn McKay

2001

Kelli Mueller Hermen and husband, **Brad '00**, a son, Tyler, March 9, 2009. He joins big brother, Dylan, 3.

Jeff Stewart and wife, Julie, a son, Thomas Michael, Aug. 7, 2009.

2002

Maria Lump Dudzinski and husband, **Daniel '00**, a daughter, Rylee Grace, June 4, 2008. She joins big sister, Raegan, 2.

Kayne Kirby and wife, Kathleen, a daughter, Mallory Evelyn, March 31, 2009.

JaNay Grieger Lastivka and husband, **Tim '02**, a son, Carter Jan, Jan. 4, 2009.

Heidi Solt Walker and husband, John, a daughter, Amelia Beth, May 29, 2009.

2003

Katherina Nikzad-Terhune and husband, Jon, a daughter, Clare Natalie, Aug. 2, 2009.

Shelia Taylor Shavers and husband, James, a son, Tanner James, Oct. 15, 2008.

Justin Sponseller and wife, Diana, twins, Dylan James and Evan Christopher, Sept. 22, 2008.

2004

Jackie Hampshire Stuller and husband, **Grant '04**, a daughter, Ella Lynn, May 19, 2009.

2007

Kathryn Deinlein Schneider and husband, **Phillip '99**, a son, Jackson Lee, June 4, 2009.

2008

Emily Rarey, a daughter, Aundrea Lynn McKay, Sept. 15, 2008.

Deaths

1927

Ruth Hayes McKnight died July 7, 2009. While at Otterbein she was a member of Epsilon Kappa Tau. She taught math in high schools around Akron, OH. She was the founder of Ellet Women's Club, a past president of the Ellet Golden Keenagers, and a member of College Club of Akron. The city honored her with the award of Outstanding Older Adult in 1967. One of her side hobbies as a retiree was crocheting more than 300 pairs of mittens and 175 baby blankets for Good Neighbors. Preceding her in death was her husband, **Wilbur '29**; and sister, **Edna Hayes Duncan '29**. Surviving are her children, Thomas, Robert, and Sandra Miller.

1932

Gladys Frees Morrison died May 16, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. **Robert Morrison '39**; siblings Rev. **Lewis Frees '29**, Rev. **Paul Frees '35**, and **Ruth C. Frees '30**; and sister-in-law, **Elva Moody Frees '29**. Survivors include her children, Robert and Jon; and nephew, **Lewis Frees '58**.

1934

Jack Sprecher died May 22, 2009. Preceding him in death was his wife of 50 years, Jan, and brother, **Leland '30**. Surviving are two daughters, Janine Smith and Joyce Brombacher-Cose; four

grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Otterbein survivors also include his nephew, **Phil Sprecher '59**. Jack was very active all his life. During the Depression, he played the piano for tips and formed bands for hire. He served in the Army/Air Force for three years, in which he was a band leader in India-Burma in 1942. He loved boating, water skiing and skindiving until he was in his 80s with the Richmond Pelicans diving team, Richmond, CA. He threw horseshoes in championships well into his 90s. He sang and played the piano at the El Cerrito, CA, Senior Center every week for years.

1938

Robert Hohn died Aug. 15, 2009. He is preceded in death by his father, **Lewis Michael Hohn '16**; brother, **Wendell Hohn '35**; and sister-in-law, **Kathryn Moore Hohn '37**. He is survived by his wife, **Esther Day Hohn '39**; daughter, Carolyn; son, Michael; grandson, Kurt Sunderman; and nephews, **Richard Hohn '63** and **Roger Hohn '66**. He is a former Otterbein College voice teacher. Other employment included teaching music in Rushsylvania, OH, schools and teaching music education courses at Bowling Green State University where he also acted as associate dean of the College of Music.

1939

Bonne Gillespie McDannald died Jan. 11, 2008. She was a member of Central College Presbyterian Church and past Librarian of Milligan Library. She was a past president of Westerville Art League and Amalthea Historical Society,

past secretary of Sons of The American Revolution; member of Pioneer Families of Franklin County, Blendon Senior Center and Fashion Group. She was also a former model for Lazarus and Riggle Modeling Agency. She was preceded in death by husband, Roger. Surviving are children, Karen, Keith, Sharon, and Bruce.

1940

Ronald Beck died June 3, 2009. Ronald worked for General Motors production engineering for 28 years before retiring. He authored and co-authored several books on plastic engineering and design. He was an amateur magician who enjoyed entertaining for retirement centers and family functions. Preceding him in death was his wife, **Flora Lambert Beck '39**, and brother-in-law, Rev. **Warren W. Costick '51**. Survivors include his niece, **Jeanne Beck '71**.

Ruth Miller died Aug. 8, 2009. Surviving is her sister, **Helen Miller '38**.

Jean Sowers Snyder died April 15, 2009. Jean received her master's degree in library science from Case Western Reserve University. She then worked for the Mansfield Public Library and volunteered for the Pueblo Public Library when she relocated to Colorado. She was preceded in death by her husband, David, and son, **Jeffrey '72**. Surviving is her son, Steve; and relative, **Nancy Sowers Krieger '72**.

1941

Mary Dixon Shear died May 6, 2009. Mary worked as a

piano and vocal teacher both privately and in the public schools in North Carolina and Ohio. She was active in the First United Methodist Church where she served as a pianist for the congregation. Preceding her in death was her husband, **Elmer '41**; and aunt, **Alice Schear Yohn '32**. Surviving are her children, Steven and Marsha.

D.W. Stover died March 12, 2009. He was an Ohio public school administrator for over 30 years before becoming auditor for the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, a life member of the National Education Association, and a former member of the Kiwanis Lions Club International. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; and children, Gregory, Brent, Galen, and Brenda.

1942

Lois Arnold Wagner died July 1, 2009. She is survived by her four children, **Marvin '65**, **Keith '70**, **Gary '73** and Todd. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Vincent Arnold '38**.

1943

Bette Baker Grabill died May 13, 2009. Bette received her master's degree from The Ohio State University in the late 1940s. She taught music to first through sixth graders in Maumee, OH before retiring in the mid-1980s. She delivered Wheeled Meals in Bowling Green. Preceding her in death are husband, **James '43**; brother-in-law, **Glenn '34**; and relatives, **Russell Brown '37** and **Patricia Nutt Shuter '46**. Surviving are children, James and Carole.

1944

Paul Ernsberger died May 22, 2009. Paul was a milk hauler for 54 years before retiring. He was a member of Church of the Messiah United Methodist, Westerville, OH, for 64 years, and Columbus Milk Haulers Assn. for 54 years. Preceding him in death was his brother, **Ralph '39**; and father, **Roland '17**. He is survived by wife, **Mariam Haffey Ernsberger '45**; brother, **Warren '43**; and sister-in-law, **Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43**.

Mary Sexton Hayman died June 19, 2009. Mary taught elementary school. She was an avid reader, gardener, and worked with arts and crafts. She is survived by husband, John Hayman; and son, Terry.

1945

Martha Miltenberger Thomas died Aug. 7, 2009. Martha taught for 35 years before retiring. After retirement she worked with the Heart to Heart program at First Community Church in Grandview, OH. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, and a lifetime member of the Ohio Education Association. She was preceded in death by brother, **Allan '47**; and relative, **Helen Leichty Messmer '33**. Surviving are children, Jonathan, Lisa, and Diane; and husband, Grover.

1947

Gordon Crow died April 13, 2009. During WWII, he served overseas with the 932nd Field Artillery, and received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze stars. During the

Korean War, he served as an Army public information officer. Gordon was a member of First National Bank of Fort Worth, Haskell & Stern, the Better Business Bureau, the Advertising Club of Fort Worth, and Texas Association of Business. Preceding him in death is wife, **Evelyn McFeeley Crow '43**. Survivors include children, Deborah, Rebecca, and Gordon; and sister-in-law, **Gladys McFeeley Funkhouser '38**.

Ruth Cobe Dawson died June 19, 2008. She was a registered nurse at the VA hospital in Oakland, CA. Preceding her in death was her husband, Charles.

David Gill died May 23, 2009. He was retired from the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church and the State of Arizona, where he taught English as a second language to Navajo Indians and Hispanics. He is survived by his wife, Helen; and children, John, Sylvia, Lynn, and J Frederick.

Margaret Baugher Harris died April 18, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Rex; and children, Lou Anne Harris Crosswhite and Joanne Lee Harris.

1948

Rachel Walter Fetzer died on July 31, 2009. Her career included teaching at Wooster High School in Wooster, OH, and Smithville High School in Smithville, OH. She was a member of Wooster Grace Brethren Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands and son-in-law. She is survived by her

three children, Walter, Edith and **Miriam Fetzer Angerer '84**; five grandchildren, Naomi, Nathan, Noah, Jonathan and Matthew; and sister, **Alice Stoddard '49**.

Marvin Wagner died July 27, 2009. He was a retired mortgage banker and was the former vice president of PanOhio Mortgage Company in Ohio. He is preceded in death by his wife, **Lois Arnold '42**. He is survived by his four children, **Marvin '65**, **Keith '70**, **Gary '73** and Todd.

1950

Thelma Hack Veres died July 21, 2009. Thelma received her master's degree from Bowling Green State University, then taught at Woodward High School in Toledo, OH, teaching students how to sew, cook, set a proper table, craft a family budget, and even how to land a job. She enjoyed traveling. The family visited all 48 contiguous states with a three-week road trip every year. Thelma retired from teaching in 1985. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo for 28 years. She is survived by her husband Frank, and children, Charles and Nancy.

Calvin Wolfe died Sept. 8, 2008. After Otterbein he pursued his legal studies at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. Surviving are his wife, Janet, and daughter, Candi.

Kenneth Wrightsel died Aug. 13, 2009. Kenneth served in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers during WWII. He was a minister for the Ohio West Conference of the United Methodist Church where he served

on the secreterial staff and helped found Camp Otterbein in Logan, OH. During his 45 years as a pastor, he served in the communities of Peachblow, Blanchester, Ostrander, Breman, Belpre, Whitehall, Richwood, Millersport, Ayersville, and Montpelier. His love of woodworking and remodeling enabled him to build many churches and parsonages in these communities. Upon his retirement to Lancaster, he continued to pastor three rural churches. Preceding Kenneth in death are children, Carolyn and Earl; and wife, Juanita. Surviving are children, Nadine and **Esther '77**.

1951

Dale Girton died March 15, 2009. He served the Olive Branch Church south of Wapakoneta, OH, while at Otterbein, and later served the Leesville United Brethren Church north of Galion, OH. He was employed as a social worker in Columbus. As a retired pastor he was an active member of the Northwest United Methodist Church in Columbus and the Lewisburg United Methodist Church near Dayton. He is survived by his wife, **Thelma Riegel Girton '51**; son, **Keith Girton '72**; daughter, Sandra Bowman; and five grandchildren.

Calvin Peters died Aug. 15, 2009. He is survived by his wife, **Ellen Coleman Peters '50**. Cal worked in the transportation field from his graduation until 1992 when he retired.

Robert Rucker died April 9, 2009. He was a contractor,

real estate developer, meteorologist, and business owner. He is also an Army staff sergeant, veteran of WWII. He was preceded in death by his son, John Rucker '70, and survived by son, Robert Rucker II '70.

1952

Helen Redinger Backlund died Aug. 5, 2009. Her career included teaching music in public schools in New Holland and Coal Grove, OH and working for the Department of Agriculture. She was a member of the Canyon Lake United Methodist Church and served as their organist. She is survived by her husband, John Buckland; two step-sons, Richard and Robert; two sisters, Elizabeth Bowman and **Barbara Redinger Davis '54**; and brother-in-law, **David Davis '54**.

Elizabeth Pendleton Williams died Aug. 11, 2009. After retiring from government service, Elizabeth was devoted to her grandchildren, caring for them as her daughter, Lisa Navy, advanced her career. Her lifelong passion for learning and for social justice continued into her retirement. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert; two daughters, Lisa Rawson and Kristin Williams; and son, Robert.

1953

Connie Lincoln Comley died Dec. 24, 2008. Surviving are children, Vicki, Brenda, and Donald.

James Heinisch died July 20, 2009. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of

39 years, **Frances Henry '53**. He established a scholarship in her honor which offered greater educational opportunities for first-generation college students at Otterbein. Jim is survived by his two daughters, Sara and Becky; four grandchildren, Amanda, Philippe, John, and Karleen; and one great-grandson, his namesake, James Heinisch-Ducharme. After graduation Jim began his career as a salesman with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in Cincinnati. For 39 years Jim accepted management positions that took him to Cleveland, Dallas, Boston, Toronto and San Francisco, where he retired in 1992 as VP of the Pacific Division. Jim moved to Atlanta in 1992 after marrying Peggy Beeson Heinisch. Peggy has two daughters, Lisa and Lynn, and their grandchildren, Alex, Bart, Claire and Mira. Jim and Peggy traveled extensively, enjoying trips to Europe, China and Africa. Last year, with a trip to South Dakota, he fulfilled a lifelong goal of visiting each of the 50 states. Jim treasured his stays at his beach house in Fripp Island, SC, a place he loved to share with family and friends. A history buff, Jim volunteered as a tour guide at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. In honor of his four brothers' service during WWII, he contributed to the construction of the National Monument in Washington, DC, and hosted a family trip to the unveiling ceremony in 2004. Jim served five years on the Otterbein Alumni Council and three years on the Board of Trustees.

1959

Shirley Clem Wolfe died May 8, 2009. She taught in different school systems around Bowling Green, OH before retiring after 34 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Ohio, Education Association, and the Willard Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Robert.

1962

Donald Sutherland died May 9, 2009. Don was a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, serving from 1962-1966 in the 664th Radar Squadron. He was a member of American Legion Post 710 in Marengo, OH. Returning from the Air Force, Don became a machining supervisor at the Marion Power Shovel in Michigan and Texas, retiring in 1994. He is survived by children, Andrew, Jennifer, Jonathon, and Michael.

1963

Mike Duckworth died Aug. 8, 2009. Mike was a science teacher and basketball coach at Port Clinton High School, Port Clinton, OH, before working for the city of Toledo in the Department of Urban Renewal. Mike received his master's in public administration and eventually became assistant city manager and retired as director of community development in 1988. During retirement Mike stayed active in civic organizations, refinished antique furniture, took dance classes, and traveled. His service to Otterbein included two years as alumni association president. Surviving are wife, Sue; and children, Aaron and **Robyn '03**.

1965

Sharon McKee Cox died May 22, 2008. She is survived by husband, Charles; and children, Ellen, Jennifer and Andrea.

Bernard Shuey died Dec. 24, 2008. He served as a student pastor in Oak Park, IL, and then became an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Youngwood, PA. He became pastor in Carmichaels First United Methodist Church and Brookville First United Methodist Church and then served First United Methodist Church of Punxsutawney, PA, until his retirement in 2003. He was very active with Habitat for Humanity in Punxsutawney. He loved teaching Bible studies, preaching, Sunday schools, singing, fishing, and mowing grass. Surviving are his wife, **Carol '66**; and children, Dwayne and **Eric '96**.

1967

Jack King died Aug. 11, 2009. Jack was a teacher in Westerville and Columbus school districts and retired after 30 years. He enjoyed many years of volunteering his time at Recreation Unlimited and St. Ann's Hospital, Westerville, OH. Surviving are wife, Marilyn; and children, Christopher and Stephen.

1969

Judith Wells Baker died Sept. 9, 2009. She was a member of the Hartford Garden Club and Research Club, served as the Worship Team Leader at the Croton Church, was a member of the sanctuary Choir and the Appealer's Bell Choir, and taught Church School

classes for children and youth. She worked at the Doctor's Hospital-North in Columbus, OH, for many years and also became a part of the nursing team for Hospice of Central Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Wesley; three children, Julie, Christopher and Emily; her parents, **Thomas Wells '44** and **Betty Orr Wells '43**; three aunts, **Anna Mary Orr Fisher '47**, **Ruth Orr Rehfus '52** and **Dorothy Orr South '49**; and cousin, **MaryAnn Fisher Herd '71**.

1971

Karen Carter Bejcek died Aug. 11, 2009. Surviving are husband, Bob; children, Melissa and Robert; and sister, **Brooke Carter Rhea '91**.

James Kerr died April 23, 2009. James served in the Navy from 1969 to 1973 before becoming a buyer for Vermont America in Auburn, AL. He worked for Intergraph and Adtran before joining the sales team at Saturn of Huntsville, AL, in 2003. He had been active in the Men's Senior Baseball League since 1993. Preceding him in death was father-in-law, **Paul F. Ziegler '39**. Surviving are his wife, **Joan Ziegler Kerr '71**; and children, Tim and Joel.

1972

Timothy Chandler died May 15, 2009. Tim served in the U.S. Air Force. Tim most recently worked as a senior publicist at HBO Networks for 15 years. He worked on scores of projects including documentaries, theatricals, made-for-televisions movies, specials, series,

and sports. Previously, he established a long and varied career in theatre, particularly at the New York Shakespeare Festival. Tim was a tireless volunteer who advised fellow members of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, where he was named volunteer of the year by the New York City chapter in 2004.

Mark Schantz died June 13, 2009. He taught sixth grade in Shaker Heights, OH, before he joined American Greetings. He then pursued a career as a furniture designer, builder, and restorer. He also achieved his life-long dream to travel to Africa. He is survived by his wife, Lee Schantz; and children, Kathryn, Jessa, Erik and Jon.

1973

Stewart Samoriga died March 24, 2009. Preceding him in death was his mother, **Geneva Barrick Samoriga '44**.

1975

Elizabeth Machlan Sharp died June 22, 2009. Elizabeth was in professional theater, where she toured with a repertory company and spent six years doing a variety of acting jobs in New York City. Elizabeth pursued graduate studies in Dublin, Ireland, and then participated in research on the genetic foundations of retinitis pigmentosa. While overseas she worked on DNA sequencing at the University of Nottingham. She then returned to the United States and served as a research scientist in the Department of Pharmacology at the

University of Washington in Seattle, WA.

1977

Marvin Paxton Jr. died Sept. 15, 2009. He received a master's in divinity from the Methodist Theological School. He was a member of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of almost 54 years, Ruth; children, Ed, **Ted '88** and Jennifer; two grandchildren, Andrea and Jessica; brother, Jim; his father, **Marvin Paxton Sr. '44**; a brother, **James '61**; two sisters, June and Joyce; a sister-in-law, **Linda Middaugh Paxton '89**; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1978

A. Louise Ringle died May 30, 2009. Louise was an office manager of Sports Medicine and Orthopedics in High Point, NC. She was an active member of the Centerville Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean. Surviving are children, **Kurt '77**, **Mark '80** and Chris.

1981

Bridgett Beal Mitchell died March 19, 2009. Surviving are husband, Chris Mitchell; and son, Christopher Mitchell.

1996

Deanna Bosley Millward died March 26, 2009. Surviving is husband, Robert Millward.

Friends

Lola Mae Bray, wife of Rev. **James Bray '60**, and former Otterbein staff member, died June 10, 2009. Lola supported her husband

in his desire to become a minister by working in the treasurer's office at Otterbein. In addition to her husband, and daughters, Mona Ridgeway and Marla Schmader; Lola is survived by five grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Myers and Marjorie Piper; and a brother, Denny Reed.

Robert Gray Clarke died Aug. 9, 2009. Robert was ordained into the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, where he served parishes and colleges for 40 years. For Otterbein, he was the chaplain and instructor in the Department of History and Political Science and started the Red Tub coffeehouse and several community service initiatives. He was an active

organizer and volunteer leader in every community he served. A lifelong stamp collector, he was a member of the American Philatelic Society. An avid student of both politics and history, he held membership in the Ohio, Washington County, Knox County and Great Lakes historical societies. While an active member of Williamstown UMC, he taught Varsity Sunday School Class.

William Hamilton died July 5, 2009. A former Otterbein professor, he was also professor emeritus of American Literature at The Metropolitan State College of Denver. He retired in 2005 as chairman of the English department. From 1987 until 1990 he was president of Western State

College in Gunnison, CO. Prior to serving in Denver, he held academic and administrative positions at Western State College, and Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Washington in 1961, his masters of arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1963, and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1970. Bill was an avid reader and story teller, as well as an adventuresome traveler, outdoorsman, and patron of the arts. He maintained lifelong friendships with many of his students. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Margaret Mims Hamilton '73**; daughters, Jenny and Amy; granddaughters Rachael

and Sarah Swanson; sister, Diana Brumby; and numerous relatives and friends. Preceding him in death were his brother, John; and daughter, Ann Swanson.

Eleanor Roman died June 17, 2009. Eleanor had served as the chairperson for the Otterbein Home Economics Dept. Surviving is her husband of 51 years, Walter; and sons, David and Paul. Eleanor attended Seton Hill College then Penn State University where she received her master's in nutrition. Eleanor taught nutrition at The Ohio State University and was a 55-year member of the American Diabetic Association. She entered into private practice and worked up until this past April. ●



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New Endowed Funds for Otterbein

The Bernadine Edwards Endowed Award

Created by the late Professor **Albert E. Lovejoy** and his wife, **Eunice Lovejoy**, the fund is awarded annually to a female student in the Center for Continuing Studies who best exemplifies the talent, dedication and academic pursuit as demonstrated by Ms. Edwards. Ms. Edwards received her bachelor of arts degree in English literature, with a minor in Spanish, in 1987.

The Francis and Mary Bailey Endowed Scholarship

Created by a bequest from **Francis '43** and **Mary Bailey '46**, the fund will be provided annually to an endowed scholar to assist with tuition expenses.

The Annie Baumann Upper Scholarship for Continuing Studies

Created by **Annie Baumann Upper '86** and awarded annually, the funding will assist a female student 25 years of age or older, who is pursuing her undergraduate degree.

New Grants for Otterbein

The **Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife** has awarded \$30,942 to **Michael Hoggarth** of Life and Earth Sciences in support of his project "Freshwater Mussel Survey of Lake Erie Refugia: Marina, River Channel, and Marshes." Partnering with Matt Thomas from Ohio State, Hoggarth will sample probable refugia in Lake Erie for mussels. Having recently discovered unknown communities of mussels in a marina and in river channels emptying into Lake Erie, the objective of this study is to determine if other such habitats also support mussels.

The **National Collegiate Honors Council** has awarded \$1,000 to **Cynthia Laurie-Rose**, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Otterbein Honors Program, in support of her project "Kneading Minds: Integrating Service in the Otterbein College Honors Center." In this project, honors students will begin a venture where they will come together to bake

bread every two weeks, following the Social Entrepreneurial Model. Otterbein's dining hall chefs will teach residents how to bake bread in the residence hall kitchen. A portion of the bread will be delivered to local food pantries, where it will be given away. The remainder will be sold the following morning after local religion services with the profits from the sales used to replenish baking supplies. Once a quarter, Honors students will host a group of at-risk youth who participate in service clubs at their schools and teach them to bake bread at the Honors House. The youth will then donate that bread to a local pantry.

The **Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration** has awarded \$49,159 to Otterbein in support of the Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship, which will be directed by **Eda Mikolaj**. This grant will offer scholarships to increase the number of advanced practice nurses who provide health services to diverse underserved populations in rural counties in Central and Appalachian Ohio where poverty and unemployment still contribute to a variety of health care problems and intensify the need for quality health care. The presence of advanced practice nurses gives people in these underserved areas increased access to health care services that include screening for health risks, health teaching, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The **Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges** has awarded \$15,800 in continuing support of **John Kengla's** Ubuntu College Mentoring Clubs, which is housed in Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement. For this second year of funding, Linden-McKinley High School and Beechcroft High School eleventh and twelfth graders will attend an Otterbein communications class—COMM 190, Mentoring: Theory and Practice. In a collaborative learning setting, the college and high school students will study mentoring and writing practices, learning the importance of academic achievement, higher education opportunities, college entrance requirements, the application process, and financial aid. Then the students will conduct regular mentoring/college access sessions for ninth grade students at Linden-McKinley and Beechcroft High Schools.

Psychology professor **Meredith Frey** has been awarded \$77,335 from the **Army Research Institute** in support of her project “Cognitive Task Complexity and General Intelligence.” In this research, Dr. Frey will work to establish a way to form an unbiased assessment of cognitive ability. Measures currently in use by the U.S. Army are loaded on verbal knowledge and are susceptible to environmental effects, like poor quality schools. Therefore, this research will develop a nonverbal battery of elementary cognitive tasks that more directly measure the basic processes of intelligence.

The Ohio Board of Nursing has awarded \$199,608 over two years to support Professor of Nursing and Department Chair **Barbara Schaffner’s** project “FLAME: Fostering Leaders, Advocates, Mentors, and Educators.” Through the use of distance technology and an accelerated format Dr. Schaffner will implement the “FLAME” model with students to complete a combined Nurse Educator and Clinical Nurse Leader program leading to a Masters Degree in Nursing and a Nursing Education Certificate. These Master’s prepared nurse leaders will be encouraged to remain in their communities to improve health care quality, promote advocacy and/or serve as educators or mentors of pre-licensure nursing students.

The National Science Foundation has granted \$199,409 over three years in support of Chemistry professor **Dean**

Johnston’s project “Experimental Determination of Chemical Structure in the Undergraduate Curriculum: A Data Driven Approach.” The key goals of this project are to (1) develop a new model for integration of structural methods into the undergraduate chemistry curriculum, (2) assess student engagement and learning when working with experimental structural data, (3) establish a local user group to broaden the incorporation of X-ray diffraction methods and resources into the undergraduate curriculum, and (4) create interactive web-based materials for teaching crystallographic symmetry.

Otterbein has been awarded a sixth year of funding from **Columbus City Schools** to participate in the Teacher Quality Enhancement program, with this year’s award totaling \$174,441. Led by Dr. **Niki Fayne**, Dean of the School of Professional Studies, the final year of this collaboration between the Higher Education Partnership and Columbus City Schools will continue the implementation of specialized urban teacher preparation coursework and target professional development, with a particular focus on math and science at the middle school level, to increase urban student academic achievement. The “urban teacher strand” targets Columbus City Schools in-service teachers at the apprentice and professional stages of their careers as well as pre-service teachers at the partner institutions. ●



President Krendl has been on the road with the “Cardinal Connection Tour” meeting alumni and community leaders across the country. Usually students, faculty and staff are able to join her to help greet and share the Otterbein connection. To check in on the visits, please stop by www.otterbein.edu/alumni/tour for photos or call 614-823-1650 to learn more about upcoming locations.



Alumni NOTES

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81

So Many Ways to Show Your Otterbein Pride

by Becky F. Smith '81

Recently at an alumni function I visited with an alumna, **Deb Hillis Johnson '84**, from my hall director days in Clements Hall who I had not seen for 25 years. **Loretta Evan Heigle '64**, standing beside us, stated she worked on Deb's city council campaign and realized one year ago (after being school board friends for 10 years) that they both graduated from Otterbein and were sorority sisters.

I turned around and another alumna, **Melissa Barr Snider '77**, showed me her grandmother's engagement ring which she wore intentionally to the alumni event because she was proud to be a third generation Otterbein legacy.

After the event, I was driving through an Upper Arlington neighborhood on Otterbein's game day, and there was an Otterbein Cardinal Flag waving proudly in the breeze.

There are all kinds of ways to show your Otterbein pride. Shout your pride; wear your pride; fly your Cardinal Pride!

You are an integral part of illuminating President Krendl's message of shining the light that is Otterbein. It's time to demonstrate your pride through action. Consider becoming involved in helping to:

- connect careers with students
- mentor students
- host internships for students
- create research opportunities
- host job shadowing
- recruit students (including undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies students)
- get involved in the Alumni Clubs and Networks (see below)
- plan class reunions/regional events
- serve the community with students/alumni in connection with non-profits
- make a gift to the College
- add Otterbein College to your estate planning
- advocate for Otterbein with your company or foundation



You pick the way you want to get involved. We're here to help you get started. Take the online survey at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click on "get involved." ●

Otterbein Alumni Club and Network News

Register for events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click 'events/registration'

Alumni Club of Southwest Florida

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

Ft. Myers, FL, Saturday, January 23, 2010. Come early at 11 a.m. to meet, greet and learn of other Southwest Florida/Otterbein events. Buffet seating at 11:45 a.m.; show begins at 1:15 p.m. Theatre Performance: *George M* - A toe tapping musical based on the life of America's first show business mega-star, George M. Cohan. Includes the songs of *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, and *You're a Grand Old Flag*. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. Full dinner and theatre tickets are \$45 per person.

"We believe in Life Long Learning"

Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9:30 a.m. Join us for an alumni club educational experience to learn more about ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). Lunch follows. Cost on day of event: \$5 for tour, \$7 for lunch.

Annual March Luncheon

Featuring President Krendl, Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, Ft. Myers, FL, cost of \$15 per person. Club contacts: **Jim Wagner '56** at wagnerjk@juno.com or **John Bullis '56** at jhbullis@hotmail.com

Alumni Club of Central Ohio

Otterbein- Columbus Blue Jackets Hockey evening

Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m. at Nationwide Arena. Limited tickets at \$25 per person. Club contacts: **Deb Lamp '88** at dklamp@owu.edu or **Shannon Lord '00** at shannonlord@yahoo.com

Otterbein Community Plunge Day, April 24, 2010

Join us for the annual community service day with Otterbein students.

Alumni Club of Greater Atlanta Region

Alumni greeted the Otterbein Concert Choir as they

stopped on their recent tour at the Olgethorpe Presbyterian Church. A reception was held after the holiday performance. Upcoming club functions include a common book club and the Otterbein Community Service Day on April 24. Club contacts: **Alicia Caudill Colburn '95** at acaudill@gsc.edu or **Andrea Kesterke '00** andrea.kesterke@cengage.com

Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland

Otterbein alumni night with the **Cleveland Cavaliers**, December 11 against the Portland Blazers. Watch for more events coming this spring and summer. Club contact: Jeff Sabo at jeffrsabo@yahoo.com

Alumni Club of Akron-Canton

The day was gorgeous for an **Otterbein Pride Day** when Otterbein took on the Mount Union football team. The

Alumni Club of Akron-Canton welcomed alumni and parents to hot dogs, red rally pom poms and red M&M cookies preceding the game. Plan on joining in on the **Otterbein Community Service Day** on April 24, 2010. Club contact: Chris and **Susan Howell Grant '87** at csshgrant@gmail.com

Alumni Club of Washington DC

Alumni in the DC area met with the Senior Year Experience Students who studied with Professors John Kengla and Denise Shively for one week on the topic of **"Social Justice, Responsibility and Change."** Club contact: **Tracey Young Babcock '93** at TraceyjBabcock@gmail.com

African-American Alumni Network

Alumni gathered to hear Dr. **Andrea Brown '99** share her 'Journey to a Ph.D' at the **3rd annual homecoming dinner**. Join us on Friday, February 26, 2010 at the **3rd annual African American Hall of Fame** at the Columbus Urban League. Nominations due January 19, 2010. Club contact: **Tamara Staley '96** at tamstaley@aol.com ●

Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click "Events/Registration"

December 11 – Alumni Club of Greater Cleveland sponsoring Otterbein Night at the Cleveland Cavaliers vs Portland, 8:00 p.m.

January 21 – Informational Meeting on the October 2010 Mediterranean Cruise, Roush Hall 118, 4 and 7 p.m.

January 23 – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Ft. Myers, FL, 11 a.m.

February 4 – Alumni Club of Central Ohio sponsoring Otterbein Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets vs Dallas Stars, 7:00 p.m.

February 10 – Networking in the Gallery, Roush Hall - Art/PR/Marketing Students with Alumni

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

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

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

April 11 – New York City with Otterbein's Senior Showcase

April 20 – Networking in the Gallery, Roush Hall – Health/Sports Management/Athletic Training

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

June 8 – Masters Reception, Roush Hall, 4:30 p.m.

June 11 – 13 – Alumni Weekend

June 12 – Master's Commencement, 3:30 p.m.

June 13 – Commencement

June 26 – June Bug Jamboree in Waynesville, Ohio

August 22 – Third Annual Track Reunion, 1977-1988

October 23 – Homecoming

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Sincerely,
Meg Barkhymer '68 and Audra Fry
The Center for Career Planning
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Are you an alum who is currently job searching? Cardinal Careers can help you too! Go to www.otterbein.edu and click on 'Alumni' to learn about the job search assistance we can offer.

HOMECOMING 2009

Otterbein alumni returned to their alma mater to commemorate Homecoming 2009 by "Connecting Otterbein Pride One Decade at a Time." It was estimated over 2,000 alumni and friends celebrated in the weekend activities.

Members of Otterbein's AFROTC and Angel Flight Program were invited to reunite at Old Bag of Nails in Westerville to remember the time they dedicated to the armed forces.

The Cardinal Marching Band debuted their new uniforms and featured a concert with past conductors in honor of their 100th anniversary. Otterbein Christian Fellowship celebrated their 25th reunion with a dinner and worship service. The game ball parachuted from a plane courtesy of the U.S. Army/ROTC, and the weekend ended with reunions for the classes of '74, '79, '84 '89, '94, '99 and '04 at the Holiday Inn Worthington where over 300 dancing feet "danced through the decades."



Class of 1974 - 35th reunion

Seated: Mary Ellenberger Colombini, Nancy Harter, Pamela Pauley, Gay Hedding Beck, Deborah Coleman, Marsha Rice Scanlin. **Standing:** Ruth Glenfield Kinsey, David Finley, Pam Wright Toorock, Margi Stickney, Sibyl McCualsky Carr, Carol McClain Cosgrove, Patti McGhee Orders, Larry Schultz, Barb Hoffman, Sue Seiple Sabo, Marceia Purcell LeRoy, Elizabeth Lease Thompson, Kelley Heddleston Smith, Jill Gross Barrows, Barbara Haigler White.



Class of 1979 - 30th reunion

Seated: Susan Cheney Bunting, Andrea Valvano Barton, Mary Kay Burns Incandela, Beth Grissinger Simpson, Susan Youmans Keller, Kim Bodell Coleman. **Standing:** Karen Miller McCafferty, Louise Rynd, Tina Fetherolf Wiggers, Mike Hartsock, Nancy Bocskor, Dick Smith, Nancy Case Struble, Tim Mercer, Annette Thompson Kurzawa, Bill Jones, Greg Steger, Jackie Krueger Steger, Bob Stoffers, Dale Lund, John Hill.



Class of 1980

Seated: Gretchen Smith Checkelsky, Martha Paul, Rachel Steele Christoff, Lori Moomaw Wood. **Standing:** Chris Clapp, Susan McDaniel Gable, Jeff Christoff, Susan Rush. (Join us October 23, 2010 for our 30th reunion with the classes of '79 and '81.)



Class of 1984 - 25th reunion

Standing, front row: Scott James, Mary Beth Robinson, Betty Wolf Eldridge, Jodi Oder Goodroe, Chris Lawless. **Standing, back row:** Jerry Klingerman, Lori Wilson Whipple, Jenny Sorrell Bentley, Lianne Davidson Dickerson, Todd Rupp, Beth Myers Herbruck.





Cardinal Migration 2009, Asheville, NC

Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click "photo album" to see more pictures from the Cardinal Migration.

Track reunion: The second annual Track Reunion for 1977-1988 alumni coached by Porter Miller '65, Dave Lehman '70 and Guido Ricevuto was held August 2009. The 2010 reunion will be held at Coach Lehman's house on August 22.



Otterbein was Out for Blood

"Otterbein went all 'out for blood' with rival Capital University in the first annual blood drive competition. The top award, presented at the Homecoming Otterbein vs Capital football game went to Otterbein for 45 donations that included nine first time donors. All blood drives throughout the year will go toward next year's total donations and be presented to the winning college next year. **Right:** Cabot Rea '78, NBC News 4 anchor, greeted blood donors to the rivalry.





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