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An Exceptional Science Program

From the CHAIRMAN

by Thomas C. Morrison, Chair, Otterbein Board of Trustees

Otterbein is poised to undertake an exciting and very significant project: the building of a new science facility.



Thomas C. Morrison

The project has three components: (1) construction of a 30,000 square foot addition on the south side of Schear Hall that will house state-of-the-art laboratories for all the sciences; (2) renovation of the existing Schear and McFadden buildings; and (3) construction of an atrium and exterior plaza opening onto the Quad at the point where the three parts of the facility converge and face Battelle.

Otterbein is blessed with outstanding science faculty. All are highly qualified and dedicated teachers in their respective disciplines who emphasize the teaching of science above research. Over the past two years I have been privileged to work with one member of that faculty, Trustee Jeff Lehman, who has helped to spearhead the current project. As for our students, while the percentage of science majors has dropped over the years, their quality has not. Our science graduates have a 90% acceptance rate for professional schools (medical, dental, etc.) and a 95% acceptance rate for graduate schools. Moreover, science remains an important component of the liberal arts at Otterbein; all students are required to take at least two science courses as part of the Integrative Studies curriculum.

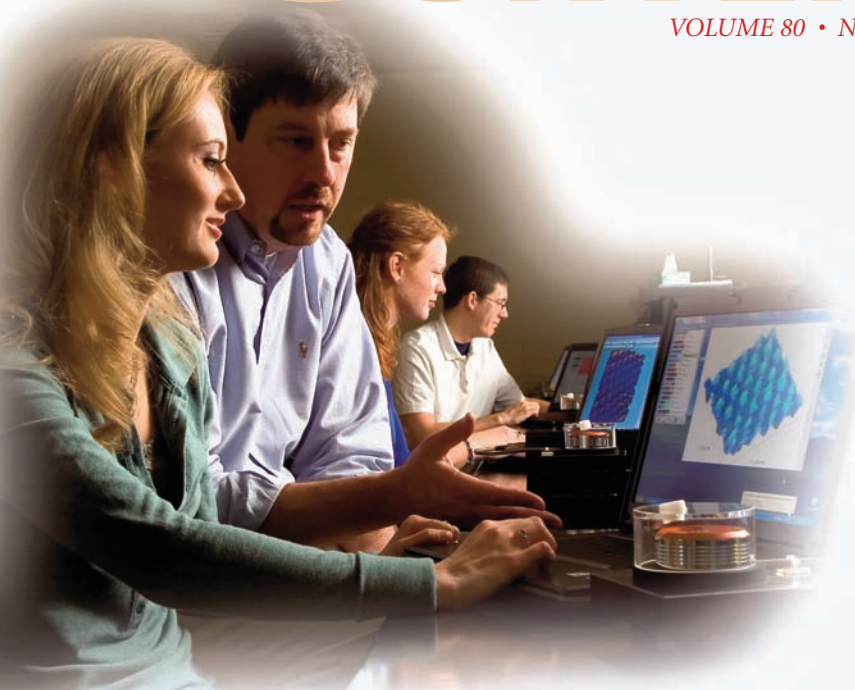
Our Science program has only one weakness, but it is a glaring one: our science building, and particularly our laboratories, are significantly outdated. As one Trustee put it, "we are teaching 21st century science to students in an early 20th century facility." We need a facility that will allow the faculty and students to work with modern laboratory equipment in an interdisciplinary, hands on environment. Recognizing this need, the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a four-part resolution at its May 2006 meeting: (1) we're committing the College to completion of a new science facility; (2) the facility will consist of a major addition devoted to state-of-the-art laboratories and the remodeling of Schear-McFadden; (3) the project will be funded by a combination of fundraising, endowment income and debt; and (4) work on the project will begin in summer 2007. I am pleased to report that we are on track with all of our plans. Phase One, the remodeling of McFadden Hall, will commence this summer following the end of the current school year.

This is an exciting project that will bring innumerable benefits to Otterbein, its students, and future generations of students. But we will need the help of the entire Otterbein Community to make this happen. The Office of Institutional Advancement, headed by Vice President Rick Dorman, is working with the Board and President DeVore to put together a Development Plan and a Development Campaign Team for this initiative. The Plan will cover the entire range of development activities, from the solicitation of gifts from major donors and foundations to the solicitation of contributions from the entire Otterbein Community. You will hear more about this campaign in the months to come.

I hope that you will come to share my excitement about this initiative. We are counting on the support of our alumni and our extended Otterbein family to help us achieve success in this exciting endeavor. ●

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College NEWS

compiled by Jenny Hill



The current Board of Trustees of Otterbein College. A list of their names can be found on page 45 (inside back cover) of this magazine.

Otterbein Board Inducts New Members

Otterbein College recently inducted four new members onto its Board of Trustees.

James Heinisch '53 of Atlanta, GA, has been inducted to serve as representative of the Alumni Council. He is a retired vice president of Liberty Mutual Insurance.



James Heinisch

After earning his bachelor's degree at Otterbein, James joined Liberty Mutual as a sales representative in the Cincinnati office. He was quickly promoted to sales manager for Southern Ohio. A succession of promotions took him from Ohio to Texas to New England to Toronto, Canada, where he represented Liberty

Mutual on the Boards of Directors of several Canadian industry organizations. In 1981, the company relocated Jim to San Francisco, where he oversaw 10 western states, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Jim retired as a vice president in 1992. Since retirement, he has traveled Europe, moved to Atlanta and volunteered with the Red Cross at the 1996 Olympics and the Atlanta Preservation Center. He takes classes at Mercer Senior University and plays golf with a Senior Men's Golf Association.

Kent Stuckey '79 received his bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 1979 and went on to earn his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in 1982. That same year, he began his legal career with Bricker & Eckler law firm.

Kent joined CompuServe in 1987 as general counsel and secretary. In 1995, he became vice president of CompuServe Ventures, Inc., playing a lead role in its merger, acquisition and strategic deals. In the late 1980s and 1990s, CompuServe was the largest of all online service providers. Because of this, it was also a pioneer defendant in the courts for Internet legal issues, giving Kent in-depth involvement with several landmark Internet lawsuits, which have helped to define Internet law as it is today.

In 1996, Kent authored *Internet and Online Law* (National Law Journal Press), which quickly became and continues as a leading authority on Internet law.

Eventually, America Online bought CompuServe. Armed with an MBA degree from The Ohio State University, which he earned while working at CompuServe, Kent became an entrepreneur, as CEO and Board Chairman of Internet Transaction Solutions, Inc. (ITS), in June 1999.

Kent received the Top CAT (Top Contributor to the Advancement of



Kent Stuckey

Technology) 2003 Outstanding Small Business Executive Award. He served as board chairman of Prevent Blindness Ohio and later held the same position with the national board for Prevent Blindness America.

Robert Keep '08 a middle childhood education major of Dorset, Ohio, will serve as a student trustee on the Board until he graduates. He is a member of the Facilities and Student Life Committees. At Otterbein, he has played football, serves as an Orientation Leader and has been involved in the Alpha Lambda Delta academic honor society, the Residence Life staff, the Otterbein College Senate and the Hall Unification Board.



Robert Keep

F. Ramsey Coates also joined the Board as the trustee representing West Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist

Church.

As senior vice president and general counsel for Westinghouse Electric Co., Ramsey is globally responsible for legal matters, contracts and corporate environment, and health and safety. He was appointed to his current position in 1997.

According to Westinghouse, most of Ramsey's career with the company has focused on the commercial nuclear power business, as well as international business operations.



F. Ramsey Coates

He joined Westinghouse in 1976 as an attorney in the corporate law department with responsibility for international legal activities. He initially was responsible for South American and Far East projects. He then held the positions of counsel for Europe, residing in Brussels Belgium (1978-79), and area counsel for Europe, Middle East and Africa from 1980 through 1981.

From 1982 through 1991, Ramsey served as chief counsel for Europe, Middle East and Africa. He was senior chief counsel of the Energy Systems business unit from 1991 through 1993, and assistant general counsel of Energy Systems in 1993 and 1994. He served as assistant general counsel and group manager of the Energy Systems Law and Contracts Group from 1994 through 1997.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Earlham College and a J.D. (Summa Cum Laude) from The Ohio State University.

Two New Vice Presidents Welcomed

Otterbein recently welcomed two new vice presidents to the College. Abiódún Gòkè-Pariolá (Dr. G-P), is the new vice president for Academic Affairs, while **David L. Mead '76** is serving as the new vice president for Business Affairs.

Dr. G-P, as he prefers to be known, has already set high goals for himself and the College. "My primary aim is to challenge Otterbein College to be the best institution it can be," he said. "In this regard, leading our Strategic Planning effort is my most important task this year.

"I hope to lead the campus in a conversation that answers the follow-

ing questions: What kind of institution does Otterbein want to be in the 21st century? What will be distinctive about an Otterbein education? What kind of community do we want to build to support and model our educational ideals?"

Among other things, Dr. G-P is also working on the following: Identifying a new institutional peer and aspirant group for Otterbein; finding new ways to strengthen the MBA program, especially focusing on creating niche areas that grow out of the College's history and mission; reviewing the graduate and continuing studies programs to find ways of strengthen-

ing them and positioning them for significant growth; leading a major push for institution-wide global learning initiative; working to see the plans for a new sciences facility become a reality; initiating a comprehensive review of Otterbein's promotion, tenure, and renewal process to ensure that the College continues to build the kind of faculty it will need to remain a strong institution in the 21st century; and continuing to find avenues for genuinely open dialogs among various campus constituencies.

Dr. G-P comes to Otterbein from Berry College in Georgia, where he was dean of the Evans School of

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~ Abíódún Gòkè-Paríolá



Humanities and Social Sciences and a professor of English. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Ife in Nigeria and received his doctor of art degree in English from the University of Michigan.

Prior to joining the faculty at Berry College, Dr. G-P held various positions at Georgia Southern University and Illinois State University. He also was on the faculties of Grand Valley State University in Michigan and Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria.

Dr. G-P has been an American Council on Education Fellow, and earned the Georgia Southern University Black Students Association/NAACP Essence Distinguished Service Award. He has been published in such periodicals as the *Journal of Studies in International Education*, *Corporate Communications: An International Journal*, and *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, among others. He is also the author of a book on the English language in Africa. He has presented papers at various scholarly conferences and has given professional lectures on a wide array of topics.

He currently resides in Westerville with his wife, Dr. Jennie Smith-Paríolá, and their two children.



David L. Mead most recently comes from Marietta College, where he was an associate professor of finance.

He has over 25 years of experience in the corporate sector. He has held the position of chief financial officer (CFO) for two publicly traded banking companies, First Place Financial Corp. and Capital Holdings, Inc. He has considerable experience in strategic planning, benchmarking, financial analysis, investments and accounting.

Prior to his terms as CFO, Mead served as senior vice president for planning and analysis at Sky Financial Group, Inc. in Bowling Green, Ohio; senior vice president and CFO of Mid American National Bank in Toledo, Ohio; controller for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated in Columbus, Ohio; senior tax staff for Arthur Andersen LLP in Columbus, Ohio; and associate professor of business at Buffton College in Bluffton, Ohio.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorp, Inc., which is headquartered in Marietta. He also is a certified public accountant in the state of Ohio.

Mead earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Otterbein College in 1976 and his master's in business administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1994.

Since he took his position at Otterbein, David has been working toward certain goals he has set for the College. “As part of financial planning for the future of the College, we implemented some changes to the budgeting process for 2006-2007. We will continue to refine the process for the next budgeting cycle,” he said. “I am very comfortable in saying the College's financial condition is quite strong. Net assets of the College grew from approximately \$129 million at the College's fiscal year ended June 2005 to approximately \$137 million at June 2006.”

David joined the staff at his alma mater to help make a difference in the coming years. “One of the reasons that I decided to ‘return’ to Otterbein was the sense I got that it was beginning a new era which presents exciting challenges. It is my strong feeling that the College will be able to continue controlled growth and to prosper in the years ahead.”

Mead and his wife, **Robin Sando Mead '77**, reside in Westerville. 1

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White House Recognizes Otterbein's Community Service

Otterbein College was named one of 10 national finalists for President George W. Bush's "Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll" in October. Of 500 schools across the nation to apply for the honor, Otterbein was the only finalist from Ohio. The award honored the 58 percent of Otterbein students who participate in community service-learning activities.

"This award is a special honor because it recognizes not just one or two of our programs but rather the College's comprehensive commitment to civic engagement and service-learning," said Melissa Kesler Gilbert, director of Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement. The Center administers the majority of the College's service programs.

Programs singled out for praise by the awards committee included a service-learning project that used creative writing to increase the literacy levels of over 450 middle school students, 25 percent of whom live in distressed urban settings. In addition, Otterbein AmeriCorps members managed after school College Clubs to create a culture of college awareness and improve academic achievement at three of the most academically challenged schools in Columbus.

The Honor Roll seeks to enhance public awareness of the contributions of college students through community and volunteer service. It is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the USA Freedom Corps, and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

In addition, Otterbein College sophomore Chelsea Merriman has been selected to receive the first ever Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Foundation Academic Service Entrepreneur Grant of \$1,000 for her community service project at United Methodist Children's Home.



Merriman submitted a winning program proposal for a "meaningful project that creates or significantly furthers a partnership between the student (and his or her school) and a community non-profit organization."

Her proposal, "Grow Something With Them," builds on a partnership that exists between Otterbein College and the United Methodist Children's Home. In looking for something new to do, the groups decided to start a garden that would include vegetables, herbs and flowers to be sold at a local market. The residents of the home will be doing the majority of the decision-making with assistance from the Otterbein student volunteers. This would include decisions about money, how to balance an account and how a market economy works, in addition to learning about gardens.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation grant program recognizes the best academic service work of students, faculty and staff at universities and colleges as they partner with community groups and community agencies. The Carter Academic Service Entrepreneur grant is generously sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and invests in young "service entrepreneurs" based on their proposed contribution to the work of a community organization.



Top: At a Lunch & Learn session with "Pastor Steve." Pastor Steve Putka from UMCH, Nursing Professor Marjorie Vogt, and students Chelsea Merriman and Joe McDaniels. **Above:** Alanna McKinley, Katie Starling, and Chelsea Merriman in the Homecoming parade. Katie was CCE's nominee for the homecoming court, and is also co-coordinator of the UMCH program.



Art Professor Flying High in his Own Creation

After years of painstaking construction, Art Professor Don Austin is flying his own airplane.



Otterbein College Art Professor Don Austin recently completed his latest piece of art—not on the canvas, but in the skies, a homebuilt light aircraft that performs as beautifully as it looks. After 13 years and over 6,300 work hours building the craft, Don took his creation to the air for the first time on June 25, 2006.

Don has been passionate about flying since he was a child. “One of my first memories as a young child was sitting next to my father watching him construct a model airplane from balsa wood,” he said, adding that his father “spent countless hours walking my sister, brother and me on airport ramps in Ft. Lauderdale, looking at retired airliners and warbirds from WWII.”

After college, Don began flight lessons in the mountains of North Carolina in 1982 and received his private certificate in March of 1984, dreaming of owning his own plane someday. In 1993, he came across a design by George Pereira called the GP4, which won “Best New Design” but also won “Grand Champion” in

the plans built category at the world’s largest fly-in in Oshkosh, WI, in 1984.

The building plans were similar to his father’s balsa models, but called for Sitka Spruce, Mahogany and Birch plywood for the airframe and aircraft grade steel and aluminum for the metal parts. “The biggest challenge was that there was no kit available. Every part would have to be constructed from scratch by the builder,” Don said.

Don ordered the plans in 1993 and after discussing them with Pereira, he went to work on the aircraft, which was designed to be built using basic shop tools. “Once I started, I found the project to be very satisfying,” Don said. “Construction was not as difficult as I first perceived and the process was almost therapeutic, but it was obvious that it was going to take several years to complete.”

The process began while Don was living in South Carolina and teaching graphic design and photography at a small college. “By the time I met my wife to be, the fuselage and

tail feathers were completed and skinned and I was well into the construction of the wing. This was year number six into the project, so it came with me into the marriage. My wife Rhonda was impressed with the undertaking but concerned with the amount of time and money needed to finish it. But she was extremely patient and understanding.”

His aircraft was inspected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on May 23, 2006. “By coincidence, my wife and I celebrated our wedding anniversary on the same day. I also decided to make this date the registration number for the aircraft—N523A. The aircraft passed its inspection, so we had two great things to celebrate that evening,” he said.

When Don finally made his first flight in his very own aircraft on June 25, he was exhilarated. “During the taxi I felt a little nervous about the task at hand... I pulled out onto the runway and steadily increased the power. In about 500 feet, I was airborne and I knew immediately the

aircraft was going to fly with no problem. For the next 20 minutes I stayed directly over the airport and performed some standard turns and tested the flap extension system. All seemed to work quite well. After a smooth landing and taxi back to the ramp, I think I had a permanent grin on my face for the next few days. I finally had my own airplane and it flew beautifully.”

Don describes his aircraft: “At first glance, the GP4 does not look like a wooden aircraft. There are some fabricated fiberglass components used in areas that have compound curves. The

spruce frame is skinned with mahogany plywood ranging from 1/16 of an inch to 3/32 of an inch in thickness. The plywood skin is then covered with a very thin layer of fiberglass. The interior of the airframe is coated with three layers of spar varnish. Stored in a hangar, this type of construction should last well over 100 years. It is a very strong design. George has stress tested the prototype to eight g’s positive and six g’s negative. This makes the GP4 capable of full aerobatic maneuvers. There are two seats arranged side-by-side and 75 lbs. of baggage capacity. The aircraft is pow-

ered by a 200-horse power, fuel injected Lycoming aircraft engine turning a 74” Hartzel constant speed propeller. Constant speed propellers are designed to have their pitch changed by the pilot for optimum take-off and cruise performance.”

The aircraft is now based at Knox County Airport in a new hangar. The space is shared with another member of the Otterbein faculty, pilot and aircraft owner Norman Cheney, who owns a Cessna 150. It now takes Don only 58 minutes to fly to his parents’ home in Staunton, VA, a seven and a half hour drive. 1

English Professor has a Hit in “Bollywood”

Otterbein College English Assistant Professor Abhijat Joshi recently reached new heights in his writing career with a runaway hit movie based on his screenplay. Three years in the making, *Munnabhai Meets Mahatma Gandhi* (a.k.a. *Carry on Munnabhai* in English and *Lage Raho Munnabhai* in Hindi), became a hit in India’s Bollywood, the informal name given to the popular Mumbai (formerly Bombay) based Hindi language film industry.

Since its release on Sept. 1, 2006, the romantic comedy with a moral has been watched in India by millions, broken all box-office records, and most importantly, forced a nation of one billion people to revisit their much misunderstood icon, Mahatma Gandhi. For his efforts, Joshi received the award for Best Dialogue at the Global Indian Film Awards in December 2006. The film has been screened for both Golden Globe and Oscar foreign film consideration.

Munnabhai Meets Mahatma Gandhi, which held the top spot at the box office during its first eight weeks, continues the story of a popular Indian character, Munna Bhai, a light-hearted crime boss. He falls for radio jockey Jahnavi, and to woo her, he concocts an idea to win a radio contest about Mahatma Gandhi. As

he studies about Gandhi, it brings about a new change in him and he changes the lives of people around him using his “Gandhigiri,” his personal term for Gandhi’s philosophies. Along the way, he proves that Gandhi’s teachings are fully relevant in modern society.

The film has garnered widespread critical acclaim, being credited with inspiring an entire generation of Indian youth to learn more about Gandhi and his values. Following the movie’s release, bookstores in India sold out of Gandhi’s works due to a 400 percent increase in the sale of literature about Gandhi.

The film also is inspiring legislators of India’s ruling Congress party to bring Gandhi’s ideas to their policy-making considerations, recommending that all its workers should see this film. The Prime Minister of India praised the film in a speech introducing a bill to help end corruption in the Indian government. In addition, *Munnabhai Meets Mahatma Gandhi* was screened at the United Nations in New York City on Nov. 10, 2006, making it the first full-length Indian film ever to be screened at the UN.

Schools and universities in India are making the viewing mandatory for their students. There are over a



Assistant English Professor Abhijat Joshi poses in front of a movie poster.

million entries about the film on Google, with many people writing about the profound change the movie has inspired in their lives. Critics of the *BBC*, *The Guardian* and *CNN-IBN* have given the film four stars; *The Chicago Tribune* carried a front-page article about the impact of the

film; and *The Washington Post* calls it a “phenomenon” that has made “Gandhi a pop icon.”

“Gandhi had kind of gone out of fashion in India,” Joshi told the *Westerville News and Public Opinion*. “His ideas were considered to be utopian and not pragmatic and we wanted to correct that notion.”

Abhijat Joshi’s first full-length play, *A Shaft of Sunlight*, was a runner-up at the BBC World Service Playwriting Contest and had a run of over seventy performances in London and Birmingham, England, in 1992. He is also the author of the plays *Bricks and Lyrics*, produced and performed in 2000 at the New Works

Festival at the University of Texas at Austin, and *Kingdom of Lost Songs*, produced by the Lincoln Center in New York and performed at the Here Theatre in New York in July 2002.

He wrote the screenplay for the Bollywood movie *Mission Kashmir*, which premiered in 2001. He is also the screenwriter of the soon-to-be-released *Eklavya: The Royal Guard*—the first Bollywood film not to have singing in it.

For his next screenplay he is currently researching the life of India’s first woman doctor, who in the face of great social taboos, came to the United States in the 1880s to study medicine in Philadelphia. Joshi teaches screenwrit-

ing and playwriting at Otterbein and has been a faculty member since 2003.

For more information about the movie, check out the film website at www.lagerahomunnabhai.com/. 1

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Whoa! One Hundred Years of Service!



Three longtime employees of the College recently have retired. Together they have 100 years of service and have served students in three different areas: academics, security, and sports. Retiring is Pat Salyer, assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs, after 36 years; Ralph McCormick, security officer, after 34 years; and Pam Verne, executive assistant to the athletic director, after 30 years. Happy retirement to all and a big thank you for all your years of dedicated service to Otterbein.

Otterbein Honored as Patriotic Employer

Otterbein College has been recognized by the United States Department of Defense as a “Patriotic Employer” for the treatment, support, and caring of one of its own employees whose spouse was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq. Colonel Rufus Smith, husband of Phillipa Smith, an executive assistant in the Office of Admission, recommended Otterbein College in writing to be considered for this award. Rufus recently presented a plaque to the College, which will be hung in the lobby of Clippinger Hall, where Phillipa works, for all to see.

Rufus served in Iraqi Freedom from February 2003 to April 2004, where he was stationed in Kuwait and made weekly trips to Iraq. As Commander of V Corp Kuwait, he oversaw over 4,500 troops stationed in Iraq and Kuwait, providing logistical support through the theater.

“I could not have made it through those months without the support of the Office of Admission,” Phillipa said. “I

am so grateful for the flexibility I was allowed during the time my husband was overseas.

“Otterbein provided me an environment that allowed me to take care of myself and my family with minimal worries,” she said.

Phillipa downplays her hardships. “He encounters the hardships, missing family events especially. During his deployment he missed one daughter’s graduation and leaving for college, multiple sports events, and birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas and just the daily activity of our family, which is irreplaceable. My hardship was wondering about him every day.”

Phillipa and Rufus met while he was serving in the Army in Felixstowe, England, Phillipa’s hometown. They were married in 1982 and now have three children: a son who graduated from Otterbein in 2004, a daughter at University of Dayton and a daughter who is a junior at Otterbein.

Remembering a Former Student with Fondness

Dear Editor,

Towers Magazine arrived two days ago. I noted with deep sadness that Judith Lovejoy Foote died on August 21.

May I share a few memories of her, derived from the one year I knew her, my first year of teaching at Otterbein? I gained the distinct impression that she was an ideal student in many ways. She was bright, active in many college activities in addition to her academic work, articulate, concerned about the welfare of others, and a person of dignity and self-possession.

I was aware of all of this and consequently very proud that we share the same surname. If I had to choose someone whose moral, social, and intellectual awareness exemplified the liberal arts ideal, she would be among my top five choices.

She and her husband, Wendell, have been most generous to their alma mater in a material sense and they will not soon be forgotten for who they were and are and for their loyalty and beneficent spirit.

Eunice and I send our most sincere condolences to her family and friends. May we all learn from her meaningful life.

With best wishes,
Albert and Eunice Lovejoy



Judith Lovejoy Foote '58 with husband Wendell '60 in Sept. 2000 at their home in Kalama, WA.

Shirley Adams Detamore '51 called in to say she loved the story in the last issue of *Towers* on 100 years of Otterbein Theatre, and had a photo of her own to share from the 1948 production of the operetta *Robin Hood*. The production was directed by Professor L. L. Shackson. The operetta was performed as part of the May Day festivities that year, and Shirley says she thinks it may have been the first ever operetta at Otterbein. The picture at right features (l-r) **Robert Belt '49** as Robin Hood, **Tom Maurer '51** as Little John, **Shirley Adams Detamore '51** as Lady Marian, **Ellen Coleman '50** as Allan a Dale, and **Larry Gillum '50** as Sir Guy.





Above, a rendering of the planned new science complex, which will combine a renovation and expansion of the current Schear-McFadden Hall, which is shown in its current form at right.

It's Time for Science

by Jenny Hill

Otterbein College has always prided itself on the caliber of its programs. But to sustain stellar programs, the campus needs state-of-the-art facilities. And now, Otterbein is turning its sights on the sciences.

Otterbein created its science program in 1849, when the College hired the first teacher of natural science, Sylvester Dillman. By 1851, the staff had increased to four professors. According to a history of the sciences researched and compiled by Emeriti Professor Phil Barnhart, the entire faculty for the 1851-1852 academic year consisted of two professors of Ancient Languages, one of Mathematical and Natural Sciences and the head of the Ladies Department.

According to Barnhart, John Haywood took on the task of teaching mathematics and natural sciences in 1852. In 1858 he turned over the teaching of most of the life sciences to a physician and surgeon, Thomas McFadden. This produced two depart-

ments, Mathematics and Natural Sciences. John Haywood remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1893, a total of 41 years.

McFadden took a leave of absence to treat wounded soldiers during the Civil War, but returned to the classroom in 1866. He retired in 1884. Louis McFadden took over for his father in 1884 and taught life sciences until 1899.

In the coming years, other notable professors would lead the sciences at Otterbein, including E. W. E. Schear, who chaired the Life Sciences Department from 1912 to 1951; Louis Weinland, who chaired a one-man department from 1908 until he was joined by Albert Esselstyn in 1928; and Jimmy McCloy, who was a one-man Physics Department from 1913 until 1955. The sciences were taught in various classrooms on campus and would not have a home of their own until 1919.

The current science facility at Otterbein is actually two buildings that house chemistry, physics, life and earth

science, nursing and equine science. The first building, McFadden Hall, was constructed in 1919. At just under 30,000 square feet, the facility was impressive for the post-World War I era. In 1955, the Weitkamp Observatory and Planetarium was added to McFadden Hall. The second building, the 40,000 square-foot Schear Hall, was built in 1970, at which time renovations were also made to McFadden Hall.

Since then, the only upgrades to the programs have been equipment, much of it purchased used from industrial sources, which decreases its life span and increases maintenance costs. Many incoming students had more modern science facilities in high school. Otterbein's science facilities lack adequate lab space for students to perform experiments; up-to-date equipment such as spectrometers, cell incubators, centrifuges and other specialized instruments that are considered standard in other college labs; demonstration capabilities for profes-



Above, a rendering with a view from the quad, and right, a view from Main Street looking toward the east.



sors to lead students in experiments; and audio-visual and computer capabilities to enhance lectures.

Sadie Bartholomew, a student member of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees and a senior chemistry and biochemistry double major, values the quality of her Otterbein education, but recognizes the need for an updated facility. “I will never forget talking with Dr. John Tansey at a Visitation Day when I was a senior in high school. His enthusiasm and willingness to let me do research in his lab as a freshman helped me decide to attend Otterbein. I took him up on his offer, and in the past three years have attended numerous local and national scientific meetings, as well as published in a major journal. His impact on my education and experiences at Otterbein are immeasurable.

“The faculty as a whole share this enthusiasm and dedication to their teaching and students’ success. Still, the stark reality exists that we are not able to perform many trivial tasks and experiments due to lack of equipment. Otterbein undoubtedly provides top-notch faculty who are here solely for their students’ success, but there is a great need for updating our technological capabilities,” Bartholomew said.

A Space Issue

In addition to lack of up-to-date equipment, the current science facility lacks space. Closets, storage areas, offices and other spaces have been converted into labs.

Otterbein’s science facilities have received low marks from the North Central Association accreditation reports since 1985. Otterbein has applied for grants to construct a new building since then, but it was a \$200,000 grant from the Reinberger Foundation in 2000 that allowed for an in-depth study of the College’s specific science needs. Otterbein faculty and staff received consulting services and made visits to other college science facilities and an architectural design process began, which has since explored various options, including renovation, renovation and expansion, and construction of a completely new facility.

The problems with Otterbein’s science facilities have been discussed both internally and externally for two decades, and the College can wait no longer. In recent meetings of the Board of Trustees, discussions have taken place and a motion was passed to proceed with solving the problem of the sciences at Otterbein.

Board member and Associate Professor of Life and Earth Science Jeff Lehman, Ph.D., said, “Our job is to establish a facility to teach science in the 21st century, and it will require the input and guidance of the faculty, the administration and the Otterbein community.”

Integration and Innovation

The new plans call for a renovation of the current facility, as well as a 30,000 square foot addition to be built

onto the southern side of the current Schear Hall. With \$12,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 project to be funded through private gifts, a lead gift of \$4,000,000 is currently being sought which will have naming rights reserved for it. The overall plans will bring together the different branches of science, encouraging a flow of information between them. Currently, chemistry, physics and biology are housed at the far ends of the building.

“Science is integrative, and we need to create a community with active dialogue between our different scientific disciplines,” Lehman said. “The new facility will bring the departments together in modules that will include a large teaching lab, a small project lab and an office representing a discipline. The modules will be clustered together, and in that way we can increase interdisciplinary project-based learning. It will be an atmosphere that will make the transition to graduate or medical schools easier for our students.

“The new addition to the southwest side of the building will blend seamlessly with Schear Hall, and will add approximately 30,000 square feet to the science complex,” Lehman said. Intensive labs will be located in this addition, Schear will house life sciences, physics and chemistry, and McFadden will house offices, computer labs, classrooms and the Departments of Nursing and Equine Science.

“The plans include a new greenhouse, expanded with an atrium area

“Our goal needs to be one of science literacy for everyone. In this technology-minded society, everyone has to deal with science related issues.”

~ Jeff Lehman

adjoining McFadden and Schear and providing a gathering space for students to encourage informal learning experiences,” Lehman said.

In addition, cosmetic renovations will re-open windows that were bricked over in the 1970s and restore McFadden to its 1919 look, helping to preserve the Otterbein heritage. “Windows and natural light provide for a more inviting and less stressful workplace for both students and faculty,” noted Lehman.

Perhaps most important, the architectural plans have been created to be as flexible as possible for changes as the sciences grow and change through the years.

The need for a new science facility is clear, not only for the benefit of science majors, but also non-majors. The College has always boasted a strong liberal arts curriculum, intended to expose students to many disciplines so that they acquire all the knowledge and skills to act as productive and responsible citizens.

Science Literacy for All

An important aspect of the liberal arts curriculum is science and technology, which is becoming increasingly important in the lives of everyday people.

“Our goal needs to be one of science literacy for everyone. In this technology-minded society, everyone has to deal with science-related issues,” Lehman said.

The issues of global warming, energy source depletion, nanotechnology, cloning, and more, all require a general understanding of science. Non-majors are required to take at least two science courses as part of their integrative studies curriculum, placing even more of a strain on the already overcrowded science facilities.

“In addition to our science

majors, when you add the sports medicine, athletic training and other students who need to take anatomy or other science courses, you can see how an improved facility will impact the entire campus,” Lehman said.

“This project will make Otterbein a better school and a better community as a whole,” Lehman said.

A Talented Faculty

Improved facilities will be especially important to Otterbein’s dedicated and talented science faculty, who will welcome the opportunity to incorporate new technology into their courses and further improve their already-strong teaching practices.

One hundred percent of Otterbein’s full-time science faculty have terminal degrees, the highest degree offered in their fields. A March 2006 report by a reviewer from the American Chemical Society (ACS) characterized the Chemistry Department as “exceptionally well-qualified by education and experience.” Members of Otterbein’s science faculty have chosen to make their careers about teaching rather than researching. They use research as part of their teaching, rather than in place of it. They are actively involved in both lab and field research, with assistance from their students, and mentor students pursuing their own original research.

Bartholomew believes that her time at Otterbein has prepared her for her future. “The education I have received at Otterbein has truly been second to none. I have acquired knowledge and skills I never imagined possible in only four years. I know that I am fully equipped to succeed in whatever path I decide to take. In my experiences with outside internships and interacting with peers from major universities, I have realized that I am not only at the same educational and

experiential level as them, but in most cases ahead. That is a great feeling, and something that the science departments should be proud of—they are doing an exemplary job preparing students for the future.”

Lehman took Life Science students to Costa Rica in the spring of 2006 to study tropical ecology, while Associate Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Hal Lescinsky, Ph.D., led a group of students to the southwestern United States to study geological formations and plans to take a group to Belize to study coral reef ecology.

Assistant Professor and Chairperson of Physics and Astronomy David Robertson, Ph.D., is sharing work with his students that he is doing in Spain, Portugal and the U.S. to examine possible theoretical interpretations of a new particle discovered at the Beijing Electron Positron Collider (BEPC) accelerator in China.

Six life science students accompanied Professor and Chairperson of Life and Earth Sciences Michael Hoggarth, Ph.D., to Duke Maine Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina, where they studied a mix of tropical species.

Well-known in his field, Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Simon Lawrance, Ph.D., continues his research of Mountain and Captive Western Lowland Gorillas.

Bringing the stars to Otterbein and the surrounding community is the goal of Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Uwe Trittman, Ph.D., who has hosted “Starry Mondays” lectures and celestial observations for years on the first Monday of each month during academic terms.

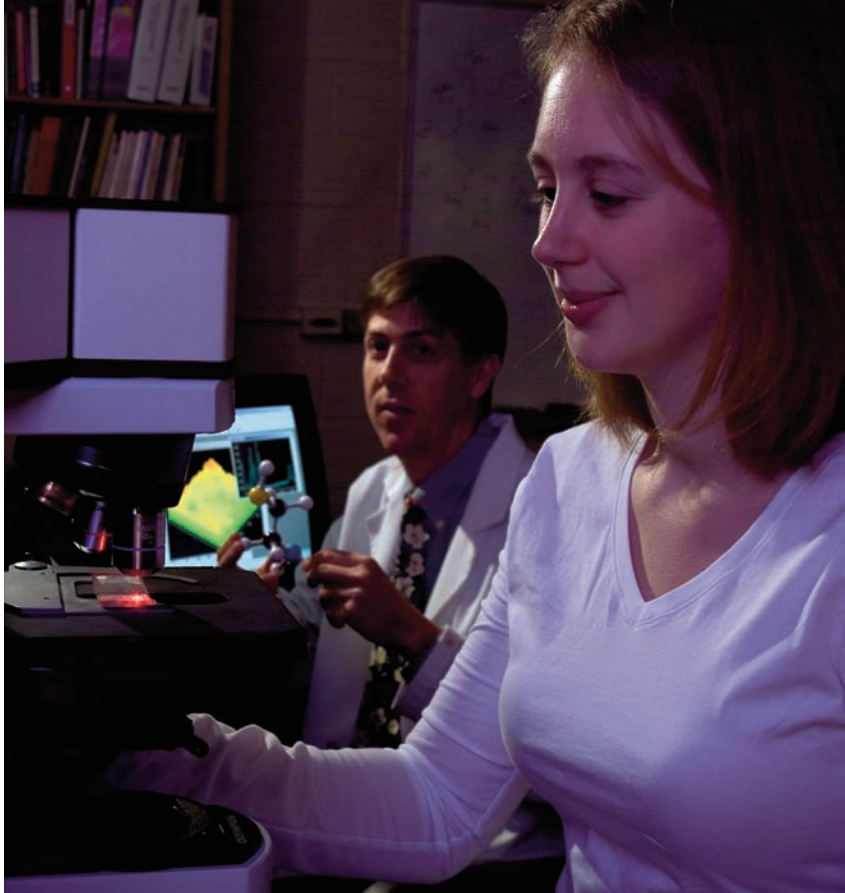
The Physics Department was able to procure a grant to purchase a nearly new supercomputer, almost unheard of on a campus the size of Otterbein. Associate Professor of Chemistry Dean Johnston and Assistant Professor and

Chairperson of Physics and Astronomy Dave Robertson received a grant of \$193,000 from the National Science Foundation to bring nanoscience and technology to students and teachers in central Ohio. Nanoscience is the science and technology of manipulating matter at the atomic (nanometer) scale.

Johnston also oversaw the grant that brought Raman spectroscopy to many chemistry courses at Otterbein.

Associate Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Amy Jessen-Marshall, in conjunction with Hal Lescinsky and Simon Lawrance, was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to create several new integrative studies science classes with lab components that draw on at least two fields of science. In addition, for over two years Jessen-Marshall has brought her students closer to the world of transport proteins with research related to the role of hydrophobic helices in the stabilization of the lactose permease protein in the membrane of *Escherichia coli*.

In addition to its faculty, Emeritus Professor Phil Barnhart says the measure of the science program's success is the caliber of alumni it has yielded. Science graduates have also gone into industry, business, military service, higher education and government. A number have brought distinction upon themselves and thus upon the reputation of the College. Barnhart's research found some of these prestigious alumni, including: **Hugh Allen '62**, pediatric cardiologist; **Francis Bundy '31**, first commercial synthesis of diamonds; **Tom Crane '68**, nuclear theorist; **Myron Campbell '77**, high energy physicist (Top Quark); **William Catalona '64**, urologist and developer of the PSA test for prostate cancer; **Marilynn E. Etzler '62**, biochemical research; **Ray Gifford '44**, Cleveland Clinic; **Ted Huston '57**, cardiologist; **Karl Kempf '69**, principal scientist for Intel Corp.; **Jerry Lingrel '57**, professor at UC College of Medicine; **Lance Lord '69**, Major General, Commander USAF Space Command; and **David Yohn '51**, OSU Cancer Center; among many others.



Mary Lower '07, a biochemistry major, uses a Raman spectrometer which scatters laser light on substances to reveal chemical compounds. Instructing is Dean Johnston, associate professor of chemistry.

Les Aiello '69, an Austin pediatrician, recalls that he felt better prepared than his big-university alumni classmates when he went to medical school. **John Vickers '75**, an obstetrician in Minneapolis, chose Otterbein because it had a good reputation for preparing its graduates for acceptance into medical school. **Chad Friece '02** said, "I'm currently in the top five percent of my (pharmacy school) colleagues who graduated from places like Cornell, University of California – Berkeley, UCLA (and others)."

Students Prepped for Success

Current students are positioned for equal success. Barnhart commented about the pioneering professors in the sciences at Otterbein, "It would be fascinating to see their reactions were they able to sit in on just a few seminars today given by the top students in the sciences at Otterbein."

In 2005 as a first time participant, Otterbein College had seven students present their work at the American Chemical Society's national meeting,

more than any other Ohio college or university. Six more Otterbein students presented at the 2006 meeting.

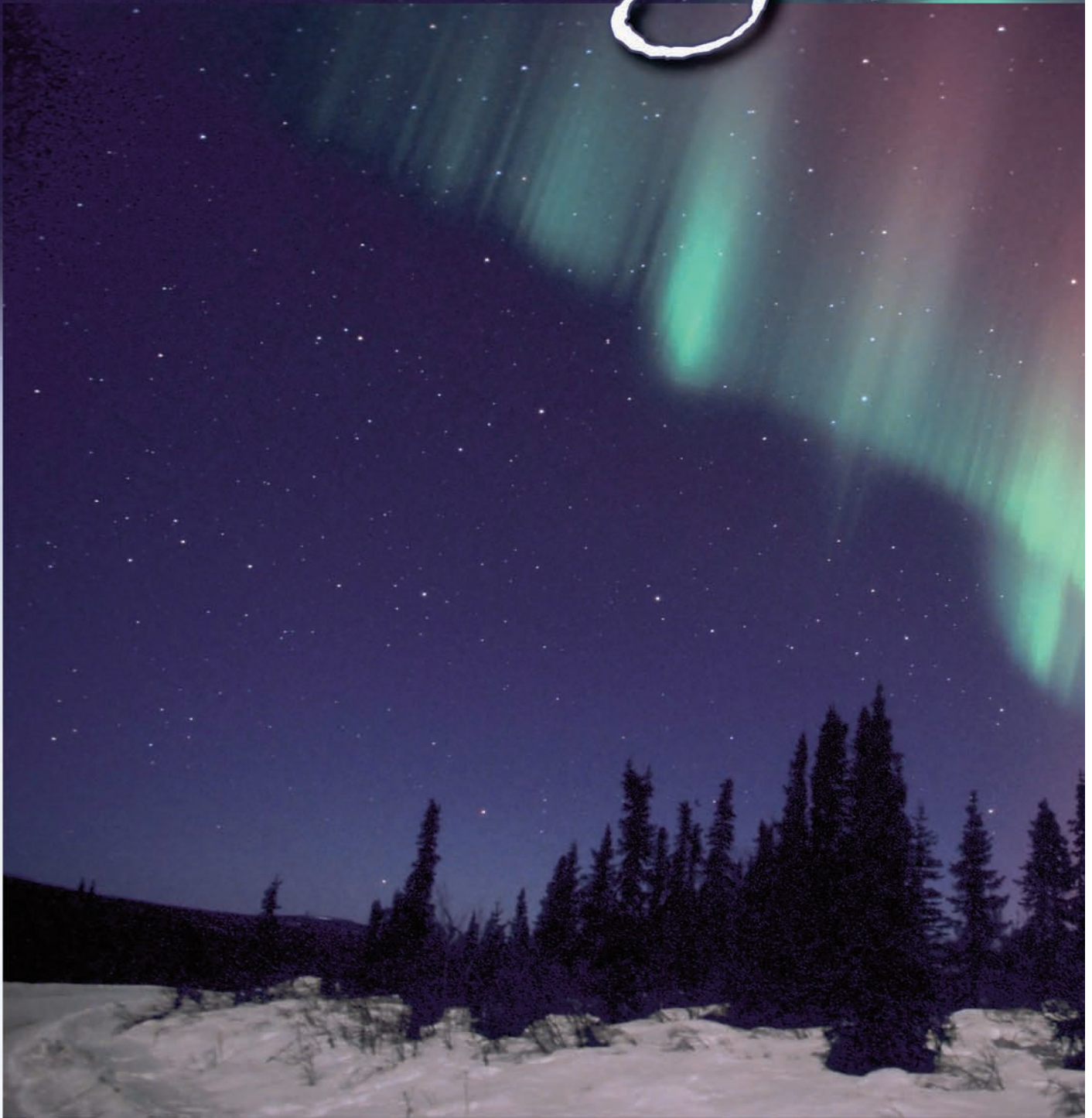
Life Science students often present at the Ohio Academy of Sciences, and participate in competitive research internships at large research institutions, such as The Ohio State University, The University of Cincinnati, government organizations and others.

Students have been published as undergraduates many times in their roles assisting professors with research.

"Students Sadie Bartholomew and Justin Whitehill both had their senior theses published before they graduated. They will have just finished their undergraduate degrees and will already have publications. They will certainly go on to earn their doctorate degrees," Lehman said.

With a new science facility on the horizon, there is no doubt that the amazing work of Otterbein's science faculty and students will continue, and the College will continue to prepare students to shape science and technology in the coming decades. 1

Gazing to



the Skies

When Dennis Mammana looks to the skies, he sees magnificence. And he captures that magnificence on film.

Editor's Note: All of the captions for this article were written in Dennis Mammana's own words.

by Jenny Hill

While many children look up at the skies at night, imagining other worlds or counting stars, **Dennis Mammana '73** was contemplating his future career as an astronomer. He would go on to work at the planetariums of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, the University of Arizona and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in San Diego, while pursuing his favorite pastime, sky photography. Now he continues to view the skies, often through the lens of his camera, offering views that everyone can enjoy.

Dennis leads a life that many people would envy. He is paid to go on group tours to exotic destinations and to teach travelers about astronomical events, which are always on the agenda and include such things as the aurora borealis (Northern Lights), total solar eclipses, comets and meteor showers. He also teaches travelers how to photograph the natural wonders they are seeing. His tours have been on land and sea and have taken him to six continents.

He has photographed in Egypt, Southern Africa, Mongolia, Iceland, Paraguay, and a variety of other places. He has upcoming trips planned to various locations around the globe.

His photography can only be described as spectacular, the product of a lifetime of trial-and-error learning. His favorite thing to photograph is the Northern Lights, "without a doubt."

"The Northern Lights are not difficult to photograph, but very difficult to photograph well, because they are constantly moving. They're

Cascade - "On this night of March 20, 2002, this colorful auroral display seemed to cascade from the sky over the trees near Wickersham Dome, north of Fairbanks, Alaska. The flowing rays from this classic type-A auroral display extend vertically through the atmosphere from about 60 miles up (within the green light) to more than 120 miles up (within the red)."





Daughters of the Dawn - *"It was a rare morning in Southern California. The marine cloud layer, which often shrouds the coast in clouds as dawn is breaking, was nowhere to be found on the morning of March 29, 2003, and allowed a beautiful view of the waning crescent moon and lovely Venus over the colorful San Diego skyline."*

brehtaking to see. I have seen them from Alaska, Iceland and Canada. Even southern California gets one or two displays every year, although they aren't as good as in Alaska," he said, adding, "I have taken perhaps the only photograph in existence with a palm tree in front of the aurora borealis."

Dennis said even current students living in Westerville should be able to catch a display on rare occasions. He said predicting a strong display is a matter of following the sun's activity to know what is coming at us in a matter of days. Ever the educator, Dennis instructs visitors on his website, www.dennismamma.com, how to predict such astral occurrences.

While Alaska is his favorite location to view the Northern Lights, Den-

nis prefers the desert or a beach to photograph the moon. He also has seen 11 solar eclipses, his first in 1991. "I was a late bloomer with solar eclipses," he joked.

"Total solar eclipses are even tougher to photograph than the Northern Lights. The sun appears so small in the sky that you need a hefty telephoto lens, or a wide angle to capture the environment of the eclipse," he explained. "And there is a 10,000 to one ratio of brightness within the corona itself, which also makes it challenging."

A perk to his job as astronomy expert on the trips is getting to experience the cultures of the destinations. "You can never count on the weather—though I do have a 95% plus success rate—so we have a lot of cultural

experiences planned on these week or two-week trips. When people ask me if I can guarantee they'll see the eclipse, I always tell them I can only guarantee that there will be a solar eclipse. The weather isn't my department."

Dennis often wanders off from the group on the cultural tours when he gets involved in photographing the cultural aspects of the destinations. "I take thousands of photographs on each trip. I am not an expert at photographing people or buildings, but I love to do it," he said.

Dennis is self-taught in photography and in much of astronomy. "I have taught more photography and astronomy classes than I have taken. In fact, I don't believe I've ever taken a formal photography class, although



Skyfire - "When viewed from the side, an auroral arc appears as a thin curtain of light hanging from the sky. When viewed from below, the "curtain" is seen edge-on", and is called a "corona". This most magnificent of auroral displays occurs at the magnetic zenith, which lies nearly overhead from Fairbanks, Alaska."

Clouds at Dawn - "When the first light of dawn appears over the eastern horizon of Mt. Laguna in Southern California, clouds high in the atmosphere catch the first rays of sunlight. As they drift eastward in parallel paths during the exposure, a common perspective effect makes them seem to radiate from a point below the horizon."



I've taught them," he said. "I've even taught professional photographers how to photograph the sky. At first I wondered what I could possibly teach them, but there is a different set of rules and concerns when dealing with the sky. It changes quickly and it is difficult to find any hard and fast exposure for any sky photography."

"Most of learning to photograph the sky is trial and error. Digital photography has made instant feedback possible, so people can learn what works much more quickly," he said.

When asked about transitioning from film photography to digital, Dennis said, "I like technology and understood right from the beginning its importance, but I was dragged into digital photography kicking and screaming. I fought it for about three years until I became even more comfortable with digital photography than

film, and now I teach courses about digital photography."

Dennis was born and raised in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he discovered his two passions in life, astronomy and photography. He began his scientific studies looking through his microscope at the species inhabiting the local creek. When he found that his words couldn't convey to others the incredible things he was seeing, he took up photography, setting up shop with a \$5 camera, a microscope, a telescope and eventually a self-built darkroom in his basement.

His first published photos were of the April 12, 1968 total lunar eclipse and were selected over those of the newspaper's own staff photographer.

In eighth and ninth grade, he was inspired by two teachers, who exposed him to the wonders of the cosmos, and he never looked back. After graduating from Otterbein in 1973 with a degree

in physics and astronomy, Dennis went to work in the planetarium at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. He earned his master's degree in astronomy at Vanderbilt University in 1979.

Then he headed west for the clear desert skies of Tucson, Arizona, where he worked his way up to director at the Flandrau Planetarium at the University of Arizona. In late 1985, only weeks before the Space Shuttle Challenger tragedy, Dennis was one of 1,033 applicants for NASA's "Journalist in Space" program.

In 1987, he moved farther west to San Diego, California, where he was the resident astronomer at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center for 14 years.

At the planetariums, he served in a key educational role, and was the scriptwriter, producer and director for many astronomy shows.



Home Star City - "During late summer in the Earth's Northern Hemisphere, the Milky Way arches delicately across the evening sky from northeast to southwest. In this portrait of our Home Star City, we see the bright star clouds and the dark dust lane that define its plane, and the galaxy's central bulge just above the horizon. Because exposure times for the stars and foreground are so different, this composite shows the scene as it appeared to the eye."



Great Comet of '96 - "This photo of Comet Hyakutake was taken during the early morning hours of March 27, 1996. On that morning, Hyakutake's tail stretched an incredible 70 degrees across the sky. The bright star to the upper right of the comet's head is the North Star, Polaris. A bright meteor can also be seen as a streak behind the tree. Because exposure times for the sky and foreground were so different, this composite shows the scene as it appeared to the eye."

"I never forgot what it was like to learn as a kid," Dennis said. "I am still back in fifth grade in some ways. I remember a *Weekly Reader* with a photo on the cover of a zillion stars in the Milky Way. I was blown away by the number of stars and I wasn't paying attention to the teacher. I took out my magnifying glass and found a small, dim star that was very obscure in the photo. I wondered if I was the first to ever pay close attention to that star."

Now, as he teaches young children about astronomy, he draws from that experience. Instead of throwing numbers at them, he tries to inspire them so that they will learn on their own.

"Really, science is a mystery, a detective story about the earth, the moon, the sun and our place in all of it.

It's not all facts and figures. I was well out of graduate school before I realized this," he said.

"The most important role of a teacher is to inspire excitement, and then the students will begin to question and learn the answers on their own," he said. "They take over the learning, and the teacher just guides them."

In 2001, Dennis left San Diego and the planetarium for the seclusion and skies of Southern California's Anza-Borrego Desert, the largest desert state park in the nation. He lives in Borrego Springs, a small town within the park and suggested that loving the small town atmosphere of Westerville might have led him to live in another small town. "It's similar to Westerville," he

mused, "except there is no traffic light and there is a desert — and coyotes."

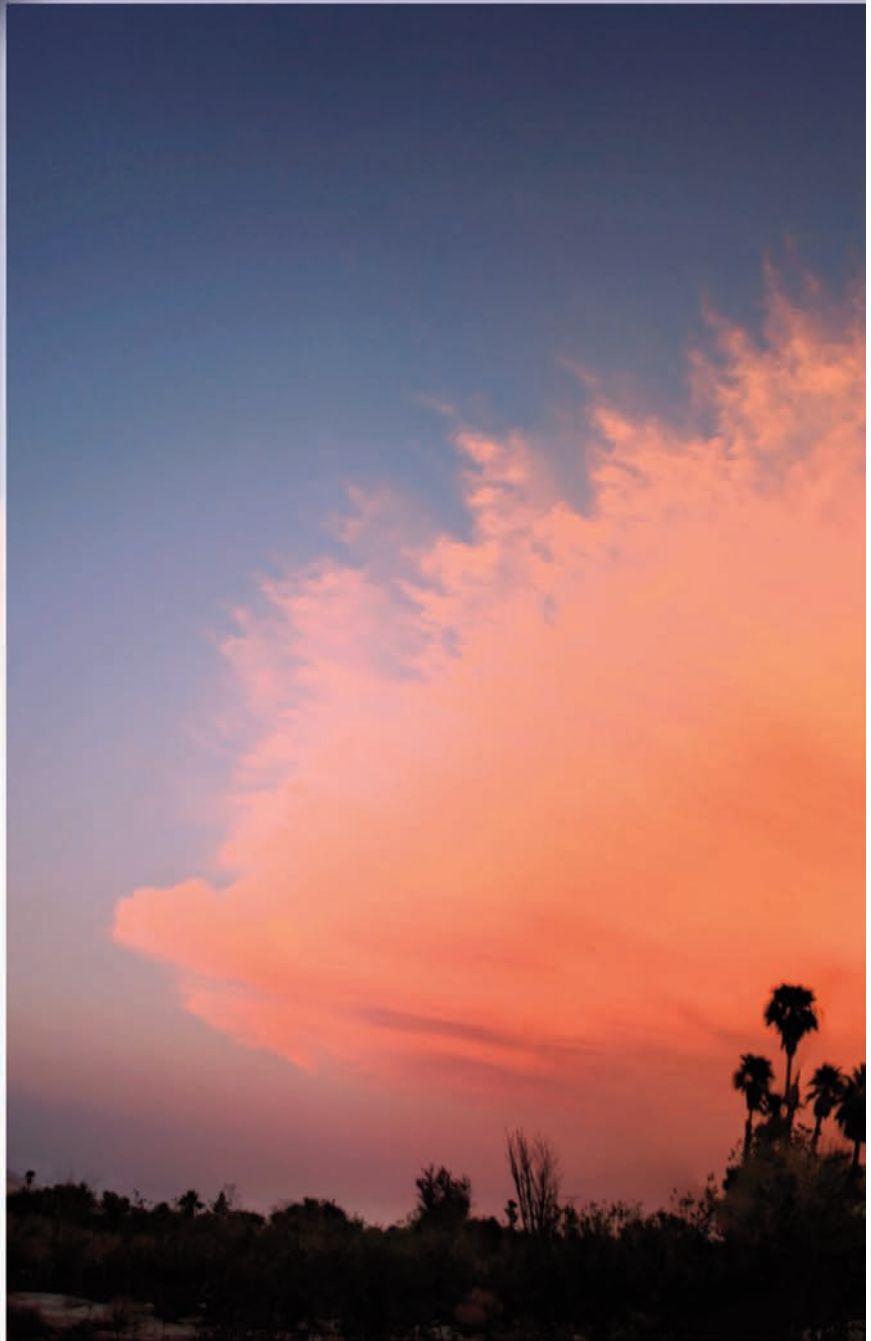
"Our population is about the current enrollment of Otterbein, about 3,000 people, and we are 52 miles from the nearest traffic light. It's a small desert community surrounded by the largest desert state park in the country, so we are surrounded by the studies of paleontology, archaeology and anthropology. We also have a very active arts scene, including theatre."

Dennis stumbled upon Otterbein as the result of an unusual childhood hobby, collecting rare U.S. and foreign license plates. He won four consecutive World Championships (1964-67), and one of the conventions happened to be held on Otterbein's campus. When it came time to choose a college,



A Spire to the Stars - "Lit by the soft golden light of the rising last quarter moon, one of the spectacular tufa (calcium carbonate) spires of the Trona Pinnacles seems to reach for the stars from out of the Searles Dry Lake basin east of Ridgecrest, California. Just above the spire's tip lies the North Star—Polaris—about which all stars seem to turn during this long exposure."

Mother of All Thunderheads - *"Late on the afternoon of August 17, 2004, a massive thunderhead formed over Southern California's Anza-Borrego Desert—not far to the southeast of Borrego Springs. As the cloud was struck by reddened light from the setting sun on the opposite side of the sky, it burst into view like an atomic blast. The cloud was so immense that it was noticed from more than 70 miles away, and required five wide-angle images stitched together to capture it all."*



Dennis recalled that Otterbein “just felt nice.”

“I loved it, and it’s hard to say what it was that I enjoyed. It was quiet, a small town, peaceful, serene, naïve in a way, basic, down-to-earth. I had never lived in a small town before.”

“The most important thing Otterbein inspired in me is that, because it is a liberal arts school, I was allowed, even required, to learn about subjects I would not normally learn about. Things like languages, music, philosophy. That is the thing I value most in

my career because it allows me to reach people through other avenues. It gives me a wonderfully broad world-view, as well as new ways to connect,” he said.

While at Otterbein, Dennis had the dubious distinction of being in the observatory on Nov. 16, 1971, when it caught fire and was completely destroyed. He jokingly denied causing the fire.

“The observatory sat atop the biology lab. When we traced the source of the smoke, we found it was in the ceiling of the biology lab just

beneath us. The students there were doing their best to extinguish it, but it just spread much too quickly. Fortunately, everyone escaped unharmed.”

Professionally, Dennis is the author of six books on astronomy, hundreds of popular magazine and encyclopedia articles and, since 1992, has written “Stargazer”—the only nationally-syndicated (U.S.) weekly newspaper column on astronomy. He has written hundreds of popular science articles for magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias and his sky photography has



appeared in national and international print and electronic media.

Not only has he been consulted on various articles as a professional, he also encourages beginners to take up the art of viewing the stars through his books, such as *The Backyard Astronomer: A Guide to Stargazing* (1996), and his magazine and news articles, like “First Steps in Sky Photography,” *Night Sky*, September/October 2006, pp. 46-51.

In addition to “Stargazer,” nationally syndicated through Copley News

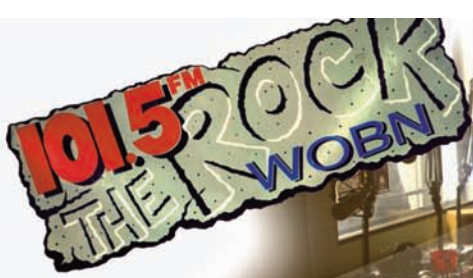
Service in San Diego, he writes “Cosmos,” a daily celestial factoid on the weather page of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*; and “SkyWatch,” a weekly/biweekly web column for Grolier Online in Danbury, Connecticut.

Dennis has an exhibit of his photography currently showing through July 4 at the Borrego Desert Nature Center in Borrego Springs, California. The exhibition is entitled *Desert Skies*. If you aren’t able to attend his exhibition or one of his trips, you can still visit his extensive website at

www.dennismamma.com, which features some of his favorite photographs so anyone can take a look at the cosmos through his lens.

The website also includes helpful resources for stargazers, including a Sky Calendar, Astronomy Fact Sheets, Stargazing Tip Sheets, Sky Photography Tip Sheets and even a free newsletter written by Dennis.

One thing can be said for sure: over 30 years after graduating from Otterbein, Dennis Mammana still has stars in his eyes. 1



COMMUNICATION turns 100



Communication Department has Come a Long Way in a Century

by Stefanie Campbell '08

Over the past 100 years, Otterbein College's Communication Department has developed an array of personalities, possibilities and opportunities. The department celebrates its centennial in this 2006-07 academic year. What began as a series of speech courses, including public speaking, group discussion and debate, has turned into an outlet for students to study broadcasting, journalism, speech communication, public relations and organizational communication.

The department originated in 1906 when the Board of Trustees approved a Department of Public Speaking. Eight public speaking courses were created and offered within the English Department. Otterbein's Department of Public Speaking was one of the first five departments of its kind in the country. As a small, liberal arts college, the program was a milestone. A major in public speaking wasn't offered until 1925.

Otterbein expanded its role in communication in 1943 when it began offering courses in radio. The radio courses developed into the creation of the College's first radio station. In 1958, Station WOBD became WOBN and was licensed for the first time.

Joel Riley '86 spent his four years on the WOBN staff as music director and program director. Joel came to Otterbein knowing he wanted to pursue a career in radio, with the knowledge that it offered something more than an education, it offered experience.

"You can learn how to do radio," Joel said, "It's a really practical experience." Joel has worked in radio since graduation. Currently, he is the mid-morning talk show host at 610 WTVN-AM in Columbus.

Technology has made it possible for the campus radio station to develop and expand. Now, anyone anywhere can listen to WOBN by the click of a mouse at www.wobn.net through what is called "radio streaming."

Otterbein's radio station led to the establishment of its first television station, Westerville-Otterbein Community Channel (WOCC) in 1978. Brandie Thrash, a junior broadcasting major and general manager of WOCC-TV3 said, "At the TV station you are always given any opportunity you need."

The department was still named the Department of Public Speaking until 1983, when the Department of Speech and Theatre split in two, and the Department of Speech Communication was created.

The same year, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) organized its first chapter at Otterbein with the help of Professor John Ludlum. The chapter has expanded and has been known for its excellence ever since.

Jeremy Bridgman '04, a former public relations and business administration major, was involved with Otterbein's PRSSA for four years and was the National President of PRSSA in

2003-2004. Currently, Jeremy works as senior account executive in investor relations at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide in New York City.

Jeremy said Otterbein's Communication Department emphasized getting out of the classroom and getting involved in internships and extracurricular activities which contributed to his success. "I would have been prepared for any communications job," said Jeremy. "It really gave me a solid base in terms of theory and practice."

While progress and development were being made in the 1980s, the department leapt forward in 1995 when it became the Department of Communication, offering the newly created majors in speech communication, organizational communication, broadcasting and public relations.

Journalism was added to the department in 1996 (it was previously part of the Department of English), but Otterbein's student-run newspaper, *Tan and Cardinal*, published its first issue on September 17, 1917. The most drastic change the paper has undergone is advancements in technology. According to Ludlum, a faculty member since 1980, Otterbein was one of the first communication programs to offer a publication design program. "That gave our students a real edge," he said.

One hundred years later, the Department of Communication offers five majors, has 12 full time faculty members, more than 341 communication students and endless opportunities for student involvement.

"It's clearly much larger now," said Associate Dean of Academic Affairs John Weispfenning, who is a former chair of the Department of Communication. He believes that the communication department has developed standards for students and faculty that are recognized and admired among facul-

ty, alumni and students.

Pam Barber '78 is a former speech communication major. Now director of media relations for Columbus Children's Hospital, she is grateful for the tone and standards the department sets. "The professors and advisors helped me figure out my strengths and weaknesses," she said. "I'm very grateful for that."

Aside from crediting the commitment of the faculty to its students, Barber said, "The variety of classes and experiences that I was exposed to made me a more flexible and valuable employee of today."

John Weispfenning recognizes "a certain ethic in the department" for which he credits the late Dr. James Grissinger (Dr. Griss), who greatly contributed to the development of the department, offering 37 years as chairman and founder of WOCC and WOBN. "He consciously told people, this is how you behave," said Weispfenning.

Ludlum, professor and co-advisor for Otterbein's PRSSA chapter, believes that Dr. Griss introduced a series of commitments to the Communication Department, including "a commitment to be activity based."

Current students are active within the Department of Communication through the Speech and Debate Team, WOBN radio station, WOCC television station, *Tan and Cardinal* newspaper, PRSSA, Cardinal Connections public relations student firm and Mentoring Organizational Students Today (MOST).

The Department of Communication is approaching the new centennial in anticipation and excitement with a new campus location which will house the entire communication department under one roof. "Since I've been here we've

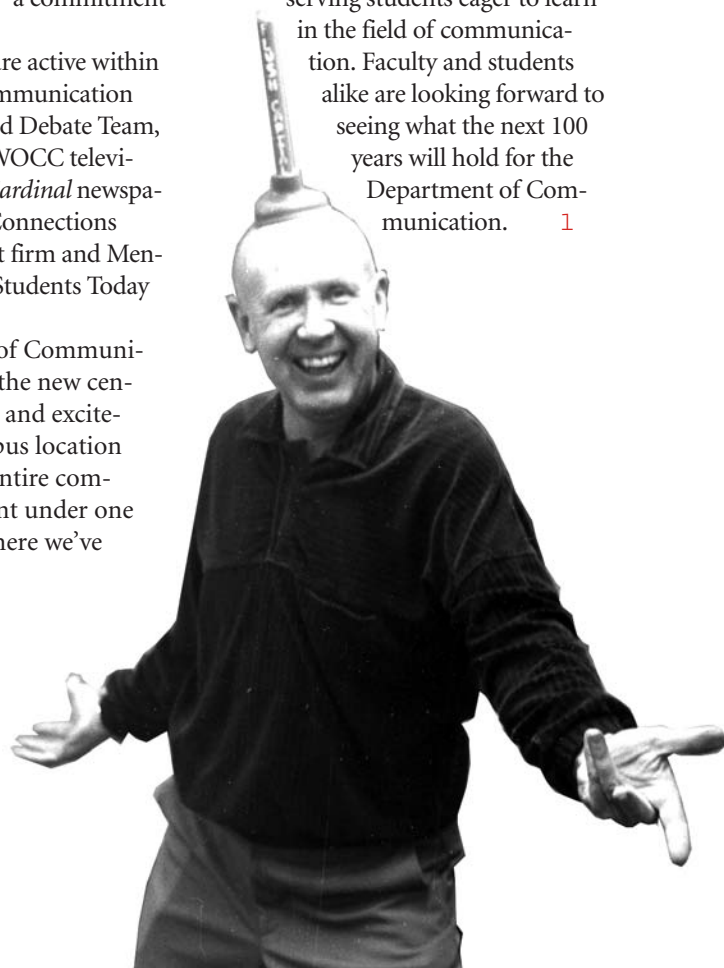
moved three times," said Ludlum.

Currently, the department is spread across campus, with WOBN located in Cowan Hall, WOCC in Courtright Memorial Library and *Tan and Cardinal* in Towers Hall.

The department will be moving all of its facilities into half of a newly acquired building at 33 Collegeview Road in Westerville. Half of the building has already been renovated and now houses the Department of Art and the new Miller Gallery. The other half of the building is still being renovated to meet the specific needs of the Department of Communications, including classrooms, faculty offices and facilities for WOBN, WOCC and *Tan and Cardinal*.

"We think there's a real benefit to getting all the activities in the same building," Ludlum said. Communication students will be able to share resources, interact with each other and indulge in what Ludlum refers to as "the phenomena of media convergence."

One hundred years have passed. What began as a pioneering program has developed into an innovative department led by committed faculty serving students eager to learn in the field of communication. Faculty and students alike are looking forward to seeing what the next 100 years will hold for the Department of Communication. **1**



The late Dr. James Grissinger, right, better known as "Dr. Griss," served as chair of the department for 37 years and founded WOCC and WOBN. He proudly sported the "flush Capital" plunger in the classroom.



News Anchor's True Passion is

Getting

He's interviewed presidents, covered hurricanes, went undercover for a month in prison...and helped an innocent man gain his freedom.

by Jenny Hill

Dave Wagner '81 is a familiar face to many residents of Greater Cincinnati. As a popular news anchor for NBC affiliate WLWT News 5, his face appears on billboards and televisions throughout the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky region. What some viewers may not know, however, is that anchoring is just his day job. His true passion is investigative reporting, and that passion has earned him 28 Emmy Awards, three regional Edward R. Murrow Awards and numerous Associated Press and Society for Professional Journalists Awards.

Dave's professional media career began while he was a student at Otterbein. He came to Otterbein because "it was the friendliest campus I ever visited." While in college, he worked for WOBN radio and took professional jobs first as a disc jockey at WCOL and later as news director at WRFD when he was a senior.

However, his career was not destined to be in radio. After returning from the Semester at Sea program, Dave's world view had changed and he realized he wanted to do something more. He turned to television news.

His career began with typical jobs in smaller markets like Columbus and Milwaukee, first reporting, then anchoring weekends, then weekdays. But this dedicated journalist quickly made a name for himself with his investigative reporting, especially in Tampa Bay, where he spent 12 years at WTSP-TV and in Cincinnati, where he has worked at WLWT-TV since 1999.

Dave met his wife early in his career in Lexington, Kentucky, while working as an anchor. Since she was also in television, she was understanding when he returned from their honeymoon in 1989 and immediately went undercover for

the

four weeks as an inmate in a jail known for its high suicide rate. He was surprised the Department of Corrections gave him permission to go undercover at the Fayette County Detention Center, but he donned “shaggy hair, a beard and a jumpsuit to blend in.”

“I wasn’t afraid of being there. I was in there with everyone from drunk drivers to murderers, and even a serial killer,” Dave said. “Maybe I was too young to be frightened.”

Dave, a stickler for getting all sides of a story, then went undercover at the same detention center as a prison guard, shaving his beard and wearing a uniform and glasses. Only one inmate noticed a resemblance to someone he’d seen on television, to which Dave replied, “I’ve been accused of a lot of things, but being on TV is a first!”

Through his undercover work, Dave found that the jail was severely understaffed, making the situation difficult for both inmates and guards. Ultimately, there were not enough guards to prevent inmates from killing themselves.

Dave is currently working on several investigative reports, some with far-reaching consequences, as some of his past stories have had.

In 1991, Dave broke some details in the case of the infamous serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, and even identified one victim who had not yet been identified.

In November 2003, Dave got the exclusive on the gambling scandal surrounding Pete Rose when the baseball player gave Dave his first media interview after coming clean to the commission about his gambling.

In 1998, he traveled to Europe to uncover Nazi war criminals collecting U.S. Social Security checks. “Ten percent of Nazi war criminals in the United States were found in the Tampa area, and after they were deported, the government continued to send them Social Security checks,” Dave said. “When I tracked some of them down in Europe, they were living large compared to others because of their monthly checks.” Dave’s reports prompted new legislation in Congress.

Other top stories of Dave’s career include covering hurricanes Andrew

and Hugo, reporting on the first Persian Gulf conflict from Saudi Arabia, obtaining special permission and filming a documentary in Cuba and covering the Winter Olympics in Japan in 1998.

Dave has interviewed everyone from common citizens to celebrities such as George Clooney, Larry Flint, Presidents Carter, Ford, Clinton, Bush Sr. and George W. Bush, Nobel Peace Prize-winner Bishop Desmond Tutu and Muhammed Ali. He even played one-on-one with basketball great Bill Walton. He won in a “the first to score wins” match-up, “because (Walton) was extremely tall and I managed to get the ball first,” Dave said. “It made me feel better about myself, but I wouldn’t have gone for a second try. We got it on tape, and that’s all I needed,” he joked.

But with this wide array of assignments, Dave says he tries not to get emotionally involved. “I would be a basket case if I got emotionally attached to every case, but I do report with emotional sensitivity,” he said. “I have to, since I live and breathe these stories for months at a time, getting every side of the story.”

One story he did get involved with was that of adult identical twins Flo and Kay, who called Dave after his first Friday night newscast for WTSP. They called every Friday night at 11:38 p.m. for years. At first he thought they were perhaps mentally disabled, but the more he talked to them, the more he noticed their amazing recollections of the clothes he wore on each broadcast, the weather on any day over the past 40 years and a variety of other unique things. He came to wonder if they were autistic savants.

Flo and Kay’s parents wouldn’t grant Dave permission to have them tested, but when their parents died, their sister moved to Florida to care for them and willingly agreed to allow tests that proved them to be perhaps the only identical twin autistic savants in the world.

Dave is particularly drawn to the twins and is currently working on a documentary about them. “Finding Flo and Kay was like making an amazing discovery.”

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A more recent story Dave became fiercely passionate about was that of Tim Smith, a man serving a sentence for allegedly abusing his daughter Katie.

In 2000, when Katie was 17, she claimed that she had recalled some repressed memories of sexual abuse by her father. The authorities arrested Tim Smith based on Katie's accusations and he was given a public defender with very little experience. While Tim's two other daughters supported him on the stand, he was convicted based on Katie's testimony and that of an expert who claimed Katie's repressed memories were valid.

Five years into his sentence, Katie was now 22 and pretending to be pregnant. She lied to family and friends and even went so far as to stuff her shirt to appear pregnant. In February 2005, Katie lured a pregnant woman to her home on the ruse that she had a similar name and had received some gifts meant for the other woman. Once the woman was in Katie's home, Katie turned on her with a knife, presumably to steal the pregnant woman's fetus. In the struggle, Katie was killed by her own knife.

While many people assumed Katie's past abuse led to the incident, Dave looked into her past and decided that Katie had lied about the abuse as well as the pregnancy, and Tim was an innocent man.

"I dug into (Katie's) past and there was absolutely no evidence (Tim) had done this," Dave said. Tim was railroaded through the justice system with a bad defense."

A Chicago lawyer offered his legal services pro-bono and Dave did the investigative work. Together, they got Tim released from prison. "I was there the day Tim Smith was released and it was very fulfilling. It's easy to get someone in prison, but very hard to get them out," he said.

Dave is not only a news reporter, he also plays one in the movies. While he was working in Tampa, some of his stories had attracted the attention of one of the directors of the 1998 HBO mini-series "From the Earth to the Moon," which would go on to win over a dozen Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award. Dave was cast as "an egotistical New York anchorman covering the Apollo days."

Then he got a call from the producers of the Adam Sandler movie, *The Waterboy*. "I didn't even tell the station at the time, because it was so stupid that I didn't think it would get much attention," Dave said. He played a "countrified play-by-play announcer."

"When we were filming, they would ask me, 'What would you say here?' So we were literally writing it as we went along," he said. One of his lines, "What an idiot!" not only earned the laughs of movie-goers, but also appeared in the trailer.

"When I saw the trailer, and my line 'What an idiot!' was in it, I thought I had better tell the station," he said. "I get more attention from that movie than anything I've ever done. It's become somewhat of a cult classic. I still get residual checks from it."

"It was a lot of fun, but I realized I am not skilled enough to be an actor. Kevin Pollak, a great actor, told me, 'Dave, I have never seen that kind of performance since the early days of Scott Baio.'" When reminded that Scott Baio's early work includes the Oscar-nominated 1976 children's gangster musical *Bugsy Malone*, Dave laughed and said, "Maybe I do have a chance then."

Still, Dave prefers to examine the human condition. He spent three and a half months over the summer of 2006 looking at prostitution in Cincinnati. "People have a lot of stereotypes about prostitutes – that they are black and come from poor backgrounds. But the prostitutes I saw were almost all suburban white women with drug problems," he said.

For Dave, presenting a story like that is teaching the audience the truth behind pre-conceived notions. Dave aspires to make news a more interesting, more educated industry. "I think it's wrong to dumb down news. The audience deserves better than that," he said. "I think about some of the smart people I know, like my parents, and they don't watch the news because all they see is violence. I think that undermines credibility."

"The key is to put the bad news into perspective, so viewers have a better sense of the reality of their community. They need to see the faces behind the murders, that many of these murders are drug related and that they shouldn't be afraid to walk out their doors, which is the feeling

sensationalized news gives the audience,” he said.

Although Dave’s investigative reporting has earned him so many awards, Dave doesn’t like to talk about the honors. “Stations like to play it up, but my Emmys were in boxes in the garage. Then I found out that they tarnish if they aren’t in some climate controlled setting.” Dave admitted his Emmys are still in boxes, but now inside the house.

Above all the awards, Dave is most proud of his family, especially his sons Will, 11, and Ben, 16. “My wife is the best mom in the world, and I try not to be too boastful, but I have great kids, too.”

Dave’s parents still live in Westerville and when he visits, he passes through campus. “It was a really good place for me at a good time in my life and it gave me what I needed to move forward and grow as a person,” he said.

And the person he’s grown into is a shining example for today’s communication students. 1



Dave Wagner has interviewed several presidents, including George W. Bush, at top. He was the first newsman in an exclusive interview to talk to Pete Rose after Rose admitted gambling to the baseball commission (center). At bottom, he is shown with Nick Lachey.

Class NOTES

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1950

Rev. Gerald Koster recently celebrated 60 years of ministry. He currently serves as the pastor of the Orient United Methodist Church in Orient, OH.

1951

Ruth Mugridge Snodgrass recently published her newest book, *On Goes the River-the Somerset Years*. An accomplished writer, she also won second place at Ohio Poetry Day 2006.

1956

John and Carole Kreider '56 Bullis, were honored at a surprise celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on the Otterbein campus on Nov. 23 organized by their children and families. Over 70 people attended including 30 Otterbein alumni.

Dick Reynolds '67 netted win number 600 in his long and successful career as men's basketball coach at Otterbein. The Cardinals defeated Muskingum 95-84 on Saturday, Dec. 9 at home to give Coach Reynolds his 600th win. On Saturday, Jan. 13, Coach Reynolds was recognized in an official ceremony after the Mount Union game. Only four coaches in NCAA Division III have reached this milestone. Now in his 35th season, he has compiled a record of 605-338 (at press time) since taking over head coaching duties at his alma mater in 1972. He notched career win 500 on Feb. 10, 2001. The following season, in 2002, he reached the pinnacle of his career, guiding the Cardinals to their first national championship. Otterbein finished 30-3 that year, winning the OAC regular-season title and post-season tournament – that after being picked to finish sixth in the conference in a preseason coaches' poll. The Cardinals have advanced into the NCAA Division III Tournament 13 times under Coach Reynolds' tutelage, winning the national championship in 2002 and reaching the Final Four in 1981 and 1991.



1957

Bob Henn received the 2006 Outstanding Alumnus award from Brookville High School in Brookville, OH. The award was presented by the school's alumni association at their annual banquet.

1958

Jerry and Hylda Mosier '60 Strange's home, the Aaron Nutt Jr. House, was featured as a part of the Centerville Landmarks Foundation Christmas Home Tour on Dec. 2, 2006. The home is located in Centerville, OH.



Charles Warner has retired from teaching at the Converse County High School District 1 in Douglas, Wyoming. He taught 34 years at the Douglas High School and Douglas Middle School. Since retiring, he is enjoying freelance writing. His first nostalgic/humorous article called "The Crystal Necklace" was published in the December 2006 issue of *Good Old Days Magazine*.

1966

Mary Ellen Armentrout presented a visual and narrative history of steelmaker Andrew Carnegie's impact on the world on Oct. 28, 2006 at the Madison Public Library in Madison, OH.



1968

Sam Murphy recently retired as a captain from American Airlines after 19 years of service.

1969

David Thomas was recently profiled in the Otterbein College Alumni Online Community website. He lives in Nogales, AZ where he is the Regional Liaison for Mexico for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dave and his wife, Susan, will be moving to the interior of Mexico in early 2007 to begin another three-year mission.



President Brent DeVore, right, presents Dick Reynolds with a crystal basketball, recognizing his achievement of 600 career victories.

1964

This Centenarian Feeling Good About Tomorrow

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The first 100 years of the life of **Marian Grow Bromeley '29** have gone so well, she's ready for some more.

"At 100 years, I have probably lived enough," she told her son, Thomas Bromeley (formerly Otterbein Board of Trustees Chair), on her birthday in November. "But I feel so good that I think I would like to go on a while longer. I am thinking of 108."

Marian's perseverance has been a hallmark in her life.

She was born Marian Laverne Grow on Nov. 22, 1906, in Duke Center, PA. Although Marian started her school career in Duke Center, she attended high school in Bradford where she lived during the week with her grandfather, Augustus Grow, who operated a bakery. At that time, the trip from Duke Center to Bradford included a stagecoach and a trolley ride.

When she came to Otterbein, the trip to Westerville, Ohio "was a two-day trip by automobile," Marian said. "Of course, almost none of the roads were paved at that time so it was a bit of an adventure. I frequently made the trip by train, taking all of my belongings for the year. I marvel that I was experienced enough then to organize the logistics for such a trip.

"Almost no one at school had a car. A trip from Westerville to Columbus on the trolley was pretty much an event and not to be undertaken lightly."

At Otterbein, she met her future husband, Robert Bromeley. They both graduated in 1929 and were married later that year on Oct. 19.

"My husband's sister, Jean Caldwell, was one of my sorority sisters in Owls" recalled Marian. "She wanted me to meet her brother, Robert Bromeley, and thought I would like him. She was right!"

Upon graduation, the Bromeleys moved to Chicago, where Bob was a salesman with the Shaw Walker office equipment company. Then, in the early '30s, the couple



photo by Francie Long

acquired the Smith Agency insurance company in Bradford, PA, where her husband engaged in a variety of businesses throughout his life.

"I never thought of getting a job," she said. "Never crossed my mind."

But that doesn't mean Marian wasn't busy, including raising her children, Thomas and Catherine Daggett.

Marian was also one of the founders of the Bradford Landmark Society, and spent long hours restoring Crook Farm, which, at that time, was "not much other than a very small farmhouse."

"There was an awful lot of work to do," she said. "We worked like beavers...it's quite a nice place now." Crook Farm, with its annual fair, has become a community institution for the area.

One of her proudest accomplishments—besides her family—was bringing the Belvidere Villa near Belmont, N.Y., back to life. In 1947, the Bromeleys acquired the mansion which had been vacant for 12 years. The Bromeleys spent much of their lives restoring the house to its former glory. The mansion, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was also the place she celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family, a milestone "I never thought about."

About her time at Otterbein, Marian said, "I made lifelong friendships there and many of us have stayed in touch throughout our lives. Owls was important to us. There were about a dozen members at that time. Mary Thomas was a sorority sister although she lived at home. Mary Whitefield Hostetler was also a sorority sister and a roommate. Her daughter, Jean Hostetler Bromeley, married my son, Thomas Bromeley. We think of it as an arranged marriage.

"Otterbein has been central to our lives for five generations starting with Bob's mother and continuing to my great granddaughter, Kate Cavagnaro, getting ready to graduate from Otterbein." 1

1970

Linda Karl Chandler was recently awarded the National Park Service "Benchmark 10" award for demonstrating certification in all ten interpretive competencies. She is only the

eleventh person nationwide to have achieved this honor since its inception in 1997. Linda, a National Park Service ranger for sixteen years, has also recently earned her master's of science in Resource Interpretation from Stephen F.

Austin State University in Texas with a thesis titled, "The Effects of Crowding and Noise on Visitors' Interpretive Experiences at the Castillo San Marcos National Monument."

Michael Ducey has been elected as an independent director for UAP Holding Corp. in Greeley, CO. UAP Holding is the largest independent distributor of agricultural and non-crop inputs in the U.S. and Canada.

1971

Mary Jane Walters Carr is a teacher at Big Walnut High School and an avid fan of participating in marching bands. So much so, that her interest has spread through several generations of her family. This tradition will hopefully be continued by her three-year-old grandson, Nicholas, who is totally into marching bands, right down to the replica of the OSU band members' uniform that she made for him.

David Kellett was inducted into the 2006 New Albany Athletic Hall of Fame in New Albany, OH. He was chosen to be inducted as a result of his outstanding participation in football.



1972

James Roshon recently retired from Fairfield County Educational Service Center in Fairfield County, OH, where he served as a curriculum supervisor. His career as an educator spanned 31 years. In addition to his 16 years as curriculum supervisor, he also served 15 in the classroom teaching grades four, five, and six.

1973

Patrice Perry Kelly was part of the Connecticut Clean Diesel Plan Team that was commended for their extraordinary efforts in developing a comprehensive plan for reducing diesel emissions. This team received an Environmental Merit Award for their efforts. Their plan will serve as a blueprint for the

state of Connecticut and as a model for other states to develop diesel reduction strategies

Patrick Martin, president of Fisher-Titus Medical Center, was recently elected as a trustee-at-large for the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Trustees. Martin has served on various OHA committees spanning the past twenty five years.

1974

Ronald Moomaw joined the National Commission on Corrective Health Care board of directors on October 29, following the board's annual meeting. Moomaw is director of clinical services and chief psychiatrist for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Bureau of Mental Health Services. His position makes him the clinical authority for the Ohio Department of Corrections Bureau of Mental Health.

1976

David Mead joined Otterbein as vice president of business affairs in Sept. 2006. (See story, page 3.)

Bill Reicl, an account executive with the Wholesale Mortgage Lending Division of Bank of America, recently received two awards: The Bank of America Spirit Medallion for consistently delivering higher standards to clients and associates, and the 2006 Account Executive Achievement Award for the Southeast Region. He lives in Pawley's Island, SC.



Jack Pietila '62 retired as executive director of Planned Giving from Otterbein College last June after more than 20 years of service. Prior to joining the development office staff, Jack served in the United States Air Force. During his tenure at Otterbein, he helped raise several million dollars for the Annual Fund and other programming. Since retirement, Jack has enjoyed traveling with his wife **Mary Jean Barnhard Pietila '61** and playing golf with his grandson (training him to help Otterbein retain its golf titles, he assures us!). Jack and Mary Jean still live in Westerville and attend many College events.



1977

Jean Weixel Reynolds was recently promoted to vice president, director of marketing at State Auto Insurance Companies.

1978

Janet Boving Jones and her family served as grand marshals of Trinity United Methodist Church's annual homecoming parade on Aug. 19, 2006. Her husband, Rick, recently accepted the pastorate at the church which is located near Columbus. Janet is a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Diley Middle School in the Pickerington Local School District.

Cabot Rea participated in a trio recital on Sept. 17, 2006



at the Riley Auditorium in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. He appeared at the Marion Palace Theatre on Oct. 16, 2006 where he joined the Brass Band of Columbus, the most highly acclaimed British-style band in North America as a vocal performer. On Oct. 18, 2006 he spoke to students at the Mount Vernon Nazarene College as part of the Community Pastors' Day.

1980

Christopher Carlisle, head golf coach of Johnstown-Monroe High School in Johnstown, OH, has been named conference coach of the year in 2004, 2005, and 2006 and district coach of the year in 2005 and 2006. His boys' golf team won the Division III state tournament on Oct. 14, 2006, in

David Williams '85 received the Pi Kappa Delta L.E. Norton Award for Outstanding Scholarship. This was presented at the National Communication Association National Convention in San Antonio, TX. David is a professor at Texas Tech University.

The Energizer Bunny has Nothing on Guy Bishop

by Stefanie Campbell '08

After spending three years at Otterbein College, serving two years in the military, devoting 28 years to teaching, performing more than 9,400 piano shows and exercising over 92,000 miles, **Guy Bishop '49** is still going strong.

Guy graduated from Otterbein in three years with a bachelor's degree by taking summer courses and loading up on credits. He then landed a teaching job in Plymouth, Ohio.

A year later, he entered the Army, got married and was shipped out to Korea in April of 1951. He was assigned to the Second Infantry Division PIO (Public Information Office) as a combat correspondent.

Following his return in 1952, Guy taught history and English at Vandalia-Butler Junior High in Vandalia, Ohio, for 11 years. In the meantime, he was able to pursue his aspiration to be a sports writer, and became the first sports editor for the *Crossroads Chronicle* in Vandalia for three years.

Guy continued his mark in education, becoming an elementary principal from 1963 to 1979, before retiring.

His retirement is as intriguing as his career. In retirement Guy turned to his passion, playing the piano, which dates back to his memories from Otterbein. "Every night after supper we'd get around the piano and sing for two or three hours," he reminisced.

A self-taught Olde Time piano player, Guy has traveled all over Ohio and Indiana, sharing his passion with friends, family and strangers of all ages. "I do everything from ragtime to the new stuff. The newer stuff being like the '70s," he chuckled.

Besides playing at restaurants and for reunions, Guy spent 15 years sharing his passion for music in school systems around Ohio, racking up more than 9,400 performances.

Guy uses a combination of education and entertainment when he performs, telling the audience about the music before he plays it. "There's no one else around doing

that type of thing," he commented, "It's just a dying art."

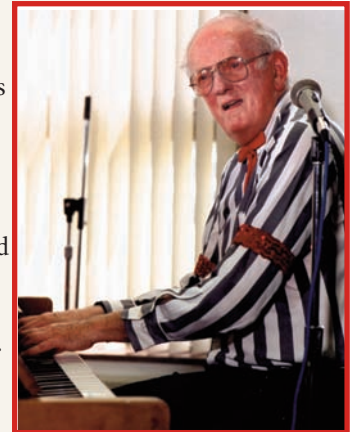
Although Guy is 78 years old, age doesn't keep him from keeping in shape. His interest in running began at Otterbein. He ran track for the College between 1947 and 1949. Near the end of his retirement from education, he picked the hobby back up. Once running became hard on his knees, Guy also took up biking. Between the two activities, Guy has accumulated 92,000 miles as of December 2006. "I'm still going," he said.

Even when the streets are snow covered, Guy manages to exercise approximately 10 miles a day by running or biking. "When I can't get outside on a day like today, I've got a bike in my garage," he said.

One may wonder how a man of 78 manages to stay motivated. Guy says, "I've been doing it constantly. It just becomes a part of your life." He aspires to reach 100,000 miles by his 80th birthday.

Over his lifetime, Guy has been honored many times. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Vandalia Butler in 1990, the Melvin Jones Award for the Lions Club in 1995 and the Honor Roll of Recognition in 2001 for his years spent in the education field. Guy admitted, "Sometimes you just can't believe all that's happened."

While Guy has fully established himself in the Miami Valley, Otterbein College surely has impacted several aspects of his life. "I can't speak highly enough of it," he said, "I have a special place in my heart for Otterbein College." 1



Guy Bishop performed at Otterbein's Founders Day in April, 1997, celebrating the College's Sesquicentennial year.

their second state appearance. Chris also teaches math at Johnstown High School and is completing his masters. He lives in Westerville with his wife, **Rebekah Medaugh '81** and children Kaitlin, 11, and John, 8.

Linda Lucas Ingham opened the Chillicothe branch of Countrywide Home Loans in Jan. 2006 in Chillicothe, OH.

Robert Jacoby was named the dean of students for Hamilton Local Digital Academy and the football

coach at Hamilton Township High School in Hamilton Township, OH.

Pat Patton has been working for American Enterprise Financial since 1981; 2006 marked his twenty-fifth year. His office is in Springdale, OH.



1983

Regina Vann-Hickok received the 2006 Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award. The honor is peer-selected

This Nursing Career has Really Taken Flight

by Stefanie Campbell '08

Holly Herron-Meader '80 began her career in nursing with Otterbein College and Grant Hospital in Columbus at the same time. And an amazing 27 years later, she remains faithful to both institutions. Holly is entering her 26th year at Grant Hospital as the senior MedFlight nurse, and her 17th year as the senior clinical faculty member at Otterbein College.

Holly began pursuing her nursing degree at Otterbein immediately after high school. "I knew I wanted to be a nurse," she said, "That's all I knew." At the time, Otterbein College and Grant Hospital's School of Nursing worked together to educate students in the nursing field. Holly earned her diploma from Grant Hospital School of Nursing and her associate's degree from Otterbein College in 1980.

Following nursing school, Holly pursued her bachelor's degree at Ohio University and then started her career with a bang. Out of 2,000 applicants for a chance to become one of the first helicopter nurses in Columbus, Holly landed one of the four jobs. "That was a pretty honored place to be," Holly said. She's been flying and saving lives ever since.

At the time, the critical care transportation center out of Grant Hospital was named LifeFlight. It became MedFlight in 1995 when it merged with Ohio State University's SkyMed.

As both a nurse and paramedic for the mobile intensive care unit, Holly says she brings a unique perspective. "There aren't a lot of people walking around with that dual perspective," she said.

In 1987, shortly after beginning her career with MedFlight, Holly helped to start the first non-hospital, remote medical helicopter base in the world in Wellston, Ohio. The

purpose of the helicopter base was to provide faster medical aid to southern Ohio communities. Since then, similar bases have been built all over the world.

Holly returned to Otterbein College in 1990 in a teaching role, and has been a part of Otterbein's clinical faculty ever since.

Holly's experience in education led to an opportunity to create an Outreach Education program at Grant Hospital. The program, LifeLink, has expanded to serving and educating over 21,000 people. LifeLink gives people in the medical field continuing education in nursing that is necessary to refresh ideas, learn new things and keep required certifications. Beginning the first of January 2007, LifeLink began serving Grant Hospital's

medic school, giving people the initial education in nursing. "We get to start them out right and teach them lifelong," said Holly.

Without a doubt, Holly manages to remain constantly busy within her career. "I'm very passionate about my profession, so I want to do something all the time," she said. When she's not flying a 24-hour shift for MedFlight, which occurs five or six times a month, she's constantly on the phone and managing all her other duties, including being a mother of two.

Holly believes that without her education from Otterbein, she would not have the expanded role she has acquired in the nursing field. "It gave me a foot in the door," she said.

Even after all of these years, Holly continues to follow her initial career path, simply adding elements along the way. She said, "I want to fly, I want to educate," and that's what she continues doing. 1



Holly tends to a patient on a MedFlight run. In her dual role as both nurse and paramedic, she flies 24-hour shifts.

and is awarded annually by The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

1986

Joel Riley was recently profiled in the Otterbein College Alumni Online Community website. He has been

a radio talk show host on 610 WTVN in Columbus, OH for 11 years. Joel is married, has a 6 year old son, and enjoys golf as his main hobby.

Todd Weihi spoke about the treatment of mental illness during a seminar sponsored by the Health

Cabinet of the Faith Community Nurse Program of the First Presbyterian Church on Sept. 14, 2006 in Bucyrus, OH.

1990

Sharon Gourlay became a certified hypnotherapist and founded her practice, Sacred Beginning, in 2006.



1992

Jess Paul Hanks, theater director for the Columbus Schools for Girls' middle school, presented two one-act plays, *Apostrophe's* and *Anne-Arky*, on Oct. 20-21, 2006 in Columbus, OH. He is in his fifth year as the middle school theater director.

1995

Jared Beck has been deployed to Iraq as a civilian mechanic. The tour is scheduled to last for 90 days but could last up to 6 months.

1996

Amanda Gischler was named Business Systems Manager for the Columbus branch of Linc Mechanical, a leading provider of HVAC services. She recently received the National Circle of Excellence Award. Amanda currently resides in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Sheree Greco recently accepted a position with 20th Century Fox Studios where she assists in overseeing the production of several shows such as *How I met your Mother* and *My Name is Earl*. She is looking forward to a long tenure with the studio.

John Steiner returned to the Marion Civic Chorus as they presented the *Messiah*. Steiner, a tenor, served as a soloist in this repeat engagement. John, who currently lives in Columbus, OH, is a singer, song writer/arranger, voice teacher, choir director, conductor, pianist, actor, and columnist.

Bryan Knicely '91 has been named president of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Columbus, OH. He was previously assistant director and accessibility coordinator of the Maine Arts Commission, where he received two awards from the governor for outstanding leadership and service to the State of Maine. GCAC, a not-for-profit organization, encourages and supports cultural development in the Greater Columbus area. GCAC administers the Columbus Arts Festival, the Business Arts Partnership program, and the Community Arts Education program.



1997

Katherine Visconti Hagemann (MBA 2006) was named to the Board of Trustees of the Unverferth House. The Unverferth House serves as a temporary residence for the Ohio State University Medical Center patients and families who live outside Franklin County. The House provides a safe and comfortable environment to families and offers them the chance to share thoughts and emotions with others who may be experiencing a similar situation. The House is funded solely by private donations. Guests stay at the Unverferth House free of charge.

1998

Laura Wesley Geiger is a family nurse practitioner

for Southeastern Regional Emergency Services, a division of TeamHealth in Nashville, TN. They reside with their two sons in Franklin, TN.

1999

Megan Bardon Myers is a copywriter for The Navicor Group which is a full-service advertising agency that focuses exclusively on oncology and immunology located in Westerville, OH.

2000

Andrea Cecil Brown has accepted a new position as a music teacher in the Westfall Music Department in Williamsport, OH.

2001

Cie Ann Belba Myers received her master's degree in literacy curriculum and instruction and earned a reading endorsement from Ashland University in May 2006. She taught 3rd grade in the Reynoldsburg School

District in Reynoldsburg, OH, for three years before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Jason Pohl was named to the Class of 2006 "Forty Under 40" by *Columbus Business First*. The award honorees were selected based on their career development, awards and recognition, and community involvement. Jason is a vice president with Centric Con-



sulting in Columbus, OH.

2002

Dianna "Annie" Butera is the sales manager for the ESC Trading Company located in Westerville, OH.

Kayne Kirby was named an associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS). He was awarded the designation by successfully completing

Stacie Oliver '98 was the military legislative aide for former U.S. Senator Mike DeWine of Ohio. On Sept. 14, 2006, she received the "Freedom Award for 2006" from The Military Coalition which is a consortium of 36 military and veterans groups. The Freedom Award recognized Stacie for her extensive work with the Coalition and others on legislation to improve a wide range of survivor benefits for the families of members killed in the course of military service, as well as for her continuing support for the military community at large.





Victoria King '04 is a new board member for Community in Schools (CIS) in Columbus. CIS is the nation's leading community-based organization helping kids succeed in school and prepare for life. Formed in 1978 and operating in nearly 3,000 schools across the country, CIS provides access to services to nearly two million kids annually. Victoria graduated in 2004 in Otterbein's Continuing Studies PACE program.

seven examinations by the CAS. Kayne works at Nationwide Insurance Company in Columbus, OH.

Ryan Smith performed an acoustic solo concert at Grumpy Dave's in Bowling Green, OH, on Oct. 26, 2006. In addition to his solo concerts, he also performed with his band, Ryan Smith and The Agency.

2003

Jessica Perry Brantner just completed training as an Air Force flight nurse. She will be flying out of Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. She earned a distinguished graduate certificate.

Dennis Duryea received The McGraw Hill Companies Medical Publishing 2006 Lange Student Award for academic excellence at the end of his first year of medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of



Jeremy Bobb '03 is understudy for four roles in the Manhattan Theatre Club's Broadway revival of *Translations* by Brian Friel and directed by Tony Award winning director Garry Hynes. He also appeared at the Manhattan Monologue Slam in November.

Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM). He is in his second year of school and also serves as the president of the Orthopedic Surgery Club on campus.

Lisa Minken was selected to serve as president of the Worthington Community Theatre Board in Worthington, OH, from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

April Orr was recently promoted to administrative officer at Park National Bank. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in economics from Ohio University.

Matthew Sherr has worked as company manager for David Copperfield, and he has also served as company manager for Nickelodeon's *Blues Clues, Live!*. In 2006 he started working part of the company management team for Cameron Mackintosh's *Phantom of the Opera*. Matthew was also in the process of trying to purchase a building in downtown Erie, PA to open a new bar and restaurant

Sheila Taylor is a family support coordinator for physically and mentally handicapped children. She is engaged to James Shavers and a wedding date of July 21, 2007, has been set.

2004

Kate Roth Downs has accepted a position at the Twin Valley South Middle School in Eaton, OH. She will be teaching science and language arts (writing).

Traci Meister is a female Hiphop scholar who was a forum panelist at Ohio University in Athens, OH. She discussed the exclusion and degradation of women in their own culture. She also performed selections from her new album at the Columbus Museum of Art in October.

Sara Sable-Antry, a member of the Ohio Valley Business and Professional Women's Club in Steubenville, OH, won the Virginia Allen Young Careerist competition.

2005

Alyson "Aly" Blazey resides in England and is attending The University of Warwick for her master's in educational theatre and drama.

Josephine "Josie" Roberts performed in Broadway's

musical adaptation of Dr. Seuss' holiday tale, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. It ran from Nov. 8, 2006 to Jan. 7, 2007, in New York, NY.

Kristopher Vigneron resides in England and is attending The University of Warwick where he is studying philosophy and social theory.

Jeffrey Welty is now a Microsoft certified desktop support technician. He is employed by Livecom, Inc.

2006

Molly Camp starred in an episode of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* which aired Oct. 24, 2006 on NBC.

Paul Davis was recognized by the Columbus Society of Communicating Arts at its Creative Best Awards Ceremony. In the student category, his portfolio received an award of excellence and his airplane manual won Best of Category.

Jeffrey Huffman presented his first independent art show, *Outside Looking In*, on Oct. 22, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1, 2006, at the National Theatre at the Ritz in Tiffin, OH.

Beth Klopfer has been named the fundraising assistant for Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

Jessica Medors worked for seven weeks in Terrebonne Parish, LA as part of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps project. While in Louisiana she worked with Habitat for Humanity, rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. 1

with his family.

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Marriages

1973

Rev. Daniel Budd to **Patricia Shelden '75**, Nov. 18, 2006.

1993

Catherine Patzer to Jeffrey Dersch, June 22, 2006.

1996

Megan Kurrent to Daniel Fagnoli, Sept. 22, 2006.

1997

Katerine Visconti to Joshua Hagemann, Sept. 9, 2006.

1999

Lisa Caudle to Cam Tullos, on July 5, 2006.

Ryan Stephens to Holly Sterba, May 20, 2006.

Shantel Weinsheimer to Grant Blouse, May 21, 2005.

2001

Melanie Pelow to Michael Ballard, Dec. 16, 2006.

Robert C. Smith to Emily Lloyd, Oct. 1, 2006.

2002

Courtney Wiblin to Jeremy Albrecht, Sept. 23, 2006.

Amanda Terry to Ryan Bailey, May 6, 2006.

Robyn Rose Hopkins to Jason Houze, Oct. 20, 2006.

Krista Lively to **Douglas Stauffer '02**, Oct. 14, 2006.

2003

Daniel J. George to **Amber Camarillo '04**, Sept. 16, 2006.

Rebecca Machuga to Ryan Hubbard, June 25, 2005.

2004

Kevin Lowry to **Alexandra Sewell '05**, Aug. 12, 2006.

Matthew Vitartas to **Kristen Burns '05**, Sept. 3, 2006.

2005

Jena Henderson to Joshua Abbott, June 24, 2006.

Chelsea Mahaffey to Ian Story, Oct. 14, 2006.

Carrie Rae Eckert to Dustin Shoaf, Oct. 7, 2006.

2006

Angela Albers to Brian Poeppelman, Sept. 9, 2006.

Heather Adams to Mathew Riegler, March 31, 2006.

Nicole Elder to **Matt Downing, '06**, July 22, 2006.

Johnathon Huber to Amy Deerhake, July 29, 2006.



Shantel Weinsheimer Blouse '99 with husband Grant.



Katerine Visconti Hagemann '97 with husband Joshua.



Jonathon Huber '06 with wife Amy.



Camarillo-George Wedding: Bride Amber George Camarillo '04, Groom - Dan George '03; Bridesmaids Jennifer Painter '03 (middle row right)Michelle George '04 (back row left) and Maid of Honor Laura Camarillo '10 (middle row left).



Lively-Stauffer Wedding: Front, Krista Lively Stauffer '02, Douglas Stauffer '02, Katie Beres. Middle: Katie Frankensfield Rutherford '02, Melissa Lively Allen '00, Evan Hughes '02, Randy Reitz '03. Back: Ivan Harrington '01, Tracy Miller, Jason Kessler '02, Clarice Miles.

Additions

1986

Karen Slade Kerin and husband, Mark, a son, David Allen, Nov. 2, 2006.

1990

Sharon Mataruski Gourlay and husband, Jeff, a daughter, Isabella Lola, Oct. 31, 2006. She joins big sister Samantha, age 1.

1992

Lora Bishop Pierce and husband, Rod, a son, Curtis Mitchel, Nov. 11, 2006.

Nicole Ash Vassel and husband, **Jim '90**, a son, Nicholas James, Mar. 18, 2006. He joins big brother Alexander, 4.

1995

Melissa Lenko Robinson and husband, **Mike '94**, a daughter, Sienna Faith, June 25, 2006.

James Sawyer and wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Isabella Grace, Sept. 20, 2006. Proud grandfathers are **Richard Sawyer '67** and **George Biggs '67**.

1996

Jill Bush Hartson and husband, Rob, a daughter, Jenna Renee, June 19, 2006. She

joins big brother Ryan, 5 and big sister Sara, 2. Proud aunt and uncles are **Laura Bush Stier '98**, **Kevin Bush '00**, and **Kyle Bush '03**.

Krista Papania Phillips and husband, Brad, a son, Collin Celso, April 10, 2006.



Collin Celso Phillips

1997

Heather Walton Brazeal and husband, Derrick, a son, Gage Wendell, May 16, 2006.



Gage Wendell Brazeal

Jennifer Nolen Cree and husband, **David '97**, a daughter, Alison Faith, Aug. 17, 2006. She is their fourth daughter.

Adam Poe and wife, Emily, a son, Elias Nathan, Oct. 5, 2006. He joins big sister Clara, 2.

Tamara Winzeler Sprow and husband, Cory, a daughter, Kendall, Sept. 1, 2006.

1998

Josh Funk and wife, Kara, a son, Isaac Caedmon, June 5, 2006. He joins big sister Lydia, age 3 1/2.

Laura Wesley Geiger and husband, Jason, a son, Wesley Alexander, Jan. 20, 2006. He joins big brother Zachary, age 2.

Melissa Knaul Tay and husband, Abdullatif, a daughter, Megan Ayla, May 12, 2006.

1999

Nicole Schuller Arnette and husband, **David '03**, a son, Tyler Wayne, June 21, 2006.

Wendi Borland Parker and husband, Garrett, a son, Drew Alexander, May 15, 2006. He joins sister Isabella, age 2.

2000

Leah Centofanti Francisco and husband, Jeff, a son, Vincent Joseph, Sept. 1, 2006. He joins big brother, Nicholas, age 2.

Amber Weller Furr and husband, Neil, a daughter, Samantha, June, 2006.

Sara Steel Lahman and husband, **Jeremy '99**, a daughter, Avery, Sept. 10, 2006.

Heather Wallace Serrane and husband, Richard, a daughter, Elena Nicole, Aug. 1, 2006. She joins big brother Alex, age 4 1/2.

Josiah Wade and wife, Cheryl, a daughter, Chaley Lynn, July 12, 2006. She joins big sister, Caidryn, age 5 and big brother, Jace, age 4.

2001

Cara Bonasorte Boettner and husband, **Tim '99**, a daughter, Rose Angelise, Sept. 19, 2006.



Madalaina Ann Myers

Marcy Hayward Crisler and husband, Vince, a son, Jacob Hayward, June 20, 2006.

Cie Ann Belba Myers and husband, Daniel, a daughter, Madalaina Ann, Aug. 2, 2006. She joins big brother Ethan, age 2.

2003

Sara Fitzsimmons Gaal and husband, **Rick '01**, a son, Richard Silas, April 26, 2006

2004

Kate Roth Downs and husband, Joe, a son, Jordan Parker, Oct. 3, 2006.

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We always love hearing from you, but we'd like to see you, too. Send us your photos for Classnotes, Additions and Marriages sections. But make them high resolution, please! Photos should be at least 2 x 4 inches at 300 dpi. Send photos to Becky Smith, director of Alumni Relations, Otterbein College, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. Or email digital photos to rsmith@otterbein.edu. Show us your stuff, Otterbein Alumni, we want to see you!

Amber Byers Hayes and husband, John, a son, Alex, Feb. 1, 2006.

2005

Derrell Sutton and James McNeal, a son, Khiryn James, Aug. 1, 2006.

Deaths

1924

E. Lois Coy passed away on Sept. 2, 2006. She was 104. At the time of her death, she was Otterbein's oldest living alumna. Lois was preceded in death by her sister, **Fern Coy '23**.

1931

Mildred Bilikam Mussman passed away July 10, 2005.

1932

Lenore South Clippinger passed away Oct. 10, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Walter Clippinger '31**. Lenore is survived by two daughters; Linda Miller and Robin Grove.

1934

Hazel Forwood Bundy passed away Sept. 19, 2006. She was preceded in death by her sister **Maxine Forwood Conrad '37**. She is survived by her husband, **Francis '31**, her sister **Mildred Forwood Garling '32**, and her four children.

Fred Norris passed away Nov. 13, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Pauline Kelser Norris '33**; sister, **Bernice Norris Howard '27**; brothers, **Louis Norris '28**, and **Robert Norris '43**. He is survived by his sisters **Marianne Norris Tem-**

ple '33 and **Virginia Norris Smith '36**.

1937

Dorothy Hummell Oyler passed away Aug. 29, 2006.

John Shumaker passed away on July 30, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Alice McCloy Shumaker '38** and son, **Donald Shumaker '63**. He is survived by son, **James Shumaker '66** and daughters in law, Jeanne Shumaker and **Nancy Volz Shumaker '63**. He was a retired schoolteacher in the Colorado Springs, Colorado school district and a long time choir director at churches in the area. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

1938

Robert Stouffer passed away Sept. 8, 2006. He is survived by his son, **James Stouffer '72** and his daughter-in-law, Christina. Other survivors include his granddaughter, **Natalie Stouffer '05**.

1941

Maurice Permut passed away Sept. 4, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Bess.

1942

G. Jane Tryon Bolin passed away Sept. 7, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell. She is survived by her son, **Russell C. Bolin II '69** and her daughter, **Susan Bolin Beeman '70**.

1943

Janet Holzworth Henton passed away Oct. 20, 2006. She is survived by her husband, **Keith '43**, and daughters, Ann and Mary.

1944

Robert DeMass passed away Oct. 3, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis.

1949

Arlene Gause Hamlin passed away Jan. 9, 2005. She is survived by her husband, **Robert '50**, and their son, Robert.

Lorean Harner Hummel passed away Nov. 8, 2006. Survivors include her sisters, **Elizabeth Harner Dybvig '53**, **Ruth Harner Studer '56**, and **Linda Harner Pendell '58**.

1950

Robert Freymeyer passed away Sept. 6, 2006.

1950

Rosa Rubino Bucco passed away Jan. 16, 2007. She was a resident of the Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community. She earned both a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science in education. She also held a master of education from Wright State University. She spent her professional career in the Dayton, OH, public schools as a teacher and guidance counselor. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Louis Bucco '50**. She is survived by her son, David (Carol Morrison), daughter, Cynthia (John O'Neill), and sisters, Sandra Paul and Ida Snow.

1951

John Christie passed away Oct. 14, 2006. He is survived by his wife, **Christine Edwards '49**; children, Stanford, Charles, Pamela, and John Scott.

1955

Marilyn Jennings Conway passed away Aug. 19, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Joe, and a sister-in-law, **Martha Gilliland Jennings '57**. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Allen Jennings '51**.

1959

Paul Butts passed away Feb. 23, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Megan.

1960

Phillip Harbarger passed away Aug. 16, 2006. He is survived by his wife Carolyn; children Diana Harbarger, Brenda Patch, and Phillip Harbarger, Jr.

1961

Edward Conradi passed away Oct. 7, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughters Diane Conradi, Elaine Eustis, and Karen Conradi Deschenes.

Frances Decker Durig passed away Oct. 30, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Merrill.

1962

Jessie Clymer Bagley passed away Aug. 5, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Edgar '30**.

1963

Robert Cline passed away Dec. 2, 2006. Survivors include his brother, **Larry Cline '61**.

1975

Larry Coleman passed away Oct. 1, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Amy; children, Noelle and Cameron.

1984

Anne Armstrong Gilliland passed away Aug. 15, 2006. 1

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New Endowed Funds Established

With the cost of college always increasing, endowed funds offer students the financial help to pay for their education. Otterbein College utilizes scholarships, awards and programming funds to assist with student research and academic pursuits. Alumni and College friends continued their proud tradition of helping our students by establishing these endowed funds:

The William O. and Floral E. Amy Endowed Prize

William and Floral “Flo” Amy established this prize award to assist a full-time Otterbein student who has done outstanding work in the area of religious studies, including biblical, theological or comparative. Dr. William Amy taught in the department of Religious Studies at Otterbein from 1962 through 1978 and 1993 through 2005. Their son, Jonathan, graduated from Otterbein in 1979.

The Dr. Lynn Corbin and Carol Corbin Wilcox Endowed Scholarship Fund

Robert '49 and **Edith Peters '49 Corbin** wanted to honor their two daughters. Both Dr. **Lynn Corbin '75** and **Carol Corbin Wilcox '79** have a great interest in music and theatre. The scholarship will be awarded in alternate years to students majoring in music education and musical theatre.

The Bert and Jane Horn Endowed Student Research Fund in the Sciences

Believing that science is a field best learned when students actually perform research in the areas they are studying, **Jane Horn '50** established this fund in memory of her late husband and great friend to the College **Albert “Bert” Horn '49**. Funding will help with expenses incurred by students seeking to fulfill research projects required for academic credit in biochemistry, chemistry, environmental science, life science or molecular biology.

The Gary R. Tirey Endowed Award for Music

Created by funding from the Friends of Music in honor of Gary Tirey’s 35 years of teaching excellence, this award annually will be given to a student active in the College’s instrumental program. Eligible student candidates should be program leaders and brass, woodwinds or percussion performers.

The Widdoes, Miller, Metzger Families Scholarship Fund

Doris Widdoes Miller Metzger was a faithful friend of Otterbein College and its basketball program. This fund was established by **Raymond E. Miller '51** in her memory and that of the **Rev. Howard H'26** (doctorate of divinity) and Alice Widdoes, who were missionaries for the Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Philippines from 1903 through 1945. Other family members in whose honor or memory this fund was established include Doris’ brothers **Carroll '26**, **Emmor '30** and **Harold '27**; Doris’ sisters **Margaret Widdoes Laub '26** and **Ida Widdoes Taylor '33**; **Jesse Metzger Miller '30**, **Paul Metzger '46**, **Ray Miller '51**, **Dorothy Laub Kaiser '54**, **John Kaiser '56**, **Jody Laub Pomerey '56**, **Lynn Widdoes Anderson '78**, **Jeanne Metzger Augustus '96** and **Janet Metzger Hill '99**.

Recent grant awards to the College

The Corporation for National and Community Service awarded \$427,324 to the Center for Community Engagement for Great Cities – Great Service, under the direction of Melissa Gilbert. This program will form a consortium expanding service learning to new institutions of higher education and K-12 school systems, replicating YOUTH-LEAD and the core partnership model, and infusing innovative strategies for building service structures throughout the state of Ohio.

For a third year, Otterbein College and Dr. Niki Fayne have been awarded a subcontract from **Columbus Public Schools** for the U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher Quality Enhancement Project. Funding for this middle school science and math education track program increased to \$198,876 to include scholarships for pre-service teachers in the urban teacher strand and professional development for teachers who are currently working in urban school settings.

Dr. Denise Hatter Fisher’s program, Promoting Optional Health and Wellness Through Effective Self Management & Self Regulation: Spotlight on Hypertension Risk Reduction, was awarded \$110,678 from the **Ohio Commission on Minority Health**. In collaboration with three Linden area churches, this program will establish a three-tiered approach

to reducing the risk of hypertension through providing awareness, information and implementation opportunities on bio-feedback/self-regulation strategies.

Cleveland State University awarded a \$65,000 sub-contract to Otterbein College for the Ohio Department of Education's Reading First – Ohio Project, under the direction of Dr. Susan Constable. Now in year two, this program helps K-3 teachers acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for effective reading instruction, data-based instructional decision-making, accurate diagnoses, and powerful interventions to ensure their students' progress in Language Arts.

Dr. Judy Strayer and Dr. Eda Mikolaj have been awarded \$46,900 from **The Department of Health and Human Services** for year twelve of Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship. This project assists M.S.N. students

in Adult Health Care to prepare for advanced nursing practices in rural and urban health care settings that serve diverse populations.

The Teagle Foundation awarded a follow-on grant of \$17,464 to Dr. Barbara Schaffner and the Otterbein College of Nursing. This initiative will provide scholarships for nursing students; LPNs or adults with experience in the healthcare field.

Under the direction of John Kengla, the Otterbein Indianola Mentoring Program has been awarded \$12,000 from **Columbus Public Schools** and \$2,500 from the **Cardinal Health Foundation**. In its third year of collaboration with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, this 21st Century Community Learning Center Program will continue to guide and nurture middle school students to promote their academic progress and college aspirations.

New Executive Director of Development Comes on Board



Donna Burtch

Otterbein College recently hired Donna Burtch as the new executive director of development. Donna has over 12 years of highly successful experience as a development professional, most recently serving as director of Annual Giving at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio where she oversaw annual gifts up to the \$250,000 range.

In 2004-05, she served as interim vice president of University Relations at Wesleyan. In addition to her development experience in higher education and other non-profit organizations, she was marketing director for ALX Marketing and Creative Services in Columbus. In her new capacity, she will oversee the daily operations of the Annual Fund, Major Gifts, Planned Giving, and Investor Relations programs and will report to the vice president for Institutional Advancement. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan and a masters of arts from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware. A native of Bradford, PA, she came to Ohio from Los Angeles, and settled with her family in Columbus.

Donna came to Otterbein to contribute to what she says is an already strong College. "Otterbein College first caught my attention because it is a highly regarded traditional liberal arts college with a really vibrant connection to innovation as evidenced, in part, by the master's degree

programs it offers. It will be rewarding to assist in raising supporting funds.

"I hope the fund-raising programs grow and prosper and that some new innovations will make a real difference to our students, alumni and campus community," Donna said.

"Donna brings years of successful development experience to her new role. We are excited about the plans and goals she has laid out for our team and we think her work here will help us to build stronger programs and facilities in the coming years," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman.

Our Thanks!

Each year programming, like the Annual Fund, is assisted by dedicated alumni, students and parents. These individuals write to others encouraging them to invest in the College and its programs. Our sincere thanks to this year's authors of our phonathon letters:

Scott Campbell '76
Court Cook '06
Edmund '58 and Diane '59 Cox
Bob Fulton '57
John Gadd '89
Tim Krulia '03
Linda LePage '94, '04
Cindy Loudenslager '77
Sue McKee (parent)
Tom Morrison '63
Don Steck '52
Margaret Lloyd Trent '65



Let Your Fingers do the Walking....

Remember the phrase “let your fingers do the walking” from advertisements for the yellow pages? At Otterbein, that phrase takes on a whole new meaning. The next time you are online, take a few minutes to let your fingers do the walking to Otterbein. The Alumni Online Community, and the entire Otterbein College website for that matter, is teeming with information to take you back to the 'Bein from your computer.

These are just a few of the highlights you can enjoy during your Otterbein online experience:

Alumni Online Directory

The directory is a free benefit for alumni. Use it to find old friends, post Class Notes and even update your own contact information.

Using the Alumni Online Directory is as easy as 1-2-3:

- Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni and select “Online Directory” in the menu bar.
- Log-in for the first time using the username and password printed on the address label of this magazine (sample shown below).
- Once you have logged in for the first time you can change your password to something easy to remember.

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(10 digits. Requires leading zeroes.)

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(6-8 characters)

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ANYWHERE, ST 56789-1011

Note: Some *Towers* labels show these letters as uppercase. You must change them to lowercase in order to log in.

Cardinal Connection

Catch the latest Otterbein news in the alumni e-newsletter, *Cardinal Connection*. Each issue brings news of upcoming events on campus and around the country, information about alumni benefits and even news of Cardinal weddings and births (in the “Just Hatched” section.) And the Brothers & Sisters column helps you catch-up with Greek alumni happenings.

Events/Registration

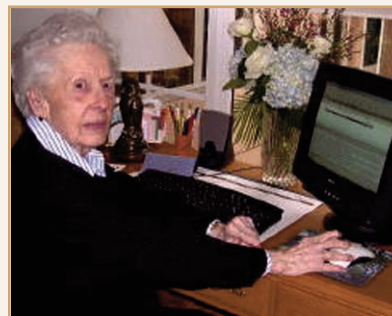
Events/Registration allows you to easily register for alumni events and travel opportunities.

Get Involved

The Get Involved section has information on volunteer opportunities, alumni clubs and networks.

As always, if you have suggestions for the online community or if you need assistance, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600, or by e-mail at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.

This young lady can show you how to do it!



Since receiving a computer as a gift on her 90th birthday in 1999, **Releaffa Freeman Bowell '31** has used it to stay connected to Otterbein. Being a Cardinal football fan, she tracked the construction of Memorial Stadium online and checks football scores during the season. She also enjoys seeing photos in the alumni e-newsletter and communicates daily with Otterbein friends and family via email.



Otterbein's first theatrical production - *As You Like It* - 1907

NOTICE! To all of the Speech and Theatre Alumni of Otterbein College:

2007 is the 100th anniversary of the first theatrical production staged at Otterbein College:

As You Like It

In commemoration, the Office of Alumni Relations, in conjunction with the Department of Theatre and Dance, is planning a dramatic reading of *As You Like It* for Alumni Weekend, Saturday, June 9 at 2:30 p.m. on the front plaza of Towers Hall.

WE NEED YOU!

Would you like to participate in this reading? Please e-mail rsmith@otterbein.edu (no later than March 15th) with your name, class year and the part (or parts) you would be interested in reading.

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Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

- Feb 9** OMEA Alumni Reception, Columbus, OH
- Feb 15 – 18** Cardinal Migration '07 – Savannah, GA
- Feb 17** Gathering for '79, '80 and '81 alumni at Pasquale's/Uptown Westerville before Otterbein vs. Capital men's basketball game
- Feb (date TBA)** Otterbein Club of Atlanta planning a meeting. To participate, contact **Alicia Caudill Colburn '96** at acaudill@gsc.edu.
- March 3** Ft. Myers Alumni Gathering, Colonial Country Club, Ft. Myers, FL
- March 12** 100 Stars for 100 Years Alumni & Student Showcase
- March 21** Backpacking Basics, Cox Arboretum and Gardens MetroPark, Dayton, OH
- March 28** Backpacking Basics, Otterbein Campus Center
- Late March** Watch for information on Alaska '08
- April 13/14** Intro to Backpacking – Overnight, Dayton, OH
- April 20** Final payment due for NYC Trip
- April 20** Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein
- April 21** Spring Community Plunge, Otterbein Alumni and Students

- May 20** Spring Musical Brunch – *Hello Dolly*, Otterbein Campus
- May 29** Kayaking Quickstart Class, Whitewater Warehouse, Dayton, OH
- June 4** Zero Year Reunion for the Class of 2007
- June 5** Reception for Graduate Students Class of 2007
- June 8 – 10** Alumni Weekend
- June 21 – 24** New York City Alumni Trip
- June 24** June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH
- Aug 5 – 9** Alumni host Summer Send Offs for new students/parents
- Aug 24** Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein
- Aug 31** Cross Country Alumni Meet
- Sept 15 – 23** Otterbein/Ireland Alumni Trip
- Oct 13** Homecoming '07
- Oct 20** Otterbein – Circleville Alumni Gathering, Circleville, OH

Otterbein Alumni Headed to

Alaska!

Tour the Canadian Rockies for the first five days of this Arctic Adventure to Calgary, Lake Louise, Banff, Kamloops and Vancouver. We'll travel by motor coach from Calgary International Airport to Banff to see views of Bow Falls, Surprise Corner, the Hoodoos, and Sulphur Mountain. We will depart Banff by train car to Kamloops, the gateway to British Columbia's interior, seeing Yoho National Park and Glacier National Park. Heading to Vancouver we will travel along the Thompson River to Fraser Canyon. After a day in Vancouver, our luxurious cruise will depart for eight days to get a close-up look at our gorgeous 49th state. See massive glaciers, eagles, wildlife and marine animals. Even if you've cruised Alaska in the past, this itinerary includes visiting the new, exciting Icy Strait Point. You'll also cruise the Inside Passage, Hubbard Glacier, and visit Skagway and Juneau. Optional activities include flying in a helicopter to a glacier, riding a train over White Horse Pass in Skagway, salmon fishing, visiting a totem pole park, and much more.

Price has yet to be set by the cruise company along with the exact travel dates. There will be a three to five month window to sign-up in early spring '07. A deposit to secure your place on the tour and cruise or cruise only is \$250 per person which is fully refundable until 71 days prior to departure.

Are you interested in learning more? Contact **Becky Smith '81** at 614-823-1650/ 1-888-614-2600 or rsmith@otterbein.edu; or Juanita Rusk '60 at 614-882-1864 or juanitarusk@aol.com



Ireland is Calling!

Sept. 15 - 23, 2007

Ireland is a country unlike anywhere else in the world, a land of constantly changing colors, magnificent and varied landscapes, a land of folklore and legend. Experience the colorful Camelot-like town of Killarney, and Kilkenny, one of Ireland's loveliest medieval cities. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula; visit historic Blarney Castle and Dublin, Ireland's capital, and tour the famous Waterford Crystal Factory. Discover this beautiful land where a hundred thousand welcomes await you.

Price: \$1969.00 (includes airfare from Columbus) • www.otterbein.edu/alumni



Blarney Castle in Cork, Ireland. The Blarney Stone sits in the battlements at the top of the castle keep.



Outdoor Adventures Opportunities

March 21, March 28
April 13-14, May 29, 2007

Backpacking Basics

March 28, 6 p.m., \$5, Otterbein Campus Center, Westerville, OH

-OR-

March 21, 6 p.m., \$5, Cox Arboretum & Gardens Metro Park, Dayton, OH



Introduction to Backpacking

April 13-14 (6 p.m. Friday-noon Saturday)
\$10, Germantown Metro Park (in Montgomery Co., SW of Dayton, OH)

Kayaking Quickstart

May 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$50, Whitewater Warehouse, Dayton, OH

Big Apple Explorer

June 21-24, 2007

Tour New York City, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Ferry, Empire State Building, 5th Avenue, Central Park and more!

\$640/person includes 4 days/3 nights in double occupancy rooms in Skyline Hotel

Payment due April 20!



Otterbein College Young Alumni

For more information and registration on any of these events, visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650



Take the Plunge!

When you were a student at Otterbein you learned about the importance of service to others. It was a core value in your educational experience then and it still is today. Did you know that Otterbein students provide over 6,000 hours of community service each year?



On April 21 alumni will join forces with current students and experience the joy of serving others. The Spring Community Plunge, sponsored by the Center for

Community Engagement, is a half-day service event benefiting Otterbein's neighboring communities. Activities include short-term beautification projects, mailings, clean-ups, gardening, organizational initiatives and more. This is a unique opportunity to plunge in and make a difference. Added benefits are reconnecting with Otterbein and meeting some of today's brightest students.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600 or e-mail alumniinfo@otterbein.edu, or contact the Center for Community Engagement at 614-823-1270.

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Spring Musical with Sunday Brunch

Sunday Brunch is a highlight in the Otterbein Cardinal's Nest when omelets are cooked to order and you leave the cooking to Bon Appetit. Then make your way to Cowan Hall to enter the world of Dolly Levi, the meddling matchmaking aunt with a heart of gold. Hello, Dolly! hits include Before the Parade Passes By, Elegance, Hello, Dolly!, It Only Takes a Moment and So Long, Dearie.

Sunday, May 20, 12:30 pm Brunch in the Campus Center
2:00 pm musical performance in Cowan Hall, Fritsche Theatre

- \$25 for brunch and theatre ticket
- \$16 for theatre ticket

Reservations by May 1, 2007 at www.otterbein.edu/alumni 'events/registration' or call 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600

Treasures of Italy, Tuscany Tour

Chianciano- Asissi – Florence – Pienza – Siena- Orvieto- Fiuggi- Rome- Pompeii

The Treasures of Italy was a unique, value-packed travel program to Italy for 87 alumni and friends Oct. 13-21, 2006.

Through the enchanting landscapes of the Tuscany region to the stunning medieval towns perched on ancient hilltops, the tour featured the vibrant tradition and culture of Italy.

1. Teatro Mancinella in Orvieto. 2. In Siena, the Campo, a huge piazza site of the world famous Palio (horse race). 3. Casa Dev Cavallo, where the race horses are blessed prior to the race. 4. A view of the Tuscan southern hill region from Pienza. 5. A charming Tuscan home entrance 6. A hillside of Assisi.



Japan Alumni Get Together
On December 3, 2006 Lyle '64 and Meg '68 Barkhymer and Akiko Kato Suzuki '95 hosted Japanese Cardinals at an alumni celebration in Tokyo. (L-R) Shunta Suzuki, Yoshihiro Suzuki '93, Akiko Kato Suzuki '95, Mika Matsumura '91, Sachika Kurihara, Kyoko Harada Sako, Hiroko Asano Mori '98, Noyuri Ariga '52, Preston Bentley '03, Meg Barkhymer '68, Lyle Barkhymer '64, Kyoko Tsuda, Tatsuo Tsuda '55, Yugo Fukuda '05, Yuichi Tsuda '64 and Eiji Tsuda '61.





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Institutional Mission

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

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