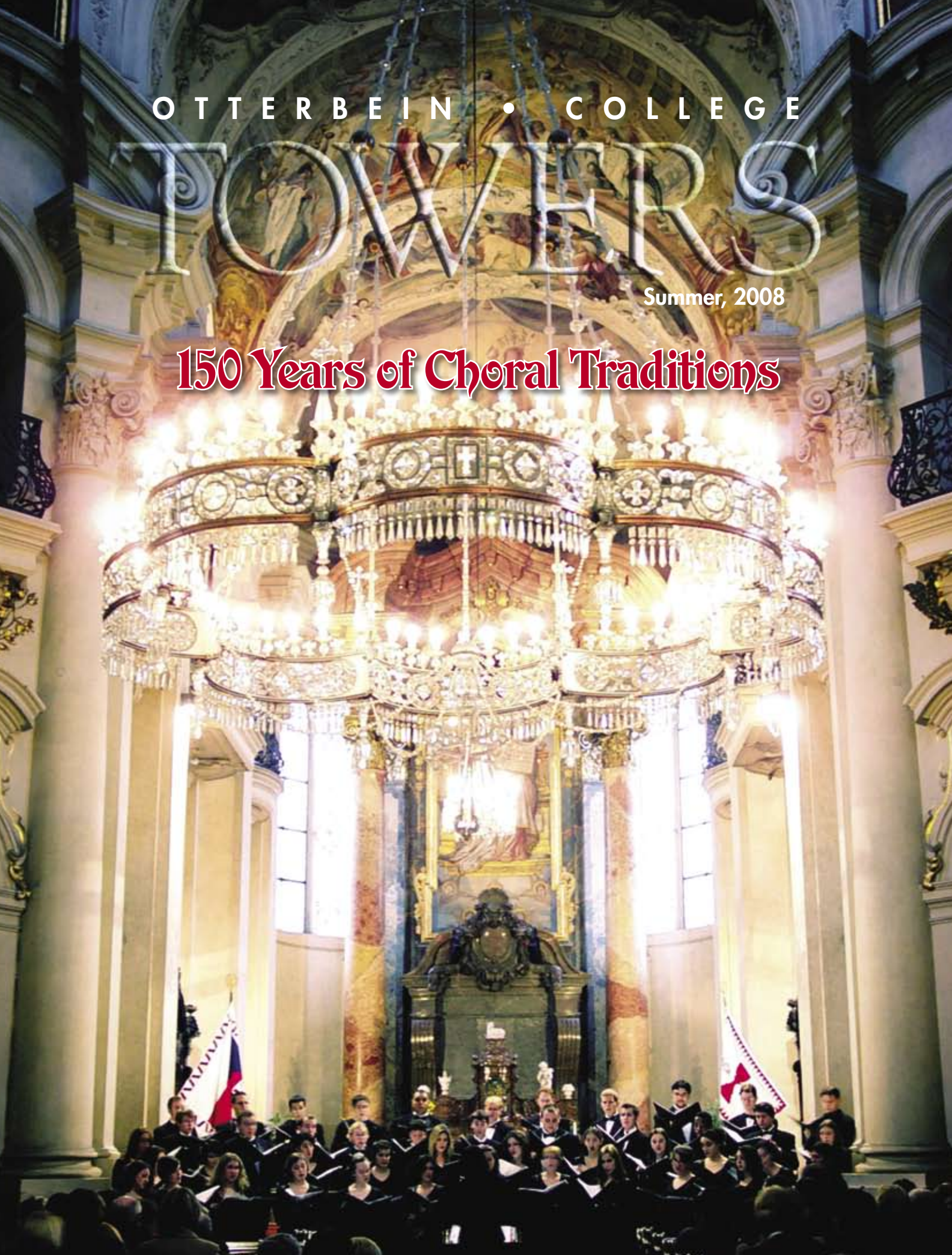


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150 Years of Choral Traditions



From the PRESIDENT

by C. Brent DeVore

The Next Steps



A high priority as we prepare for the new academic year is to complete the implementation phase of our substantive strategic plan. The goal is to present a package of specific initiatives to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting.

The plan focuses on seven core values: (1) opportunity and lifelong learning, (2) global citizenship and diversity, (3) creativity and innovation, (4) public engagement and experiential learning, (5) quality and accountability, (6) sustainability and (7) commitment to community. These will be our guiding values over the next several years and will be modified as funds are available and new opportunities arise.

Major improvements are also being made to the physical infrastructure to enhance teaching and learning and to improve the quality of residential life. The former Altercare nursing facility at 25 W. Home St. is being converted to state-of-the-art residence suites for 188 students and will open in September. The renovation and addition to the Science Center is on schedule and will be completed in Spring '09. And ground was broken during Alumni/Commencement weekend for the Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Studies to be constructed on 75 acres of College property on Spring Road.

The investment in these projects and others will total nearly \$35 million and will be funded by a combination of debt, gifts, rental income and college funds. These improvements in infrastructure will address a need and also provide an opportunity for the future. The need is to correct deficiencies in academic facilities and to provide additional first class housing for our students. The opportunity is for growth in enrollment.

One of the approaches I strongly endorse for strengthening Otterbein is a commitment to incremental growth in full time undergraduate enrollment and a major initiative to increase enrollment in continuing studies and graduate programs as these latter programs are less bound by infrastructure needs.

This commitment to increasing enrollment is also aligned with our new Carnegie classification—Masters Colleges and Universities. The average enrollment for institutions in this group is 4,800, approximately 1,700 more students than Otterbein. In our prior category—Comprehensive Colleges—we competed for recognition with Calvin, St. Mary's, Taylor and St. Norbert. We are now competing for recognition with Creighton, Valparaiso, Drake and Butler. I welcome this new competition and I hope you share my pleasure that, in our first year in the new category, we were ranked ninth in academic reputation out of 160 plus schools.

We are beginning several initiatives to explore enrollment growth including conducting a campus wide review of our retention programs to better understand who we are losing and why they are leaving, increasing our emphasis on out-of-state and international recruiting, considering the feasibility of establishing off campus and on-line programs and being more intentional in developing transfer agreements with community colleges.

All of these initiatives must be keyed to a continuing commitment to quality. We will not and must not lower the bar on quality. I am confident that we will make the correct decisions for Otterbein because of the commitment of all constituencies to our collective mission of improving the environment for teaching and learning.

~ Brent DeVore

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College News

Compiled by Jenny Hill '05



Above: Renderings of the new facility were unveiled at the groundbreaking ceremony in June, attended by 50 guests. **Right:** Patrick and Jill McCuan admire their inscribed commemorative horseshoe while Pres. DeVore thanks them for their contribution and commitment.



Otterbein Breaks Ground on World-Class Equine Facility

The \$4.92 million project will be the envy of the equine industry, employing best practices while situated in a pristine setting.

by Jennifer Slager Pearce '87

It was a day of hard hats and horses as Otterbein College broke ground on its new Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Studies, Friday, June 13, at 600 N. Spring Rd.

The facility will be the first of its kind—combining horses, stables, pastures and education in a suburban setting. Westerville neighbors and City Council members have embraced the idea and what it brings to the community.

“We will host numerous events at this 75 acre site that will draw guests from throughout the United States and Canada,” said Bruce Mandeville,

department chair of Equine Sciences. “In addition, the new and expanded facility will attract students from various states to come to Otterbein and bring their horses. Together, we look forward to working with the community and the schools on equine education and riding.”

The new world-class facility promises to build upon the academic strength that has been the hallmark of the Equine Science program for over 25 years. The \$4.92 million project will be the envy of the equine industry, employing best practices while situated in a pristine setting.

Thanks to a generous gift of \$1.5 million from the McCuans and their development expertise, the Center is slated for completion in Spring 2009.

Guests attending the ceremony included donors Pat, Jill and **Megan McCuan '08**; Maryland Senator Allan Kittleman; Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board **Rob Burk '00**; Westerville City Manager David Collinworth; Westerville City Schools Superintendent Dan Good; Board of Trustees Chair **Tom Morrison '63** as well as many neighbors of the property and Equine students.

"I think that Otterbein College is an extraordinary institution of higher learning and provides one of the best academically-oriented equine programs in the country," Pat McCuan

said. "With this facility, Otterbein will achieve a world-class venue for equine education. I think Otterbein is an up-and-coming school."

The new facility will allow the Equine Science program to expand its program offerings and to admit more students. Fifty-two stalls, as opposed to the current 25 stalls, will allow the enrollment to double from 75 to 150 students over the next 10 years. It will replace the buildings and pastures leased for the past 25 years about five miles north of Westerville.

The plans for the new state-of-the-art facility also call for improved indoor and outdoor riding arenas, as well as pastures, classrooms, a riding trail and housing for a full-time stable manager. ●



Preparations were made for riding demonstrations by Otterbein students and faculty at the groundbreaking ceremony on June 13.

Otterbein College Students Help Rescued Horses

by Hilary Patrick '08

In September of 2007, the last United States horse slaughterhouse was shut down. For horse owners this brings triumph, but can also be a terrifying reality for some. Although

no more horses can be slaughtered in the U.S., it doesn't leave many options for owners who can no longer afford to keep their horse or to pay for euthanasia costs.

To save these helpless horses from being sent to Mexico or Canada for slaughter, many horse rescues across the U.S. have taken action to save and protect unwanted horses. And Jessica Hennig, a sophomore equine pre-veterinarian and molecular biology major, decided that it was time for Otterbein students to take action to help these horse rescues.

Hennig and other volunteers formed a relationship with a rescue in Crooksville, Ohio, where they volunteer their time and energy to WHINNY (When Horses In Need...Need You) Horse Rescue. These students have also raised visibility of the issue of horse rescue within the Otterbein and surrounding communities, even being featured in an article in the *ThisWeek Westerville* newspaper.

Founder Mary Jones opened WHINNY in 2002. The rescue takes all breeds and ages, some of which are old and blind while others are



Otterbein students, faculty and friends offer support to rescued horses in Crooksville, OH.

“We have a chance to work with these sweet horses who come from such painful pasts and we get to give them what they truly deserve—unconditional love.

~ Jessica Hennig, sophomore equine major

young and were too much to handle for their previous owners. Jones keeps the horses medically up-to-date and works with them to try and regain their trust in humans.

“The Jones are a loving family and fun to work with,” said Hennig. “We also have the chance to work with these sweet horses who come from such painful pasts and we get to give them what they really, truly deserve—unconditional love.”

The main goal of the rescue is to try to find good homes for the horses to live out the rest of their lives. Volunteers are a great help to the rescue because at any given time there could be around 50 horses on the ground. Eight Otterbein students made the first trip to WHINNY during fall quarter and 13 went on the second during spring quarter. The student volunteers clean the stalls, disinfect water buckets,

groom, medicate horses, and whatever else they need.

Some of the horses were abused before they arrived at WHINNY. Hennig talks about one horse in particular named Doc. He is 32-years-old and blind in both eyes. Doc was beat by his previous owner causing severe nerve damage which can still be seen today in his permanent head tilt. “The most important thing we do is to show these unwanted horses that they are loved and that not all people are bad. That is the best therapy these horses could ever ask for,” said Hennig.

Students do not have to be an equine science major to be involved with the volunteer group or even have any background with horses. WHINNY and other horse rescues just need volunteers with compassionate hearts that see the needs of the horses and are willing to help, whether

it be organizing trips, advertising, fundraising or going out to the rescue. Donating supplies, such as feed, hay, pitchforks, wheelbarrows and fly spray, is another way to help out the rescue.

Hennig, along with fellow equine major Laura Perry, are currently organizing the “Habitat for Horses” movement. The goal of the movement is to help as many local horse rescues, including WHINNY, that are in need of bigger barns. Habitat for Horses is in need of some helping hands. If you are willing to make requests to local home improvement stores for building supplies, hold fundraisers or volunteer carpentry skills for a few hours, among other things, contact Hennig at [jessica.hennig@otterbein.edu](mailto:hennig@otterbein.edu).

To learn more about how to donate items, volunteer and more about WHINNY, visit www.whinnyhorserescue.org. ●



Fredrik Marsh Named Guggenheim Fellow

Photographer Fredrik Marsh, a senior lecturer at Otterbein College and board member of the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC), is the recipient of a 2008 fellowship by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Marsh is the first Guggenheim Fellow in the history of Otterbein College. The announcement was made in April.

Guggenheim Fellows are appointed on the basis of stellar achievement and exceptional promise for continued accomplishment. Only seven fellowships were granted nationwide in the photography category for 2008.

Marsh is beginning his 17th year at Otterbein. "My time at Otterbein has allowed me to flourish both as a teacher and working artist and I continue to enjoy being a part of the College community. Bringing Joel Meyerowitz to campus for the Signature Series is one of the highlights of my years here," he said, referring to the lecture and exhibition at Otterbein by the award-winning photographer and his exhibition of photographs of Ground Zero in the days and weeks following Sept. 11, 2001.

"The project I proposed as part of my Guggenheim application will take me to the mainland China city of Guangzhou in Guangdong Province," Marsh said. "I traveled to this part of the world in December 2006 to attend the Lianzhou International Photography Festival as an invited guest for a public lecture in the Cultural Square and a solo exhibition of my color work from Dresden, Germany." The city of Guangzhou is a large metropolitan city of nine million inhabitants, with nine million more who come to work in the city each day.

"My project is *Vanishing Voices, Disappearing Neighborhoods: The Price of Modernization in China*, and will involve photographing older neighborhoods of Guangzhou in the wake of their inevitable imminent destruction as the Chinese government



Abandoned Apartment, Stauffenbergallee, Dresden, Germany (from the series Transitions: The Dresden Project. Photograph by Fredrik Marsh, 07/2006. Archival Pigment Ink Jet Photograph on Rag. 31”h x 38”w. © Copyright 2006, Fredrik Marsh. All Rights Reserved.

continues their massive modernization through 'Smash the old; Build the new,' despite the loss of culture and displacement of entire neighborhood populations," Marsh said. "I also plan on creating some audio and video work as part of a larger art piece. Likely, some oral history will take place."

Marsh is a winner of five Individual Artist Fellowships, three from the Ohio Arts Council and two from GCAC. He was a 2002 participant in the GCAC Dresden/Saxony Residency in Dresden, Germany. You can view his work and learn more about him online at www.fredrikmarsh.com. He resides in Columbus with his partner, Ardine Nelson, also a Guggenheim Fellow in

the photography category this year. The couple is the first in Guggenheim history to both receive fellowships in the same year.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation was founded in 1925 by former United States Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim, in memory of John Simon Guggenheim, a son, who died April 26, 1922. Since its establishment, the Guggenheim Foundation has granted more than \$265 million in fellowships to almost 16,500 individuals. Former fellows include Ansel Adams, Aaron Copland, Langston Hughes, Henry Kissinger, Vladimir Nabokov, Philip Roth, Wendy Wasserstein, Derek Walcott and Eudora Welty. ●

Faculty and Staff *Dumpster Dive* for Charity

Forty faculty and staff from 13 departments at Otterbein College participated in Dumpster Diving for Charity to prevent usable items from ending up in the landfill during student move-out days, June 9-11.

Organized by Psychology Chair Michele Acker, the event sent one furniture truck, two large vans, three large pick-up trucks and one stuffed station wagon of reusable goods to charity.

Among the items donated to MAP (Material Assistance Program) furniture bank, a local Somali school, AWARE (All Westerville Area Residents Enriched) and WARM (Westerville Area Resource Ministry) were 12 large boxes of food, 11 vacuum cleaners, 20 bags of clothes and more than 30 pillows. While retrieving the usable items, the faculty members also diverted recyclables from the dumpsters to the recycling bins.

"Fearless faculty and staff rummaged through garbage bags and climbed through the dumpsters to facilitate the salvage effort which ran across three days," said Acker. "Although some of the donated items were left outside by the students, the vast majority were salvaged by volunteers who sorted the student trash bags before they went into the



Jenny Hill, assistant director of Marketing and Communications, gets down and dirty looking for reusable items during move out days.

dumpster and who climbed into the dumpster and opened and sorted trash."

"As a result, the overall volume of the dumpsters was down considerably. Two of the dumpsters that have always been mounded up by move-out day were only half-full by Wednesday evening," she said.

Acker and fellow faculty members have rescued many reusable items from dumpsters over the past five years, but this was the first organized effort. She is already excited about getting more people involved in next year's Dumpster Dive for Charity. ●



Van of recycled goodies.
Margorie Lewis of AWARE (All Westerville Area Residents Enriched) stands with organizer Michele Acker, associate professor of psychology and department chair, and Andrew Mills, associate professor of religion and philosophy and department chair.



MBA Director Introduces Senator McCain

Otterbein College MBA Director and Columbus Metropolitan Club President Shah Hasan introduced presumptive GOP nominee John McCain at a luncheon on May 15 in downtown Columbus.

Senator McCain was in Columbus to address an audience of 500 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. He presented his goals for a presidency by speaking as if he was in the fourth year of his first term as president in 2012. He presented a variety of problems he would need to solve to succeed in the Oval Office, from ending the war in Iraq to stimulating the American economy, noting that defined objectives might make him a target for opponents, but that leadership requires such clarity rather than “vague language.”

McCain spoke to both Republican and Democratic goals, and promised increased accountability in a McCain Administration with increased meetings with Congress, as well as increased contact with the public

through weekly news conferences. “We belong to different parties, not different countries,” he said of bringing the parties together to work toward a stronger America.

The Columbus Metropolitan Club is a member organization with more than 800 individual and corporate members from all areas and professions in the Greater Columbus community, including government, law, finance, health care, real estate, development, architecture, service, military, tourism, education, trades, marketing, public relations, sales and many other walks of life. The Club holds weekly forums and special events featuring a wide variety of speakers discussing the arts, social issues, politics, education, the economy, and nearly any newsworthy topic.

Shah Hasan has had a long career in higher education as an administrator and faculty member at The College of Wooster, The Ohio State University, Kansas State

University, West Virginia University, Franklin University, Columbus State Community College, and now Otterbein College. He is a frequent consultant and speaker, having given over 100 presentations in the areas of leadership, faculty work, change and transition, human development, and managing organizations and movements. He was recently promoted to interim associate dean of Academic Affairs at Otterbein.

In 2003, Hasan was a recipient of the “100 Ohio Educators of Distinction” Award. He is a long-time member and peer reviewer for the Academy of Management. He previously served on the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Alliance for Women’s Studies and now serves on the International Practitioner Board of the Academy for Leadership and Development (for Institutions of Higher Education), and on the Boards of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan Club and the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus. ●

Spotlight on FACULTY

Name: Marsha R. Robinson

Title: Assistant Professor of History,
Interim Director of the Black Studies
Minor Program

Education: Ph.D - The Ohio State
University (including a year in
the Graduate Program in African
American and African Studies); MA -
Central Connecticut State University;
BSFS - The School of Foreign Service,
Georgetown University; Diploma -
Columbus School for Girls.

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Current city of residence: Westerville

**What particular topic do you most
enjoy teaching?**

I love introducing students to the African Diaspora as a space of history, neighbors, action, agency and opportunity. African Diaspora history is far greater than the Atlantic Slave Trade. There are Africans among the ancestors of the royal families of Europe such as the Florentine Medici family, the Portuguese Sousa family and even in the ancestry of Queen Charlotte Sophia, wife of King George III. African Diaspora people like Juan Garrido and Isabel de Olvera were conquistadors and colonizers of the New World before Africans were enslaved in Virginia Colony. African Americans were patriots like Crispus Attucks and Loyalists like "Colonel" Tye of the Black Brigade in the Queen's Rangers.

Some were as wealthy as millionaires in their day, such as

James Forten of Philadelphia, Mary Ellen Pleasant of San Francisco, and George W. Bush (d. 1863) who fought with Andrew Jackson at New Orleans and who later settled and financed the pioneer community north of the Columbia River, a settlement that became the State of Washington.

African Diaspora history frees me to teach normalcy rather than perpetuate the ills of plantation-focused pathologies. There is much social healing that can take place with African Diaspora history.

**Why should every person you meet
want to know more about your area
of expertise?**

There are at least two reasons for learning about Africa and African Diaspora history. First, the American economy is becoming more entwined

with the many national economies in Africa and we grow more dependent upon African resources. I suggest that people visit the website for the United States Africa Command at www.africom.mil or visit www.pbs.org for information about the increasing activity of the U.S., the European Union and China in developing African economies. Even the Ohio Department of Development maintains an international trade office in South Africa to promote Ohio exports to the continent. An understanding of African history and cultures, then, is a matter of American economic security.

Second and equally important, there is so much to learn from the many African peoples and empires and societies. Some of the value systems there have been around for



Assistant Professor of History Marsha Robinson

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~ Marsha Robinson

over 3,000 years and many of these systems have contributed to the formation of Western civilization. These include protecting women's property rights as seen in the Siete Partidas legal code of Spain and the importance of local access to the head of the Christian churches as seen in the Coptic and other orthodox churches. I find in my research a wealth of alternatives to organizing governments, communities and families from which I learn how to improve the world in which I live and how to become a better and happier person.

I want others to consider African and African Diaspora history as an infinite encyclopedia of wisdom to explore.

What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

If the classroom is compared to an intellectual garden, then professors plant information in the minds of students. My favorite moments occur each time a student's face glows as a new idea takes root and blooms. At Otterbein College, I see those new ideas bloom. The precious aspect about teaching here is the opportunity to nurture students to the point that they can cultivate their curiosity into lifelong learning.

Why do you teach at Otterbein?

Otterbein College has a scintillating synergy that encourages excellence in teaching and student mentoring, excellence in research, and active engagement in our campus and broader communities. Many institutions require a faculty member to focus on teaching or research. There is

little encouragement to engage the community. In the discipline of Black Studies, we promote a lifelong connection between the “town” and the “gown” communities but few universities value that connection. In our history major, we want our students to understand world history in addition to American or European history. Otterbein College is a gem.

What are the best qualities you see in Otterbein students?

Curiosity and commitment. Most of our students seem eager to learn new ideas. I'm impressed with what they do with the ideas. They have conversations with friends at other campuses and share knowledge with family members. That much may seem ordinary. Otterbein College students get involved with service projects to put those ideas into action before they graduate. That is really impressive.

What question are you most often asked by students?

Why didn't they teach this to us in high school?

What is the ONE THING you want your students to take away from your class or from knowing you?

Each of my students has the power to change the world and how some of us view each other. It is up to them to determine if they will change their neighborhood, their city, their nation or the global community.

What research are you currently conducting/projects are you currently working on?

I've recently presented “Gender Wars and Passionate Economic

Crises—Remembering Africa's Intercontinental Empires” at the Wars and Conflicts in Africa Conference at the University of Texas – Austin and I am extending that into a book-length work currently entitled *Matriarchy, Patriarchy and Imperialism in Africa: a Historical Survey*.

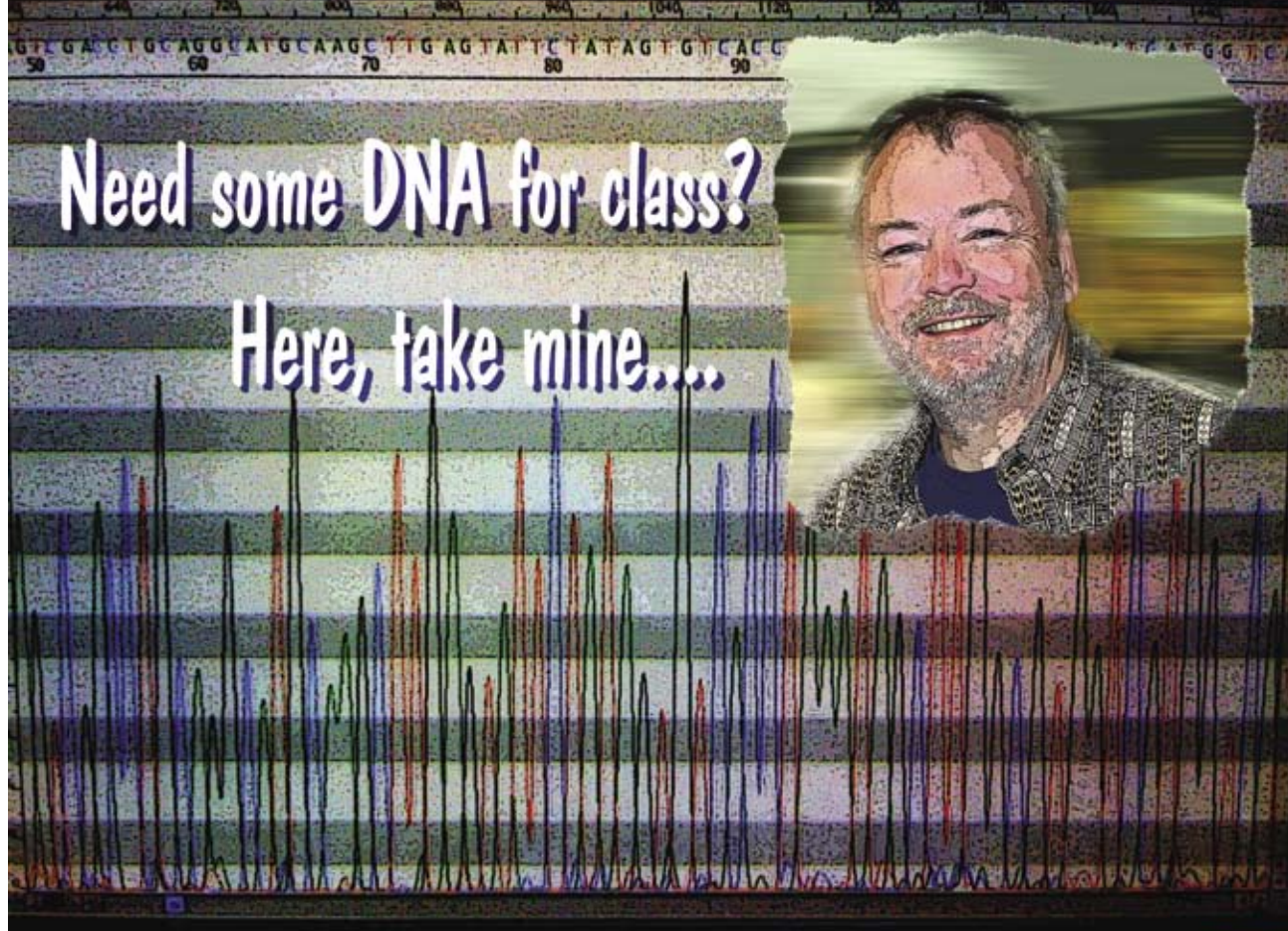
For at least 2,000 years, invaders from other parts of the African continent, or from Asia or from Europe have imposed patriarchy to liberate women's matriarchal wealth and transfer it to the invader's economy. In other words, I see patriarchy as an inexpensive and highly efficient imperial weapon used to implode otherwise unconquerable matriarchal states (meaning that men and women share power rather than seek dominance) by teaching men to hate their female compatriots.

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

If I were not a professor, I would still be an educator. I think I would become an activist for socially responsible economic development in the United States and overseas.

What are your hobbies outside the classroom?

I spend time looking for the beauty in world: animal and plant life, sunrises and sunsets, joyful people, well-cooked food, well-designed homes and furniture, and well-crafted stories. Historians and social scientists know some of the ugliest things that people can do to one another. The pursuit of beauty gives me balance and hope. ●



by Hilary Patrick '08

*Professor of Life
Science Simon
Lawrance offers
up his own DNA
for testing in the
classroom*

As we enter a new genetic era, genetic testing and genetic information are becoming increasingly available and useful in medicine and society. Genes contain information about most, if not all, of our characteristics, from ancestry to hair color to disease susceptibility. Twenty students enrolled in Otterbein's Human Genetics course last quarter got the opportunity to take part in this rapidly progressing field by sequencing stretches of Professor of Life Science Simon Lawrance's DNA.

"I used my own DNA because I wanted to offer the students the opportunity to do genetic testing on a real person and also because I was curious to learn about myself," said Lawrance.

The possibility of discovering negative results about Lawrance's DNA was a subject that the class discussed, but he feels that this would not be an invasion of his privacy. "The class agreed

to keep my information confidential. If there were negative results, I felt comfortable enough keeping it private with the class," he said.

There are many ethical issues surrounding genetic testing. Questions are raised about who should have access to information obtained from testing, such as potential employers or insurance companies, and what constitutes genetic discrimination. Also, there are questions about what people should or should not be allowed to do with the information. These issues are developing along with the science itself.

"I like to be on the cutting edge," stated Lawrance and cutting edge definitely defined what the students were able to do. Just two years ago, the research provided by the Human Genome Project, an international effort to compile a bank of genetic composites, was not developed enough to allow students to do this project.

“This project made me feel I was actually doing genetic counseling because I was providing genetic information for a ‘patient.’

~ Molecular Biology major Jarod Bailey”

Now the information for the project is readily available to anyone on-line.

Students were required to choose a characteristic that they were interested in and then complete in-depth research to identify genes that influence the characteristic.

Next, the structure of the relevant gene including where in the 23 chromosomes that make up the human genome the gene is located was investigated. Once the gene was located, students were able to carry out experiments to focus in on and amplify that gene using a sample of Lawrance's DNA.

The next step was to determine the sequence of the nucleotides. Each individual's genes are made up of four nucleotides (A,G,C and T) that are arranged on a double helix in an order that is unique to each individual. The sequencing was done using a Genetic Analyzer that was purchased with a National Science Foundation grant in 2002. The Genetic Analyzer has been used for many experiments, but the new information available from the Human Genome Project on genetic variants has made it much more powerful now, in terms of its ability to reveal genetic information about individuals.

The students' last step in the project was to analyze the data and determine the results for the characteristics that were tested. About half of the groups were able to get reliable data that gave some intriguing results. For the first time at Otterbein, students were able to read Lawrance's maternal ancestry (Perpignan, France), his low susceptibility to Alzheimer's disease, heart attack and alcohol dependence and a variation in his DNA that adds two points to his IQ.

Students were enthusiastic about the experience. “I liked this class because I got to do more experimentation and it allowed room for more self-teaching, which I enjoy,” stated Gretchen Ruhe, a senior Molecular Biology major.

Genetic counseling is a rapid growing profession, one that many of Lawrance's students are interested in. Senior Molecular Biology major, Jared Bailey said, “This project made me feel I was actually doing genetic counseling because I was providing genetic information for a ‘patient.’”

Lawrance is continually working to keep Otterbein's Molecular Biology program up to par on current scientific technology. He is currently applying for grants and looking for contributions to upgrade and further Otterbein's technical abilities. DNA sequencing technologies are rapidly

advancing, which is bringing costs down and will make it possible for more students to do research.

Several students now want to look at their own DNA. Melody Pomeroy, a senior molecular biology major, said, “I would consider having my own DNA sequenced. It is always interesting to find out new information about yourself, especially regarding genetics.” For Lawrance, the key is for students to understand not only the biology but also the implications and ethical dilemmas that may arise from the information that students' DNA reveals. He plans to apply for approval from Otterbein's Institutional Review Board and has little doubt that Otterbein students will soon be sequencing their own genes. Another possible future activity is genetic screening for Otterbein students of all majors, which is beginning to happen at some universities across the nation. ●



Student Heather Shannon shows a computer displaying DNA data on Professor Lawrance.



Above: An Adventure mom and child at the Westerville Community Center. **Right:** Director of Programs and Volunteers Kathy Derr, Otterbein student Heather Marshall, family participant, Associate Professor Shirine Mafi, Otterbein student Micah Gibbons, and Bookkeeper for Adventures for Wish Kids Tara Trigg '06 with members of an Adventure family at the Westerville Community Center.



Students Learn about Philanthropy and Charities in Business Management Course

Otterbein Associate Professor Shirine Mafi is using her business classes for a good cause. Her students are working with local charities to develop solutions and provide some funding as well.

Mafi's Principles of Management course is part of The Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium, which promotes youth philanthropy by funding courses that allow students to choose which non-profit organizations receive funding based on their service to the community.

Established in 2008, the Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium offers four courses in three different disciplines, including two sections of Principles of Management, and one section each of Community Leadership and Arts Administration. Students assess community needs, provide direct volunteer services where appropriate, evaluate funding priorities for specific organizations, assess funding requests, and make persuasive recommendations for funding allocations.

Principles of Management was first offered during fall quarter 2007. Sixteen students enrolled and it was their work that ultimately earned a

grant to continue the class. In March, with funding provided by Roger Grein, a philanthropist from Cincinnati, and managed by the Ohio Campus Compact, the winter quarter class was able to award \$2,000 to Adventures for Wish Kids, \$1,000 to PBJ Connections and \$1,000 to St. Vincent Family Centers.

Throughout the 2007-08 academic year, over 50 students in the Principles of Management course have worked with such charities as the Delaware County Humane Society, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Choices (shelters for victims of domestic abuse) and PBJ Connections, an equine therapy program, among other charities.

The objectives of the Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium include: Exposing young scholars to opportunities that foster social and civic responsibility while providing tools to become leaders in philanthropy; developing skills to assess community needs and evaluate strategies for meeting these needs; and increasing knowledge of giving practices and philanthropic funding management.

Bridget Kelly Holian, the development coordinator for St. Vincent Family Centers in Columbus, was

immediately excited about working with the class. "When professor Mafi first contacted me, I knew it would be a great project. St. Vincent Family Centers worked with her business class the quarter before on designing a volunteer database, so we knew that this project would exceed all expectations."

"The students that came in to our center were professional and exemplary. It was obvious that they have bright futures ahead," said Holian.

Students enrolled in the class also had a good experience.

Maggie Ellison, a sophomore business administration major, worked with the St. Vincent Family Centers of Columbus. "The experience interacting with a not-for-profit organization was rewarding. We were able to get insight from the company, and I believe many students in the class, including myself, were taken aback by how much time and money are put into these organizations through donations in the community and through the government," she said.

Corey Bernard, a senior sport management major with a minor in business administration, worked with Adventures for Wish Kids. "Our group really wanted to work with children

and help them, so when I found this agency it seemed perfect. The way they were helping seriously ill children was just a great cause to us, and we loved helping them out," she said. "I had some previous experience with working with these types of agencies and this just confirmed how much I enjoyed helping others."

Because of the course, Ellison would even consider a career in the non-profit field. "The course has really made me analyze my career, and I can now actually see myself working in a non-profit agency at some point throughout my life. If not working for one, then definitely sticking with volunteering whenever I can," she said. "Those in the non-profit area get to see real life results from their organization which is extremely rewarding."

"I would strongly recommend the course to other students," Ellison added.

"It's a great way to get involved with the community through helping a non-profit organization."

Bernard also hopes future students benefit from the course. "It was a great experience and I think the school should keep offering as long as they have the funds. I much rather enjoy learning from hands on experiences and it was also great to actually be able to help some charities out and see how our donations affected them."

Tara Trigg '06, an employee of Adventures for Wish Kids and a past student of Professor Mafi, said, "Dr. Mafi...understands the importance of practical application, such as using her students' time, talent and treasures for the benefit not only of personal growth, but for benefiting local organizations. Her students have had the opportunity to witness what their work meant to many sick children; the experiences she

is providing for her students cannot be learned in the classroom."

Through her class, Mafi got to know the leaders of the non-profit organizations and began to think of other ways to help them outside of her course. In May, she teamed up with the Department of Theatre and Dance to invite over 400 people from Adventures for Wish Kids, the Ronald McDonald House and other organizations, to open the final dress rehearsal of *Peter Pan* to this special audience free of charge.

"I wanted to find other ways to work with them, and this opportunity presented itself," she said. "I will try to find more ways to keep working with them in the future."

You can learn more about the Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium online at: www.otterbein.edu/academics/cce/philanthropy.asp. ●

Peggy McMains Receives Day-Van Sant Support Staff Award

On May 14, the annual Marilyn Day/Joanne Van Sant Annual Support Staff Award was given to Peggy McMains. Working for the Center for Teaching and Learning for six years, McMains cares about Otterbein far beyond her work duties. With the Support Staff Council, she helps with the Christmas Auction and serves on the executive, networking, newsletter and website, Senate and staff development committees. She also serves on the Women's Forum Board, Wellness Initiative Committee and Common Book Committee.

In her community she is a 4-H advisor for Big Walnut Helping Hands and a member of Harlem Road Church. She helps with the middle school youth group and other activities at her church. With the Boy Scouts of America, of which her son is a member, she is a committee chair and a Venturing Crew associate advisor, helping with troop activities. She is also active in the schools her children attend.

In 2002, Dr. **Marilyn E. Day '53** and Dr. **Joanne F. Van Sant H'70**, established an annual funded award for members of Otterbein College's support staff. Day was the emeritus chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education and served the college from 1953 to 1997. She passed away in 2003. Van Sant has been a professor, dean of students and Institutional Advancement consultant during her six decades of service to Otterbein, which started in 1948 and continues to this day, as she continues to represent the values of Otterbein to every member of the College community.



In establishing this award, Dr. Day and "Dean Van" stated that they felt the Support Staff members are such an important part of the foundation of the College that the College could not function without them. The members represent the heart of the College as loyal, hard-working persons who are supportive of students, faculty, campus events, traditions and the College in general. "Support is a very good word to describe this staff," they said. It was their wish that this award become endowed as part of their

bequest to the College.

The award is granted to a support staff member who participates in Support Staff Council and/or Staff Council activities; participates in the life of the campus; reflects the image of the support staff on campus and campus friendliness; makes contributions as mentors; and participates in community service where they live. Years of service is also taken into account in the selection process.

Past recipients:

2002: Helen Keyse, Service Department
 2002: Barbara McCoy, Marketing and Communications
 2002: Jeanne Augustus, Theatre and Dance
 2003: Phillipa Smith, Admissions
 2004: Robin Arthur, Admissions
 2005: Linda Casale, Life and Earth Science
 2006: Gina Kosmo, Cont. Studies
 2007: Karen Eckelbarger, Registrar

Retired Professor Still Calling Otterbein Home

by Hilary Patrick '08

For most, retirement is a time of relaxation and perhaps a time of travel. For Robert Place, a former Otterbein chemistry professor, retirement is his chance to give back to his former place of employment.

After totaling more than 40 years of service inside the classroom, Place continues to be a part of the Otterbein community since his retirement in 2007. He still serves as co-advisor for the freshman academic honorary Phi Eta Sigma, something he has been doing since 1972, and he now has a national scholarship given annually in his honor. “The honorary has allowed me to be an advisor to about 1,500 of the best students who went to Otterbein,” said Place.

Place was also asked to be one of the co-chairs for this year’s Integrative Studies Symposium on sustainability. He hosted a portion of the symposium and arranged for a speaker to come talk to the students

as well. Place is also involved with the Faculty Roundtable where faculty members meet for lunch and talk about their research.

“I enjoy the environment at Otterbein and have always loved being on and around campus,” said Place.



Robert Place

When talking about his retirement, Place says it is like he has finally graduated because he has been at Otterbein since the beginning of his professional career. Place has taught over 6,000 students and has had numerous accomplishments during his tenure.

One accomplishment Place is especially proud of is serving as chairman or co-chairman of the Faculty Council for 20 years. During this time, the Council went from having one half of the faculty on renewable term positions to essentially all tenure-track faculty lines.

During his employment, Place took 15 sabbatical leaves, which included conducting research at

the University of Cambridge in England and Brookhaven National Laboratories on Long Island, New York. On one sabbatical, he developed the Integrative Studies course *Chemistry Affects Our Lives*, which he has taught over 30 times to a total of 3,000 students.

Place also served on the Administrative Council for 28 years and chaired the faculty evaluation form committee that developed the evaluation form currently being used on campus.

Outside of Otterbein, Place is also giving back to the community. He is president of his home owners association, a deacon at his church and a member of Compassion Friends which is a group for parents who have lost a child.

“I believe staying busy is the best way to enjoy retirement. My wife has a list of things for me to do around the house, but I have been too busy to really complete any of them,” said Place.

Although his retirement seems to consist mainly of giving to others, Place has found time for enjoyment in his personal life. He and his wife, Mary, go on walks at least three times a week, take camping trips, and even walked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back. The two currently reside in Westerville, just a few miles from campus. ●

“I enjoy the environment at Otterbein and have always loved being on and around campus.”

~ Retired (but still very active) Professor Bob Place

Women's Forum Names Bread and Roses Winners

Women's Forum awarded the annual Bread and Roses Award to faculty member Sarah Fatherly and student Jamie Wilson in May.

Sarah Fatherly has been chair of the Women's Studies minor program since it was first approved in October 2004. Women's Studies classes offer diversity of topics and interests that promote interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding of the history, contributions, conditions, and issues affecting women in society; and promote an awareness of international and global trends on the status of women. Women's Studies provides outreach opportunities for the campus community, and learners are prepared to meet the global world and to make a difference.

Growing from the Women's Studies program are a student-run feminist magazine called *Kate* and the Kate Winter Hanby Women's Studies Festival, both honoring the first woman graduate, **Kate Hanby 1858**. Fatherly has been instrumental in all of these developments.

Jamie Wilson is a Life Science major with a Women's Studies minor. She demonstrates a strong commitment to women's studies and women's issues as she was instrumental in planning and implementing the Take Back the Night March at Otterbein, which was created to bring power and unity to victims of sexual assault. She has developed as a woman leader at the Otterbein campus in her work as a member of the Women's Issues Committee and as co-chair of the United Greek Governing Board (UGGB). Jamie is described by those who know her as having a "refreshing personality...a calm, positive approach that is beneficial in group discussions..."

The Otterbein College Women's Forum Bread and Roses Award was established in 1992 to honor women



Bread and Roses Award winners student Jamie Wilson (left), with Sarah Fatherly, chair of Women's Studies, and Instructor of English Tammy Birk.

or men who have made significant contributions in support of women. The award goes to a man, woman or group who has made an impact on women's issues that deserves to be recognized. In 2005, Women's Forum collaborated with Women's Studies and included students as award recipients.

The Student Bread and Roses Award is given to a student who has made important contributions to women's studies at Otterbein. Those contributions may include leadership in feminist activism, demonstrated excellence in women's studies scholarship, or service to the Women's Studies Program. Preference is given to a student with a minor in women's studies. ●

Past Bread and Roses Award Winners

1992	Otterbein Women's Club
1993	Joanne Van Sant
1994	Karen Schwartzwalder
1995	Jeanne Talley
1996	Edna Smith Zech
1997	Marilyn Day
1998	Becky Smith & Sylvia Vance
1999	Grace Ross
2000	Otterbein Support Staff Council
2001	Ann Pryfogle
2002	Joanne Stichweh
2003	Cynthia Jackson & Paula Knight
2004	Tom Moore
2005	Nancy Woodson & Kathy Rainsburg
2006	Pat Salyer & Jennifer Robert
2007	Judy Strayer & Connie Deel



Women's Glee Club, 1929, with Director Arthur Spessard



*Men's Glee Club, 1920s,
ready to go on tour in front
of Clippinger Hall.*

150 Years of Choral

In 1858, Abraham Lincoln (not yet president) and Stephen A. Douglas were having some destined-to-be historical debates. Meanwhile, the city of Westerville was chartered...and at Otterbein, an official choral society was established.

by Sara Vasbinder '08 and Stephen Grinch '98

In 1852, Otterbein hired its first teacher to instruct students in piano and voice, and in 1857, John Syler took the reigns. But it wasn't until 1858 that the choral tradition of Otterbein began. That year, 150 years ago, an official choral society was established.

With a somewhat secondary role to instrumental music, choral activities picked up in 1895, when Gustav Meyer joined the faculty. A variety of vocal ensembles at this time existed, from quartets to quintets and glee clubs to mixed choirs, all of which performed on and off campus.

Fall, spring and commencement concerts became annual events. These concerts featured soloists, ensembles, and prose recitations. The first group to go on tour from Otterbein was "The Otterbein Quartette Concert Company," which consisted of four male vocalists, a female soloist and a pianist. This group toured to several central Ohio towns during winter break in 1897.

In 1913, Arthur Spessard joined the faculty and expanded the Glee Club's membership and repertoire and began the tradition of touring Ohio.

In 1917, the Glee Club was renamed the Men's Glee Club and a mixed choir called The Otterbein Choral Society was established.

A Women's Glee Club was established in the men's absence during World War I. After the war, the Men's Glee Club was re-established. In 1923, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Otterbein, three Jubilee Quartets were formed for a gala event, the Diamond Jubilee Pageant. Two of the quartets were vocal.

From the 1920s to the 1940s the Otterbein Men's and Women's Glee



Women's Glee Club, 1948, with Director Bob Hohn



A Capella Choir, Florence, Italy, 1966, with Director Richard Chamberlain

Traditions at Otterbein

Clubs continued to grow and tour in Ohio. In 1940, the Men's Glee Club was performing in Dayton, Ohio, on the same night that screen legend Jeanette MacDonald was also scheduled to perform. The men voted and Ms. MacDonald was named the "Otterbein College Men's Glee Club Sweetheart." Flattered, Ms. MacDonald met with the Glee Club, and a picture taken that night is held in the College Archives.

A Concert Choir consisting of 60 mixed voices, which also served as the Chapel Choir, was organized in 1941. The United States entered World War II, and once again, the lack of men on campus caused the Concert Choir to become a women's choir and the Men's Glee Club was again temporarily suspended.

In 1945, Gloria Server, Wilma Bennett and Shirley Server formed

a smaller women's vocal ensemble, The Otterbein Trio, which toured throughout the eastern United States.

In 1947, Professor Spessard retired after assisting in the expansion of the program for over three decades. Spessard handed down his conducting duties to Professor L. Lee Shackson and Professor Robert Hohn. In September of 1947, Hohn founded a new mixed vocal ensemble, with the return of men to campus, called the A Cappella Choir. It took the place of the Concert Choir and the Chapel Choir. This group was to be the cornerstone of the vocal music department at Otterbein College for the next three decades, as it performed with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra as well as other large ensembles.

The 1960s saw the arrival of Professor Richard Chamberlain,



Chamber Singers, 1970-71

who was hired to serve on the Otterbein music faculty and took over conducting the A Cappella Choir. As this group began to grow, the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs were slowly ending, respectively in 1966 and 1968. Though these were ending, a Chamber Singers group was established in 1967, a mixed chorus called the Choral Union was started in 1968 by Elizabeth McCann, and in 1969 the Apollo Choir was formed for non musical majors.

In the 1970s, the A Cappella Choir became known as the Concert Choir, the name it holds today. Another ensemble known as the Opus Zero was formed to explore popular and "rock" music and an Opera Theatre course was added to the curriculum. In 1977, the Alumni Choir was established and has performed on campus during Alumni Weekend every year since. Otterbein also prides itself on its large children's choir program, Kinderchor at Otterbein, under the direction of **Amy Doan Chivington '69**. During the decade, Professors William Wyman, Dennis Kratzer and David Isele each made significant contributions to the success of the choral program.

Through the 1980s and 1990s, the vocal music programs at Otterbein continued to grow. In 1983, Craig Johnson took over the Concert Choir and conducted it through two decades. Professors Lynn Roseberry (Hurstad) and David DeVenney also brought their considerable talents to the various choirs under their leadership. The Women's Chorale, the Otterbein Vocal Ensemble, new Men's Glee Club and the vocal jazz group, Opus One, were all established and still continue to grow to this day. All of these ensembles participated in the Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1997, performing a piece composed for them by **Marvin Hamlisch H'96**. It is also important to note the strong support the choral program received from Morton Achter, Department of Music Chairperson from 1975-2000.

Today, Otterbein's vocal program offers Camerata, Concert Choir, Opera Theatre, Opus One, the Otterbein Singers, Otterbein Vocal Ensemble and Women's Chorale, as well as a women's pop ensemble, Six in the City, and The Ottermen, a men's barbershop ensemble.

Director of Choral Activities Gayle Walker joined the Otterbein

faculty in 2000. She knew Otterbein had an excellent reputation for music, and after meeting current chair Craig Johnson, thought it would be a good place to work.

Since her time at Otterbein, Gayle has seen many changes. The Department of Music has grown from 140 majors to 200; the vocal area now has seven ensembles; and many events, activities, and projects take place each year.

She also feels that the excellence of the other choir directors on staff, including Craig Johnson, Kim Boyd, Sheena Phillips and David Price, has been a major factor as well in the growth of the program.

Gayle conducts the Otterbein College Concert Choir. The Concert Choir is the most select of the Otterbein's seven vocal ensembles. Most of its 50-60 members are music majors. The Concert Choir tours every December to destinations both domestic and abroad. Recent itineraries have included France and Switzerland in 2006; New York in 2005; Charleston, SC, in 2004; and Austria and the Czech Republic in 2003. On the Concert Choir's tours abroad, the choir was selected by Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and St. Stephens in

*Opus Zero,
circa 1980*



*Concert Choir
in Prague, 2003*



Vienna to sing at services. Additionally, Otterbein Choirs have performed on numerous occasions with the Columbus Symphony, including the U.S. premiere of the *Lord of the Rings* Symphony with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in 2004.

The Choir has also been selected to perform three times for the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) and once at the Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Summer Conference.

Just this past February, the Concert Choir was honored to be one of seven collegiate and university mixed choruses selected to perform at the Central Division Conference of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The ACDA committee makes its selection based on excellence that is sustained for multiple years as well as talent. Thus, the Choir graduates from 2005, 2006, and 2007 all played an important role in this honor.

With this success, Gayle continues to look forward into the future and

expects more and more progress and growth. "My goal is to make it one of the top small choral programs in the Midwest. My job is to ensure that Otterbein choirs are vibrant and of high quality, and that the choral program provides experiences and challenges that the students need."

This fall there is a celebration for the 150th Anniversary of the Otterbein Choirs. This event will be held on Oct. 17 and 18 during Homecoming Weekend. All alumni who sang in a choir during their time at Otterbein are invited to attend and participate. There will be a rehearsal and social event on Friday evening, and a gala concert on Saturday evening leaving time during the day to enjoy the other activities going on during the weekend.

Alumnus **Doug MacCallum '78** feels that "this will be an excellent opportunity to reunite with old friends, meet OC singers from different decades, and hopefully make beautiful music together under various prior and current conductors."

Many alumni feel that being apart of the choir really made their time at Otterbein so much better and meant so much to them. Doug states, "I was fortunate to have been in the touring choir for four years. I especially loved my freshman year, as I was exposed to an incredible amount of upper class talent and people who befriended me. In addition, singing under Bill Wyman was a wonderful learning experience. I remember some especially wonderful performances that we made in Syracuse, Rochester and Ottawa during that freshman tour of 1974. There were lots of other great memories and lifelong friends that were made from the OC choir, but that first year tour was incredibly fun and enriching."

Walker said, "Choir members form a very close bond. They tour together, perform together, practice together and really become a family. The 150th anniversary celebration is really an opportunity for a family reunion."

For more information, visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni. ●

Come and celebrate the **150th Anniversary of Choirs** at Otterbein during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 17 & 18, 2008!

- All Otterbein alumni who sang in any choir during their time at Otterbein are invited to participate.
- **Conductors** will include Bill Wyman, David Isele, David DeVenney, Lynn Roseberry (Hurstad), Craig Johnson, Dennis Kratzer, and Gayle Walker.
- Otterbein is **commissioning Robert Young '50** to compose a new choral work for the 150th anniversary concert.
- **Event Schedule:**
Friday, Oct. 17, 6-7 p.m.—Reception in Battelle Fine Arts Center.
7-9:15 p.m.—Rehearsal in Riley Auditorium, BFAC
9:30 p.m.-midnight—Social event at Old Bag of Nails on State St. (this will include the sharing of photographs and stories)
Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 PM—Concert at Church of the Master
9:00 PM—Possible small group gatherings
- Registration brochure and forms will be mailed in August.
- For information call the Office of Alumni Relations, 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.



See you in October!

You can also go to the alumni choir MySpace page at www.myspace.com/occhoiralumni

A FRATERNAL CENTENNIAL



Some early members of Pi Beta Sigma

by Jenny Hill '05, Sara Vasbinder '08, and Jeff Rutter '97

The most popular song of the year was *Take Me Out To The Ballgame*, Bakelite (the world's first synthetic plastic) was invented, and the Ford Motor Company produced the first Model T, nicknamed the Tin Lizzie. General Motors Corporation was founded and The Union of South Africa was created. A remarkable natural phenomenon took place in the region just north-west of Lake Baikal in Russia known as the Tunguska Event, an explosion that felled an estimated 80 million trees over 830 square miles.

The year was 1908, and things were stirring on Otterbein's campus as well. That year, a century ago, two fraternities were established at Otterbein, laying the foundation of Greek Life at the College. This year, Pi Kappa Phi and Pi Beta Sigma are celebrating their 100th anniversaries.



*Home of Pi Kappa Phi, circa 1950
at 64 W. College Ave.*

PI KAPPA PHI



Top: This pledge paddle was presented to Bill Cole '54 by his pledge, Gordon Jump '55. **Above:** Fraternity member Elvis "Fats" Lingrel '17.

Greek Life started from modest roots. In 1908, four friends, who all belonged to the Philomathean Literary Society, decided to form a different group. This group became a secret club with Nov. 28, 1908, as the first recorded meeting. Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was born, the oldest fraternity at Otterbein.

William B. Grise '11, known as a dignified and personable man, **Charles D. Yates '11** known as "the busiest man on campus," **Lester J. Essig '10**, noted as a "hardworking student," and **Harry D. Thompson '10** who was a "quiet and unassuming man" were the four founding members of what was nicknamed Country Club Fraternity. Since its inception, over 1,400 men have been members of Pi Kappa Phi.

For the first 13 years of the fraternity, the College did not recognize social clubs, so fraternities had to meet secretly. Country Club met in a house off campus and outside the city limits in the country, originating its nickname.

On April 11, 1921, the College announced that anyone who was a member of secret social clubs would be dismissed from school. However, one member of Club, **J. Gordon Howard '22**—who eventually became president of Otterbein College—protested with other students and with help of some faculty members, including A.P. Rosselot, fraternities at Otterbein were recognized on June 13, 1921. On Sept. 26, 1921, Country Club Fraternity became an officially recognized fraternity, with A.P. Rosselot serving as the first advisor.

Beginning in the 1920s, the fraternity was located in several different houses including 40 W. College St., 98 W. Plum St., 64 W. College St., and finally their current location, 79 S. Grove St. Through the years, the members have adopted many of their traditions including athletics, the fire drill, preparing pledge paddles and the night out. House parents were also established and much appreciated by the students as they were known as their "parents away from home."

During the decade of the 1940s over 113 members of Club were sent off to fight for their country in World War II, creating a proud tradition of service to the country. After the war, a mix of older veterans and younger students had different opinions regarding the direction of the fraternity, but Pi Kappa Phi continued to live on and grow. Social life during this time included a fall hayride, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, winter and spring formals and a Memorial Day Picnic.

In 1954, when Country Club moved to 79 S. Grove St., their membership had grown to 90. "Being a member of a fraternity or sorority while at Otterbein in the 1950s was an important part of college life," said **Bill Cole '54**. "The fraternity house was a place that provided social activities and meetings—a place that made you feel you were home."

"We had a house mother and a boarding club with two meals a day at a cost of nine dollars per week, where we ate together, always beginning with a prayer," he said.

In fall of 1957, the alumni celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the founding of the fraternity. A year later, the alumni set up a scholarship program for Otterbein students. In 1983, 100 alumni attended the 75th anniversary of Country Club Fraternity. They marched in the Homecoming parade, had a luncheon outside the house, and attended dinner together at Little Turtle Country Club.

Club alumni president **Jim Augspurger '71** said, "As I look back on the history of Phi Kappa Phi, the thing that sticks out to me are the alumni and the success they have had and more importantly the impact they have had on Otterbein. I would call it the 'Legacy of Leadership.'"

Pi Kappa Phi has had many outstanding alumni in all fields from a federal judge, physicians, coaches, educators, college presidents, attorneys, among other prestigious professions.



A 1915 "football celebration" according to Staunch Friends at All Hazards: A History of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, 1908-1958.



Members and pledges in 1917.



Many decades ago, fraternity serenades were well known.



A 1954 edition of the Pi Kappa Phi newsletter announces the purchase of the current home of the fraternity.

Among these alumni are **Lance Lord '69**, past College Trustee and past Alumni President **Harold Augspurger '41**, Board Chairman **Dubbs Roush '47** and Board Chairman **Tom Bromeley '51**. These members have lived up to the precepts and ideals laid down by their founding fathers 100 years ago. Traditions of willingness, individualism, friendship and brotherhood have carried on today. The motto "Staunch friends at all hazards" forever continues to ring out on Otterbein's campus.

John R. Steeves III '03 said Club was a group of "wise and uninhibited men who balanced the demands of the OC curriculum and could show anyone a great time. It was the welcome mat offered by my brothers that made life at OC so very special."

Jim Augspurger remembers his friends at Club fondly. "I lived in the house for two years and these guys were my closest friends. Most of the basketball team were members and I remember all the fun we had especially during Christmas break when we were the only ones on campus."

Since then, Jim works hard to maintain the relationship with fellow Clubbers. "I have been involved with the alumni since I graduated in 1971. I have served on the Alumni Council as trustee, secretary and president of the alumni association for the last 12 years," he said. "It has been fun to work with the active chapter, in good times and bad, and to see how these young men develop into young leaders." Because of my continued work for the Fraternity I have

the opportunity to renew friendships on an annual basis and keep in contact with many of those I went to school with and really those from all decades.

Dick Taylor '67, known as "DT" during his fraternity days, also reflected on the Club friends who made his time at Otterbein so special, including **Tom Pasco '67**, **Jim Wilson '64**, **Holt Wilson '65**, **Doug Hammond '71**, **Tom Spork '67**, **Bob Weston '68** and **Porter Miller '65**, as well as Miller's white Corvette that was christened "The Plasti Pig."

Taylor, who was president of Club in 1965-66, said his fondest memory was of "The Game" in 1964. The Game was between the Pi Kappa Phi intramural team players, coached by Taylor, and the members of Pi Kappa Phi who were on the Otterbein football team.

"The intramural team practiced diligently. I doubt the OC football players practiced at all, or even thought much about the game until 15 minutes before it commenced," he said.

"The game was played on a bitterly cold, half-snowy Sunday afternoon. To this day, I cannot believe we had the gall to find a way into Memorial Stadium and play the game on the football field. 'Brother' **Jack Wright '65** – one of Otterbein's most noteworthy thespians

and the PA announcer at that time for OC's home games – announced the game from the press box."

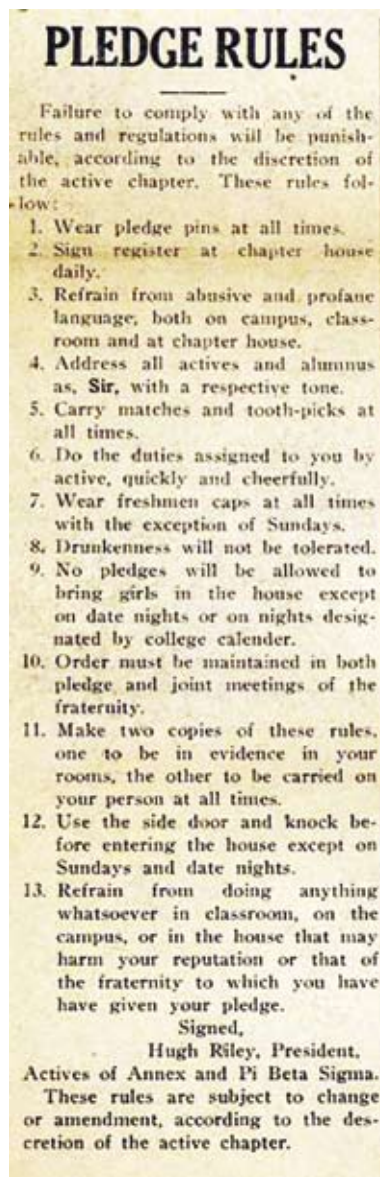
"In the end, talent prevailed and the football players 'escaped' with a hard-fought 2-0 victory," Taylor said. "No touchdowns were scored by either team; just a safety by the football players late in the fourth quarter. Now, that's a great memory!"

Cole remembers another tradition. "As a pledge, you had to make your

active a paddle with many sayings.

Gordon Jump '55, known as the Maytag Repairman in his TV ads, was my pledge. I still have his paddle."

Cole has stayed in touch with his Club friends through the years, coming together for vacations each year since 1996. "We are one big family of friends concerned about each other as we grow older," he said, adding their motto, "Staunch friends at all hazards."



Pi Beta Sigma Pledge Rules from 1936 go from the admirable (no drunkenness or profane language) to the quirky (carry matches and toothpicks at all times). All but two are still carried on to this day.



Pi Beta Sigma founding members Bob Good, Al Funk, Noah Nunemaker, Joy Reider, Paul Fouts, Curt Young, Fred Kline, Dwight John, Charles Hall, Rex John, and Dewitt Zuerner

PI BETA SIGMA

That same year, 13 other young men were meeting to discuss current events and enjoying fellowship over by the old Bailey Annex. As the friendship grew into more than just a social circle, they decided to form a recognized organization on the college campus. Thus the birth of Pi Beta Sigma Fraternity, originally called the "Annex Club."

Peter Dean '93 explained, "For a brief time during Otterbein's early history there was a smoking ban on campus. The founders of Pi Beta Sigma began a philosophical debate group discussing the literature of the past and present at the Bailey Annex located on State Street. The Annex was free of college rule and thus, smoking of cigarettes ensued. While there were never any records of official rule breaking, there were myths passed down of relieving the farms and windows of Westerville of their chickens and gingerbread pies respectively."

"Pi Beta Sigma began their meetings in the Fall of 1907, but didn't officially recognize themselves as a group separate from campus until April 22 of 1908," Dean said. "They designated themselves under the sign of Taurus, the zodiac sign under which they were formed. Presently Pi Sig is proud to sport our bull mascot."

The College did not recognize fraternities until 1921 and made it a violation of school policy to be part of one, which kept members of Pi Beta Sigma underground for over a decade. Once the College Board of Trustees accepted social organizations in 1921, membership flourished.

But there were still rules that went along with the acceptance of fraternities, and although those included a ban on initiation rituals, **Richard "Dick" Sanders '29** recalled in *Otterbein College: Affirming Our Past, Shaping Our Future* that he was blindfolded, dressed like a "tramp" and given 15 cents before being dropped



This photo, taken at the wedding of Seth Reinick '96, has a 20-year span of members. Everyone in the photo is a member, except, of course, for the bride, Meg Reinick.

off at Big Walnut Creek. After making his way back to the fraternity's house, he was "bumped" through the door by the fraternity president with a paddle. "He hit me so hard, I think he raised me off the ground," Sanders mused.

Sanders, like his beloved fraternity, will turn 100 years old this year and is the eldest living fraternity member. "He, more than any other member, has seen how we've evolved over the generations and could give you the truest picture," Dean said.

When interviewed by Jeff Chapin last spring, Sanders called to the heavens telling his old friends and brothers long passed away, "Oh gents, if only you could see how we've grown, what we've become...it's amazing!"

Sanders has also said, "I learned more from Pi Sig than all those books I never read."

Pi Sig is rooted in tradition, which has been passed down for a century. Dean said, "Of the pledge rules created in 1936 after the impact of The Great Depression, Pi Sig is proud to say that we carry on all but two of the rules listed." "Past, present, future bound together in common experiences," said **Christopher**

G. Clapp '86. "I know of no other way so many could come from so many different places, with so many different ideas and beliefs, and still function together to just have fun and enjoy life as it comes. Or to get one of us through when things are not so good. All that is really required is to be involved at whatever level with each other at one time or another and pass the story, the event, the shared experience on to the next in line and suddenly it is one hundred years later and we are still here. That is brotherhood."

"The alumni support attached to Pi Sig is astonishing. Members from the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s are still active participants in all facets of our fraternal life," he added. "When wisdom of one's elders is this close and able to be passed down so readily and easily it makes the difficult task of growing from a boy to an upstanding young man that much easier."

"Pi Sig had a huge influence on who I am," said **Seth Reinick '93**. "I was very introverted, and not very sincere, because I had never met a lot of people who really cared to know the real me. I found this place that helped me find

my voice, my identity. I go back to make sure that it still is the place that no matter what your interests are and what you look like you will always find people who care about who you are."

Pi Beta Sigma has occupied several houses over our 100 years. The house at 72 W. Plum St. with lit letters and an inlaid sidewalk crest, is the current home of the fraternity. But just like their brotherhood that requires the necessity of adaptation and change, so does the house. A recent major renovation in 2006 served to bring actives and alumni together in brotherhood and service, with many "work sessions" to put their own sweat and muscle in the project.

"The summers were long and hot," said Alumni Secretary **Jeff Rutter '97**. "We are very proud of our new renovations and not only does our house look better it is also much more energy efficient and environmentally friendly."

Pi Beta Sigma has weathered many hardships including the Great Depression, two World Wars and the fraternity's own struggle to grow and adapt, yet they persevered and still enjoy the brotherhood and fellowship that the 13 original members enjoyed.

Other Greek Organizations

Since the birth of Greek life at Otterbein almost 100 years ago, many other sororities and fraternities have been added to the group. After the first two fraternities were finally established and recognized at Otterbein, six more fraternities were created.

Eta Phi Mu also known as “Jonda” was formed in 1923 and chose blue and gold as their colors and “Let brotherly love continue” as their motto.

Also in 1923, Sigma Delta Phi, also known as “Sphinx,” was created.

Zeta Phi was the next fraternity to be added in 1931 after a merger of Delta Beta Kappa and Lambda Kappa Tau. Known to some on campus as the “Rats,” the group was formed on the emphasis of strong brotherhood with “Union of Purpose” as their motto. Their colors are black, white and gold.

On January 13, 1948, Lambda Gamma Epsilon, known to many as “Kings” was the next fraternity officially created by 11 charter members. Their colors were designated as maroon and gold and their house is currently at 94 W. Park St.

The next fraternity to be created on campus was Alpha Sigma Phi, one of two national fraternities on campus. This fraternity was originally founded at Yale University in 1845, and since then has established chapters at colleges and universities all over the world.

The other national fraternity is Alpha Phi Alpha, founded in 1906 at Cornell University as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans. Otterbein’s chapter is the Omicron Rho Chapter.

Sororities had an even harder time being welcomed into the mix. Otterbein presidents, faculties and trustees did not want sororities of any type on campus, believing that the four literary societies available to all students provided adequately for campus social needs.

The women of Otterbein pressed the issue and prevailed, and in 1910 Sigma Alpha Tau became the first and now the oldest sorority at Otterbein. Better known as “Owls,” their motto is “Stick Together Always” and “Sagacity,

Affection, and Truth,” their colors are jade green and gold, and the house is now at 121 W. Home St.

The next sorority to be established was Tau Epsilon Mu, or TEM, in 1914. Founded by seven young women, their colors as purple and gold and their mascot as a green worm.

Three years later in 1917, two new sororities joined the Greek family—Epsilon Kappa Tau and Theta Nu.

Epsilon Kappa Tau was founded by a small group of five women determined to create a sorority driven by leadership who live by their motto “Love and Honor.” Their colors are pink and white.

As for Theta Nu, also known as “Greenwich” chose purple and white as their colors and a deer as their mascot. Their motto is “She shall honor the arts.” Along with living by their motto, one of their underlying principles is their concern for the religious, academic, athletic, and social aspects of college life.

Two more sororities were formed in 1921; Kappa Phi Omega and Tau Delta. Kappa Phi Omega, also known as “Onyx,” was created by 16 original members. Kappa’s colors are turquoise and gold and their mascot is the Scottie dog. Kappa’s house has remained the same house since the beginning of their

establishment. Today, the members of Kappa still meet at 76 W. Main St.

Tau Delta was formed by 10 women who had been members of an informal society on campus beforehand. They designated their colors sapphire blue and gold, and picked the Siamese cat as their mascot. Their motto is “To thine own self be true.”

Otterbein also has chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, founded at Howard University in 1908 as the nation’s oldest sorority founded by and for African American Women, and Delta Sigma Theta, founded at Howard University in 1913 as a private, non profit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote human welfare. The last sorority to create a chapter at Otterbein was Zeta Phi Beta, a national sorority founded for African American Women.

Through the years Greek life has become a major part of college for many. Traditions, friendships that last a lifetime, and too many memories to count have come about because of so many fraternities and sororities. Many alumni will look back 100 years with gratitude for those founding members and the great Otterbein traditions they started. ●

100th Anniversaries for Fraternities!

All Pi Kappa Phi Members

Please join us for the Pi Kappa Phi 100th Anniversary Celebration on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, October 18 featuring a dinner banquet in the evening. For more information, contact **Jim Augspurger '71** at jaugspur@gracebrethren.org, (614) 891-6707 or **Bill Cole '54** at bbcole22@verizon.net, (740) 548-5571.

Brothers of Pi Beta Sigma

Please join us for the Pi Beta Sigma 100th Anniversary Celebration on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, October 18. We have a full day planned with our annual meeting, tours of the over \$100,000 of renovations to 72 West Plum and a dinner banquet and celebration at the Easton Hilton. Watch for more details in your *Annexer*, or contact Alumni President **Anthony J. Cisco '01** at president@pibetasigma.org, (216) 990-1899 or Alumni Secretary **Jeff Rutter '97** at secretary@pibetasigma.org, (614) 209-4296. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event!

Commencement 2008

Carl F. Kohrt, president and CEO of Battelle, spoke at the 2008 master's commencement on Saturday, June 14, that saw 94 graduate.

A native of central Illinois, Kohrt began his tenure at Battelle, a non-profit charitable trust formed in 1925 and headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, after a distinguished 29-year career at Kodak. Kohrt oversees a work force, which, over the years, has developed life-changing technology, such as the first office photocopier, automotive cruise control, UPC codes, compact disc technology and cut-resistant golf balls, just to name a few.

Kohrt earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Furman University, a master's degree in management science from MIT and a doctorate degree in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago. He served as a National Science Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow at the James Franck Institute, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (Honorary) and a Sloan Fellow.

Kohrt devotes many hours of service to numerous business, civic and

education organizations and he and his wife, Lynne, are lifelong supporters of quality in public education and the performing arts. Their most important activities, however, are those involving their family, including three sons and nine grandchildren.

On Sunday, June 15, Otterbein's bachelor's commencement ceremony featured student speaker Eric Frisch, who was selected through an application and audition process. Approximately 500 students marched in the bachelor's commencement ceremony.

A native of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Frisch obtained his bachelor's degree in music. His primary instrument is percussion and in the Department of Music, he played with the Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Pep Band, The Anticipations, and The Westerville Symphony at Otterbein College. He is also a member of the Otterbein Christian Fellowship. In 2007 he received the Mary Ellen Jones Music Award and in 2008 he received Cardinal Leadership Awards for Outstanding

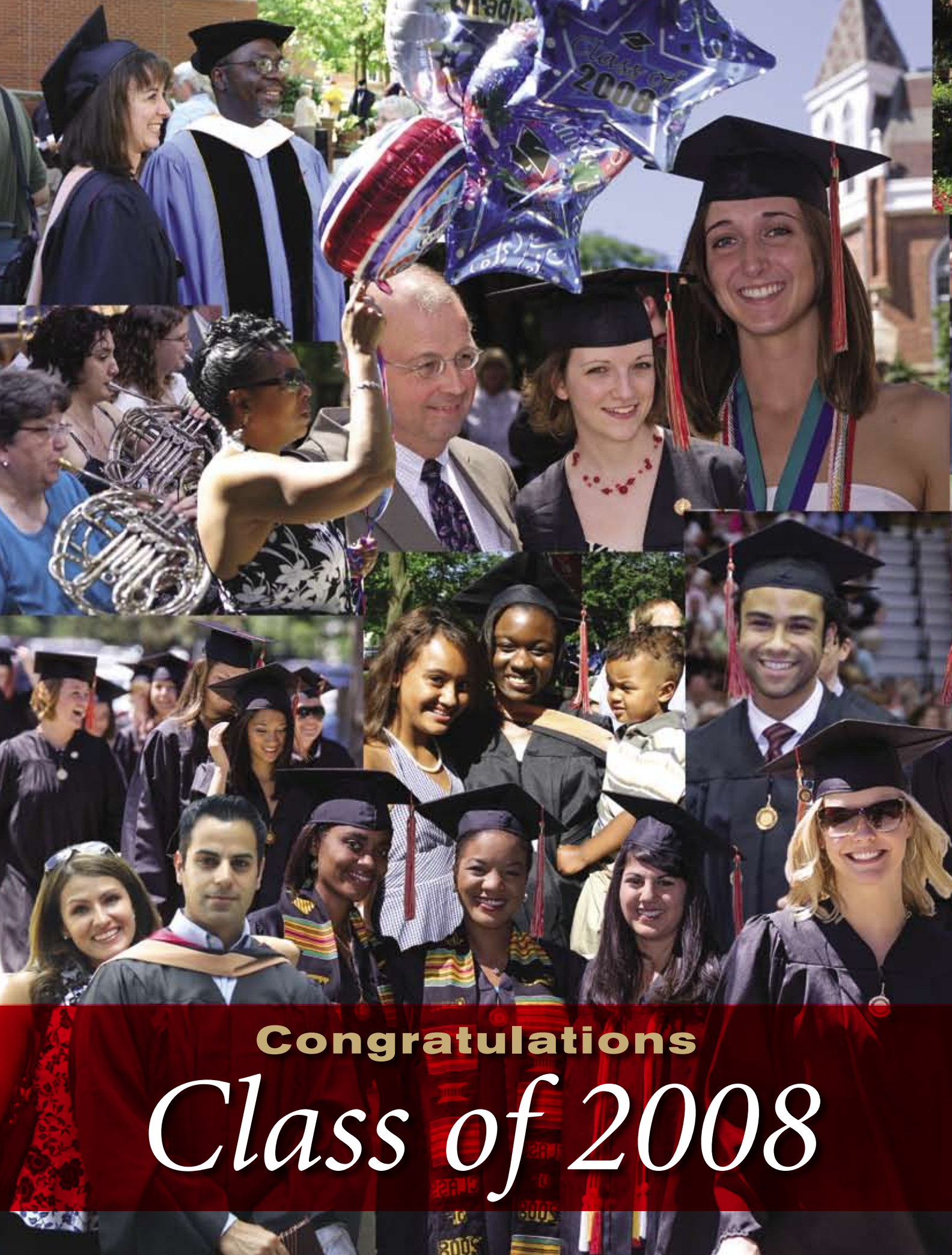


Commencement speaker Eric Frisch

Contributions in the Areas of Fine Arts Enrichment and Student Life. Following graduation, he has continued in his current position as worship arts director at CenterPoint Church in Lewis Center, Ohio. ●



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Congratulations
Class of 2008



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& Roger Routson

As the 60th reunion class is singing around the piano in the Campus Center, the 45th reunion is off to get their class picture taken and other alumni are making their way to the library to hear "Stories of the 50s and 60s" by Dean Joanne Van Sant. Still others are roaming through the renovated hall of McFadden Science Building and visiting Greek Open Houses. It was a memorable Alumni Weekend '08 with over 450 alumni traveling from 23 different states and ranging with graduates from the Class of 1947 through 2010.

The weekend is designed to provide alumni with connections to Otterbein's people, places and events which enriched your life. It was time to remember the experiences which provided you with the "Time of Your Life." Walking through the canvas of shade on the Towers Hall lawn to reflecting with a classmate through the halls of Dunlap-King, memories flood your mind which touched your hearts and leave an impression for a lifetime. "Classes without Quizzes" were featured with alumni learning from students and faculty about the History of Otterbein, Go Green, and the Senior Year Experience in Rwanda, Africa.

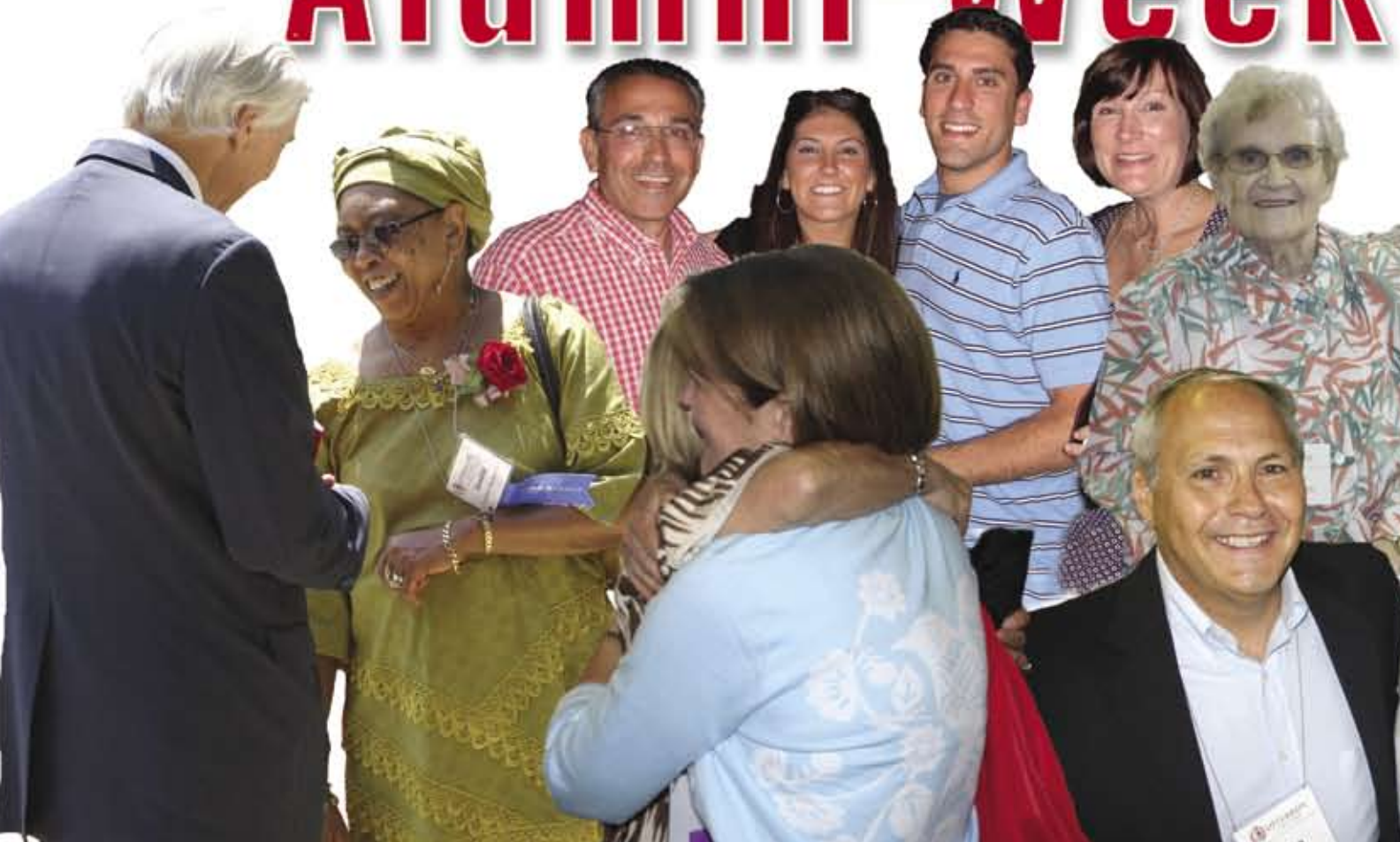
The class reunion planning began in November 2007 with a dedicated group of alumni coordinating reunion gatherings for Saturday evening. The evening featured reunions from the 55th class of 1953 graciously hosted by Dick and Patti Borg, the 50th Golden Reunion class reminisced with student music performers and memory pictures from their '54- 58 yearbook commentary by Ed Mentzer while the 45th reunion class of 1963 heard from Professors Phil Barnhart and Fred Thayer of the faculty of the 60s and their career paths while the 40th class was indulging in an Italian feast at Bravos Restaurant and the 35th Class of 1973 and the 30th Class of 1978 celebrated in style at the Old Bag of Nails.

Special thanks go to the reunion committees for their support and leadership in providing more long lasting memories through their planning efforts, creating memories for those of you who came home to celebrate the "Time of Your Life."

(Attention Classes of '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79—it's your time in 2009!)



Alumni Week





end 2008



The “Cliphouse Gang” Reunites Around Memory Quilt

The girls of the “Cliphouse Gang” joined together on the morning of June 13 to hang a quilt in Sarah’s Corner of the library. The quilt was dedicated in honor of one of their fallen—**Jeanne Leohner Woodyard ’63**, who died in 2007.

The Cliphouse Gang, all members of the class of ’63, was so named because they lived in Clippinger House their senior year. In the spring of ’62, there appeared to be a slight lack of female rooms. Dean Joanne Van Sant suggested an honors house for a group of senior women. Clippinger House was approved and renovated for the dorm, and 15 women moved in at the beginning of fall quarter, 1962. The house was located on Grove Street at

the present south end of Mayne Hall. The house was torn down with the construction of Mayne Hall.

The women—Kathy Ackerman, Elizabeth Arnold, Lois Augenstein, Lois Axline, Mercedes Blum, Imodale Caulker, Christine Fetter, Connie Hellwarth, Sharon Hept, Elaine Koehler, Jeanne Leohner, Carol Shook, Carol Simmons, Sharon Speelman and Darlene Stoffer—represented different majors and different sororities. Yet a bond was formed their senior year and they have kept in touch all this time since going separate ways after graduation. A big reunion was held at Deer Creek State Park in Ohio in 2001 when all the women turned 60. Of the 15 women, 12 survive today.

Sharon Speelman Bench died in 1981, Mercedes Blum Graber in 1991, and Jeanne Leohner Woodyard in 2007. The remaining 12 live all around the country—in Florida; Ottawa, Canada; Virginia; Iowa; Indiana; Pennsylvania; Maryland; New Jersey and three in Ohio.

The quilt pieces represent the favorite children’s stories of the Cliphouse women and include such favorites as *Peter Rabbit*, *The Secret Garden*, *Winnie the Pooh* and *Goodnight Moon*. It was crafted by Carol Simmons Shackson.

The hanging ceremony was held the Friday of Alumni Weekend, as the women were back for the 45th reunion of the class of 1963.



Women of Clippinger House and their Quilt: Imodale Caulker-Burnett, Darlene Stoffer Mellick, Elaine Koehler Henn, Connie Hellwarth Leonard, Lois Augenstein Harris, Carol Simmons Shackson, Sharon Hept Blakeman, Chris

Fetter Greene. Carol Shook Rufener attended the weekend but missed the dedication. Also not pictured: Liz Arnold, Lois Axline Campolo, Kathy Ackerman McDannald.



Golden Reunion Class of 1958

Front Row: Emily Bale Warner, Shirley Baker, Joanne Swank Gillum, Joyce Shannon Warner, Mary Ellen Hankinson Crimmel, Joyce Bigham Carper, Nancy Leonhardt Green. **Second Row:** Carole Kreider Bullis, Jo Klenk Walterhouse, Rae Jeanne Fox Mollica, Marie Waggannon Schneider, Donna Griffith Hale, Joanne Hickok Budd, Bobbi Cox Thompson, Marjorie Lambert Hopkins, Mary Larrick Cowgill, Sharon

Main. Third Row: Hugh Zimmer, Richard Myers, Dave Schneider, Larry Rood, Gene Price, Donald Metzler, Edmund Cox, Marilyn Miller Cole, Thomas Dipko, Don Bell. **Back Row:** Ed Mentzer, Jim Eschbach, Thomas Miller, Ron Harmon, Don Hughes.

Alumni Weekend 2008



Pre-1958 Emeriti Classes

Front Row: Helene Miller '53, Miriam Wise Keller '53, Robert Keller '50, Bill Lehman '53, Mickey Steiner Mokry '49, Les Mokry '47, Jane Morrison Horn '50, Dick Sellers '50, Charlayne Huggins Phillips '53. **Second Row:** Lois Bachtel Sommer '48, Marilla Clark Eschbach '57, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Carolyn Brown Sherrick '53, Sally Steffanni

Lehman '56, Hazel Brehm Hayes '47, Phyllis Shultz '52, Bea Ulrich Holm '52, Bob Myers '53, Mary Dillon Jacoby '51.

Third Row: Larry Hard '53, Elmer (Bud) Yoest '53, Warren Hayes '49, Richard (Dick) Sherrick '54, Dave Warner '56, John Bullis '56, Gene Cole '56, Robert (Bud) Warner '56, Jim Heinisch '53, Michael Phillips '53, Gerald Jacoby '53.



Class of 1948

Front Row: Juanita Gardis Foltz, Mary Jo Wood Brown, Jeanette Elliott Boughan, Roberta Armstrong Wrassmann, Betty Strait Griffith, Helen Swisher Beachler, Lois Bachtel Sommer. **Back Row:** William LeMay, Doyle Blauch, John

Wells, Jack Marks, John Hammond, Tom Moon, Wendell King, Dick Shoemaker, Vic Ritter, Lloyd Savage, Arthur Spafford, Ray Miner.



Class of 1953

Front Row: Carolyn Brown Sherrick, Charlayne Huggins Phillips, Miriam Wise Keller, Helene Miller. **Second Row:** ElDoris McFarland, Donna Rice Holland, Patricia Packer Neilson, Elizabeth Marsh Rea, Michael Phillips, George

Lehman. **Third Row:** Duane Frayer, Lawrence Hard, Eugene Riblet, Robert Myers, Elmer Yoest, Daniel Mariniello, Gerald Jacoby, James Heinisch, Richard Borg.



Class of 1963

Front Row: Christine Fetter Greene, Darlene Stoffer Mellick, Norma Smith Stockman, Carol Shook Rufener, Imy Caulker-Burnett, Connie Hellwarth Leonard, Marty Slack Kinkead, Marilyn Bamberger Lyke, Rancie Bilbrey Titley, Jo Porter Morriss. **Second Row:** Maxine Daniels Moore, Lois Augenstein Harris, Sharon Hept Blakeman, Carol Simmons

Shackson, Becky Stiverson Neill, Marie Fast Baughman, Rebecca Harbaugh Hutchings. **Third Row:** Elaine Koehler Henn, Virginia Tyson, Jean Davidson Berry, Bill Titley, Gary Olin, Richard Berry. **Fourth Row:** Tom Martin, David Truxal, Ronald Boyer, Peter Allaman, Douglas Knight.



Class of 1968

Front Row: Frank Jayne, Karen Summers Jayne, Sue Garrett Nagy, Patricia Emrick Kennedy, Judy Forsythe, Luann Corum-Parker, Carol Sue Andrews Spessard. **Second Row:** Kathy Hughey Fellers, Carol Staudt Steele, Meg Clark Barkhymer, Pat Merryman, Sheila Thomas Thomasson, Marilyn Eiffert Riggs, Jerri Scott Wood, Ron Spessard. **Third Row:** Shirley Gill Close, Alice Shanley Kunkel, Elizabeth

(Penny) Smyth Comer, Nancy Smith Evans, Bev Putterbaugh Larson, Renate Leffel Miller, Rachel Stinson Turner, Cathy Alspach Boring, Jean Christ Warstler, Sharon Porterfield Mast, Edna Hipsher Albright. **Fourth Row:** Lou Turner Lorton, Connie McNutt Kubis, Larry Ganger, Mike Comer, Sam Murphy, Richard Klenk. **Fifth Row:** Ron Anslinger, Chuck Taylor, Denny Brookover, Tom James.



Class of 1973

Front Row: Jean Basinger Stedman, Cheryl Edmunds Harnish, Virgenea Kenny Roberts, Nancy Garrison Howley, Cindy Robertson Kent. **Second Row:** Evon Lineburgh Rank, Linda Newlun Bright, Cheryn Alten Houston, Lynette

Freshour Vargyas, Steve Lust. **Third Row:** Lindsay Stedman, Dee Weaston Standish, Bill Standish, Steve Kennedy, John Codella. **Fourth Row:** David Leist, Frank Bright, Jon France, Kevin Witt, Ron Caldwell, Dave Walters.



Front Row: Brian Green, Becky Hill May, Tamra Miller Proper. **Second Row:** Patrick Wallen, Beverly Woldoldt Couch, Sharon Ockuly, A. Fred Vogel. **Third Row:** Peggy

Muse, Judy Wygant Frey, Roger Nourse. **Fourth Row:** Susan Henthorn, Betsy Rogers Hussey, John Hussey, Bryan Babcock.

It's Time for the Nominations!

In the next several pages of *Towers* you'll see stories and photos of this year's very deserving Alumni Award Winners. But it's already time to think about nominations for next year! Who do you think is deserving? Here's a list of some past winners...

- MSNBC News correspondent and TV Anchor - Chris Kapostasy Jansing '78
- Retired Four Star General in U.S. Air Force - General Lance Lord '69
- NASA Astronaut Trainer - Al Manson '60
- CEO of Columbus Urban League - Eddie Harrell '94
- CEO and President of Westerville Chamber of Commerce - Janet Davis '82
- Cleveland Clinic Medical Director - Dr. Mellar P. Davis '74
- CEO of Rubbermaid - Wolfgang R. Schmitt '66
- U.S Federal Court Judge - Judge Alan Norris '57
- Professor in biochemistry who has received honors worldwide - Marilyn Etzler '62

Know alumni to add to this list?

Nominations for awards being accepted until December 3, 2008.

Forms available at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click 'Get Involved'

Alumni Award Winners

PEG HARMON **HONORARY ALUMNA AWARD**

Peg Harmon was born in Washington, D.C. where her father worked for Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, first in the WPA and later in procurement for the war effort. Originally from Columbus, her father moved the family back to Ohio after the war. Peg went to Miami University of Ohio where she studied political science, English and history, and then got her master's degree in education from The Ohio State University. Peg created her own course of study that emphasized American and Ethnic Studies. Both she and her husband, John, began their Ph.D.s while teaching at South High School, Peg in American Studies and government, and John as guidance counselor. Their love for the students led them both to give up their pursuit of doctorates so that they could devote themselves to teaching. In 1982, she received the honor of "Educator of the Year" for her teaching at South High School.

Peg taught for over 15 years, but unfortunately had to stop for health reasons. She says that not only did she feel that she made a difference in students' lives at this inner city school, but that she learned an immense amount from them as well, including courage and compassion.

Still teaching when she and John moved to their house on Grove Street 34 years ago, Peg soon became immersed in the Otterbein community. Rather than be at odds with their lively new neighbors in the "Country Club" fraternity house, the Harmons became the official advisors of Pi Kappa Phi. The many young men she has come to know in the years since have been a very special part of Peg's life, and she of theirs. It was not unusual, in the days before students had refrigerators on campus, for a few hungry guys to knock on her door to see if she had anything good to eat. Many was the time her own refrigerator was raided! Breakfast for the fraternity brothers was a frequent ritual, and over the years most of her dishes and pots and pans have migrated from her kitchen to the frat house. All of Peg's male bulldogs have been members of the fraternity. She describes her "Otterbein kids" as very sweet and caring, who have done as much for her as she has for them.

More than 20 students have lived in Peg's spare room over the years, free of charge – her own Otterbein scholarship, if you will. Peg is always easy to spot walking around campus – she's the one with the two bulldogs. Students "love on" Moe and Ms. Charlie, and sometimes sit and talk with "the Bulldog Lady" for a while. This self-proclaimed "crazy Jewish mother" lends a sympathetic ear and advice when she can, practicing the compassion, acceptance and tolerance which she tries, in her own way, to foster in those whom she meets.

Peg describes Otterbein as "such a warm, accepting, and friendly community." She remembers meeting Dean of



Peg Harmon

Students Bob Gatti and his wife, Jackie, when they first arrived on campus many years ago, and credits Bob for being a big part of creating that atmosphere in his open and attentive treatment of students. "If it weren't for Bob Gatti and Mary Kerr (executive assistant to the president), whom I have known for ages, I wouldn't be in the place I am today. Thank you, Otterbein, for helping me make the world a better place."

RICK DORMAN **HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD**

Richard H. Dorman completed 12 years as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Otterbein College. Throughout his tenure, both staff and alumni relied upon the quality and reliability of his leadership as he efficiently carried out the many administrative, research, and policy-related duties.

During his distinguished career at Otterbein College, Rick has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence and has fulfilled his responsibilities with integrity, sensitivity, and the utmost competence. In his leadership endeavors, he has been tireless in his efforts to improve the quality of life and life-long education for all present and future alumni.



Rick Dorman

Rick has earned the respect and gratitude of faculty, staff, alumni, students, and colleagues alike for the warmth and understanding he has displayed in expanding the vision for institutional advancement at the College. He has successfully carried out and coordinated activities that have strengthened institutional advancement. Also, he created new processes and procedures for major gifts and stewardship activities to enhance future philanthropic, scholarship, and endowment support. Rick's leadership enabled the College to attain record fund raising results covering many campus projects including the successful completion of a \$35 million comprehensive capital campaign, the renovation of Towers Hall, the opening of the Clements Recreation Center, and most recently the groundbreaking of the Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Studies and the undertaking of the new Science Center.

He also played a major role in establishing the current Alumni Council, crafting its goals and objectives, selecting its membership, and providing personal and professional support to initiate the Council's work.

Earlier this spring, The Otterbein Alumni Council expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Rick for his loyal service, leadership, and friendship. Rick is now the 14th president of Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. He assumed the duties of president on July 1. Westminster College, with an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduate and graduate students, was founded in 1852 and is related to the Presbyterian Church.

He served as assistant vice president for development (1994-96) and director of health sciences development at the

University of Louisville (1990-94) following four years as an executive with the Penn State Alumni Association.

Rick served as director of marketing for Prestige Expositions in Ridgewood, New Jersey, from 1983-87, and began his career as director of choral activities at Red Lion Area Senior High School in Pennsylvania from 1975-79.

Rick earned a bachelor of music degree in music education from Susquehanna University in 1975. He earned his master's in counseling/college student personnel services and his doctorate in higher education administration from The Pennsylvania State University.

He and his wife of 29 years, Beverly Dorman, a registered nurse, have a son, Daniel, 23, and daughter, Kelly, 21.

IMODALE CAULKER-BURNETT '63 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

After graduating from Otterbein, Imy, (a nickname given her by fellow science student **Dr. Hugh Allen '62** back in 1960) enrolled at the Presbyterian School of Nursing (now part of The Columbia University) in New York City, where she earned her bachelor's of science in nursing. In 1972 she took the first Adult/Family Nurse Practitioners Course (Primex) at New York Hospital and became certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She received the Public Health Association of New York Award of Merit, and in 1973 she was one of the recipients of the Outstanding Young Women of America Award. In 1987 she earned a master's degree in nursing education from Teacher's College and in 1990, received the "Special Recognition for Excellence in Nursing" award from the hospital.

In 1990 she and her husband, Clive, moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she worked at the Medical College of Virginia, Division of Substance Abuse. Initially she cared for addicts on a detoxification unit, but in 1994 when the unit closed, she was asked to develop the Substance Abuse Consult Service, to provide services throughout the hospital. Finally, she took classes in energy work and became certified as a healing touch practitioner in 1995. She has authored numerous published articles and professional presentations.

Imy retired in 2003 and visited her ancestral village of Mambo, Sierra Leone, which her grandfather established, and where her father, **Richard Caulker '35**, was born. In fact, Imy's ancestors welcomed United Brethren in Christ missionaries to Sierra Leone in 1850, which of course is a part of Otterbein's heritage as well. Her Aunt, **Amelia Caulker Ben-Davis '59**, is also an Otterbein graduate.

Devastated like much of the country by a 10-year rebel war, Mambo has many needs, and Imy established "Lesana Community Development/Rehabilitation Services" to try to help the villagers rebuild. This organization has built a second well for the village, established a micro-credit program for women, and has many plans for Mambo including expanding the school, adding more teachers, increasing adult literacy, building a health center and church, and encouraging community farming and entrepreneurship.



Imodale Caulker-Burnett

Imy lives with her husband Clive, in Midlothian, VA, and goes to Sierra Leone annually, for four month periods to supervise the work at Mambo.

HARVEY SMITH '55 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Harvey Smith arrived at Otterbein College from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, home of the famous groundhog, Phil, in the fall of 1951. He had with him enough money for one semester's tuition and \$200 for other expenses. Though he needed to work throughout his four years at Otterbein, he made sure to enjoy the entire college experience. He carried a full course load, enjoyed fraternity life with his Kings brothers and participated in many campus activities.

Harvey fondly remembers some of his most notable Otterbein professors: Dr. John Wells, Dr. Jesse Engle and Prof. Marguerite Nelson, to name but a few. Graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology and a Greek minor, Harvey went on to earn a master's of divinity at United Theological Seminary. During 40 years of active ministry, he served six Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist congregations in the Dayton, Ohio area, retiring in 1997.

Ministry work necessarily steepens one in the community, but Harvey didn't stop there. He is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Centerville, and went on to hold many district offices, as well as to serve as Governor of the Southwest Ohio District. He even served as the District Emissary to the Prime

Minister of Belize to secure permission for a district-sponsored medical clinic. For 23 years, Harvey was a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Centerville-Washington Park District, including 18 as chair. During that time the park system increased in acreage, number of parks, and increased from five staff members to 19. Harvey was instrumental in convincing voters to pass three major operating levies and one capital improvement levy.

In 1993, Harvey was invited to join the board of the newly-formed St. Mary Development Corporation (SMDC). Faith based but non-denominational, SMDC has developed affordable housing options for low-income seniors and working families. Leading neighborhood rejuvenation for a diverse constituency, SMDC now has 29 projects in eight counties, housing more than 2,400 people, with more housing under development. Harvey has been chair of the Board of Directors since 2001, and has been a driving force behind the guiding philosophy of providing well-administered, safe housing within the context of a caring and compassionate community.

Harvey has also volunteered for the YMCA, Centerville City School Board, and much earlier in his life, fulfilled the dream of many a young boy when he was a volunteer firefighter in the small town of Fletcher, Ohio.

Harvey is married to **Carolyn Cribbs Smith '57**. They have two children, Stephen and Robbyn.



Harvey Smith

CINDY LOUDENSLAGER '77

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Cindy Loudenslager was born in Columbus and grew up in Wooster, Ohio. Even though she has spent the past 24 years in the New York City area, she still considers Ohio her home.

While at Otterbein, Cindy played intercollegiate sports—field hockey, basketball, and softball, and was president of her sorority (EKT) her senior year. She graduated from Otterbein in 1977 with a degree in business administration, then was hired by State Savings in Columbus for its management training program. She rose quickly, attaining the position of branch manager of the Dublin office during her four-year tenure.

Cindy landed a job in private banking at Bankers Trust (which is now Deutsche Bank) in New York City in 1986. She is now a managing director in the Private Wealth Management Division. She manages a client base of wealthy individuals and families with over \$2.5 billion in assets at the bank, helping them with investments, risk management, lending, trust and estate services, wealth planning strategies, and philanthropic advice.

Cindy was accepted into the executive MBA program at Columbia University, receiving her degree in 1994. In 2000, Deutsche selected her for its International Leadership Program,

which involved educational and management sessions at Ashridge University in London, company visits in Beijing and Shanghai, and a week at Duke University. A career highlight was her selection by *Worth Magazine* as one of the nation's Top 100 Wealth Advisors in 2005.

Outside of the office, she has supported the Girl Scouts of Greater New York for a number of years. Since Cindy views her time at Otterbein as the foundation for her success, three years ago she joined Student Sponsor Partners, or SSP. SSP provides at-risk youth in New York City the opportunity to receive a quality secondary education which hopefully will lead to college. This is a four year commitment to pay for a student's private high school tuition, but just as important, to provide one-on-one guidance and mentoring. Her Bronx student will be a senior next fall and is researching colleges. This has been an extremely rewarding experience and Cindy feels she has impacted her student's life in a meaningful way, and established a relationship that will extend well beyond the four year commitment.

A very recent and exciting endeavor has been Cindy's purchase of a historic country store in Dorset, VT, where she owns a second home.

DENNIS MAMMANA '73

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For more than three decades, Dennis Mammana has delivered the wonder and mystery of the cosmos to audiences around the world through his writing, public lectures and courses, enrichment tours, and celestial photography.

After leaving Otterbein in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in physics and astronomy, Dennis went on to Vanderbilt University where he earned his master's degree in astronomy. The following year he was selected as the 1974-75 intern at the world-famous Strasenburgh Planetarium in Rochester, New York. Since then he has held prominent positions at the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum, the University of Arizona, and San Diego's Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

Dennis is the author of six books on popular astronomy, hundreds of magazine and encyclopedia articles, and numerous planetarium scripts. Since 1992, has written *Stargazers*, the only nationally-syndicated weekly newspaper column on astronomy. He has merged art with science as a noted and accomplished sky photographer. His stunning images capture the motion, majesty and mystery of the heavens, and have appeared in many electronic and print media, as well as in art exhibitions. His photography was featured in the Winter 2007 issue of *Towers*, in an article entitled, "Gazing to the Skies." Dennis is a member of TWAN (The World at Night), an international team of the world's most highly acclaimed sky photographers, a special project of Astronomers Without Borders.

Dennis frequently leads public expeditions to view and photograph such cosmic spectacles as solar eclipses and the aurora borealis. He has shared his knowledge and enthusiasm



Cindy Loudenslager



Dennis Mammana

with thousands of people on six different continents, and is a frequent guest on radio and television programs.

"My achievements are a direct result of my education at Otterbein," Dennis says. "There I was allowed, even required, to learn subjects I would not normally pursue. Things like history, music, and philosophy. And this has opened a wonderful, broad world-wide view with which I can now help others understand our place in the universe."

Dennis currently lives and works as an astronomy author, lecturer and sky photographer under the clear, dark skies of Southern California's Anza-Borrego Desert. Dennis' career truly is a synthesis of a liberal arts education, incorporating both the arts and the sciences in a way that inspires both awe and learning in so many others.

AL WATERHOUSE '82 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Al Waterhouse grew up in Mansfield, Ohio, the son of British immigrants June and George Waterhouse. While at Otterbein, Al participated in the Student Senate, Debate Team, National Tau Pi Phi Business Honorary and Case Competition, the Cooperative Education Program, and was a member of the Zeta Phi Fraternity, also known as the Rats. Given his success as an adult, some may be surprised that Al proudly acknowledges that he was a member of Zeta at the time it was banished

from campus for a few years as a result of numerous charter violations.

Al graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1982, and went on to earn an MBA from Xavier University while working full time for General Motors in Dayton.

After several years with GM, Al was recruited by Pyxis Corporation in San Diego, which makes prescription dispensing devices now in common use in hospitals the world over. As executive vice president of Operations for Pyxis, Al was instrumental in commercializing over 30 innovative products during a 5 year period. After Columbus-based Cardinal Health acquired Pyxis, he was lured from sunny San Diego to Philadelphia as president of Cardinal's PCI Services. Al transformed the world's largest packager of pharmaceuticals (with 12 international operations and 4,000 employees) into the industry's service level leader, and doubled its return on committed capital.

Meanwhile, some of his former Pyxis colleagues were busy inventing again, and in 2004 Al was recruited back to San Diego to become the first president and CEO of Asteres Inc. Al raised over \$26M in venture capital and completed the development and implementation of patented technology for the company's ScriptCenter, a stand alone unit that automatically dispenses



Al Waterhouse

filled prescriptions and, Al hopes, will soon be coming to a pharmacy near you.

Al recently joined Advanced Medical Optics, a \$1B global leader in the development, manufacture, and commercialization of eye care products as senior vice president of Global Operations.

Al credits both his parents' influence and his exposure to "volunteerism" while at Otterbein with his deep sense of wanting to "give back." He has been involved in Junior Achievement, the United Way Fund Drive, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. In fact, he holds the record for longest match in the Dayton chapter, a twelve year active relationship that continued even after Jason turned 18 and exited the program. He is in his first term as a member of Otterbein's Board of Trustees.

Proud dad that he is, Al says his greatest sense of joy and the thing he remains most proud of are his three children, Kelsey, Casey and David.

KENT STUCKEY '79

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

One of the great things about life is that we often end up in places we didn't plan on, but for which we find ourselves well prepared and well suited. The Distinguished Alumni Award Winner, Kent Stuckey, would probably agree that this observation applies to his own life and career.

A well known and successful business executive who has demonstrated an outstanding record as a leader, entrepreneur, and community volunteer, Kent transitioned from the legal profession to the corporate world, and then used his skills to found and grow new companies.

Kent earned his bachelor's degree in political science, psychology and music performance from Otterbein in 1979. He was also Otterbein's drum major. After graduating, he went to the University of Michigan where he earned his law degree, and then went to Ohio State for his MBA in finance.

He started out as an attorney at the prestigious law firm of Bricker & Eckler from 1982 to 1987. He then became general counsel and secretary of CompuServe and from 1995 to 1998 served as vice president of CompuServe Ventures, responsible for development and execution of mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and alliances, and was a member of the strategic planning team. He was also responsible for marketing management of much of the CompuServe Information Service.

In 1999, Kent co-founded and assumed leadership of Internet Transaction Solutions, Inc. (ITS) to provide electronic bill payment services under brands including paymybill® and solvemydebt®. In two years, ITS achieved profitability, and was recognized as one of the fastest-growing companies nationally, achieving revenue in excess of \$20 million a year by the time it merged with public company Online Resources in August 2007. ITS was recognized multiple times in the Inc. 500, Deloitte Technology Fast 500, Fast Fifty, and Ohio eCommerce Pioneer award programs. Kent was personally recognized as



Kent Stuckey

an E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist, and as TOPCAT (Top Contributor to the Advancement of Technology) Small Business Executive of the Year.

Kent has served on numerous corporate boards, particularly those involved with Internet and electronic commerce. He is currently CEO and board chairman of QuanComm Inc., and a board member of iHost Solutions, Inc. In 2008, he formed two new startup companies. Kent is an inventor of multiple information technology patents. He has published and lectured on the issues of international business expansion, electronic commerce, intellectual property, telecommunications, software development outsourcing, privacy and security and is author of the leading treatise *Internet and Online Law*.

Kent's community and philanthropic contributions are also many and meaningful. At 29, he became board chairman of Prevent Blindness Ohio when it was struggling for survival. In two years as board chairman, the organization increased reserves from \$67,000 to over \$350,000. He then became board chairman of Prevent Blindness America and achieved a similar financial turnaround during three years of leadership.

In 2005, Kent received the Rotary "Service Above Self" award for his accomplishments at NPAC. Kent also is serving in his first term as a member of Otterbein's Board of Trustees.

Kent's grandfather, mother, and two of his brothers are also Otterbein alumni. He and his wife, Laura, and their 9-year-old son Ridge live in Upper Arlington and Ormond Beach, FL. ●

Class NOTES

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1948

Charles Hodson is writing his memoirs of a fighter pilot during World War II. With more than 80 flying missions under his belt, the Germantown native describes his war experiences as part of a writing project in the Memoirs group at St. Leonard's retirement community, Centerville, OH.

1956

Joyce Hickok Waggamon and husband, **Delbert "Dutch" '56**, are still learning about each other into their 70s. The newlywed couple, who reunited two years ago at the 50th reunion of their class, had not seen each other in 50 years after a brief courtship in the winter of 1958. They were winners of the Marriages Made Memorable contest in the Delaware, OH *Gazette*.

1960

John Lloyd's *Fantasy on Themes* was performed by Jim Bates, conductor of the Otterbein Orchestras, at a concert on June 1 at Church of the Master in Westerville. Last fall it was selected by Pennsylvania-based J.W. Pepper, the world's largest sheet music distributor, as its editor's choice for string orchestras.

1961

Tom Croghan, an arts enthusiast, performer and promoter of arts education in Mansfield, OH, was honored by the Mansfield community at a Tribute Celebration event that raised money for an arts and arts education endowment in his name. "I have only had the extreme pleasure of knowing Tom for a short time, but in that time his passion for the arts has touched me greatly," Renaissance President and CEO Terri Bergman said. "The Renaissance is greatly honored to be able to host this event in honor of this wonderful doctor, teacher, musician and humanitarian." Also known as "the jazz doctor," Tom was elected to the Ohio Jazz Educators Hall of Fame by the Ohio Chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators. This was presented in recognition of Lifetime Achievement and Service to Jazz Education in the State of Ohio. An obstetrician/gynecologist, Tom retired from medical practice in 2002 after 30 years. Tom married **Judy Nosker Croghan '61**. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Other Otterbein grads include daughter **Karen Croghan Duffey '91**, Karen's husband, **Tim Duffey '98**, and son, **Mike '95**.



1963

Toni Hugli and his wife, **Judith Furay Hugli '63** have started a company as a new hobby. The company is called HealthAide, Inc., and their products are novel skin care treatments. After nearly 30 years at Scripps Clinic & Research

Foundation, Tony is now at a smaller but growing institute called Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies where he is developing a potential treatment for hemorrhagic (traumatic) shock. While his research career has been rewarding, Judy has continued to perfect her artistic skills with classes

and painting on a regular basis.

1967

Elma Lee Schmidt Moore presented "Young Women's Education - Around the Globe and Around our Community," on March 6, as part of the 2007-08 Global Education Speakers Series. The series



1966

Brian Hajek, senior research engineer and associate chair of the Nuclear Engineering Program in the Mechanical Engineering Department at The Ohio State University, has been named the recipient of the 2008 Arthur Holly Compton Award by the American Nuclear Society (ANS). The Compton Award recognizes and encourages outstanding and sustained contributions to education in nuclear science and engineering.

is sponsored by the Global Education and Peace Network and the Clark County, OH Public Library.

Tom Pascoe was recently appointed to serve a three-year term on the 21-member national Navigation Safety Advisory Council. In addition to advising on matters relating to the prevention of boating-related accidents such as collisions and groundings, the council also provides significant contributions to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Council members are appointed based upon their expertise and knowledge of the navigational rules of the road, aids to marine navigation, navigational safety equipment, vessel traffic service, separation schemes and routing. Pascoe is currently the president of the Ohio Waterways Safety Council and a former part-time police officer for the village of Put-In-Bay, OH, and deputy sheriff in Erie County. Pascoe recently completed his second term as Perkins Township trustee in Erie County.

1971

Susan Nelson retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH, on Sept. 30, 2007, after 30 years. She was a litigation paralegal in government contracts for 28 years.

1972

Nancy Smith was inducted into the Westerville South High School Alumni Hall of Fame at a ceremony on

April 25. In 2003 Nancy retired after 38 years of working at the Westerville Public Library, most recently as the director of the youth area.

1974

Bonnie Wright Nolan retired in 2004 after 30 years of teaching in the Kettering, OH, City School District. After taking a couple years off, she and a friend have opened a wine shop in Miamisburg, OH, called "A Taste of Wine."

Joe Szima has retired effective May 20, 2008. Joe joined TravelCenters of America LLC (TA) in 1996 and served as a regional vice president and senior vice president of marketing, serving in that capacity until 2004 when he was named to his most current role as executive vice president, operations and marketing. Prior to TA he was employed by British Petroleum in a variety of capacities.

1975

Cynthia Hupp Bridgman has been promoted to the position of deputy executive director/director of development at Oatlands Plantation. She has been working at the National Trust Historic Site in

Leesburg, VA, for eight years.

James Minehart is the new director of planned giving for Heidelberg College.

1976

Amy Hawkins Maerhofer and her husband, John, are owners of The Clifton Pearl Bed & Breakfast, a fully restored 1860 Victorian treasure in Clifton Springs, NY.

1977

Katie Willard Troebbs just completed working on a feature film as production supervisor in Pittsburgh, PA called *Shelter*, which is a psychological thriller starring Julianne Moore and Jonathan Rhys-Meyers. It is scheduled for release in 2009. Recently in Athens, GA, she was production managing a slice of life series for BET called *Somebodies*. It is a sitcom filmed on practical locations centering around the lives of African American college students. The series premiered on July 15, 2008.

1978

Cille Thornburn Childers is the owner of The Hot Spot Coffeehouse in Johnstown, OH.

1973

Pam Erb-Melville, while on business in Asia, visited with Otterbein alumna **Evelyn Cymbal '73** and her husband, Dr. Barry ter Haar. Pam played some golf with Barry and divine intervention happened on the 120-yard 13th hole. Pam made a hole-in-one with his daughter's borrowed 5 wood. Pam said she was a little tuckered out and hitting up hill into a 30 knot wind, so she wanted the help of a big club.

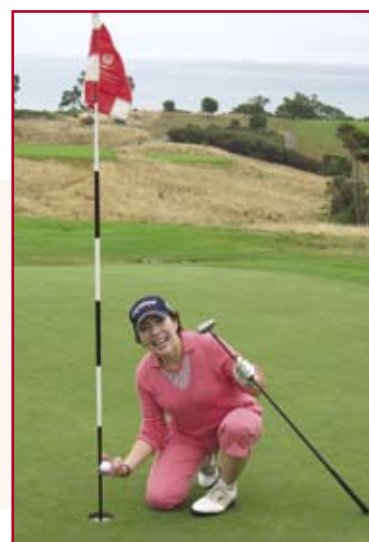
David McKee has been named 2008 Affiliate of the Year from the Columbus Board of Realtors. David is vice president and partner with Priority Mortgage Corporation, where he manages origination staff and originates residential mortgage loans.

David Weller is an Emmy award winning television set designer in New York City. Some of the sets he has designed are: *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*; *Emeril Live*; *Oprah*; *Fox Sports News*; *Trackers-Oxygen Media*; *Turning Point*; and *NFL Today - CBS Sports*.

1979

Nancy Bocskor and **Louise Rynd '79** recently visited with Dr. John Laubach and his wife, Diane. Nancy and Louise would like to share that John would appreciate hearing from his political science students. The Laubach's address is: PO Box 426, Benton, PA 17814.

Anne Kanengeiser is currently on tour with *The Phantom of the Opera*. She has had the opportunity to be a part of one of



Lettuce Work is About More than the Green Stuff

by Hilary Patrick '08

One out of every 150 children born today will be diagnosed with autism. Current statistics show that seventy-five percent of these children will be unemployed and living at home when they reach adulthood. There are many programs that are available to help develop the needs of autistic children, such as schools, Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities systems and community support systems. However, most of these programs will not continue once they enter adulthood, which makes for a bleak future for young adults with autism.

Although these young adults have a struggle facing them, there is a glimmer of hope in the form of locally owned business Lettuce Work in New Albany. Otterbein alumni **Doug '86** and **Julie Sharp '95** founded the company to provide meaningful employment and vocational training opportunities for autistic adults.

Doug graduated from Otterbein with a business degree and is currently a vice president for Grange Insurance. Julie graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in middle school education. She teaches language arts to 7th and 8th grade students at Oakstone Academy, a school that includes both autistic and typically developing students.

Doug and Julie have been married for nine years and have two sons, Daniel, who is 7 years old, and Ryan, who is 5. Daniel was diagnosed with autism, along with epilepsy and type-1 diabetes, when he was just 3 years old. Daniel's condition helped to inspire Doug and Julie to create Lettuce Work.

Lettuce Work specializes in growing hydroponic lettuce and herbs. Hydroponic means that the products will not be grown in soil and will be free from pesticides. Lettuce was the crop of choice because it is a clean, cool crop. "Those who have autism do not want to be hot, dirty or certain textures touching them. We chose to work with lettuce because it will ensure to meet the needs of our autistic employees," said Julie.

"As parents, we were already beginning to wonder what would happen to Daniel once he reached adulthood and began searching for a job. This is why we founded Lettuce Work, not only as a future job opportunity for our son, but to create job opportunities for adults with autism struggling to find employment," said Doug.

Not only will the employees with autism have employment with Lettuce Work, they will also gain vocational development skills. Each individual will have their own specialized work plan through MRDD that lists what skills need to be developed. Lettuce Work will help to ensure these needs are met for their employees.

Doug and Julie are currently building greenhouses on 26 acres of land in New Albany, just minutes away from all



The Sharp family with Ryan, 5 (left) and Daniel, 7.



An aerial view of Lettuce Work

major highways in Central Ohio. "We will be starting out small, with just four to six greenhouses. Hopefully the business will take off and we can continue to build more greenhouses and employ more autistic adults," said Doug.

Otterbein's food service, Bon Appétit, has already committed to use Lettuce Work products in the Campus Center. Bill Taylor, general manager of Bon Appétit, said, "We chose to use Lettuce Work because it will be locally grown food."

One hundred percent of Lettuce Work's revenues will be used to support its mission to provide employment opportunities for autistic adults and to support research to find a cure. Also, a portion of the revenues will be donated to Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization to find the cure for autism. For more information on Lettuce Work visit www.lettucework.com.

the longest running and probably only existing tours of its kind any more. Anne sometimes partners in the ensemble and at times plays Madame Giry.

1980

Michelle Baker-Notestine was recently named alumni records coordinator at Ohio Wesleyan University. Michelle is an ordained clergy in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and serves as deacon in residence at Hilliard UMC. She is a resident of Delaware, OH, with her son, Connor, 15, and her daughter, Alaina, 13.

1981

John Hulkenberg received top honors from the Ohio Prep Sportwriters Association for his work in both column writing classification, which focused on the death of football referee James Korogianos, and a feature story classification that was centered on Ray Dusenbury, a longtime Westerville prep football coach. John is employed by *Suburban New Publications*.



1985

Karen Raab Johnson is regional producer/news anchor for K-LOVE Radio, a christian network with 400 stations nationwide.

Nancy Binzel Pierce has been appointed as the new community relations coordinator for Cornerstone Community School. Classes are conducted inside Stow Alliance Fellowship Church, in Stow, OH. The school offers instruction for grades K-6 and is open to students of any background or belief.



1988

Pat McRoberts is starring in *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* at the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, NY.

1990

Emily DePaul Gil is the founder of the Con Brio Children's Choir in Columbus, OH. She recently worked with area students in preparation for the Columbus City Schools Honor Chorus performance, held on April 19. Sponsored by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the choir provides young people in Central Ohio with an opportunity to have an enriching and joyous choral experience in an exciting and nurturing environment.

1991

Ben Hodges is editor in chief of *Theatre World Publications* and author of recently released *The Commercial Theatre Institute Guide to Producing Plays and Musicals*.



1993

Mark Becker is the new consulting solutions manager for Blackbaud, Inc. in Charleston, SC. Blackbaud is a leader of technology solutions for non-profits. Pictured is his daughter, Emma, and wife, Caroline.

1992

Todd Cordisco, director of development for Lee Mental Health, has been named to the board of directors of the Planned Giving Council of Lee County, Ft. Myers, FL. Established in 1994, the council provides educational programs, technical support, and guidance to professionals involved in all aspects of charitable planned giving.

Beth Sanders is now the chair of the sociology and criminal justice department at Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY. She served as a promotion assessor for the Kentucky State Police and worked as a hiring and promotion consultant for police agencies in the northern Kentucky area. Beth recently had an article published, "Using Personality Traits to Predict Police Officer Performance" in *Policing* magazine. Her work has also appeared in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education and Deviant Behavior*.



1993

Jim Byers is a chiropractor in Waynesville, OH. When Jim and his family moved from Chicago to Waynesville, he decided to give back to the community where he lives, works, and is raising his family. For the past eight years, clients and helpful citizens have donated new Christmas gifts for underprivileged youth. Jim received his chiropractic license from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, IL.

Mark Merriman works as an entertainment attorney in New York City at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC. He represents a variety of clients in the theatre, publishing, film and television industries and some current theatre projects include acting as production counsel on the seasonal Broadway *Grinch* production, the new Off-Broadway musical *Adding Machine*, and the current non-union U.S. touring production of *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*. In general, he represents stage producers, actors, playwrights, composers, lyricists, and directors.

1994

Dan Downes has been named to the position of business manager with the Marion County Children Services, Marion, OH. He will oversee the human resource function as well as compensation, allocations, contracts and other fiscal responsibilities. Dan obtained his master's in social administration from The Ohio State University and also completed one year of graduate study in counseling psychology at California State University - Humboldt, in Arcata, CA.

Dan Knechtges has been nominated for a Tony award for his choreography in the Broadway production of *Xanadu*. He is also choreographer of *Vanities*, set to open on Broadway in the fall of 2008, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, currently on national tour.

1995

Bob Cline is self-employed as a casting director in New York. His company is called Bob Cline Casting.

James Sawyer recently completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at Indiana University. James is now working at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton, NJ as a Research Investigator.

1996

Amanda Gischler is currently working for Tween Brands, Inc in New Albany, OH as the accounts payable supervisor for miscellaneous, store planning and real estate. Tween Brands is the home office for Limited Too and Justice Stores retail stores.

Elyse Kristine Stratton began working as a Manager in the Global Commercial Operations division of Monogram Biosciences, a reference lab

in South San Francisco. The job allows her to frequently travel to Europe and South America and combines her love of biology and international relations. She relocated to San Francisco four years ago after completing her degree in International Relations at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. and Bologna, Italy.

1997

Peter Dean is resident production manager at LAByrinth Theater Company, New York. Credits include *American Dream* and *The Sandbox* directed by Edward Albee; *Walmartopia*; *Celia, the Musical*; *A View From 151st Street*; *Jack Goes Boating*; *The Worst of Bogosian*, *A Small, Melodramatic Story*; *Little Flower of East Orange*; *School of the Americas*; *Phallacy*; *Deathbed*; *Opus Cactus*; *Baseball* and *Passion*. Regional Credits include A.R.T., Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, The Huntington Theater

Company, The Denver Center Theater Company and Trinity Rep.



1998

Mike Faber is a member of an improvisation group called "The Scallywags." Also included are members **Jesse Wilson '00**, **Trent Caldwell '02** and **Mark Donmoyer '99**. They are part of the Manhattan Comedy Collective, a volunteer-led organization committed to creating, producing and promoting high quality comedic works of all types - improvisation, sketch, plays, solo shows, stand-up and short films.

Scott Fais, a reporter for Central Florida News 13, was recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists an unprecedented five times in this year's annual awards competition. He earned top honors in the consumer reporting category and the business reporting category. The Florida Society of Professional Journalists also awarded Fais three additional honors for two feature reports and a sports report.

1998

Carl "Cubby" Cashen and his pet, Gu, wrote a children's book called *The Great Chiweenie*. Carl and his fiancée got married on Flag Day at the beginning of this summer. They are trying to plan different bicycle rides to help promote the book. Carl has been busy at the Sea Otter Bicycle Festival and the L.A. Times Festival of Books. Carl and Gu's motto is "Adopt a Pet. Ride a Bike. Smile."

Ben Hauck recently finished co-hosting the "Valentine's in Vegas" webcast for Yahoo! and Dr. Pepper. Based in NYC, he is flying weekly to Toronto to teach long-form improvisation to software developers at Infusion Development, a software consulting





1998

Alexandrea Wright Green (second from right) and spouse, **Jason Green '97** (second from left), recently traveled to Madrid, Spain, to visit **Kip Tobin '96** (right). Kip has been living there for four years. Joining them from Germany was **Shigeru Kamada '96**. It was a great Otterbein reunion trip for all four.

firm that has its very own improv program. Look for Ben in the upcoming Uma Thurman film, *The Accidental Husband*, where he plays Probie, a young Astoria fireman. The film is set to come out this summer.

Dawn Mamula has been named athletic director at Capital University, Columbus, OH. Dawn has been working in athletics administration for the past 10 years, with the last eight years at the University of Dayton where most recently, she has been assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator. Her responsibilities included managing the department's \$17-million dollar budget, and providing oversight to athletics communications, athletic academic affairs, student-athlete welfare issues, and the student-athlete life skills program along with serving as program administrator for the women's soccer and softball programs.

Celina Polanco is admissions coordinator for The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, School for Film and Television.

Aaron Ramey is part of the cast of *Curtains the Musical*, with David Hyde Pierce, currently running on Broadway.

1999

Melissa Johnson serves as CEO and president of Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group, LLC, a premier branding firm offering consulting, training and networking to influential companies and individuals in media and entertainment. Her recent book, *Brand Me. Make Your Mark: Turn Passion into Profit* offers a seven-step Brand Blue Print to package your passion into a profitable life. Melissa has worked for influential brands such as Procter & Gamble, Victoria's Secret Stores, The National Football League, Nationwide and Novo Nordisk, and developed partnerships with artists such as Mary J. Blige, Shania Twain, Jessica Simpson and Common.

Megan Bardon Myers, has recently been promoted to senior copywriter with The Navicor Group, part of inVentiv Communications, located in Westerville. She has been with the company since March 2006.

Kevin Weakley is the basketball coach at Worthington Christian HS, Worthington, OH. Kevin guided his team to a Central Catholic League co-championship and a spot in the Division IV state championship game. He was selected Coach of the Year.

2000

Chris Azzola began working at Worthington Cylinders with the inside sales team on June 16, 2008. Chris was the MBA program coordinator at Otterbein for four years.

Evelyn Davis will be joining Otterbein this fall as a new faculty member in the Art Department. She has spent the better part of her design career helping non-profit organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, The American Red Cross and

The Civil Rights Memorial Foundation, reach their full potential through the creation of marketing materials and promotional items through her design firm, Edinburgh Art Group. Evelyn received her B.A. from Otterbein in visual communication/computer art and M.F.A in advertising design from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. She is thrilled to start a new chapter in her life as the new assistant professor of graphic design. When not traveling across Europe with her better half, Steven, an illustrator/oil painter, Evelyn enjoys working in her studio at home with their Siberian Husky, Brodie.

Robyn Henry is production stage manager for the *The Four of Us*, a new play by Itamar Mosesat, playing the Manhattan Theatre Club, New York. This summer she will be production stage manager for *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* at the Roundabout Theatre Company, New York, the first major revival of the play.

Amy Miller and her husband, **Brad Surosky**, are both actors currently living

2000

KK Roggenkamp was selected by her peer teachers at Hanby Elementary in Westerville, OH, as the "Teacher of the Year" for 2007-08. In her spare time, KK volunteers for Pets Without Parents, enjoys running marathons, and coordinates p"ART"y events.



in Los Angeles and happily working in the film, TV, commercial, and theatre world. In 2004, Amy made her Broadway debut dancing in the musical *42nd Street*. She was also in the first national tour of *42nd Street* for two years where she covered one of her favorite roles of all time, Anytime Annie.

Heather Winner graduated with her MS in student affairs and higher education from Colorado State University. She will be the associate director of alcohol abuse and impaired driving prevention initiatives at The BACCHUS Network in Denver, Colorado, a network of more than 32,000 student leaders and advisors who work with over eight million peers on more than 900 campuses throughout the world.

Sheryl Warren Wisniewski is director of production operations at Lighting Design Group (responsible for *Letterman*, *ABC News 20/20*, morning shows on all three networks, the summer Olympics, and others. She won an Emmy for the Athens Olympics and is currently prepping for Beijing.



2001

Billoah Greene is currently acting in a workshop with the Public and the McCarter Theatres in a trilogy of new plays called *The Brother Sister Plays*, written by Tarell McCraney.

2002

Lindsay Chambers is currently appearing in *Legally Blonde* on Broadway.

Patrick Green, with Sound Associates, Inc., Yonkers, NY, has done the sound for numerous Broadway and regional theatre productions including *Ring of Fire* on Broadway and *The Wiz* at La Jolla Playhouse.

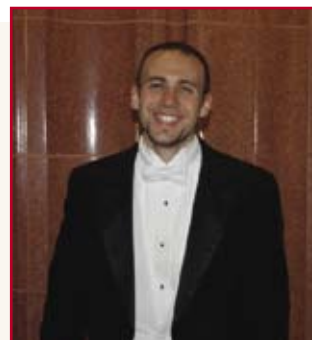
Eric Lloyd is a process/project manager with Varo Engineers, Inc., Granville, OH, an engineering firm focused on the industrial manufacturing industry.

Megan Slater accepted a job with 99.7—The Rock in Columbus, OH. You can hear her middays from 10 a.m.-3p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-7p.m. on Saturdays.



2005

Brandon Moss is a residential life coordinator at Ohio Wesleyan University, an alumni advisor to Kings Fraternity at Otterbein, and is singing with the Columbus Symphony Chorus.



2003

Matthew Sherr, currently company manager for *Phantom of the Opera*, will leave soon to become company manager of the national tour of *A Chorus Line*.

2004

Jeremy Bridgman has been promoted to account supervisor at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide in New York City. Ogilvy is a global public relations agency with specialties in consumer marketing, corporate, healthcare, social marketing, technology, public affairs and more.

Eric Kasprisin is with Lighting Design Group in New York.

Taibi Magar is directing Robert Attenwiler's new

play, *Torrents*, which opened in May 2008 at the Barrow Group Studio Theatre, New York.

2005

Roy Browning was a member of the U.S. Army support staff who helped coordinate and plan the recent All-American Bowl high school all-star football game played at the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX, on Jan. 5, 2008.

Joshua Fitzwater has released his first music CD, *The Story of We*. He is proud that his 6-song CD was released in familiar territory. Josh lives and works in Columbus, OH. He states that "whether I put another CD out or not, I'm always going to be doing music."

Colette Masterson was named assistant director of the Ohio Union at The

2002

Rayshawn Wilson received the Alumni Appreciation Award to recognize alumni who have contributed, assisted and supported the Otterbein African American Student Union (AASU) and the Office of Ethnic Diversity through means of networking and communication. Rayshawn continues to remain connected to his alma mater and understands it is about giving back, being visible and keeping the legacy alive. He spoke at this year's Fouse Tribute and Brunch at the House of Black Culture during Black Family Homecoming Weekend and coordinated a highly successful workshop for the DESIRE Diversity Conference titled "Triple Stigma," in which he shared his personal story of incarceration and family drug use. He received his master's in education with a focus on community counseling from the University of Dayton. Rayshawn also earned a master's in criminal justice from Tiffin University in 2004.

2005

Ashleigh Quint Katzenmoyer, her husband, Andy, a current student at Otterbein, and brother, **John '07**, are co-owners of the training facility L.I.F.T. (Life Improvement Functional Training), which opened March 17 in Westerville. The facility's mission is to create a center where all aspects of strength, conditioning, health and wellness can be integrated into achieving an optimal state of balance for the whole person. Ashleigh earned her master's degree in integrative medicine from the Graduate Institute in Connecticut, an affiliate of Yale University and worked on the staff at the Poliquin Performance Center in Phoenix, AZ. Ashleigh was recently named varsity girls softball coach at Westerville Central High School.



Ohio State University. She previously served as fiscal coordinator of Student Activities, also at OSU.

Chris Miller was chosen as head coach of the Miami Trace High School Panthers baseball team. Chris is a former student of the high school and also teaches geometry.

Lauren Suveges is a graduate student at the Arts Administration Program of the University of Oregon. The last two years she worked in various non-profits such as AmeriCorp. She will be interning in Chicago this summer with After School Matters, a community arts non-profit which works with

students of the Chicago Public Schools to provide after school and summer programs to develop job skills. Lauren will also intern with their events department assisting with Chicago's largest fundraiser. She will coordinate the student performance, gallery exhibition and rehearsals.

Kyle Walton is an assistant volleyball coach for Saint Louis University. Kyle was previously an assistant with Southern Illinois.

2006

Catherine Barricklow is currently assistant directing two shows at The Flea Theater in New York. She has had a few stage managing projects at

The Public Theater in New York, and in the last few months has worked in an administration/managerial capacity with LAVA, an Obie and Bessie award winning dance/acrobatics/theater company.

Molly Camp is currently living in New York working a day job as a babysitter and auditioning. She recently returned from Syracuse Stage where she was in a production of *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* and received her equity card. She is appearing in an episode of *Law and Order*:

Criminal Intent in the role of a television production assistant.

2007

Aaron Lahman is with Elmer's Products, Inc. in Columbus, OH, the national leader in a variety of consumer adhesives. Aaron, who has been with Elmer's since last July, is a graphic designer.

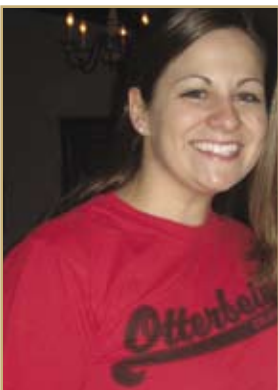
Lilian Matsuda appeared in the Highwire Theatre Company production of *Iphigenia* at Aulis in New York city. ●

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The Otterbein O Zone welcomes our diverse Otterbein Family to visit the website. Get the scoop on 2008 GLBT Homecoming Events, Social and Professional Networking. Or share your story and contribute to the heritage and continuing legacy of outstanding Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied Alumni of Otterbein College.



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2006

Gretchen Streiff graduated from the Student Affairs in Higher Education program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO and accepted a position at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI as the assistant director of student programs and leadership.

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Marriages

1975

Marcia Wladecki to Jay Thomas Gore, III, Oct. 20, 2006 in Port Charlotte, FL.

1996

Brian Miller to Erin Seimetz, May 19, 2007.

2000

Lynda Chrismer to Michael Tangeman, Nov. 27, 2007.

Amy Miller to Brad Surosky, a beautiful beach wedding on Apr. 28, 2007 on Sanibel and Captiva Islands in Florida. **Mike Kirsch '01** was Amy's man of honor.

2002

Tina Rosvold to Bryan Kavanaugh, May 20, 2006 in Motley, MN. **Valeri Pervo '02** and **Melissa Roberts '02** were in attendance.

2003

Brittany Russell to Jason Deschler, July 14, 2007.



Adam McKee with wife, Emily and best man, James McKee '02.



Tina Rosvold with husband, Bryan

2004

Adam McKee to Emily Hartman, Aug. 25, 2007. The wedding took place in Pittsburgh, PA. **James McKee '02** was best man.

Heather Deem to Evan Schaad, April 14, 2007.

2005

Adam Augspurger to Kelly Glassburn, Aug. 13, 2005.

2006

Jessica Beckes to **Michael Gaal '01**, May 16, 2008.

Additions

1972

Sarah Baker and husband, Eric, a son, Oliver Charles, Feb. 22, 2008.



Oliver Charles Baker

1987

Scott Martin and wife, Sheila, twin girls, Ella and Gina, Jan. 30, 2007. They join big sister Grace, 5.

1989

Craig Sutherland and wife, Anita, a daughter, Ella Corine, March 27, 2008.

1990

Jennifer Panek Skowronski and husband, Ron, a daughter, Ava Maren, Nov. 8, 2007. Ava joins big sister, Kaitlyn, 3.

1991

Karen Croghan Duffey and husband, **Tim '98**, a boy, Evan Macauley, Jan. 5, 2007. Evan joins big sister, Mackenzie, 10.

1993

Kevin Troyer and wife, Karen, a daughter, Kinsey Morgan, Apr. 23, 2008. She joins big sister, Kaitlyn.



Amy Miller with husband, Brad on Sanibel Island, FL



Big sister Grace with Ella and Gina Martin



Jacob Dennis Miller

1994

Patti Knoop Miller and husband, Mike, a son, Jacob Dennis, May 3, 2007. He joins big brother Samuel, 4. Patti and family live at Lake Norman, NC.

1995

Toni Stemen Derstine and husband, Aron, a son, Elijah Aron, Oct. 3, 2007. He joins brother Connor, 8, and sisters Josie, 6, and Alyssa, 4.

Jennifer Noll Lebold and husband, Robert, a daughter, Elizabeth Caroline, Sept. 14, 2007. She joins siblings, Jacob and Rebekah.

Akiko Suzuki and husband, **Yoshihiro '93**, a son, Ryosuke, Nov. 12, 2007. He joins big brother, Shunta.



Ryosuke Suzuki with big brother Shunta

1996

Russell Beitzel and wife, Laurie, a daughter, Genevieve (Evie) Anne, May 5, 2008. She joins older brother, Russell.

Cheryl Crane Huth and husband, **Brandon '96**, a son, Trevor Stephen Huth, born Jan. 30, 2008. He joins big brothers Jacob, 5, and Mitchell, 2.

Todd Trautner and wife, Gwen, a daughter, Meredith Grace, Feb. 26, 2007.

1997

Leah Gillig and husband, Nathan Monroe, a daughter, Senara Elena Gillig-Monroe, Feb. 27, 2008. Proud aunt is **Mary Gillig '09**.



Senara Elena Gillig-Monroe

Eric Worth and wife, Shannon, a son, Carson Wesley, Feb. 21, 2008. Carson joins big brother Tyler, 3.

1998

Hilary Kimes Bernstein and husband, Aaron, a son, Ezra Matthew, Feb. 5, 2008.

Elizabeth Carder Caton and husband, Josh, a daughter, Elaine Margaret Caton, Nov. 8, 2007. She was also welcomed by her siblings, Violet and Drew.

Emily Devaney Replogle and husband, Adam, a son,



Elaine Margaret Caton with siblings Violet and Drew

Austin Michael, March 19, 2008. He joins brother, Charles, 1, and sister, Hannah, 3. Proud aunt and uncle is **Preston '98** and **Rebecca Devaney '98 Stapleton**.

Trinity Mahan Walsh and husband, Jeff, a son, Carter Robert, Jan. 8, 2008. He joins big sister, Grace.

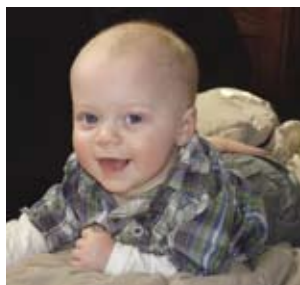


Carter Robert Walsh with big sister Grace.

1999

Megan Bosh Cawley and husband, **Steven '98**, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, April 30, 2008.

Heather Fenberg and Mike Vujaklija, a son, Nicholas Theodore, Aug. 9, 2007.



Nicholas Theodore Vujaklija

Beth Kraus Mitchell and husband, Dan, a daughter, Riley Annmarie, Oct. 17, 2007. Riley joins her big sister, Madison.

Megan Bardon Myers and husband, Jason, a son, Lincoln Robert, March 20, 2008. Linc joins big sister, Laine Cecilla.



Lincoln Robert Myers with big sister Laine.

Ryan Roston and wife, Jamie, a son, Dyllen Daniel, Feb. 11, 2008.



Dyllen Daniel Roston

Lisa Caudle Tullos and husband, Cam, a daughter, Alexandra Morgan Tullos, March 14, 2008. Proud Grandparents are **Fritz '69** and Joan Caudle.

2000

Jeremy Stanford and wife, Aurelia, a son, Remy Lee, May 5, 2008. He joins big brother, Emil Benjamin, 2.

2001

Caryn Humpal DeLisio and husband, Christopher, a daughter, Avery Lee, Sept. 6, 2007.

Amanda Pershing Nash and husband, **John '00** a son, Grayson Lewis, Feb. 2, 2008. Amanda's mother is **Charlene Simmers Pershing '70**, and John's mother and step-father are Alma Holl, an employee of Otterbein, Academic Affairs Office, and **Dave Holl '66**, a former Department of Math faculty member.

2002

Krista Lively Stauffer and husband, **Doug '02**, a daughter, Micah Renee Stauffer, Aug. 27, 2007.



Micah Renee Stauffer

2004

Kate Roth Downs and husband, Joe, a son, Gavin Scott, Nov. 5, 2007.



Gavin Scott Downs



Drew Grayson Martini

Jami Kelley Martini and husband, Ryan, a son, Drew Grayson, Feb. 16, 2008.

Mackenzie Scott Whitaker and husband, **Nate '03**, a daughter, Taegan June Whitaker, March 20, 2007.

2005

Tiffany Collins, a girl, Trinity Monet Collins, born March 20, 2008.



Trinity Monet Collins

Ashleigh Quint Katzenmoyer, and husband Andy, a daughter, Ava Leigh, April 12, 2008.

Deaths

1931

Lucille Debolt Crabbs died May 25, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Jay '23**. Surviving are children, Gwen Cook, Carolyn Luna, and Rev. Richard Crabbs.

1938

Rosanna Toman Scherer died March 28, 2008. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Dale. Surviving are two children, Carol Scherer and Craig Scherer.

1940

Veda Baskett Salyer died Mar. 8, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. George Salyer. Surviving are her children, Sidney Salyer, Judith Seal, Jacqueline Kelly and David Salyer.

1943

Anona Coning died Jan. 27, 2008.

1946

Robert Katase died July 15, 2007. Surviving are his spouse, Georgina; and children, **Richard '78**, Steve, Alan and Jacqueline Reese.

Esther Learish Watrous died May 18, 2008. She is survived by her spouse, Ralph, and children, Julie West, Eric Watrous and Ellen Donisi. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Elmer Learish '15** and **Mary Harley Womer '15**; sister, **Mary Learish '42**; brother, **Harley Learish '39**; and relatives **Esther Harley Phillippi '21**, **Dale Phillippi '21** and **Virginia Brown Learish '40**.

1948

Don McCualsky died on March 24, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Ann Augspurger McCualsky '48**, and brother, James. Survivors include his spouse, Nancy; sisters Billie

Weaver and Nancy Parkinson; sister-in-law Becky McCualsky; and brother-in-law, **Harold Augspurger '41**; children, **Sibyl McCualsky Carr '74**, **Kim McCualsky '76**, Melanie McCualsky, Dara McCualsky Callahan and stepson, Tom Ducro, and step-daughter, Megan Ritch. In 1953 Don earned his masters degree from The Ohio State University and began a teaching and coaching career that included Jackson Twp. High School in Pickaway County, OH, Barrett Junior High School and Brookhaven High School in Columbus, OH as head basketball and tennis coach. His career culminated as director of physical, health and driver's education and athletics for the Columbus Public Schools. He was a 50-year member of the Bexley, OH United Methodist Church.

1950

Donald Bowman died Nov. 4, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and four children, Michael Bowman, Carol Smith, David Bowman and Lori Barton.

Louis Rapalee died July 10, 2007. Surviving children include Mary, Louis, John, Elizabeth, and Terri Repalee.

1951

Warren Costick died April 11, 2008. He retired from the active ministry after serving over 40 years in churches in the Eastern PA and East OH United Methodist Conference. He retired in June 1989. Surviving are his wife,

Mildred; son, Neil; and relatives, **Ronald Beck '40** and **Jeanne Beck '71**; grandson, Aaron; and two great granddaughters, Haley and Ashley Costick.

William (Skip) Horie died April 12, 2008. Surviving are his wife, **Vergene Braithwaite Horie '53**; children, **Cynthia Horie Bradshaw '77** (**Mark '75**), Jennifer McClary, Wendy Burg, Kendra Gilpatrick and Douglas Horie; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Nancyjo Dixon; and sister, Marjorie Rohr. Skip was a retired school superintendent, member of the American Association of School Administrators, member of the Marana Rotary Club, active in local theater and was a U.S. Army WWII veteran.

1952

Everett Chambers died May 4, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Charline; and children, Mary Foltman, Kathryn Mager, Martha Walker, and Timothy Chambers.

1957

Ned Mosher died March 18, 2008. Surviving are his wife, **Janice Phalar Mosher '57**; sons, **Kurt '86** and Christopher; and daughter, Rebecca.

1958

Anthony Chiamonte died Dec. 24, 2007. Surviving are his wife, Mary; and two sons, Anthony and Gregory.

Joseph Lehman died Sept. 29, 2007. Survived by his

wife, Mary; daughters, Catherine Browning and Nancy Moelk; sons Michael and Andrew Lehman; step children, Tony Jones and Lori Sampson; and eight grandchildren. Dr. Lehman was a retired oral surgeon.

1959

Jack Swick died March 11, 2007. He is survived by his mother, Lucy Swick; his wife of 53 years, Virginia; children, Timothy, Jonathan, and Rebekah; sister, Joyce Ford; brothers, Daniel and Michael; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and other family members. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl; and brother-in-law, Ed Ford.

1960

Phyllis Bench Litton died March 19, 2008. Surviving are her husband Jan; two brothers, Dennis and Douglas Bench; and several nieces and nephews. Her professional career was in healthcare financial management at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. She had researched her family history for many years and was a member and volunteer of several genealogy societies. She was preceded in death by her father, **H. Wayne Rardain '29**.

1961

Richard Kissling died April 5, 2008. Dick was retired from the Honors College of Arizona University. He is survived his wife, Patricia; brother, **Robert**

'44; children, Carol and Ken; and many Otterbein friends.

1962

Gerard Connor died April 28, 2008. Surviving are his wife, Anita; and children Cathy Borghese, Linda White, Dan Connor, Karen Thompson and **Michael Connor '83**.

Carl Venard died Feb. 29, 2008. Ed was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and upon graduation from Otterbein obtained his law degree from Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH. He practiced law in the central Ohio area for 44 years and since 1997 practiced law together with his daughter, Christine Venard Soska. Ed had a passion for reading, political and historical discussions and his beloved family. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Venard; daughters, Tamara Venard Daubner, Christine Venard Soska and **Catherine Venard Anderson '94** (**Jeremy Anderson '01**); and eight grandchildren.

1965

Thomas Myers died March 11, 2008. He had recently retired from Northrop Grumman Corporation and had lived in Severna Park, MD, for the past 27 years. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Anglin Myers; and their two children, Nicole and Chad.

1974

Kristine Naragon died March 16, 2008.

1983

Scott Lewis died Feb. 25, 2008.

1989

Lori Schubeler died April 12, 2008. Surviving are her parents, Ken and Barbara Schubeler; companion, Jim Heisel; brother, Jeffrey Schubeler; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was the granddaughter of Doris and the late Thomas Doyle and the late Erwin and Teresa Schubeler. Lori loved the theatre, music, and especially loved animals. She had the courage and character to pursue her dreams despite many obstacles.

2003

Michelle Schwartz Wallace died July 28, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Brian.

2005

Laura Riggs-Kolman died April 4, 2008. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Beverly Riggs. Survived by husband, Michael; sons, Jonathan and Brandon Riggs; step-children, Brendan, Jared and Marissa Kolman; nieces and nephews.

Friends

Wilma Macke, wife of retired Otterbein administrator Woodrow Macke, died on Apr. 26, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Woody, and children, **Mary Macke Buchanan '76**, **William Macke '78**, John Macke and Robert Macke; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. ●

Investing in OTTERBEIN

Compiled by Lori Green

Donna Burtch Named Interim Vice President

Donna Burtch was named interim vice president for Institutional Advancement. She assumed the role from Richard H. Dorman, who has left Otterbein for Westminster College. He has been named their 14th president, and assumed his new duties July 1, 2008.

Donna joined Otterbein's development staff in January 2007. She has over 12 years of highly successful experience as a development professional. In 2004-05, she served as interim vice president of University Relations at Ohio Wesleyan University. In her new role at Otterbein, Donna will oversee the Office of Development, Office of Alumni Relations, and Office of Marketing and Communications.

As Donna embraces her new role, we wondered what thoughts she might have about Otterbein and its future.

What makes Otterbein's future so bright?

With alumni and friends like those highlighted throughout this magazine, those who value the distinctive Otterbein experience, we know that despite the very real challenges of accessibility, sustainability, and affordability, this College will stand and stay strong.

What excites you about your new role?

Here at Otterbein, I see the ingredients for growing success on so many fronts: energetic and engaged students; competent and caring faculty; devoted, capable staff; and a dynamic Board of Trustees, all of whom believe deeply in Otterbein and its future. It is a winning combination and it means great new chapters can unfold.

What opportunities do you look forward to engaging during the next year?

We have many more tremendous stories to tell about our students, alumni, faculty and staff. I look forward to exploring new ways to capitalize on these stories. If each one of us could fully understand what is going on—right now on campus and throughout the world—by our focused and caring students and alumni, we would unlock



the interest of prospective students *everywhere*. These stories also help to unlock and strengthen the commitment of time, energy and resources from alumni, parents and friends.

What do you see as the most challenging aspects of your role as Otterbein experiences leadership transition?

The challenge is to maintain positive momentum and to make the right decisions at every turn for our students and alumni. There are some factors that are relatively fixed, like certain budget considerations and timelines. Choosing well how best

to aim and deploy today's staff and resources—while engaging alumni and all for the betterment of prospective and current students—is going to be my primary focus.

What one thing should Otterbein alumni and friends know as they consider investing in its future?

Our investors know this already: when you invest your time, talent and treasure in Otterbein College, a positive outcome is guaranteed.

Otterbein has a tradition of valuing its investors. Do you have any thoughts or plans about how this tradition will continue or change?

If our founders came back to Otterbein today I think they would smile and say that our investors are doing exactly what our founders had in mind when they said Otterbein would provide leadership and service forever. Our hope is that we add new investors and retain all who have made commitments.

Our investors provide the real fuel that runs all engines at Otterbein.

We reflect an effort to guarantee affordability and accessibility to a diverse student population; our investors represent the way to make it happen. We are, and wish to remain, a College of Opportunity. This commitment represents a growing expense. We need the help of alumni and friends in closing the affordability gap. We need transformational gifts and many, many gifts of all sizes to

all funds. Today's investors lead the way and we value and uphold the work that they do.

Our job is to make sure their investments have the intended effect—in a timely and full way.

How do we grow Otterbein?

Through personal and participative support. The single most dynamic challenge, which only supportive alumni can solve, is the challenge that high quality private education faces. We are highly dependent upon tuition income and our students and their families cannot always meet the cost.

If you care about Otterbein, its history, students, faculty and administrators, and care about the value of your degree, there is one place to focus your time, attention and energy. If we put Otterbein first, the future is theirs...and ours. ●

New Endowed Funds and Grants

The Rachael Harris Scholarship for Theatre was funded by **Rachael Harris '90** to provide scholarship assistance to a student majoring in Theatre.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Wildlife has awarded \$10,000 to Dr. Michael Hoggarth of Otterbein's Life and Earth Sciences Department for his study, "Protocol for Determination of the Effects of Lampricide Treatment on Freshwater Mussels: Grant River and Conneaut Creek." During this project, Dr. Hoggarth and Otterbein student Joel Yankie will conduct field inspections before and after treatment by lampricides. They will gain insight into effects of lampricide treatment on mussel community structure regarding species composition and age class distribution. Other considerations will be secondary impacts to the mussel community caused by fish and mud puppy mortality observed following treatment.

The Ohio Learning Network has awarded a \$5,000 Innovations Grant to Dr. Clare Kilbane and Dr. Karen Robinson, both from Otterbein's Department of Education, in support of their project, "Multimedia Instruction and Performance Assessment Practices for Teachers." In this project, a professional learning community of five faculty members from the education department will explore how technology can be better used to document student learning in the Early Childhood Licensure Program. Individual faculty will work to develop their skills and knowledge about the integration of video and iPod technology and collect work from their students that demonstrates the result of their efforts during the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Ohio Learning Network has also awarded a \$5,000 Innovations Grant to Dr. Shirine Mafi and Dr. Marsha Huber of Otterbein's Department of Business, Accounting and Economics. Their project is entitled, "REFLECT: Using Blogs and Wikis to Improve Reflection and Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines." During this project, professors from six disciplines will adopt blogs and wikis

in their classes to facilitate student learning. The purpose of this grant will focus on two issues: adopting integrated course design to explore technology adoption, and assessing how and if blogs and wikis promote learning. Participants will share their experiences with both their cohorts and the academic community.

Student Expresses Gratitude...

Dear Mr. Norman Kincaid,

Hi, my name is Jeana Harrington and I am a junior actuarial science major at Otterbein College. I am writing this letter because I would like to thank you for the mathematics scholarship award that I received June 4 at our honors convocation, the Donald Dean Kincaid '88 Memorial Endowed Award. I am very thankful for this honor.

To tell you a little bit about myself, I am just a few days shy of being a senior. I completed my first actuarial exam in the fall in the subject of probability and plan to study for my financial math exam in the fall of next year. I would love to actually complete the models exam as well in the spring, but am unsure if I will have quite enough time to study. As I am pursuing my degree, I am also involved in a number of activities and groups on campus. I am a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta, which are both honoraries that you are inducted into as freshman based on your GPA. I was just elected president of the Actuarial Science Club last week and will be in charge of planning activities and meetings in which younger students will learn about the profession, exams, courses, etc. I will also be in charge of contacting current actuaries to come talk to students on campus.

I am also a member of Torch and Key Society which is an honorary that students are inducted during their junior or senior year. We just decided as an organization to work with the Sustainability group on campus and participate in some "going green" projects next year. I am also involved in starting a new organization on campus called the Student Alumni Association that will begin in the fall. Our goal is to increase student involvement in campus events and also to bridge the gap between current students and alumni. Lastly, I am a new member of Otterbein's chapter of Mortar Board and also the treasurer of the group which does service projects and fundraisers in their senior year.

I would again like to sincerely thank you for this scholarship opportunity. It is such an honor to be granted this award.

Sincerely,

Jeana Harrington '09

This endowed award was established in March 2000 in Dean's memory by his father, Norman Kincaid, friends, and the Eta Phi Mu Fraternity Alumni Association. This fund was created to help recognize mathematical sciences majors for their academic achievements, and to help with their cultivation of leadership and professional potential in mathematics.

Many are Recognized at Celebration of Service

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) held its annual Celebration of Service on Monday, May 19. The event honored students, faculty, staff members and community partners for their outstanding contributions to Otterbein College and its surrounding communities.

Among the recipients were: Michael Joseph McDaniels for the Charles J. Ping Award; Lindsey Schramm for The Carl and Helen DeVore Memorial Humanitarian Award; and Linda Brownstein, Matt Lofy, Gina Kengla, Caitlin Tully, Scott Habrun and Alex Dear for the 2007-2008 Citizen Awards.

The President's Volunteer Service Award honored 39 students for performing from 100 to over 250 hours of service each (see side bar). In addition, Vernon Pack '50 was honored with the Call to Service Award for performing over 4,000 hours of community service.

The Vernon L. Pack Fellowships for 2008-09 were also named at the Celebration of Service. The Fellowship was established at the CCE in 2006 through the generosity of Pack, a leader in the Westerville community. The Fellowship celebrates exceptional academic performance, leadership and community service by Otterbein students. Recipients receive support to undertake a community engagement project with one of the College's community partners. Faculty fellows, faculty sponsors, student fellows and staff participate throughout the year in the Pack Society, a community of practice for dialogue about the student research projects.

The Pack Fellows and their community partners for 2008-09 include: Theresa Barbour and Columbus City Schools – Linden McKinley High School; Lucas Homan and Columbus City Schools – Avalon Elementary; Robby Johnson and Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM); Amanda Markiecki and Columbus City Schools – Linden McKinley High School; Whitney Prose and Green Columbus.

In addition to the awards presentation, the Celebration of Service also included a video that included all of the events and weekly service organizations through the CCE. There was also a powerful presentation from John Kengla's Ubuntu program with Linden-McKinley High School students. The word "Ubuntu" comes from the African concept introduced by Desmond Tutu, meaning our lives are inalterably linked to each other and our community. The Otterbein Ubuntu program uses this concept to teach students that preparation for college and commitment to others through mentoring greatly contributes to their community. Personal development is community development. These students read aloud from the diary they created and their powerful stories greatly affected the audience.

The Otterbein community congratulates and thanks all the award winners.



Amanda Markiecki receives a certificate from Vernon Pack '50. The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship was established at the Center for Community Engagement in 2006. The Fellowship celebrates exceptional academic performance, leadership and community service by Otterbein students. Recipients receive support to undertake a community engagement project with one of the College's community partners. Pack was also honored at the ceremony with a Presidential Call to Service Award. President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the awards program as a way to thank and honor Americans who inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

President's Volunteer Service Awards

Gold level (250+ hours)

Alex Dear
Amanda Markiecki
Brenda Mahler
Caitlin Tully
Candy Baker
Chelsea Merriman
Cole Hague
Danielle Fabian
Joe McDaniels
Kristin Sutton
Lindsey Downey
Lindsey Schramm
Lucas Homan
Matt Lofy
Patricia Jimenez
Sammie Blake
Scott Habrun
Stacia Coffing
Tiffany Faust
Whitney Prose

Silver level (175 to 249 hrs.)

Alanna McKinley
Anna Haller
Bonnie Connor
Breanna Watzka
Erin Fletcher
Rachel Lichtcsien
Rebecca Moore
Sarah Jenney
Theresa Barbour

Bronze level (100 to 174 hrs.)

Amy Witt
Andrea Zick
Jeff Akers
Katie Kopchak
Megan Witt
Megan Zumberger
Micaela Coleman
Michelle Elder
Randi Honkonen
Sarah Warner

Alumni NOTES

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Cardinals Flock to Salt Lake City

The 14th Cardinal Migration traveled to Salt Lake City, the crossroads of the west, April 24 through 27, 2008. The group experienced a variety of weather starting with a mini-blizzard on the trek to the 2002 Winter Olympic Park. Viewing the K120 jumping hill from on top, the group felt the thrill of Olympic spirit breeze upon them. Later Thursday evening, 60 alumni and friends were in awe of the voices in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Under sunny blue skies, the group toured Salt Lake City visiting "This is the Place" State Park, the newly renovated State Capitol building, historic downtown, Fort Douglas, University of Utah, and Temple Square. Lunch was held in The Lion House built in 1856 by Brigham Young. In the afternoon the coach traveled to Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine which is still in operation mining copper, gold and silver.

On Saturday, Cardinals boarded the Heber Valley Railroad steam passenger train viewing breathtaking scenery of Provo Canyon, Mt. Timpanogos, Deer Creek Lake and farmland of Heber Valley. Afterwards a stop at Park City was made to visit the cultural Mecca of art galleries, clothing boutiques and restaurants. The closing dinner featured Dr. DeVore sharing a power point presentation of what Otterbein College looks like today. Some alumni stayed over on Sunday to discover and explore Sundance Resort with a naturalist or creating jewelry and photography. The Salt Lake Region provided many memorable experiences of the Olympics, mountains and diversity.

(Save the date: The next Cardinal Migration will be held in the month of September 2009. More information will be forthcoming.)

Recent Alumni Gatherings

'08 June Bug Jamboree



Over 100 alumni and friends weathered the storm in Waynesville, OH, to join us for the annual June Bug Jamboree. With gratitude to Bill '48 and Helen '47 LeMay for opening their beautiful home to us, the catered meal was enjoyed as the skies cleared in time for the children to have the excitement of catching blue gill fish. **Left:** Brant '95 and Heather Harris '97 Smith with their youngest son, Carson. **Middle:** Cherie Sturtz Colopy '96 and Bill Colopy with their children, Allison and Morgan. **Right:** Ed Mentzer '58, June Bug chair, played a role in baiting fish for Jenna Foley, daughter of Pat '97 and Kendra Scheehle '95 Foley.

Zero Year Reunion Class of 2008



It was a party for the Class of 2008 hosted by the Otterbein Alumni Council, Alumni Club of Central Ohio, Student Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations. Prizes, food, music, memories and pictures were shared with the undergraduates in the Clements Recreation Center after the commencement rehearsal on Monday, June 9. The new alumni received their alumni benefits packets and a CD case with pictures from their senior year. We wish you all the best on your journey and look forward to seeing you back on campus for Homecoming on October 18.

Recent Alumni Gatherings



Left: Dr. Tom and Donna Kerr hosted the emeriti and staff annual spring picnic at their home. Dr. Kerr, Norma Webster (Registrar's Office), Petie Dodrill (Theatre), Crystal Coulter, Dr. Marilyn Saveson (English), Judy Christian (Life Science) Rev. John Wells (Psychology), Waid Vance, Dr. Mary Cay Wells (Education). **Above right:** Otterbein alumni gathered at the American College Personnel Association in Atlanta to share their higher education experience and Otterbein influences: Tacci Smith '94, Matt D'Oyly '04, Alicia Caudill Colburn '95, Sarah Hoffert '04, and Kourtney Kocel '07 **Right:** Alumni from the 1983 College World Series team at their recent reunion in Columbus. (Front, L-R) Mike Goodwin '85, Bill Moler '86, Jim Hoyle '83, Keith Evans '85, and Jon Mastel '84. (Back, L-R) Ob Hartman '85, Dave Whitehead '84, Kirk McDonald '85, Paul Keefer '87, and Ed Conard '85. Not pictured but in attendance – Mil Milmington (Bench Coach and Team Mascot)



Cardinals in Flight...



Dick '63 and Jean Davidson '63 Berry traveled to Sydney, Australia this past April and pose in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House.



Flashback: The Beanie

by Michael J. Maxwell '87

The Otterbein Beanie - one of the most significant rights of passage at Otterbein College. Freshmen were introduced to this beanie at the beginning of the fall term. Tradition holds that they were to wear this beanie at all times, with the exception of chapel and class. If the ladies wore a scarf over the beanie, the "O" had to show or they would be brought before the "beanie committee." Sometimes men who did not wear their beanie got tossed in Alum Creek! Ultimately the tug of war over Alum Creek in mid-Autumn dictated how long the freshmen would wear their beanies. Should the sophomores win the battle, the freshmen wore their beanies until the end of the term. However, if the mighty freshmen should be victorious, they only need wear their beanies until Thanksgiving. Regardless of the near-hazing which accompanied the "beanie program" until it ended in the 1970s, many Otterbein alums have fond memories of their beanie days.

Connect with Old Friends Online

The Alumni Online Directory is free and easy to use. Use it to find old friends, post Classnotes, and even update your own contact information.

Using the Online Directory is as Easy as 1-2-3...

1. Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni and select "Online Directory" in the menu bar.
2. Login for the first time using the username and password printed above your address label of *Towers*.
3. Once you have logged in for the first time, you will be prompted to change your password to something easy to remember.

As always, if you have any questions about the online directory or if you need assistance, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600, or email us at AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu.

What's stopping you? Old friends, new friends, and a brand new way to communicate awaits you!


Opting Out

Standard directory information includes name, preferred class year, address, phone number, e-mail address and employment information. Your name and preferred class



year will always be viewable by other alumni. You may 'opt out' from having some or all of your directory information viewable by other alumni by completing the online form at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/optout.asp or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

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ACN 101- Principles of Alumni Clubs & Networks

(A.K.A. Everything You Wanted to know about Otterbein's Alumni Clubs & Networks but Were Afraid to Ask)

The Office of Alumni Relations has been developing Otterbein Alumni Clubs & Networks since 2005. The mission is to enable alumni to serve, support and participate in the life of Otterbein, connect alumni with each other and represent Otterbein to others.

Definition of an Alumni Club

An alumni club is for alumni who share a common geographic region. With the help of dedicated alumni leadership teams, active clubs have been established in the Akron/Canton and Central regions of Ohio. New clubs are being established in the Dayton region and plans for expansion include Cincinnati and Cleveland regions. Outside Ohio, the Otterbein Alumni Club of Southwest Florida has been in full swing during the winter months for the past couple years. The SW Florida Club plans to expand to a full calendar year of activities in 2009. Interest in new clubs is burgeoning in Atlanta, Nashville, Southern California and Washington, D.C.

Definition of an Alumni Network

An alumni network is for alumni who share common academic majors, cultural affiliations or places of employment. The purpose of networks is for career enhancement, professional development and to mentor students. The Otterbein College African American Alumni Network (OCAAN) and the Otterbein Broadcasting Network (OBN) are examples of existing networks. The OCAAN celebrated with an inaugural event on Feb. 29, 2008. The OBN is currently planning the 60th anniversary celebration of WOBN to take place on Oct. 18, 2008 during Homecoming Weekend.

Reasons to volunteer with an Alumni Club or an Alumni Network

Make new friends...and keep the old

Alumni Clubs & Networks are an extension of the Cardinal family. Through clubs and networks you will be able to connect with your Otterbein friends and make new friends along the way.

Career connections

Through Clubs & Networks you can build connections in your chosen profession. You can also give back to Otterbein by assisting current students with their career choice and questions.

Serving others...the Otterbein way

Join with fellow Cardinals for community service projects. Assist with the admission process and recruit the Cardinals of tomorrow. The opportunities to serve are endless—each club can decide what their service focus will be.

Examples of Alumni Club & Network Activities

As a volunteer with an alumni club or network, alumni have a variety of activities from which to choose. Activities include

Are you LinkedIn?

Announcing a new benefit for alumni – the Otterbein College Alumni Group on LinkedIn.com. LinkedIn is a professional networking site that can help you connect with your classmates, colleagues, and clients. Unlike some social networking sites, LinkedIn is focused on career connections. By joining the Otterbein College Alumni group you can find where fellow Cardinals are working, what they are working on or get fast answers to your business questions. To join, go to www.Linkedin.com and become a member (it's free.) Once you are a member of LinkedIn, search for "Bonnie Robinson" and "Otterbein College Alumni Group" and request membership.

the annual new student Summer Send-Off Cookouts; hosting receptions for prospective students; representing Otterbein at community celebrations; participating in Homecoming or Alumni Weekend; planning networking events; hosting family outings and more! Alumni can become as actively involved as they choose.

www.otterbein.edu/alumni/Clubs/index.asp

Otterbein Alumni Club & Network Contacts

If you are interested in getting involved, contact:

African-American Alumni Network, Tamara Staley '96
tamstaley@aol.com or **Rayshawn Wilson '02**
ohiolion1906@yahoo.com

Alumni Club of Akron-Canton, Connie Hellwarth Leonard '63
conniekayleonard@yahoo.com (330) 699-5382

Alumni Club of Atlanta - Alicia Caudill Colburn '96
acaudill@gsc.edu, (770) 962-5620

Alumni Club of Central Ohio, LeAnn Unverzagt '80
oc_class_of_80@wowway.com, (614) 818-2563

Alumni Club of Dayton – Lee Robinson '00
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jparker003@socal.rr.com

Alumni Club of Southwest Florida - Jim Wagner '56
wagnerjk@juno.com, (239) 543-5065

Alumni Club of Washington, D.C. - Tracy Young Babcock '93
tracey_j_young@yahoo.com, (301) 891-1095

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*Up next...alumni clubs in Cincinnati and Cleveland.
Contact Bonnie Robinson at brobinson@otterbein.edu.*

We are looking for info on our fallen veterans...

Otterbein College is attempting to honor those students and alumni who have been killed in service of their country, post-World War II. Through the efforts of Stephen Grinch, our college archivist, and family and friends, we have come up with the following list thus far:

Francis T. Hambley III 'x50 - First Lieutenant, USAF. KIA (plane crash over Niigata, Japan) 10-13-1953. **Jack Hudock '51** - Lieutenant, USAF. KIA (plane crash north of Atlanta, GA) 06-18-1954. **Dingus Banks 'x68** - First Lieutenant, 127th Military Police Company (Army). KIA (enemy fire near Qui Nahon, Vietnam) 02-04-1968. **Arnold William Lamp, Jr. '64** - Captain, USAF. KIA (plane crash over Vietnam) 04-12-1969. **James C. DuPont '68** - (unknown), (unknown). KIA (unknown, Vietnam) 09-18-1970. **Peter H. Chapman II 'x62** - Captain, (unknown). KIA (unknown) 04-06-1972. **Samuel F. Pearson '03** - Corporal, Army. KIA (rocket attack, Camp Victory, Iraq) 10-10-2007. **Arthur Sapp 'x51** - Electronics technician third class, Navy. Drowned while stationed at Norfolk Naval Air Base 07-13-1951. **Douglas C. Topping '65** - Major, USAF. Died while serving at Wright-Patterson AFB July 1976. **Terry Quinn McCommon '68** - Captain, USAF. Killed in training mission over eastern New Mexico 10-14-1981.

In an effort to have as complete a list as possible, we would appreciate you notifying the Office of Alumni Relations if you have any additional names. Thank you.

Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

August 2 - 9 - Alumni Travel on an Alaskan Cruise
Summer Send offs:

August 3 - Cleveland Summer Send off

August 4 - Akron/Canton Summer Send off

August 5 - Central Ohio Summer Send off

August 6 - Cincinnati Summer Send off

August 7 - Dayton Summer Send off

August 17 - Track Reunion for '77 through '88 at Spring Grove Park, Westerville

August 22 - Alumni Council

August 29 - Alumni Cross Country Meet, 6 p.m.

September 11 - New Student/Parent Lunch, Campus Center, 11:30 a.m.

September 20 - 28 - Swiss Alps Alumni Travel

September 26 - Alumni Club of Central Ohio at 4th Friday in Uptown Westerville

October 17 - African American Alumni-Student Dinner, Campus Center, 6:30 p.m.

October 18 - Homecoming - 100th for Pi Sig and Pi Kappa Phi; 150th for choirs, 60th for WOBN

Got Cardinal Pride...?



Above: Ellen Kemp Kay '62 created and donated her proud Otterbein quilt, called "Memories of Otterbein," to the Otterbein College Women's Club of Dayton for their auction to benefit the club's scholarship fund. It was won by Jody and Larry DeClark '49. **Right:** Steve Jones' 77 always gets stopped on the golf course when he styles with his Otterbein golf club bag.





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