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Summer, 2007



*A Towers Wedding*

# Homecoming

## 2007 *A Time to Bond*

160 Years of Otterbein Traditions  
Saturday, October 13, 2007

### Huge Tailgate

160th Birthday Tailgate at stadium (rain location - Clements Rec. Center) \$5 for 12 & up, \$3 for 6-11 years, free for 5 & under

### Open Houses

Visit the new residence hall suites, art and communication building, Cowan Hall, Otter Bean Café, Memorial Stadium, and Clements Recreation Center

### Black Homecoming

5:30 p.m. Family Potluck  
Clements Hall Lounge

### Class Reunions '87 '92 '97 '02

Look for class tents at tailgate. Class of '87, 6 p.m. Old Bag of Nails 24 S. State St. Class of '02 - After the game at Classic, 742 N. State St. MBA celebrates 10 years at tailgate!

### Otterbein Days at Magic Mountain

Coupons good from Thurs., Oct. 11 through Sun., Oct. 14 for \$10 "3 star activities." Save \$5 with coupons available at the Campus Center Office. Coordinated by TEM Alumni

### Show Your Spirit!

Wear your old athletic sweater or your Greek shirts—or have your kids wear them!

### Annual Parade

10 a.m. Bring your pooch to walk in the parade

### After Parade

Open house of the new Communication Building  
33 Collegeview Ave.

### Athletic Events

1 and 6 pm - Women's Volleyball: vs. Muskingum and Hiram  
2 pm - Football vs. Heidelberg \*  
2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. John Carroll

\*Dedication of the new athletic field fence in memory of Ken Paul '49 and recognition of alumni athletes with class years ending in 2's and 7's. \*Free to Westerville residents and guests

### Music & Theatre

8 pm - Homecoming Concert  
Battelle Fine Arts Center, free  
8 pm - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*  
Campus Center Theatre  
Tickets: 614-823-1109

### Family Fun Bowling at Capri Lanes

9 - 11:30 pm - Unlimited bowling includes shoes, \$11 adult, \$8 children  
Free pizza and soft drinks. Co-sponsored by Office of Alumni Relations and TEM alumni

For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)

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# Letters to the EDITOR

Greetings to Otterbein College Alumni!

My names is Helen Cole Young and I am a 1932 graduate of Otterbein. I would love to be with you for the reunion celebration but since I am 97 years old, I cannot do so.

Instead, I will include a memory from my Otterbein days!

As I was about to graduate at age 21, the Mission Board made a request to the following institutions: Dayton Bone-break Seminary (United Seminary); Otterbein College; Lebanon Valley College; Indiana Central College; York College and Shenadoah Valley College. The request was for each institution to send a graduate to Sierra Leone, West Africa. The purpose was for the youth of the United States to meet the youth of Africa. The institution offering the most money per capita would send the first delegate and on down until all had sent a representative. The need during the year of 1932 was to send a graduate with a degree in Domestic Science. The first request came from Harford School for Girls in Moyamba, Sierra Leone. Otterbein College earned the privilege of sending the first graduate and I was chosen.

Before leaving in the fall of 1932, I was asked to present the proposed plan to each participating school. Upon returning from my two-year stay, I was asked to speak about my experiences at the same schools. My assignment at Harford School was to teach the girls ranging from first year students to those in the graduating class. The school year ended in November so I had the opportunity of attending their graduation. My first concern was how I would be able to get to know each girl individually? With time, I learned to know each person with their own unique personalities.

In addition to Home Economics, I taught a few other classes. We used the teaching techniques most similar to their village training and upbringing. They were used to steaming their rice and making their stew in iron pots. I used those same pots to teach them to bake bread with the hot coals on top of the lid. Some of my other classes were English and Hygiene.

I was privileged to learn from them some beautiful arts such as crocheting and tie dying. I can still picture the girls carrying their buckets to the well with their crochet needles stuck into their hair braids. As they waited to draw the water, the needles would come out and a beautiful piece of art was created.

I am grateful to Otterbein for choosing me to serve and it was a wonderful, life changing experience for me. I was able to share God's love and watch the students grow and become mature Christians. I will never forget the opportunity to represent Otterbein College in the beautiful country of Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Thanks you for listening and God Bless you!

**Helen Young '32**

*Towers,*

Thanks for the Guy Bishop story! Here's Guy with me (Guy's on the left) at a Pi Beta Sigma party in 1948 or 49.

**Robert "Bing" Crosby '50**



*Guy Bishop '49 and Robert "Bing" Crosby '50*

Dear Editor,

I received a degree in Fine Arts in '53. I thought that I would receive a degree in Political Science but as this letter will explain, things were going to change.

Let me introduce myself to you. I am Gardner "Harpagon" Hunt. Please call me Gary. Harpagon was the lead character in Moliere's *The Miser*. This is a three act French play with all lines are spoken in French. This may have been the only foreign language play given at Otterbein.

The play was given one night only at Cowan Hall in late April or early May 1952. It's of interest that the French Department put on the play and not the Speech Dept., responsible for plays at that time, I believe, which may have added to confusion about the play. All of the actors and actresses were French students and that did not include Dr. E.W.E Schear, as he was not an undergraduate at the time, nor a French student participating in the play.

The real purpose of this letter is to applaud Professor LaVelle Rosselot, an extraordinary French professor who thought of the idea to do *The Miser* and directed it. Can you believe the courage she had? She put her reputation in the hands of students with little acting ability and still learning the French language. WOW! And to top that off she lost her top student and the planned miser, Ruth Orr, who had to take care of a family matter. I was given the title of court jester originally, which was within my reach.

But all of that changed. Prof. Rosselot asked me to take the lead part. Again she showed great courage for I was not that good of a student.

For almost five months I slept with my lines, (literally with tape recordings in my sleep), seven days a week and most of my other courses were almost forgotten. But I was a kid and Prof. Rosselot had much to lose. Even today I remember some lines and when studying Korean later on, French would sneak in.

Prof. Rosselot contacted all of the French classes in central Ohio and beyond and most of our audience was made of these classes. Perhaps some of the locals came.

My wife, Barbara June Warner Hunt, was also in the play. We later married and will celebrate our 53rd anniversary on October 17, 2007.

Sadly, Prof. Rosselot died a few years later in an unfortunate accident, much too soon. For Prof. Rosselot's benefit, given the chance she took and the vision she had, her history should be accurate. This letter is to tell about the courage and strength of a fine teacher and a wonderful person. Otterbein College should know the Cardinal truth.

Respectfully,  
**Gardner [Gary] Hunt '53**



**Scrap Day 1940.** Look familiar? If you can identify any of the students in this photo, please contact the College Archives ([sgrinch@otterbein.edu](mailto:sgrinch@otterbein.edu)) or 614-823-1761.

## Flashback: 1940 and the Events of Scrap Day

How long will the freshmen have to wear their beanies? That was the question answered on Scrap Day. The sack race....the tug of war over Alum Creek....co-eds cheering them on! Who would win? The lowly freshmen? If so, the beanies would come off at Thanksgiving. The outstanding sophomores? Then the beanies would remain on until Christmas holiday. All the campus wanted to get into the act. In this photograph from 1940, we see that

even the College President, John Ruskin Howe, cheered the contestants onward. Members of the Varsity "O" were always on hand to ensure fair play and good sportsmanship. According to the *Tan and Cardinal*, the sophomores usually won the day....leaving the freshmen exhausted but ready for next year's games.

**Michael J. Maxwell '87**

# College NEWS

compiled by Jenny Hill



## Otterbein Purchases Altercare Building

*Facility will house 180 students on campus by fall 2008.*

Otterbein College and the owners of Altercare, 25 W. Home St. in Westerville, announced that the two parties have entered into a definitive agreement whereby the College will purchase the property adjacent to its campus. Altercare is currently a nursing and residential care facility. The owners are constructing two new facilities to accommodate the current residents in the central Ohio area.

The completion of the purchase of the property will occur in late summer or early fall 2007. The facility will be converted into a residence hall for 180 students, similar in style to the newly constructed Suites that opened in fall 2006.

Otterbein President Brent DeVore told the campus community, "This substantial addition to the footprint of the campus is very exciting. The purchase and renovation of this facility will increase the percentage of full-time students living on campus." According to Vice President for Business Affairs David Mead, the hall will bring Otterbein

closer to its goal of having 60 percent of enrolled students living on campus.

The purchase will be funded by revenue from rent. Renovations to the three-story property, which has over 60,000 square feet, are expected to be completed for occupancy by fall 2008. The purchase will also include 88 parking spaces, approximately 2,800 square feet of flexible office space, a cafeteria-style dining space and the vacant parcel of land next to Hanby Hall.

The purchase of Altercare was first explored in November 2004. The College determined it was more feasible to build the Suites at the time.

The Suites, the last addition to Otterbein's residential facilities, features kitchen facilities, a computer lab, a laundry room, air-conditioning and semi-private bathrooms, with a maximum of four students to a bathroom. They opened in fall '06. ●

# Otterbein Gets New Classification

In the *U.S. News and World Report's 2007 Guide to America's Best Colleges*, Otterbein College was ranked seventh among the Midwest's 107 Comprehensive Colleges. But next year, Otterbein will be facing new competition.

According to Associate Dean of Academic Affairs John Weispenning, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching develops classifications for institutions of higher education, which *U.S. News and World Report* uses as the general basis for its categories.

The Foundation periodically refines its system. Previously, Otterbein was classified as a Baccalaureate-General institution, placing it in the *U.S. News and World Report* category "Comprehensive Colleges."

According to the guide, Comprehensive Colleges are "institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education." In 2006, Otterbein competed with 107 colleges from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

In 2005, Carnegie re-classified institutions, and based on the number of master's degrees granted by Otterbein, moved the College into the category of Master's Colleges and Universities, medium programs. *U.S. News and World Report* did not have time to shift institutions for last year's rankings, but is moving colleges this year. As a result, Otterbein will be in the *U.S. News and World Report* category of "Universities-Master's (Midwest)."

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, institutions in this category provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs while offering few, if any, doctoral programs.

"Such a shift is not unusual, and we are joined by many institutions that were previously in the Baccalaureate category, such as our Ohio neighbors Heidelberg, Muskingum, and Ohio Dominican," Weispenning said. "The new category does include institutions with strong national reputations, which will challenge us to continue to improve what we do, including schools such as Butler, Drake, Bradley, Washburn and Hamline."

"Because we are in a new category, many of our peers are not familiar with our work," Weispenning said.

The *U.S. News and World Report rankings* are based on 15 measures of "academic excellence," which fall into seven categories, peer assessment being the most important. Other categories include retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performances and alumni giving rates. ●



"From a statistical standpoint, we compare favorably with the top institutions in our new category," Weispenning said, adding that the biggest challenge will be the subjective "peer assessment" rating given to each institution.

Presidents and academic vice presidents are surveyed in the spring each year and are asked to rate their peer institutions (those schools in the same category and region) on a scale of one to five, one being "distinguished" and five being "marginal."

*Graduates exit Cowan Hall after the 2007 Master's Commencement on June 9. The number of master's degrees granted by Otterbein moved it to a new classification in U.S. News and World Report's Guide to America's Best Colleges. For more photos and stories from Otterbein's Commencement, see pages 13-17.*



Work began on McFadden Hall this June. Note in the right photo the original large window spaces being restored.

# Science Renovation Begins

Renovations on the science facility began in June, just days after graduation. This first phase of the two-phase project will renovate the McFadden Hall side of the science facility and is expected to be finished in late 2007. Not only will interior renovations take place, but also exterior renovations that will restore the original appearance of the building, which had large windows that were bricked over during the energy crisis of the 1970s. Other exterior renovations include work on the roof and cleaning the bricks and masonry. The greenhouse has been removed during this phase and a new greenhouse will be built onto Schear Hall as part of Phase Two.

Phase Two is expected to begin early in 2008, at which time an approximately 30,000-square-foot addition will be added to the south side of Schear Hall, which will include an indoor atrium where students can gather. Phase Two will include the renovation of the interior of Schear Hall. The overall plans will bring together the different branches of science, encouraging a flow of information between them. A state-of-the-art ventilation system will also be installed. This phase is expected to be completed in March of 2009.

Director of the Physical Plant David Bell said the renovations and addition to the science facility will incorporate many green features. The buildings will have white reflective roofs to reflect heat and lower the

cost of cooling the facility. Unbricking the windows will also allow natural light into the building, reducing the amount of necessary electrical lighting, which will be attached to occupancy sensors to automatically turn on and off and will have adjustable light brilliance. Also in the plans are low flow water fixtures.

According to Bell, whenever possible, Otterbein is working with local suppliers to boost the local economy and eliminate the necessity for materials to be shipped long distances.

While renovations are underway, faculty offices, classrooms and laboratories will be moved to other campus locations. The recently purchased facility at 60 Collegeview

Rd. will temporarily house 14 offices, eight teaching labs and two project labs. Which departments are housed there will change as progress is made on the renovations.

Moving into a temporary home is no small feat for the sciences. Strict laws regulate the transport of chemicals, especially over bodies of water such as Alum Creek, as well as housing the chemicals. The Service

Department has been preparing logistically for the move since earlier this year, securing the necessary permissions and carefully planning the physical aspects of the move. The temporary facility has been brought up to code, as well.

The Office of Institutional Advancement is overseeing the fundraising for the project. The \$20 million project will be funded through \$5 million from bonds, \$3 million from institutional funds and

\$12 million from private gifts. Although renovations are already underway, raising the \$12 million is key to the success of the project.

“Naming rights to the entire complex are still available, and we are

looking for one lead donor to give \$4 million or two lead donors to give \$2 million each to fulfill that need,” said Rick Dorman, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Working closely with the Office of Institutional Advancement, the Board of Trustees has taken a leadership role in the fundraising and has already committed \$1 million to the project. ●



*The recently purchased facility at 60 Collegeview Road will temporarily house 14 science offices, eight teaching labs and two project labs.*



Meeting for the first time to discuss plans, the Science Committee members are, **front row:** Bruce Flinchbaugh '75, Bill LeMay '48, Tina Marrelli-Glass '97, Marilyn

Etzler '62. **Back row:** Bob Dominici '67, Jerry Lingrel '57, Hugh D. Allen '62, Tom Martin '63, Wendell Foote '60, Ted Huston '57. Not pictured: Brad Mullin '84

## Science Committee Holds Inaugural Meeting

On June 1, members of the Science Building Campaign Committee gathered for its inaugural meeting on the Otterbein College campus. The two-day gathering allowed the Otterbein College staff to present an outline of the project progress and plans to the committee, with the expertise of the architectural firm of BHDP Associates. Paul Orban of BHDP lent his insights to the discussion. The meeting also allowed the committee members an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

In attendance were committee members **Hugh D. Allen '62, Robert J. Dominici '67, Marilyn E. Etzler '62, Bruce E. Flinchbaugh '75, Wendell L. Foote '60, John T. Huston '57, Jerry B. Lingrel '57, William E. LeMay '48, Tina Marrelli-Glass '97, and Thomas R. Martin '63. Brad Mullin '84** was not able to attend.

Cardiologist and committee member Ted Huston said, "I think all the people on the committee have been favorably influenced by their science education at Otterbein and believe Otterbein can continue to deliver a fine education, but have been embarrassed by the facilities. We are eager to help rectify that."

Since the science complex is a cause in which the committee members are strongly committed, they have taken on many responsibilities in the effort to raise funds for Otterbein's new science complex. They are involved with developing marketing strategies for the campaign, designating various naming opportunities within the complex, in addition to personally helping to raise the funds and pledging their own financial support to the project.

According to Ted, an additional duty of the committee is to "assist in identifying people who are willing, able and excited to give financial support."

Ted believes this support will have a positive influence on the entire campus. "This will have an impact on the entire institution because Otterbein requires all students to take science courses and because all citizens in our communities need to be educated about how science affects their lives. We have elected officials now who are not educated about the scientific issues, yet they are making decisions. With this building, Otterbein can be a corrective influence in that process." ●

# International Panel Addresses “The Citizen Journalist”

In support of World Freedom Press Day, Otterbein College and Columbus International Programs hosted a panel presented by the United States Mission to the United Nations titled “The Citizen Journalist: The Internet as a Tool for Freedom of Speech” on May 4 in Roush Hall.

Panel members represented a variety of sectors from media and bloggers in countries with press freedom restrictions (whose friends have been arrested for blogging), to government and non-government organizations serving as proponents of freedom of expression. They included Lucie Morillon, Washington director of Reporters Without Borders; Nora Younis, Egyptian blogger and human rights activist; Watson Meng, founder of Boxun News in China; James Viray, director of the Office of International Labor and Corporate Social Responsibility, U.S. Department of State; and Bridget Johnson, columnist and blogger for the *Los Angeles Daily News*. The panel was moderated by Kirk Lawson of Columbus International Programs.

Internet freedom is a key component of press freedom in the 21st Century. The U.S. State Department

documents press freedom worldwide in its annual *Country Reports on Human Rights*. For the first time, the 2006 reports include a section on Internet repression. The United States is concerned with a number of countries that have continually poor conditions for the press, as well as countries with deteriorating conditions. The report is available at [www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/](http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/).

Bloggers, also known as citizen journalists such as Egyptian Nora Younis, report on oppressive and inhumane practices of governments, something which reporters often are not free to do. Many bloggers remain anonymous so they can avoid the same oppression reporters experience. Those who make their names public often do not know their fates if they remain in oppressive countries.

“I do not know what will happen to me when I go back to Egypt,” Younis said. “I could be arrested at the airport. But I am not thinking of that now. I am trying to spread the word about these injustices while I am here (in the United States).”

Younis, who began her discussion with an intense video of torture in an Egyptian police station filmed on a camera phone, was impressed by the freedom of expression she saw across the Otterbein campus. “In Egypt, people would be arrested and tortured by the government for hanging some of these posters,” she said. She took pictures of many examples of free speech she witnessed at Otterbein, from chalked sidewalks to issues of *Tan and Cardinal*.

Luckily, Younis has continued to blog since her return to Egypt.

Covering the event at Otterbein for broadcast to an Arabic audience



*Kirk Lawson of Columbus International Programs moderated the panel.*



*Panel members included from left, Bridget Johnson of the Los Angeles Daily News, James Viray of the Office of International Labor and Corporate Responsibility, Lucie Morillon of Reporters Without Borders, and Watson Meng of Boxun News in China.*

was Mahmoud El-Hamalawy, associate producer of Al Jazeera. Al Jazeera, the controversial 24-hour Arabic-language news and current affairs channel, was founded in 1996 and is based in Qatar. It has changed the face of news within the Middle East, earning the loyalty of the largest audience of any news station in the Middle East. Most controversial is Al Jazeera's bloody footage from war zones and coverage of violent groups. However, criticism from oppressive governments has lent credibility to Al Jazeera from an audience accustomed to extreme government censorship and biased coverage in favor of oppressive regimes.

Lucie Morillon opened the Washington, D.C., office of Reporters Without Borders in 2004, where she directs Reporters Without Borders USA in partnership with the New York City office and acts as a liaison with political decision-makers. She covers issues related to press freedom in the United States and supervises press relations to ensure that the American media give more coverage to press freedom abuses abroad by challenging the international reputations of repressive countries.

Nora Younis is a journalist and pro-democracy activist who has worked outside of state structures to strengthen Egyptian media and civil society for the past seven years. Her pieces of citizen journalism on her socio-political blog [www.norayounis.com](http://www.norayounis.com) have gained her wide readership, including her coverage of the Sudanese refugees massacre in Cairo in December 2005. She spearheaded campaigns for freedom of speech in Egypt and for the release of detained bloggers Monem and Kareem, as well as citizenship rights for Bahaie religious minorities in Egypt who are denied access to personal IDs and official documents.

Watson Meng is founder and administrator of Boxun, an independent Chinese online news service, which hosts the biggest blog for dissident Chinese writers ([www.boxun.com/blog](http://www.boxun.com/blog)), along with



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~ Nora Younis, Egyptian blogger & Human Rights Activist

approximately 1,400 other blogs. Boxun News ([peacehall.com](http://peacehall.com) and [boxun.com](http://boxun.com)) was launched in March 2000 from its origin as a weekly online magazine. From the beginning Boxun has been using the model of citizen journalism, which makes it the only online Chinese news service which is updated constantly. Meng is also a founder of China Free Press, an NGO promoting free speech in China.

James Viray is director of the Office of International Labor and Corporate Social Responsibility (ILCSR), which leads the Department of State's efforts in promoting human rights, including labor rights, and good governance in the private sector. Additionally, his office supports organized labor in their role as reformers in developing countries, protects labor rights through

free trade agreements, and combats trafficking in persons. He previously was the deputy director of the Africa Division at the International Republican Institute, where he led projects promoting democracy and human rights in Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Togo, Morocco, Somalia, and Djibouti.

Bridget Johnson is an international news columnist at the *Los Angeles Daily News* and freelance contributor to *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review Online*, *The Politico* and *Jewish World Review*. Syndicated on *The New York Times* News Service, her columns have run in numerous publications. She runs the blog *GOP Vixen* and is a fellow on the blog *Political Mavens*. ●

## 2007-2008 Common Book

# Under the Feet of Jesus

This summer, incoming freshmen at Otterbein will be reading the 2007-08 Common Book, *Under the Feet of Jesus*, by Helena María Viramontes. The accompanying theme for the 13th Common Book is “Courage, Compassion, Commitment.”

*Under the Feet of Jesus* is a novel about conflicts of culture, generations, love and human nature. Thirteen-year-old Estrella is blossoming into womanhood in California, where she lives with her Mexican migrant mother. Abandoned by her father and treated as if invisible by those who are fed by the crops, Estrella picks with her mother and siblings under the stifling heat of the California sun. Estrella’s first love is Alejo, a teenager who is poisoned with pesticides as he is perched in a tree on the fruit farm. Alejo becomes so sick that the workers plan to leave him behind, while Estrella makes it

her mission to save him, making great sacrifices in the process.

Author Helena María Viramontes was born in East Los Angeles in 1954, to a construction worker and a Chicana housewife with six daughters and three sons. She was raised in a community for relatives and friends who crossed the border from Mexico into California. Viramontes worked twenty hours a week while earning her B.A. from Immaculate Heart College before entering the University of California at Irvine’s graduate creative writing program. She left in 1981, but completed her master’s degree after the publication of her stories.

Viramontes’ early stories appeared in small magazines. Her first book, *The Moths and Other Stories*, was published in 1985. She then wrote *Beyond Stereotypes: A Critical Analysis of Chicana Literature* (1985) after attending the first national conference on Mexican American women writers. She received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship grant in 1989; published her second book of short stories, *Paris Rats in E.L.A.* in 1993; and penned her first novel, *Under the Feet of Jesus*, in 1995.

The Otterbein Common Book program was established through a gift from the late **Mary Thomas '28** to honor her parents. The selection of books for the common reading experience reflects Otterbein’s resolve to add an academic component to new student orientation and to present itself to incoming students as an intellectual

### Past Common Books

*The Inextinguishable Symphony*  
Martin Goldsmith, 2006-07

*Mountains Beyond Mountains*  
Tracy Kidder, 2005-06

*The Eagle’s Shadow*  
Mark Hertsgaard, 2004-05

*Bombingham*  
Anthony Grooms, 2003-04

*My Year of Meats*  
Ruth Ozeki, 2002-03

*The Sparrow*  
Mary Doria Russell, 2001-02

*After Long Silence*  
Helen Fremont, 2000-01

*There Are No Children Here*  
Alex Kotlowitz, 1999-2000

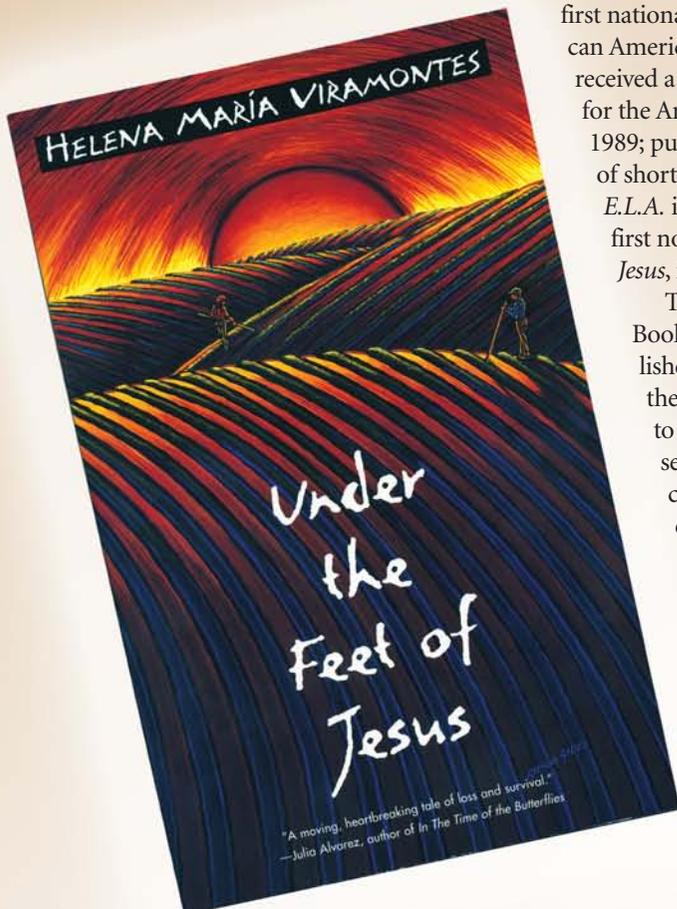
*She Walks These Hills*  
Sharyn McCrumb, 1998-99

*The Paradise of Bombs*  
Scott Russell Sanders, 1997-98

*China Boy*  
Gus Lee, 1996-97

*Fires in the Mirror*  
Anna Deavere Smith, 1995-96

community willing to grapple with significant contemporary issues. Since 1995, the series seeks to stimulate a year-long discussion of an academic theme derived from common book issues by exploring it in classes, residence halls, and co-curricular programming. This common reading experience involves all incoming first-year students, faculty, many staff members, and student leaders. A committee of faculty, staff, and students select from over 50 books each year. ●



For more information on the Common Book, go to [www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmhome.htm](http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmhome.htm)

# 2007 Vernon Pack Fellows Named

The 2007-08 recipients of the Vernon L. Pack Fellowship are early childhood education major Tamika Andrews, who is currently a senior, and middle childhood education major Kevin Rieman, a junior.

Tamika's project is entitled, "The Impact of Quality Nutrition and Access to Physical Activity on a Community." Tamika will work with the Children's Hunger Alliance and faculty advisor Grace McDaniel to assess the need for improving nutrition and increasing physical activity for impoverished families living in Franklin County, primarily focusing on the Columbus area.

She will work to connect the Franklin County community to an online resource of existing aid programs and services in order to reach and educate more families. This website will be similar to a search engine that allows community members to search for or browse programs in and around the area where they reside.

Ultimately, based on her research, Tamika hopes to build a sustainable online resource that will provide information and advocate for the needs of the greater Columbus community.

Tamika has been involved with America Reads, Sisters United, and Head Start.

Kevin Rieman's project is called "Service Learning and Academic Achievement in the Middle (SLAM)." Kevin will work with faculty advisor Diane Ross, to continue and expand the success of the current SLAM program. He will collaborate with other Otterbein middle childhood education students and Dr. Ross to further integrate service-learning into the curriculum of Westerville City Schools.

This project is reciprocal, benefiting both the local schools and Otterbein College through the involvement of students from both and through the inclusion of programs that will necessitate all parties working together. This summer, Kevin will meet with teachers and staff from Westerville City Schools



*Tamika Andrews, a senior middle childhood education major, receives a plaque denoting her Pack Fellowship Award from Vernon Pack '50.*

and faculty and students from Otterbein to develop ideas for imbedding service-learning in current school standards.

Kevin coaches junior varsity wrestling at Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware and recently visited Genoa Middle School to speak to students about bullying.

In 2006, Chris Wyse and Gabriel Riggle were awarded the Fellowship. Chris, a psychology major who will graduate in 2008, presented "Homelessness: Identify a Problem, Enact a Solution" during spring quarter 2007. Chris collaborated with the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless to investigate the underlying causes of homelessness and to raise awareness of social injustice. Chaplain Monty Bradley and Psychology Professor Michelle Acker advised Chris during his research, which includes biographical case studies and personality assessments of the homeless population in Columbus.

Gabriel's project was titled "Genoa Township—Economic Effects of Rapid Growth." Working with the Ohio Center for Farmland Policy Intervention, Gabriel explored Genoa Township's development and its effect on remaining farmland. Gabriel, a Business

Administration major with minors in Environmental Studies and Legal Studies who graduated in June 2007, employed specific theoretical and methodological models firmly grounded in his coursework. Under the supervision of Economics professor Allen Prindle, Gabriel assessed the costs associated with this sprawl and explored new legislation related to land use and impact fees. Based on their findings, Gabriel is educating township officials and citizens on maintaining farmland while encouraging local development.

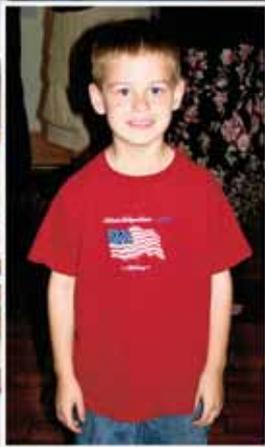
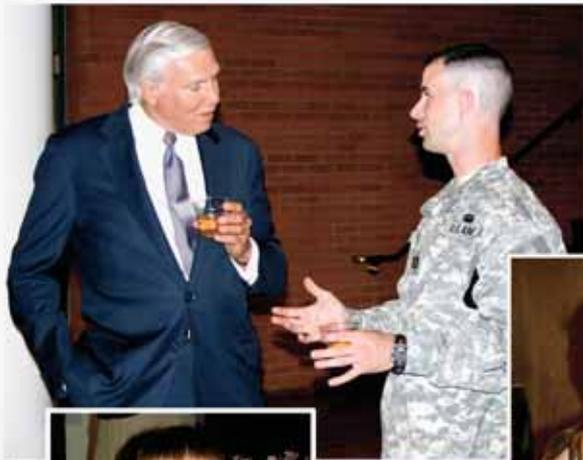
The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship was established at the Center for Community Engagement in 2006 through the generosity of **Vernon Pack '50**, a leader in the Westerville community. The Fellowship celebrates exceptional academic performance, leadership and community service by Otterbein students. Recipients receive support to undertake a community engagement project with one of the College's community partners. Faculty fellows, faculty sponsors, student fellows and staff participate throughout the year in the Pack Society, a community of practice for dialogue about the student research projects. ●

# Otterbein Honors Members of the Armed Forces

The Otterbein Board of Trustees sought to show their deep appreciation for all members of the Otterbein Community who have served or currently serve in some branch of the Armed Forces. A reception in honor of those who have served

was held on May 11 in the Fisher Gallery of Roush Hall. The Board honored past and present members of the Armed Forces for their commitment to our country. Attendees included students, faculty, staff, spouses and parents.

**Right:** Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman and Vice President for Admission Tom Stein chat with Col. Rufus Smith. Rufus, husband of Phillipa Smith, an executive assistant in the Office of Admission, has served in Iraq. **Below upper left:** Chairman of the Otterbein Board of Trustees Tom Morrison visits with Mark Karman of the Equine Department. Mark was recently called for active duty. **Below upper right:** Students Matt Lofy, Alex Ailer, and Lucas Crumley, all members of Sigma Delta Phi, converse with Trustees Mark Thresher and Kent Stuckey. Kent also belonged to the same fraternity. **Inset left:** This young American likes to show his American pride. **Inset right:** A tattoo with American and Irish Catholic themes. **Below:** the reception in Fisher Gallery.



# Awards Ceremony Honors Students of Color

By Nadera Lopez-Garrity

The Otterbein College Office of Ethnic Diversity and the African American Student Union (AASU) sponsored this year's Black Baccalaureate award ceremony on Friday, May 18, at the Little Turtle Country Club.

Black Baccalaureate is a traditional award ceremony that acknowledges the achievements of African American seniors on campus and recognizes the achievements of African Americans who have proven to be active leaders in the Otterbein community.

Assistant Dean of Students and Coordinator of Ethnic Diversity Angela Harris said, "I have seen African American students here struggle and I know some of their personal stories and testaments," which is why the event is so important to her.

Otterbein music performance major Kyle Williams won the Outstanding Senior Award for participating in various leadership roles at Otterbein. "It hasn't been an easy road to get to where I am today," said Williams. "It was different sitting at the graduating students' table because I have always planned it and watched it, and to have the ability to actually sit and participate was a little much for me."

Harris also said the award ceremony gives Otterbein's faculty and staff members the opportunity to say, "We understand your struggle, the trials and some of the tribulations you were going through, but you did it. So we need to highlight and showcase you so you can show other students that they can do it too."

Furthermore, Harris said she realizes that "some people may question why this baccalaureate service may be separate from other award ceremonies" and she said that, "Everyone has different backgrounds and stories and we just want to make sure that all those stories are heard."

According to Harris, anyone who supports AASU can be recognized for an award and they do not necessarily have to be African American. Last year, Richard Dwyer received an award for his dedication and participation in AASU.

Harris said that most of the students who receive awards at Black Baccalaureate have actively participated with the Office of Ethnic Diversity and/or AASU. The graduating seniors get an opportunity to give testimonials and express their gratitude towards anyone who had helped them succeed while attending Otterbein, including faculty and staff members.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Gatti congratulated the seniors and recognized the faculty and staff members who were present at the ceremony, including Associate Director of Admission Jeanne Talley, who retired this year after 21 years of

service and has had a considerable impact on the lives of several students who were present at the ceremony.

Otterbein student Marcus Mattox, who is graduating with a double major in business administration and organizational communication, received an award at the ceremony. Mattox said that Talley "is the kind of lady you can come with some type of problem and you'll say, 'It's okay Mrs. Talley, I can work it out,' and she'll say, 'No. We're going to work it out together.'"

President Brent DeVore gave each senior an African garment called the Kente cloth and encouraged them to wear it over their black robe during Otterbein's graduation ceremony. ●



Graduating seniors at the Black Baccalaureate held May 18.

For that reason, Otterbein also has an annual baccalaureate ceremony that acknowledges the achievements of all Otterbein graduating seniors and an Academic Honors Convocation.

Harris also emphasized that even though Black Baccalaureate is intended to highlight the achievements of African American students, all students are welcomed to share in the event.

"I really believe that every student should experience Black Baccalaureate," said Harris. "I know that the name could be one of those things that people may think it's only for black students but everyone is welcomed to attend."

# Surprise Award, Eisner Speech Highlight Ceremonies

The weekend of June 9 and 10 was a busy one on Otterbein College's campus. Students from Otterbein's second largest graduating class, comprised of 685 bachelor's and master's students, were busy celebrating their achievements. Alumni were reuniting

vice president at AOL Time Warner, where he directed the company's charitable foundation. Before that he was a senior vice president of Fleishman-Hilliard International Communications and managed public relations at the Legal Services Corporation. He also has served as press secretary for three members of Congress.

In addition to his professional activities, Eisner has served on the boards of several national nonprofit organizations, including Independent Sector, the National 4-H Council and Network for Good. A graduate of Stanford University, he received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

The Corporation supports Governor-appointed Service Commissions in all 50 states and is the primary funder for such service organizations as Teach for America, The Points of Light Foundation, City Year and Habitat for Humanity.

Otterbein College has shared a close relationship with the Corporation for National and Community Service through the years through efforts to educate students about lifelong service and community-building.

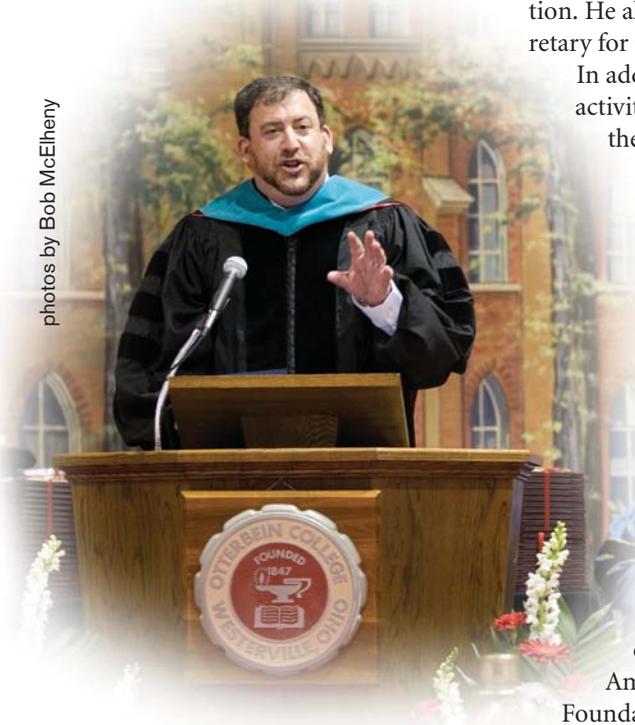
The College received funding from Learn and Serve America from 2003-2006 to found its Center for Community Engagement and develop core partnerships with local school districts to engage college students and K-12 children in service-learning.

A grant for \$427,000 in 2006 from Learn and Serve has created a statewide consortium under Otterbein's leadership, Great Cities Great Service, to build higher education partnerships throughout the state of

Ohio that engage urban youth and college students in programs to strengthen their communities. The Corporation for National and Community Service also provides Otterbein students who are AmeriCorps Fellows serving the literacy needs of urban youth with education awards to help offset the costs of a college education. Through the Corporation for National and Community Service, Otterbein hosts an AmeriCorps VISTA each year who serves as our Volunteer Recruitment and Training Coordinator.

Melissa Kesler Gilbert, director of Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement, said, "The Corporation for National and Community Service has enabled Otterbein College to build the capacity to recruit and educate college student volunteers who are serving side-by-side for social justice with urban youth in our most distressed local communities. In recognition of our exemplary commitment to our local communities, Otterbein College was named as one

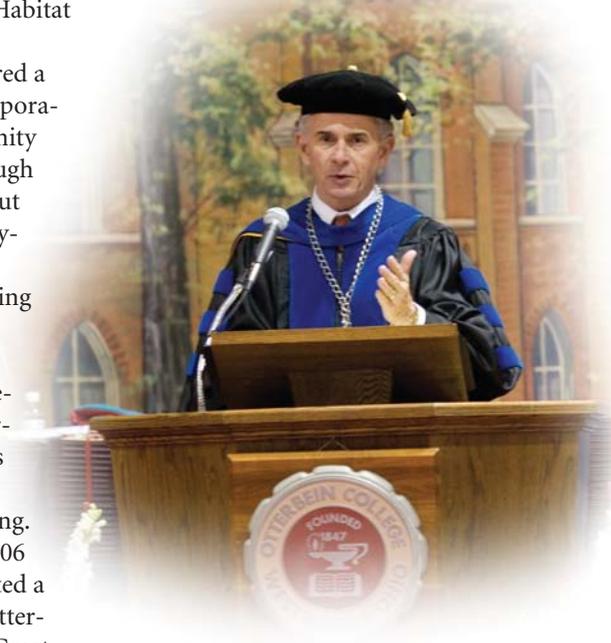
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*Commencement speaker David Eisner*

at Alumni Weekend. And special guest David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C., was on campus to give a commencement address and present Otterbein President Brent DeVore with a surprise award for service learning from President George W. Bush.

Eisner has served the Corporation for National and Community Service, a \$900 million federal agency that is the second largest grant-maker to the nonprofit community after the Gates Foundation, since 2003. He is a nationally recognized leader on nonprofit capacity building, infrastructure, and organizational effectiveness. From 1997 until 2003, Eisner was a



*President Brent DeVore*

of the top twelve colleges and universities in the United States on the 2006 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll."

It was in this spirit of community that President DeVore was selected to receive a Lifetime Achievement in Service Learning Award from President Bush at the commencement ceremony on June 10. President DeVore's



*Student flautist Kelli Wallenhorst*

service to 23 national and local boards totals 37 years.

President DeVore has served Otterbein College since 1984. Prior to joining Otterbein he served as President of Davis and Elkins College, Vice President of Hiram College and Executive Director of the Kent State University Foundation. His current and recent professional affiliations include serving on the boards of: Council of Independent Colleges, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Ohio College Association, Nationwide Mutual Funds, Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust, National Campus Compact, Phi Kappa Tau Foundation, Grant Riverside Methodist Hospitals, James A. and Katherine Rutherford Foundation, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, Seran Foundation, United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, Communities in Schools, Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce and

the Private Industry Council of Columbus and Franklin County. President DeVore holds a bachelor's of science in journalism degree from Ohio University and master's and doctorate degrees from Kent State University.

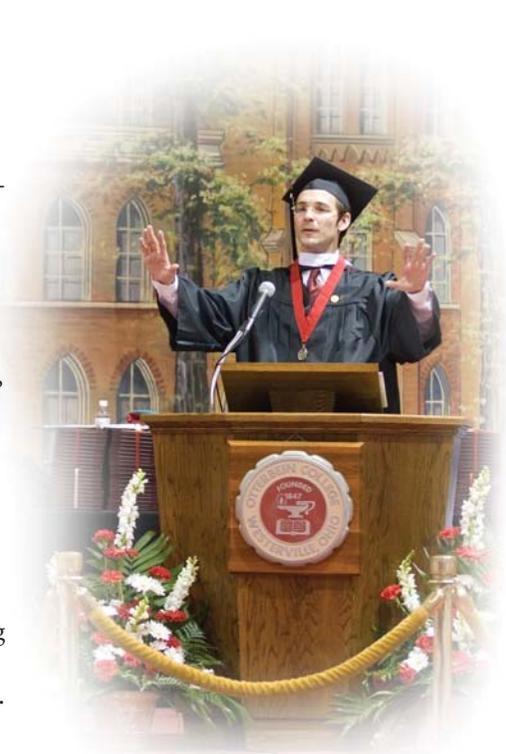
The award came as a surprise to President DeVore, but not to Mary Kerr, administrative assistant to the president who worked behind the scenes with Eisner on the award. And while she was celebrating President DeVore's achievements, she was also celebrating her family's achievements. That weekend, late night mother-daughter study sessions officially became a thing of the past as Mary and her daughter Anna both graduated from Otterbein. Mary received her master's of business administration degree, while her daughter Anna received her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Mary began her degree in 2004 and Anna enrolled in Otterbein in 2003. Mary said the pair spent many nights at home studying at the table, and when she completed her MBA last quarter, she decided to wait to receive her degree until her daughter graduated so they could share the unique mother-daughter experience.

"It's been very special to share this with Anna," Mary said. "Most mothers don't get to celebrate a shared achievement like this with their daughters." Mary accompanied Anna on her required Senior Year Experience class in England over winter break.

Another member of the Class of 2007 spoke to his classmates at the ceremony on June 10. Theatre major and music minor Nick Caruso was the annual student commencement speaker. A native of Muskegon, Michigan, Nick plans to pursue a career in film and television in Los Angeles or New York City, where he has held internships for Nelson Page Entertainment and The Rachael Ray Show, respectively.

As a student at Otterbein, Nick has served as a student senator, Personnel Committee member and a campus tour guide and coordinator. He received the President's Scholar-



*Student commencement speaker  
Nick Caruso*

ship Award, as well as Music and Theatre talent awards. He has made many appearances on the Dean's List and in the credits of Otterbein College Theatre and Dance productions. He is a member of the concert choir, a former member of Opus One and a vocalist and pianist. He's a member of Phi Eta Sigma academic honorary society. ●

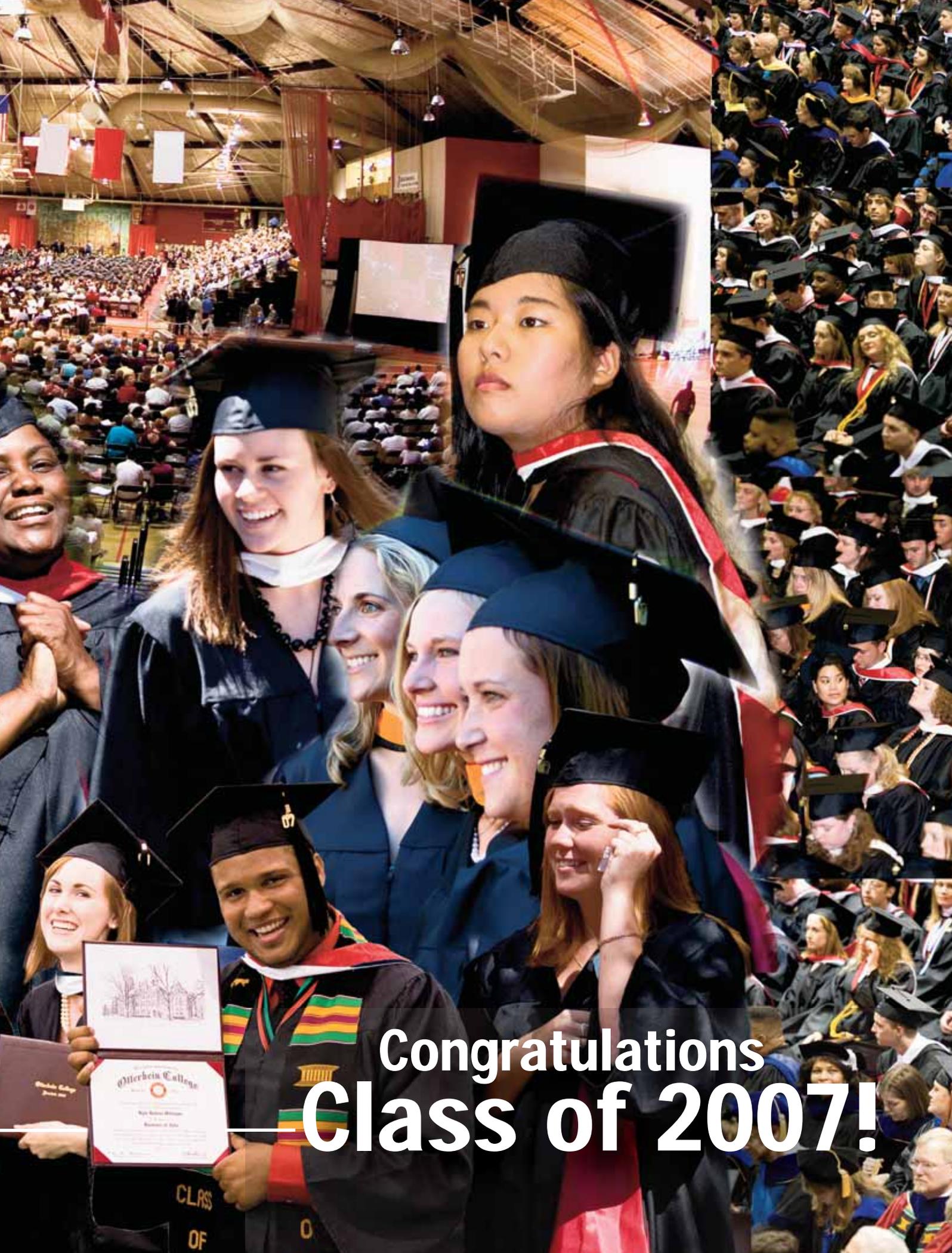


*MBA graduate Mary Kerr*



# COMMENCEMENT 2007

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Congratulations  
**Class of 2007!**



## Sustainability, Bon Appétit, and of course...

# GOOD FOOD!

*In 1987, the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) defined sustainability in their “Our Common Future” report as: “that [which] meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”*

by Jenny Hill

At Bon Appétit Management Company, a definition of sustainability specific to food service was created: Food choices that celebrate flavor, affirm regional cultural traditions, and support local communities without compromising air, water or soil, now and in the future.

Bon Appétit was the first food company to address the issues related to where our food comes from and how it is grown. It was founded nearly 20 years ago on the foundation of social responsibility and as it has grown, so have its efforts and its reach – right onto the Otterbein College campus.

When Bon Appétit came to Otterbein in 2004, the choice was a good one for two reasons, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Gatti. “One of the reasons we chose them,

apart from their food being very good, is that they are a socially responsible company, from their sustainability efforts to buying locally to using free-trade coffee.”

“Since they’ve come to Otterbein, they have helped to raise the consciousness of others,” Bob said. “One class conducted a sus-

tainability audit that found Bon Appétit to be a leader in socially responsible efforts at Otterbein.”

The relationship with Otterbein has been a symbiotic one, as Bill Taylor, food service manager for Bon Appétit at Otterbein, has worked extensively with Professor Allen Prindle of the Department of Business, Accounting and Economics to identify and implement new programs and procedures.

“Allen Prindle has been an inspiration for me,” Bill said. “He has introduced me to farmers, state agencies and others who can help us meet our goals. We recently met with the Ohio Beef Association to explore our options for buying beef locally.”

Allen grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and has always been interested in agriculture. When he learned of Bon Appétit’s efforts, he contacted Bill and established a good relationship. “We are both learning a lot about creating a food industry in Ohio,” Allen said.

When it was decided that a special meal would be served for Earth Day, Allen took an active interest. “I wanted to make sure this meal was planned in terms of where the food comes from, and I knew that was part of the company’s mission. Many people on campus didn’t know that about Bon Appétit, and I wanted to help Bill tell that story.”

Trained as a chef, Bill is most proud of Bon Appétit’s practice of cooking and baking from scratch, which allows them to buy whole food





ingredients locally. “We are really unique in our business for not using canned or frozen foods, with the exception of frozen peas, corn and green beans,” but Bill noted he is looking into buying even these items from Knox County farmers in the near future.

Kenyon College currently has a relationship with Knox County farmers, and Allen and Bill hope to capitalize on this. “Once the producers know they have a market, they will make longer term commitments to grow for Kenyon and Otterbein and we will know that the food we buy and eat is safe, grown with certain standards and that we have a relationship with the growers,” Allen said.

“I can only imagine this industry will grow as other schools, hospitals

and businesses learn about the market and its benefits and choose to buy from local producers,” Allen said.

Through its Farm to Fork program, Bon Appétit buys produce in season within a 150-mile radius of the campus. Buying local and sustainable ingredients preserves flavor and regional diversity while investing in the community.

“While our local produce is not certified organic, we do ask that the farmers we buy from be good stewards to the land,” Bill said. “By buying local produce, the food just tastes better.”

In addition, according to Bon Appétit literature, buying ingredients from within a 150-mile radius greatly reduces “food miles,” the distance food travels from harvest to table.



This decreases global warming, air pollution, water contamination, traffic congestion, and the need for oil.

Students sometimes are willing to try new things, but according to Bill, sustainable food is not always an easy sell to the students. “If there is something they are not familiar with, and we don’t do a good enough job of convincing them to try it, the food will just sit there. I like to encourage them to try new and healthier things and tell them their moms want them to eat these things.

“Right now we are looking into buying local, grass-fed cows. A grass-fed cow does taste different than other beef, so we need to test it first to see if the students will eat it.”

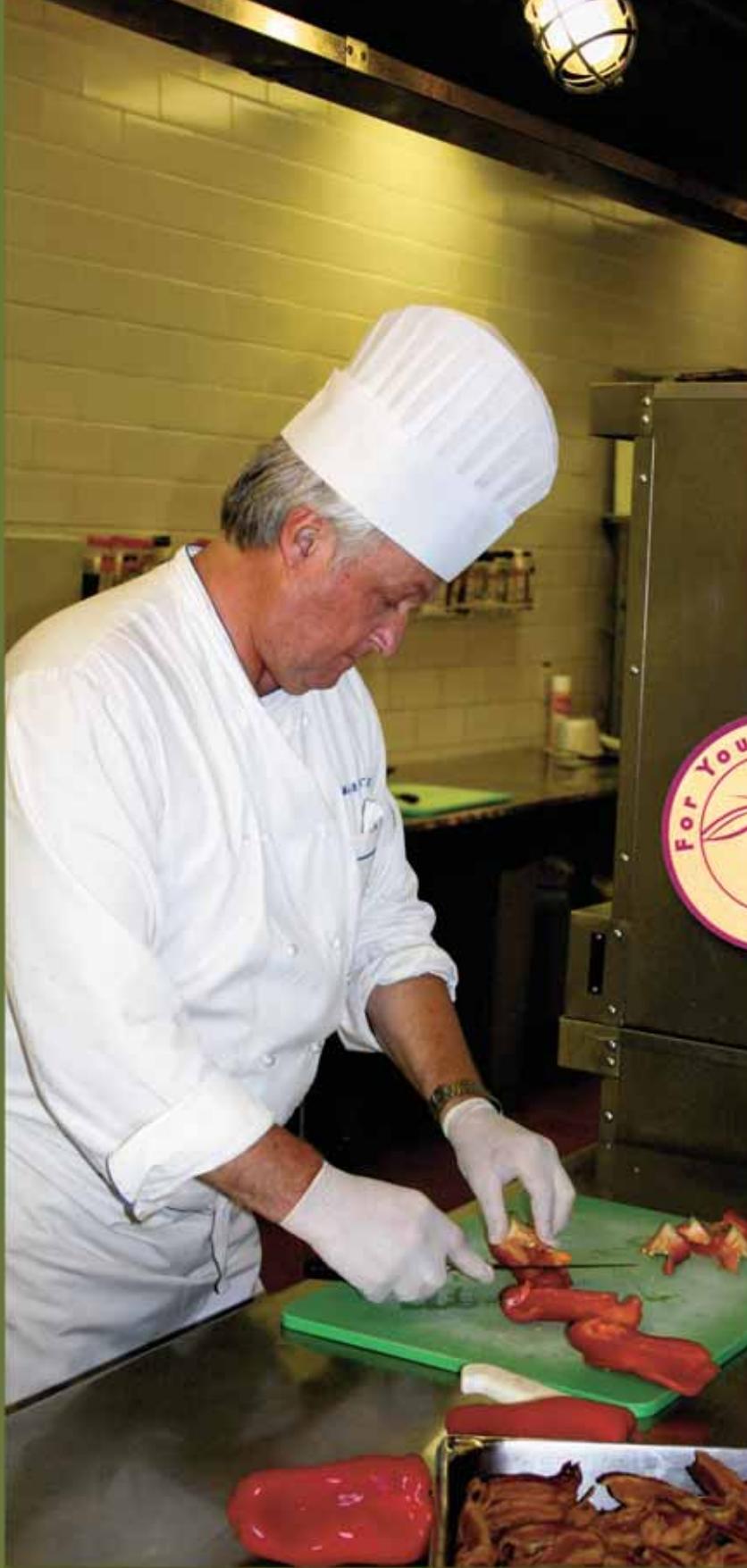
Bon Appétit already buys milk from Ohio cows, as well as Ohio-made Velvet ice cream, which is made from milk from Hatfield 7 Dairy, Inc., the farm of Lee Hatfield '93. “We buy milk from cows that are hormone and antibiotic free,” Bill said.

Both hormones and antibiotics are thought to have detrimental effects on the health of humans who consume these products.

rBGH is a genetically engineered hormone that is injected into dairy cows to artificially increase their milk production. It has been shown to increase disease rates in cows and a significant body of scientific data has linked it to possible increases in



*Bill Taylor, food services general manager for Bon Appétit, stands in front of a display in the Cardinal's Nest that helps students make good food choices.*



*Chef Cheffins in Action: Bon Appétit Executive Chef Mark Cheffins chops a red bell pepper. Through its Farm to Fork program, Bon Appétit buys produce from farmers within a 150-mile radius of the campus.*

cancer and antibiotic resistance in humans.

The presence of antibiotics in milk from cows treated with them has been accused of causing the declining effectiveness of antibiotics in humans, who develop a resistance as they continually consume low levels of the drugs through not only milk, but also meat.

Bon Appétit stocks only fair trade coffee on the Otterbein campus. This coffee is socially responsible, keeping the workers and farmers rights in place.

Bon Appétit also has taken an active role in social responsibility of its seafood purchases. “We abide by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch and plan our menus

around their recommendations, which can sometimes be difficult,” Bill said.

Monterey Bay Aquariums guidelines classify seafood into three categories: Best Choices, Good Alternatives and Avoid.

Whenever possible, Bill will purchase seafood from the Best Choices list, and to a lesser extent from the Good Alternatives list, but never from the Avoid list. The guideline looks for “seafood from sources, whether fished or farmed, that can exist into the long-term without compromising species’ survival or the integrity of the surrounding ecosystem.”

These guidelines are based on such damaging practices as overfishing; bycatch, the process by which sea creatures that are not intended to be caught become victims of the fishing process; habitat destruction and other harmful activities that put fish populations at risk. That includes irresponsible fish farming, which can create pollution and impact local fish populations when farm fish escape their net-pens and compete for food with wild fish.

Animal welfare is also important to the purchasing practices of Bon Appétit nationally and at Otterbein. All the shell eggs Bon Appétit buys



“I try to encourage students to try new and healthier things and tell them their mom wants them to eat these things.”

~ Bill Taylor, Food Services Manager

are cage-free and Certified Humane, which means battery cages are not permitted and the housing facilities must include areas for hens to nest, dust bathe, scratch and perch. For this, the company was awarded the Humane Society of the United States' Award for Excellence in Food Service.

Bill went out of his way to keep with the company's commitment at Otterbein. "I used to buy eggs at the local Whole Foods store because I couldn't get it otherwise," Bill said. But as consumers and companies like Bon Appétit demand these products, their availability grows and a shift occurs in the industry as a whole.

Other practices at Otterbein include the use of canola oil for frying and unbleached, biodegradable napkins in the cafeterias and cafes on campus. Bill is also looking into purchasing local wheat for breads and flour for baking. Used frying oil is given to The Ohio State University, which uses the oil as an alternative fuel for their vehicles.

What it all comes down to is the taste of the food. "Students appreciate good food," Bill said. "The faculty and staff appreciate good food, but also the boost to the local economy from buying locally."

Mark Cheffins is the chef at Otterbein. He is French trained and understands the need for both sustainability and good food, according to Bill. Scratch cooking extends to baked goods, salad dressings, salsas, pizza, marinara and other sauces.

Bill also agrees with the commitments Bon Appétit has made. "We brought the restaurant concept into

the kitchen with scratch cooking, and we make food as it is really meant to taste and make a difference, too. It's exciting to see the trend, but also to see people enjoying the food," Bill said.

Bill also enjoys educating students on healthy lifestyle choices, which is part of the company's mission. At the Cardinal's Nest in the Campus Center, Bill maintains a bulletin board with a variety of information on nutrition and exercise. The board is part of Bon Appétit's Circle of Responsibility program. Also included on the board are icons to indicate which dishes are low fat, In Balance, vegetarian, vegan, local organic and For Your Well-Being. These labels appear throughout the cafeteria to help students make the best decisions for themselves.

To help them, vegetarian options are plentiful at every meal; stocks are made from scratch, the day before use to ensure the removal of fats; turkey and beef are roasted in-house daily for deli meat; trans fats are not used; and MSG and peanut oil are never used.

Allen thinks that the efforts of Bon Appétit are leading Otterbein in a good direction, one which he hopes the College will follow in all aspects of education and operations.

"If we can think about ways as an institution to do what we want people to do as individuals, we will become a model of sustainability and draw the kind of students to campus that will further this effort," Allen said. ●



## Seeing Double

# TWINS AT OTTERBEIN

*Otterbein College is a family affair for many students, through close relatives, parents or even grandparents. But these students give an entirely different meaning to this concept. Meet Erin and Katelyn Glaser, twin sisters both majoring in communication at Otterbein, and Molly and Megan Myers, twin sisters who both majored in life sciences at Otterbein. As you'll see, while these siblings share the same majors and may be closer than most siblings, they don't always agree! (The following interviews are edited.)*



*Megan and Molly Myers*

*Born on July 23, 1985, Megan and Molly Myers both majored in life sciences at Otterbein, earning their bachelors' degrees in June 2007. Originally from Wheeling, West Virginia, the twins lived together in college and since graduation. They both admit that being identical twins can be a lot of fun, and Megan says sometimes people on campus were surprised how quickly one person could leave one place and show up minutes later after an apparent wardrobe change!*

### **What was growing up as twins like?**

**MOLLY:** It was definitely interesting being a twin. We had to share a lot of things and we tend to fight a lot, but we get along really well. It was always nice having someone around all of the time, and our two older brothers had a lot of fun with us. Sometimes, it was hard being a twin, because people always group you together — your individual identity is overlooked sometimes. I wouldn't trade being a twin for anything. It has its ups and downs, but I could never imagine my life without my sister.

**MEGAN:** My sister and I were always together, and we've always been really close. We had to share a lot of things, including a room. She has always been my best friend, but we've had our share of ups and downs. We've always "bickered" with one another like typical sisters tend to do.

### **What was it like attending college with your sister?**

**MOLLY:** We had the same major, so we were in a lot of classes together. Again, it was good and bad. Some people treated us as if we were the same person. A lot of

“It’s funny how twins have the same interests in things...especially since our personalities are black and white from one another.”

~ Molly Myers

our professors got a kick out of it. We can’t study together because we fight. We never had classes together in high school, so it was an adjustment. It wasn’t all that bad though, that’s for sure. I love having my sister around a lot, especially because we don’t spend as much time around each other outside of school.

**MEGAN:** Going to the same college with my sister had its pros and cons. For the most part, it is nice having my sister with me. A lot of times, people don’t know we’re twins. They get confused when they talk with one of us and then see the other one walking down the hallway with a different outfit on a few minutes later. Sometimes it’s really funny.

***What do you like to do in your spare time?***

**MOLLY:** We tend to share the same interests. I love fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, and everything else about the outdoors. My sister is the same. Megan doesn’t really like baseball, and I am a die-hard fan of the Cincinnati Reds.

**MEGAN:** We spend time together when we’re at home, but we have our own sets of friends. Mostly, I like to spend time with my fiancé. I love jogging and playing tennis, although I’m not that good at tennis. Eating is always fun — I live for food! I also enjoy hanging out with my friends, going to movies, and going to church.

***Why did you choose to come to Otterbein? Was your sister a factor in your decision?***

**MOLLY:** Basically because it was close, and we got a lot of financial aid. Megan and I did intend on choosing the same school mainly for financial reasons.

**MEGAN:** My sister wasn’t really a factor in choosing a college. We both just so happened to get a lot of financial aid from Otterbein.

***Why did you choose to study science?***

**MOLLY:** We both chose it because we

have an interest in the medical field. We both love science, but we plan on doing different things with it. It’s funny how twins have the same interests in things. It must be one of those genetic things, especially since our personalities are black and white from one another.

**MEGAN:** I started enjoying science in high school. I liked biology, chemistry, and physics. I originally wanted to go into physical therapy. However, after being at Otterbein for about a year I changed my goals. I mostly enjoyed the different micro and molecular biology classes.

***What things were you involved with in the science department?***

**MOLLY:** We were both involved in microbiology research projects with turtles.

**MEGAN:** Besides lecture and laboratory courses, I did work-study for the Department of Life and Earth Sciences. I was a teaching assistant for the microbiology lab on a few occasions. I also assisted the lab coordinator, Tara Grove, in the life science department and helped prepare for labs each week. Additionally, I worked on a long-term research project under Dr. Sarah Bouchard and Dr. Amy Jessen-Marshall. I studied yellow-bellied slider turtles and wrote a thesis for Distinction. I hope to have my paper published in the near future.

***Did you feel you have an advantage over other students having your twin here as support?***

**MOLLY:** I definitely felt like I had an advantage having my sister attend the same school. Especially our freshman year, it was nice having her around for support while attending a new place with new people. I think that this would apply to all siblings, not just twins.

**MEGAN:** Not really. Most people make close friends in college for support, and others also have their families. Also, we

didn’t really study together that often to help one another academically.

***What are you doing now that you’ve graduated?***

**MOLLY:** Now that I have graduated, I am currently applying to pharmacy school and graduate school. I hope to get enrolled in a PhD program. Other than that, I am in the process of looking for a good job. I’m thinking about doing pharmaceutical sales.

**MEGAN:** Now that I have graduated, I am getting married in September. Additionally, I plan on going to graduate school in September of 2008. I hope to get my master’s degree in molecular biology. I think my science classes have laid a solid foundation of knowledge for me. Overall, my classes have greatly prepared me for graduate school.

***Is there anyone in your department who has been a particular inspiration or mentor for you?***

**MOLLY:** In the Department of Life and Earth Sciences, I have various inspirations. My two research advisors were Dr. Sarah Bouchard and Dr. Amy Jessen-Marshall. I really enjoyed working with these ladies on a project entitled, “The Effects of Antibiotics on the Gastrointestinal Microflora in Slider Turtles, *Trachemys Scripta*.” We had a lot of fun. Dr. Bouchard kept me on my toes the whole time. If I ever decide to be a professor, I hope that I will be exactly like these two ladies. They make their students feel comfortable, and they are excellent teachers. Almost all of my professors in the Department of Life and Earth Sciences were inspirations to me. They are great people, and I wouldn’t have been able to graduate, or obtain the knowledge I have gained, without them.

**MEGAN:** In the science department, Dr. Sarah Bouchard and Tara Grove have been great mentors for me. I appreciate everything they have both done for me! ●

Seeing Double

# TWINS AT OTTERBEIN



*Erin and Katelyn Glaser*

*Communication majors Erin and Katelyn Glaser were raised in McMurray, PA, near Pittsburgh. Born on Jan. 9, 1987, these juniors may seem like ordinary twins sisters, but they are actually triplets with a brother. Still, the two are friends as well as sisters, and are happy to be living together on campus in the Commons residence hall next school year. Since they share a major, people might be quick to group them together. However, although the sisters take many of the same classes, they consciously try to take them separately to remain somewhat independent. But outside the classroom, the sisters spend a lot of time together, and separately they even enjoy the same hobbies, including watching movies, reading, knitting and shopping.*

**What was growing up as twins like?**

**KATELYN:** It was great — there was always someone around. We are actually triplets. Our brother Sean goes to the College of Wooster and studies history. It was a lot of fun growing up. We definitely have a stronger bond because we are triplets. I couldn't see us as being any other way.

**ERIN:** I have really never known anything different, but I loved it because there was always someone around, whether it was my sister or brother.

**What is it like attending college with your sister?**

**KATELYN:** I like it. It made the transition easier. We actually act more like friends, so when we first arrived at

Otterbein, people thought that we were just really good friends, and didn't know that we were related. It was more fun that way. People got to know us individually, instead of just as "the twins."

**ERIN:** I like that we both ended up at Otterbein together. It made the transition, I believe for the both of us, much easier.

**Do you feel you have an advantage over other students having your twin here as support?**

**KATELYN:** Yes definitely. We are stronger because we have gone to college together. At least that is how I feel, I don't know about Erin!

**ERIN:** I don't necessarily think I have

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~ Erin Glaser

an advantage, but I do think it has helped a lot. We are support systems for each other.

***Do you spend a lot of time together outside the classroom?***

**KATELYN:** Yeah we do. We share the same group of friends, so it makes it nice when we go out or hang out.

**ERIN:** We do spend a lot of time together outside of the classroom. We have a lot of the same friends, who have become like family to both of us. We have been suite mates and we will be living in the Commons next year with two other girls. We have never been roommates in college, though. As freshmen, we thought it would be a really good idea to live separately to meet more people and ultimately, I think that was a very good plan because we did just that.

***Why did you choose to come to Otterbein? Was your sister a factor in your decision?***

**KATELYN:** I came because of the location, size, and the scholarships I received. Erin was not a factor in my decision, but more of a bonus. We made our college decisions on our own based on our individual needs and wants.

**ERIN:** At first we were not going to attend the same college — Katelyn was really interested in Allegheny and I was very interested in Mercyhurst — but then we made a visit to Otterbein and we both fell in love with it. Katelyn was not a factor when choosing a college; it just so happened that we fell in love with the same place.

***What is your major? When did you first become interested in that area of study?***

**KATELYN:** Journalism and public relations. I love to write. I was a yearbook and newspaper editor in high school,

so that kind of pushed me into these majors. When I was younger, I wanted to teach English, but I think journalism is an even trade.

**ERIN:** I am a public relations major.

At first I was an education major, but I decided halfway through my freshmen year that being an education major was not the right path for me. I was browsing through the different majors and public relations really caught my eye.

***What are some activities you are involved with related to your area of study?***

**KATELYN:** I am the advertising editor for the *Tan and Cardinal*.

**ERIN:** I wrote for the *Tan and Cardinal*, will be a member of PRSSA, and I was one of the two entertainment team leaders, but am now the treasurer for the Campus Programming Board (CPB).

***What activities are you involved in outside the classroom?***

**KATELYN:** I am a campus tour guide, the operational vice president for the Campus Programming Board (CPB), and a member of the Otterbein Christian Fellowship (OCF).

**ERIN:** I am somewhat involved with OCF and CPB, and I work for the Office of Admission as a tour guide.

***What would you like to do when you graduate?***

**KATELYN:** My dream job would be to work for *People Magazine*. Until that day comes, I hope to work for a magazine or newspaper writing or doing layout design.

**ERIN:** I am not really sure yet. I think I would like to be a wedding planner.

***Is there anyone in your department who has been a particular inspiration or mentor for you?***

**KATELYN:** My adviser, Dr. Shively. She

definitely knows what she is talking about and practices what she preaches. She has great connections, too. Dr. Ludlum is a great teacher. I also like Dr. Kelly. She works in the design side of journalism, which I hope to do one day.

**ERIN:** I would have to say my advisor Denise Shively because she has really helped me along the way and with my decision to major in public relations.

And Dr. Strayer, because her classes are wonderful and she is an amazing professor. I have had nothing but great experiences with both of these professors.

***How do you feel about studying in the new communication building next year?***

**KATELYN:** The new space will be great and having all new equipment and everything will benefit us. I also like the fact that we are sharing the building with the Art Department. I minor in art, and I feel like the departments overlap a lot. So this change will be good.

**ERIN:** I like the fact that the department has its own building. I have yet to visit the building but from what I have heard, it is a very nice.

***Have you studied abroad?***

**KATELYN:** I am actually going in the fall to Brighton, England. It is close to London. I am traveling with four of my friends, and I think it will be great. I think everyone should be able to go abroad once during their education. This trip will actually be the first time Erin and I will be apart for this long of a time. I think it will be good for us, and maybe it will make us more individualized.

**ERIN:** I have not and I probably will not. Studying abroad is not something I'd like to do. It is a great experience for people who like to travel, but I am okay with looking at pictures in books and magazines. ●

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007



## of Otterbein

*Gorgeous weather, hearty laughter, warm remembrances...*

It was a gorgeous weekend for the 91st Otterbein Alumni Weekend. Over 250 alumni and friends gathered to reminisce with classmates on their Otterbein experience and to view the beauty of the campus. Seventy-two individuals came from 23 states including Maine, Florida, Iowa, Texas... and all the way from Washington and California. Even Hawaii had a representative. There were graduates and students from the Class of 1929 to 2010.

The weekend goal was to provide alumni with connections to Otterbein's people, places and events which enriched your life. The "Faces of Otterbein" theme was the focus of the weekend – the faces of our new buildings and the face-lifts to old, the faces of friendships at class reunions, the face of academic learning through our "Classes Without

Quizzes," and, of course, all the smiling faces of alumni.

It was an opportunity for alumni to share Otterbein memories as well as a sense of nostalgia and deep commitment to their alma mater. Our Otterbein memories touch our hearts and leave an impression for a lifetime.

The reunion planning began in November 2006 with a group of alumni coordinating this year's activities. Through their support and leadership the weekend reunions, "Classes Without Quizzes," campus tours, and many other events provided long lasting memories. The time and effort of these loyal alumni volunteers provided great celebrations for over 250 people gathered at the Old Bag of Nails, The Lakes Country Club and the 60th reunion of the Class of 1947. ●







# Golden Reunion Class of 1957

## 1st Row (seated)

Nancy Lee Swortzel  
 Jane Zaebs Alstrom  
 Carolyn Lucas Zolg  
 Janet Watkins Black  
 Sheila Mason School  
 Carolyn Cribbs Smith  
 Doris Wise Gantz  
 Clara "Betty" Colsch  
 Kirkpatrick  
 Alice Horner Chapan

## 2nd Row

Jane Boothe Smith  
 Elaine Ellis Comegys  
 Eileen Fagan Huston  
 Joan Ensign Heslet  
 Barbara Fast Reichter  
 Gay Fravert Spears  
 Marilla Clark Eschbach  
 Janice Gunn Dunphy  
 Lois Koons Scott  
 John W. Magaw

## 3rd Row

Marge Curtis Henn  
 Lois A. Vore  
 Shirley McCollough Payton  
 Martha Gilliland Jennings  
 Andy Lechler  
 Carol Peterson Carter  
 Ronald Rankin  
 Bob Fulton  
 Marvin McRoberts  
 Beverly Brumley Leonard  
 Keith Leonard

## 4th Row

Eugene Purdy  
 Bob Henn  
 Bill Bale  
 Alan Norris  
 William Freeman  
 Allen Kepke  
 Jerry B. Lingrel  
 Donald Lee Martin  
 Gary Murray  
 Fred Smith  
 Harold Hixon

## 5th Row

John Ted Huston  
 Charles "Chuck" Selby  
 Glenn Wyville  
 Néstor Martinez  
 Dean V. Roush  
 Dave Cox



**ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007**

# A Special 60th Reunion... Class of '47



**Front Row:** Irene Shinew Hampshire, Jean McClay, Lila Meany Severin, Ruth Wolfe Holland, Margie Robson Eglie, Peg Wilson Cherrington, Mary McConnell Miller, Hazel Brehm Hayes, Helen Hilt LeMay, Les Mokry. **Back row:** Sylvia Phillips Vance, Miriam Woodford King, William Esselstyn, Edwin "Dubbs" Roush, Charles Phallen, James "Bud" Kraner, Cliff Gebhart, Wanda Boyles Gebhart, Nancy Ewing Askins, Mary Cay Carlson Wells.



## Round Robin's Still Flyin'

*Started fresh out of college, this letter chain's been going on for 60 years.*

### Sixty years and Counting...

It started 60 years ago, right after graduation...14 friends were determined to stay in touch with each other. They started a round robin that's still going on to this day. The letters wend their way through Washington, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and Ohio. They told first of jobs and marriages, then kids, then grandkids. The letters kept together 14 close friends belonging to different Greek organizations, different majors, but united still in the friendships they made so many years ago at Otterbein. Because of deaths, the number is now down to 10. But three or four times a year, each member will open the others' letters, and remain a part of each others' lives still.



**Front Row:** Irene Shinew Hampshire, Lila Meany Severin, Ruth Wolfe Holland, Margie Robson Eglie, Peg Wilson Cherrington. **Back row:** Miriam Woodford King, Mary Cay Carlson Wells, Sylvia Phillips Vance, Wanda Boyles Gebhart. *Not pictured: Elizabeth Mills Coughlin.*

## Pre-Class of 1957



**Front Row:** Marilyn Steiner Mokry '49, Leslie Mokry '47, Miriam Wise Keller '53. **2nd Row:** Harvey Smith '55, John Wells '48, Jane Morrison Horn '50, Dick Sellers '50. **3rd Row:** Richard Reichter '56, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Richard Sanders '29, Bob Keller '50.

## Class of 1962



**Front Row left to right:** Judith Jones Schrek, Jean Erichsen Parker, Lei Shoda Tobias, Kay Ayers Trazier, Ella Jurrene Shaffer, Bev Peck Ringo, Marilyn Grimes Birckbichler, Sharron Smith Schar, Myra Hielt Traxler. **2nd Row:** Jim Bebee, Cathie Hawkins Hickin, Jack Pietila, Suzi Shelley Jones, Sherry Neibler Kuntz, Opal Adkins Gilson, Ken Gilson, Dale Sauer, David Schar. **3rd Row:** Hugh D. Allen, Gary F. McKinley, Lois Marburder Reinhardt, Ron Tobias, Tom Jenkins, Susan Allaman Wright. **4th Row:** Max Weaver, Glenn Aidt, Nancy Bone Hollifield, Louise Bollechino Klump, Barbara Glor Martin, David Hutchings.

## Class of 1967



**Front Row:** Laurie Elwell Paulus, Sharon Banbury Shoaf, Joy Kiger, Maxine Bamburger Hegnauer, Jane Arnold Olson, Jeff Olson. **2nd Row:** Florence Gee Lowe, Janet Radebaugh Purdy, Linda Bixby, Toni Churches Carter, Elaine Ellis Brookes. **3rd Row:** Don R. Lutz, Allen Myers, Barb Billings Hazelbaker, David Evans, Robert Woodruff, Jerry L. Pearson, James Bruce, Philip J. Hardy. **4th Row:** Brian C. Johnston, Tom Shoaf, Brian Wood, Carl Weaver, George Biggs, Earl Warren Bennett, Warren Wheeler.

## Class of 1972



**Front Row:** Jim Fox, Kathy Benson Moling, Amy Weinrich, Deborah Beetham Ford. **2nd Row:** Lynne Hokanson, Mary Temple Norton, Kathy Butler, Charles Ford, Helen Johnson Hutchinson. **3rd Row:** Kathy Sellers, William Gabriele, Alan Hyre, Jim Roshon, Nate VanWey. **4th Row:** Gail Williams Bloom, David C. Bloom, George Miller, Jim Vetter, Joe Pallay, Gary Armbrust.

## Class of 1977



*Front Row: Nancy Flinchbaugh, Karen Maurer Fortner, Peter Bunnell. 2nd Row: Thomas Brown, Carol Meyer Carter, Robin Sando Mead, Joe Antram*

## Class of 1982



*Al Waterhouse, Amy Conrad Levine.*

## What do the following people have in common?

MSNBC News correspondent and TV Anchor - **Chris Kapostasy Jansing '78**

Retired Four Star General in U.S. Air Force - **General Lance Lord '69**

NASA Astronaut Trainer - **Al Manson '60**

CEO of Columbus Urban League - **Eddie Harrell '94**

CEO and President of Westerville Chamber of Commerce - **Janet Davis '82**

Cleveland Clinic Medical Director - **Dr. Mellar P. Davis '74**

CEO of Rubbermaid - **Wolfgang R. Schmitt '66**

U.S Federal Court Judge - **Judge Alan Norris '57**

Professor in biochemistry who has received honors world-wide - **Marilynn Etzler '62**

**They are all proud Otterbein College Alumni and recipients of an Otterbein Alumni Award.**

Know alumni to add to this list? Nominations for awards being accepted until December 3, 2007. Forms available at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'Get Involved.'

## *Chuck Vedder Honorary Alumnus Award*



Charles “Chuck” Vedder was born in Columbus, Ohio, where his father was a professor of music at The Ohio State University and his mother a piano teacher.

Although he was musically inclined like his parents, Chuck also cultivated a passion for foreign languages. He majored in Spanish and minored in French at The Ohio State University, graduating in 1969. He then earned a master’s degree in Spanish and Spanish American literature in 1971, also from Ohio State. During his undergraduate years, he studied at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and lived with a Mexican family.

From 1971 to 1978 Chuck taught Spanish and French in Columbus. He met his future wife Debby Scott Vedder ’73 while teaching at Ridgeview Junior High School, where she was a student teacher. Chuck and Debby were married in 1974. They have one son, Rod Vedder ’05.

Chuck began his work with international students in 1979, when he became assistant director of the ESL program at Ohio Wesleyan University. After five-and-a-half years at OWU and several years in other positions, Chuck had the good fortune of being hired by Otterbein as Director of International Student Programs in 1987.

At Otterbein, Chuck presides over the expansion of exchange programs and other study abroad opportunities, continues to teach Spanish, and offers enthusiastic and dedicated personalized service to a diverse group of international students. One of his major responsibilities is keeping abreast of immigration rules and helping the international students follow them.

Since his college days, Chuck has maintained an active interest in music. Another interest has been traveling, which he has done on four continents with his family and also on behalf of Otterbein.

Chuck said, “The college is such a special place. It offers a friendly, helpful, comfortable environment but is also constantly working to improve and grow. Otterbein is strong now, but it has an incredible amount of potential. I’m proud to be a part of it and optimistic about its future.”

# 2007 Alumni Awards

## David A. Brown '64 Special Achievement Award

**D**r. David A. Brown graduated from Otterbein with a double major in mathematics and education, after which he earned his master's degree in counseling from John Carroll University and his doctoral degree in leadership and human behavior from the United States International University in San Diego, California. He completed intensive postdoctoral work at the Rational Behavior Therapy Center of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and at the Outward Bound School in Morganton, North Carolina.

He has been a professor of psychology at International College in Fort Myers for the past 12 years. He is the author and developer, as well as executive and clinical director, of an intensive, long-term, family-oriented, adolescent, drug rehabilitation treatment program in Florida. He has had more than 30 years of success working with drug abusers, would-be suicides, managers unable to cope, couples with marital problems, and juveniles with aberrant behavior problems.

Dr. Brown has developed and led successful experiential training programs in the Florida swamps to resolve interpersonal and intrapersonal relationship problems



among high school students in high-risk areas for E.S.E.A. Title III. He has led groups of 300 pharmacists through personal conflict resolution experiences, as well as neighborhood groups in emotional survival encounters. Rational living, stress management, conflict resolution, and problem solving workshops were presented to industrial managers, school psychologists, college students, counselors and administrators, and J.T.P.A. participants with exciting success. He has developed and directed grants for the United States Office of Education and the Office of Economic Opportunity, utilizing educational innovations.

He is board certified by the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors and the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. He is certified in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy by the Rational Behavioral Therapy Center of the University of Kentucky. He has served as adjunct instructor at Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana Vocational-Technical College, and Edison Community College.

Dr. Brown authored *The Pocket Therapist* and *The Pocket Therapist II* and has published numerous articles regarding the practical application of rational thinking.

# 2007 Alumni Awards

## *Norris Wayne Cummerlander '80 Special Achievement Award*



**N**orris Wayne Cummerlander has lived and worked in Columbus his entire life. From as early as Wayne can remember, his parents stressed the importance of an education. It was from his parent's conviction and support that lead Wayne on the path to pursue a college degree in education and ultimately enhance the education and futures of thousands of Central Ohio students.

At Otterbein, Wayne was a member of the 1977 football team, which shares the best record in the College's history, with a record of 8 wins, 1 loss. At the end of his career in football, Wayne owned 6 of the 7 rushing school records. Wayne was named All-America in 1974, making him the first African-American All-American in football at Otterbein.

After graduating from Otterbein in 1980, Wayne was hired as a social studies teacher at his alma mater, Grove City High School. He taught and coached football and track for 13 years. Seeing students who faced obstacles to success led him to earn his master's degree in school counseling from the University of Dayton in 1993. Within six months he was hired into his first counseling position at Brookpark Middle School, which he held for eight years.

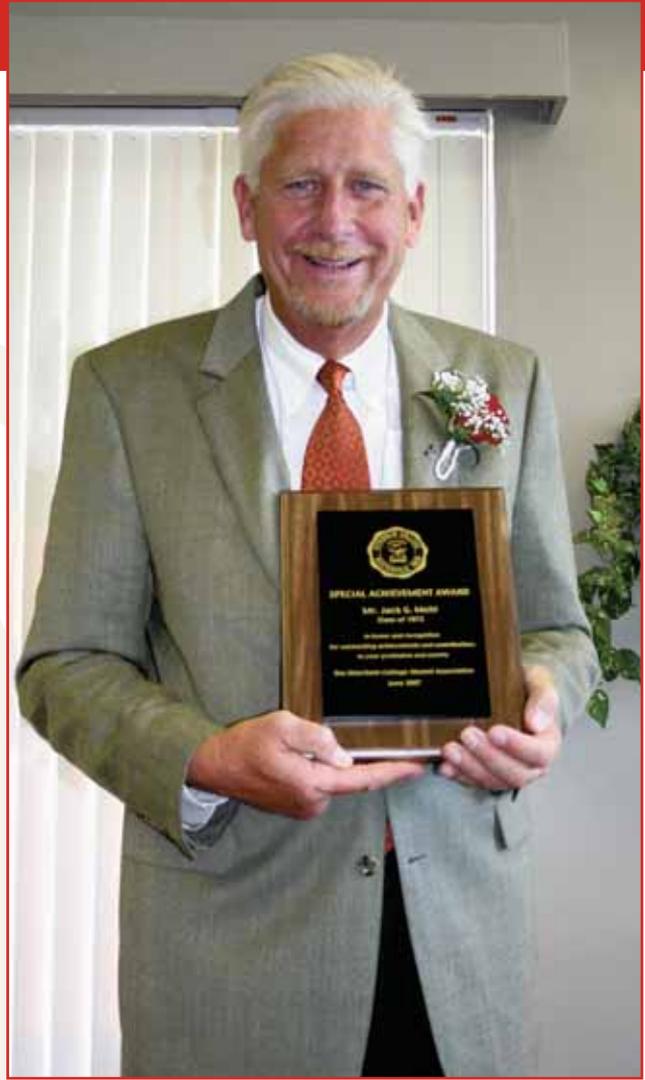
For the past 5 years Wayne has been working at Franklin Heights High School. Prior to Wayne's arrival, the school was averaging 23 percent of its student body attending a two- or four-year college, with an average total of \$600,000 in scholarships. In 2004, his first senior class boasted an average of 68 percent of the class admitted to a two year and four year college, and had a total of \$3 million in scholarships. Wayne was named one of the 2004 Teachers of the Year Award in the South-Western City Schools. Wayne's leadership in his school and community comes from his passion to help at-risk students maximize their potential.

Wayne states, "My goal is to make the dreams of my students their reality by sharing the lessons instilled in me by my parents."

Wayne and his wife, Marie, are the parents of Lauren, Anthony, and Angela.

# 2007 Alumni Awards

## *Jack G. Mehl '72 Special Achievement Award*



**J**ack G. Mehl was born in Greenville, Ohio. His dedication to the athletic arena spans 30 years, throughout which he has been known for his diligent work to ensure the academic and athletic success of student-athletes.

Following graduation, Jack served as the Director of Athletics at Florida Atlantic University for 12 years, where he was responsible for proposals that moved the athletic program from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II, and ultimately to NCAA Division I.

From 1993-95, Jack served as the business and marketing director for the Rose Bowl, where he utilized business and marketing strategies to gain advertising and sponsorship.

In 1995, Jack became director of athletics at Oakland University. During his first season as director, Oakland University captured the GLIAC's President's Cup as the top all-around athletic program in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Since joining Jack has guided the athletics program into NCAA Division I from Division II. Also, he oversaw the construction of a new \$37 million athletics center and the adoption of a new mascot, the Golden Grizzlies. His insistence that academics must come

first has resulted in individual Golden Grizzlie student-athletes gaining recognition 554 times as Academic All-Mid-Con. During his tenure, Oakland won 36 Mid-Con titles, sent 17 teams to NCAA Tournament appearances. After 11 years of service, he retired.

Also a coach, Mehl was Florida Atlantic's golf coach from 1979-84 and coached basketball at three different institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Greensboro from 1975-78.

Jack said, "The lessons learned while attending Otterbein were and continue to be a foundation which permits me to move, function and live life to the fullest within my community."

Jack is enjoying his retirement in Sarasota, Florida.

# 2007 Alumni Awards

## Mark Puskarich '86 Alumni Community Service Award



**G**iving up his childhood dreams to become a rock star, Mark Puskarich came to Otterbein from Cadiz, Ohio, leaving behind the band and best friends he'd been with for four years. After graduating from Otterbein in 1986 with a double major in business administration and computer science, Mark began his 21-year career at Worthington Industries. He also went back to his rock star roots to support cancer research through music.

In 1997, Mark and three of his former high school friends reunited their band, along with the wife of one, to record a Christmas music CD. Their pursuit was halted when one of the band members was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer. Four years later, he overcame the cancer and is currently in remission. The group decided to use their love of music as a way to give back, celebrate their bandmate's survival and help raise money for cancer research and treatment.

Mark is the president and founder of A Christmas to Cure Cancer, Inc., a non-profit entity to raise money for cancer research and donate the net proceeds to organizations engaged in cancer research. In 2002, the group released their first Christmas CD and held their first benefit concert. Five

years later, Mark and his friends have raised a total of \$440,000 through their "A Christmas to Cure Cancer" benefit concerts and their Christmas CD releases.

Locally, their contributions have benefited cancer research efforts through the American Cancer Society, James Cancer Hospital, the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research and the Ohio Cancer Research Associates. At their December 2006 Columbus benefit concert, Heather Pick of 10TV and Stefanie Spielman served as guest speakers and John McConnell, CEO of Worthington Industries, and his wife served as Honorary Chairs. The event raised \$65,000 through a dinner, concert, silent/live auctions and donations. All donations that evening went to The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

In 2006, Mark was honored as one of ten *Columbus Dispatch* Jefferson Award recipients for his service to the community.

Mark stated, "The most meaningful memories I have of Otterbein center around the people and the relationships I developed there. Otterbein is a great institution and I know it was the best place for me."

# 2007 Alumni Awards

## *Bruce E. Flinchbaugh '75 Distinguished Alumnus Award*

**D**r. Flinchbaugh remembers his days at Otterbein College as a time of diverse learning, good friends and great fun. A mathematics student from Dayton, Ohio, he joined Kings Fraternity and often performed as a singer-songwriter playing guitar. He studied abroad his junior year at the University of Durham, England, and was selected for the undergraduate honors research summer program at Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago. He graduated with college and departmental honors. His advances in computer science have strengthened the way technology is used in safety and security systems around the world.

After graduating from Otterbein, he received a master's and a doctoral degree in computer and information science at The Ohio State University. During his doctoral research he began tackling problems in the field of computer vision – to give computers the ability to 'see.' Dr. Flinchbaugh continued this in postdoctoral research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and at OSU before joining Texas Instruments (TI) in 1982.

Throughout 25 years with TI, Dr. Flinchbaugh has led R&D projects contributing to TI digital signal processing (DSP) business. He holds 20 patents for TI systems and methods including seismic data interpretation for oil exploration, plasma etch process diagnosis for semiconductor manufacturing, automatic target recognition for defense systems, autonomous video surveillance for safety and security, and digital video and image processing for digital cameras and cellular phones. Dr. Flinchbaugh is a TI Fellow and Manager of Video & Image Processing R&D in the TI DSP R&D Center.

After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, he began redirecting TI target recognition research to develop digital camera and autonomous video surveillance technology for commercial and consumer safety and security. He pioneered computer vision technology that is now known as video analytics. He led the design of video monitoring algorithms that automatically track and map people and vehicles. By 1998, his R&D team had developed the first stand-alone video monitoring camera prototype with the algorithms embedded as software on a DSP chip. Today, TI DSP processors are used in millions of cameras and video products worldwide.

Dr. Flinchbaugh has published or presented in more than 75 technical forums including journals, conferences, industry magazines and universities. He has served the



community professionally in numerous capacities, currently on advisory boards at OSU and the University of Notre Dame, and as Head Technical Chair of the TI Developers Conference.

Past responsibilities have included roles as Associate Editor of *IEEE Expert*, member of the Industrial Liaison Committee of the International Association for Pattern Recognition, Principal Investigator for DARPA Image Understanding Research, Program Chair of the IEEE Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision, and Treasurer for the Lamplighter School Parents Association. Awards recognizing Dr. Flinchbaugh's achievements include Distinguished Alumnus, OSU College of Engineering, 2003; TI Fellow, 2002; TI Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, 1998; ACM Recognition of Service Award, 1993; TI Senior Member of Technical Staff, 1986; University Fellow, OSU, 1975-79; Otterbein Torch & Key, 1975; Otterbein Scholar, 1971.

Dr. Flinchbaugh said, "I had no idea in my college days of what I would do for a career. I am certain that the Otterbein liberal arts education provided me with the flexibility to adapt and the courage to help make the world a better place to live."

Dr. Flinchbaugh and his wife, Mary Fontana, live in Dallas with their two children.

# Class NOTES

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1927

**Ruth Hayes McKnight** celebrated her 100th birthday this year on Feb 4, 2007. Ruth has three children from her marriage to her late husband **Wilbur C. McKnight '29**. She taught in Millersburg and Massillon, OH, then had a hiatus for raising her family before returning to teach at Hyre Middle School and Ellet High Schools in the Akron school system. She has a great passion for children, and has crocheted more than 300 mittens and more than 100 baby blankets that she has donated to Ellet Good Neighbors. She has traveled extensively and has "been on every continent except for one."

1950

**Richard Whitehead** was awarded the Gladys Allen Brigham Award in recognition of over four decades of volunteer service to the community and to Berk-

1963

**Imodale Caulker-Burnett** has worked to better her ancestral village, Mambo, and bring it into the 21st century. The village had no electricity, no running water, no health-care providers or facilities, but she is working on changing and updating all of these to better equip Mambo. Since she started in 2002, she set up a nonprofit organization, Lesana Community Development and a micro-credit program aimed at helping women in the village start their own businesses.



*The partially built community center in the Sierra Leone village of Mambo.*

shire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA. The award was given by the Berkshire Health Systems Board of Trustees.

1955

**Richard Winkler** was honored at Habitat for Humanity's annual awards banquet for his all around support of Habitat's commitment to provide a "hand up, not a hand out to the needy." Richard has been the Moorings Habitat Golf Outing chairman for two years, and recently has become the chairman of

the Moorings Club Habitat Committee.

1961

**David Norris** and his family have moved to a farm in Gloucestershire, England, where they raise and train event horses. The farm is near Berkeley Castle, where Edward II met his sticky end in 1327.

1962

**Paul Gutheil** was recently awarded the Preceptor All Star Award from The Ohio



State University College of Medicine, a rare distinction that can only be obtained through the praise of students. Gutheil practices in the Columbus, OH, area.

**Gerald McFeeley** and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February. The celebration included a dinner with family at a local Columbus, OH, restaurant.

**James Thomas** retired as Franklin Golf Club superintendent in 2005. He came back to the same club as the assistant superintendent in the spring of 2007. He is currently a member of the Warren County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Warren County, OH.

1965

**Dick Reynolds**, coach for the Otterbein basketball

1942

**Bette Green Elliot** was elected for achievement in the field of the arts to the YWCA Women's Hall of Fame of Stark County, OH. A panel of judges selected women who have achieved outstanding accomplishment in the fields of arts/performing arts, business/industry, community service, education, human activities, and sports. She was honored at a dinner on May 8 held at the McKinley Grand Hotel in Canton, OH.

team, is ranked first among Ohio Athletic Conference coaches on the all-time career victory list. In December the team handed him his 600th career victory. Reynolds is the fifth NCAA Division III coach to win 600 games and the 46th NCAA coach to do it overall. Reynolds is also featured in *Leadership Within Reach*, a book which deals with keys to leadership success.

## 1966

**Mary Ellen Armentrout** is considered the foremost expert in the birth and evolution of the Andrew Carnegie public library system throughout the entire state of Ohio. She is sought out to give talks to various library groups and other interested organizations. She wrote and published a book entitled, *The Carnegie Public Libraries: Our Cultural Heritage* in 2003. She has personally visited every library that has received a Carnegie Grant.

## 1967

**Deborah Barndt** recently edited *Wild Fire: Art as Activism*, a volume of contributions by former graduate students at York University in Toronto, Canada. She coordinates a new certificate program at the university in Community Arts Practice, and recently finished a term as associate dean of Environmental Studies. A Spanish edition of her book, *Tangled Routes: Women, Work, and Globalization on the Tomato Trail* (2002) was published this year in Mexico

and an updated edition is due out in 2008.

**Carol Lancaster Meeks** was named to the first group of African-American Pioneers at Florida State University. The group represents the first 40 African American doctoral graduates of the College of Education after integration of the University. She is currently teaching part-time at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and full-time at a public alternative high school in Salisbury, NC.

**J. Thomas Pascoe** was recently re-elected to serve as chairman of the Ohio Waterways Safety Council in Sandusky, OH. He is serving his second term as Perkins Township trustee, and served as vice-president and secretary of Pascoe Insurance until 1997. He is also a former part-time police officer for Put-In-Bay and deputy sheriff in Erie County.

**Barry Pfahl** retired from the Willard City Schools in Willard, OH, after 39 years in education and 32 years of basketball coaching.

**Sheryl Deyo Poplstein** and her husband are the proud grandparents of 10 wonderful grandchildren.

## 1970

**David Bach** has been hired by The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy to be their development director.

**Cea Cohen-Elliott** led a presentation at the Beaver-creek HealthPark of Greene Memorial Hospital in

Beavercreek, OH, entitled "Laugh for the Health of It." Elliott is a professional motivational speaker, wellness and fitness coach, and seminar and workshop leader.

**Ronn Rucker** was one of two Grand Marshalls for the Gay Pride Festival in June in Cincinnati, OH. He founded the first anonymous HIV test site in the world and has spoken on Gay Lesbian issues and AIDS around the world. He was previously selected as man of the year for a Cincinnati gay publication and was pictured in the *National Advocate Magazine* upon his retirement in September of 2005. When he retired, then Mayor Luken proclaimed Monday Oct. 10, 2005 as "Ronn Rucker Day" in Cincinnati.

## 1973

**Nancy Grace**, professor of English at the College of Wooster, examined the writer Jack Kerouac in her new book entitled *Jack Kerouac and the Literary Imagination*. She has written and edited three other books.

**Steven Jesseph**, vice chairman of the Board of Directors for the Worldwide Responsible Apparel Production, spoke at The Hosiery Association's 102nd Annual Convention in April on the topic of "Global Insights to Social Compliance" in Charleston, SC.

**David Leist** represented the Ohio Educational Theatre Association on March 13, 2007 as a delegate to the

National Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. As a delegate, he met with staff members of Congressman Zack Space, Ohio District 18, and Congresswoman Jean Schmidt, Ohio District 2, to advocate for the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education's Arts in Education programs. On a side trip to Baltimore, David visited the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church, burial place of Philip Wilhelm Otterbein, for whom our college was named.

**Gary Smith** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Flagstaff Mission to the Navajos in April 2007.

## 1975

**Deborah Lytle Schrock** and her husband, Glenn, have four wonderful children, Byron, Meghan, Chloe and Noelle. They have been a precious gift and bring them much joy. They are active at Wooster Grace Brethern Church in Wooster, OH. Deborah enjoys her work as a home health aide.

## 1976

**Ronald Gorman** has been appointed as the regional president for Harleysville Insurance in Harleysville, PA.

**Harland Hale** was the guest speaker for the Government Agencies Committee of the Columbus Bar in May, where he provided an overview of the environmental court, which has exclusive jurisdiction over cases involving neighborhood environmental issues such as housing standards,

## Young Pilot Takes Flight to Honor Memory of Friend

by Jenny Hill

Some people fly for adventure, some fly for fun, but last fall, **Preston Bentley '03** flew for charity to honor the memory of his close friend and cousin. During his 44-day trip, Preston touched down in all 48 contiguous states and raised over \$25,000 to name a room at the Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House in honor of Seth Bailey.

Originally from Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Preston came to Otterbein to study English and play baseball under Coach Fishbaugh. During his senior year, Preston studied abroad in London and took the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. After he graduated, he moved to Japan to teach English.

"I went to Japan on a total whim," Preston explained. "I had just come back home from studying in London when I received the opportunity to live and work in Tokyo as an English instructor. I'd never aspired to be a teacher, but I also felt that after living in London, I was ready for another international adventure."

"For two and a half years, I taught English in four junior high schools and made weekly visits to area elementary schools."

Preston once again took the opportunity to travel, this time to such places as Cambodia and Mongolia. "They had to add pages to my passport," he said. "I wanted to go places that nobody I knew had been before."

When Preston came back to the United States, he bought a car and drove to Alaska and back. Considering his wanderlust, it was no surprise when Preston returned to Cincinnati and started planning his next adventure: learning to fly.

While Preston was logging hours of flying, he thought he should do something worthwhile with those hours. So he decided to honor the memory of Seth Bailey, his good friend and distant relative.

Seth lived most of his life with a tracheotomy tube due to a childhood illness and died in 2004 at age 21. "He somehow remained positive and retained hope. Instead of showing how much pain he was in, he showed enthusiasm for life," Preston said. "More than anyone I know, Seth just wanted to do things a normal kid would do, like playing pickup football games."

Seth and his family lived in Virginia and frequently stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati when Seth was receiving medical care. "We used to go to Reds games, and I didn't realize at the time that he was in Cincinnati for treatments," Preston said.

Preston was studying for his pilot's license when he first thought of a charity flight. He quickly learned that the aviation community is a small one. People thought the idea was grandiose for a new pilot, and gossip spread about Preston's idea among other pilots.

One day, IndUS Aviation in Dallas, Texas, called Preston at work and said they had heard about his idea and wanted to donate a plane for the trip, which would be the first of its kind ever made in a Light Sport Aircraft. The plane was a T-211, an updated ver-

sion of a 1940s John Thorpe design they fondly called the Thorpedo. It was yellow and black, painted like a racecar, and attracted attention wherever Preston landed.

The 44-day, 8,000 nautical-mile journey began on Sept. 17, 2006, during the Blue Ash Airshow. During his flight, Preston stopped at Ronald McDonald Houses where he landed to meet families and help raise money. If there were rooms available, he would stay at the houses.



"I enjoyed being able to meet many of the families who were staying in Ronald McDonald Houses across America," Preston said. "Not surprisingly, that was also difficult for me at times, considering the dire situations some of these families were having to endure."

Preston kept a blog of the trip, which can be found at [www.rmhcincinnati.org/blog](http://www.rmhcincinnati.org/blog). Classes around the country incorporated his journey into geography lesson plans.

"The blog served as a way kids in classrooms around the country, as well as families staying in Ronald McDonald Houses, could follow my flight," he said. "After I finished the trip, I spent about a month traveling around the country, visiting schools and classrooms that fol-

lowed my blog and stayed in touch with me along the way."

Thinking back on his trip, Preston has many vivid memories. "The Pacific Northwest is my favorite part of the country. I saw so many spectacular sunsets from both the sky and the ground on this trip," he said.

"Flying over the Rocky Mountains was spectacular, although I was admittedly out of my element. Mountain flying is much different than what you get around here, so much of that was learn-as-you-go, all the while being tossed around from the different air flows, updrafts and downdrafts, but it was fun," he said.

Preston is now joining the "real world" after all his adventures. "I'd like to gain some work experience in the business field before going back to school for a master's degree in economics," he said. "Of course, I'll continue to fly, but doing so for fun and on my terms is more appealing, at least for the time being."

Throughout his travels, Preston has never forgotten Otterbein. He remains in contact with Professor Emeritus Nancy Woodson, even flying to Columbus to have dinner with her and her husband the day he received his pilot's license.

He also follows the baseball team. "My best memories at Otterbein come from having played baseball for four years. I was fortunate enough to play under two great coaches—Dick Fishbaugh and George Powell," he said. "Many of my closest friends in college were my teammates. I look forward to actually seeing some games in person next season."

If you wish to support Preston's cause, donations can be made by check to Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati (noting Seth Bailey Memorial Flight on the memo line), 350 Erkenbrecher Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or online at [www.rmhcincinnati.org](http://www.rmhcincinnati.org).



building standards and health, sanitation, fire safety, air pollution and zoning issues.

**Carol Ventresca** was awarded the Msgr. James Berendt/Patrick Rossetti Award from DeSales High School in Columbus, OH. This award is given annually to two alumni who have excelled in their professional careers. The recipients of this award are examples of how the lessons learned at St. Francis DeSales promote continued excellence

## 1977

**Cinda Terry Miller** and her husband, **Randy Miller '76**, still happily reside in Westerville. December 2007 will be eventful—their 30th wedding anniversary and the arrival of twins (daughter Heather is expecting) making them first-time grandparents. Their son, Chris, currently resides in Pittsburgh after graduating from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. They enjoy their mountain vacation home on the Maryland/West Virginia border whenever they have free time. Randy still practices Neonatology, working for Pediatrix. He is chief of the neonatal department at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, OH.

## 1985

**Kelly Syx Hicks** has been named the new principal for Plain City Elementary School in Plain City, OH.

**Robert Humphrey** recently completed classes for re-certification and will be seeking a teaching position

## 1986

**Kathleen Ruehle Jenney** took over as superintendent for the Galion school system in Galion, OH on August 1, 2007. Kathy is shown at far right with her daughter, **Sarah '10**. Other Otterbein relatives are Kathy's late grandmother, **Grace Farrell Wiley '26**; mother, **Gertrude Wiley Ruehle '56**; uncle, **Roger Wiley '52**; aunt, **Elizabeth Laughbaum Wiley '86**; and cousins, **Stephen Wiley '84** and **Susan Wiley '86**.



in instrumental music for the fall of 2007.

## 1986

**Regina Anderson** is engaged to Robert Stevenson. They are planning an Aug. 25, 2007 wedding.

**Michael Olin-Hitt** was the speaker at Fieldcrest of North Canton in North Canton, OH. Michael is the author of *The Word of God Upon my Lips...A Messenger Speaks*. He is also the founder of the Spiritual Quest Foundation, with a mission to create forums in which the spiritually gifted can grow and share in the spirit of God, and serves as professor of English at Mount Union College.



## 1988

**Polly Moore Moore** has been selected to fill a seat



on the Johnstown Monroe school board in Johnstown, OH.

## 1989

**Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson** had six paintings on display in May at the Depot Coffee House in Urbana, OH.

## 1990

**Richard Uhrick** is currently involved with the local bonsai club as well as being a certified foster parent.

## 1991

**Traci Ann Kanaan** has a business named Traci Key-chain Advertising Specialties, Inc. where she finds creative ways to get businesses attention. When she is not working, she is serving some laughs at the local comedy club, where she sings witty song parodies and sings about her life experiences, pop culture, and political happenings. She has received numerous awards and is very involved in her community.

**Paul Kavicky** is the owner of his own audio company

called The Paper Street Audio Company. It was constructed in late 2005, and is doing very well. He mixes and edits music within the studio, and when he is not in the studio he is doing live sound.

**Aaron Kerr** received his Ph.D from Duquesne University on May 4, 2007. On July 1, 2007, he became pastor at First United Methodist Church in Erie, PA. The church facility is in downtown Erie, and is located adjacent to Gannon University where Aaron has been teaching for several years. He will continue to teach at Gannon.

**Melanie Steel Schmechel** started her own tax preparation service in 2003. She is at home with her children and works January until April from home preparing tax returns.

## 1992

**Todd Cordisco** was recently named director of development for Lee Mental Health Center, Inc. in Fort Myers, FL. Lee Mental

## 1986

**Garth Walker** and business partner Mike Hill completed the purchase of Little Turtle Golf Club this spring. The 35-year-old private club is located in Westerville and is a big supporter of Otterbein.



Health is a private, non-profit community behavioral health care provider offering a wide spectrum of services for both adults and children. Todd and his wife have also recently moved from Bonita Springs to Ft. Myers, FL.

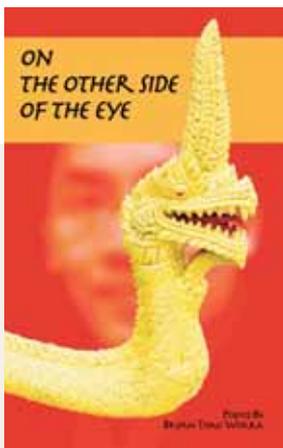
### 1993

**Holly Mitchell Powers** was honored by the Bellefontaine Rotary Club as one of three Excellence in Teaching award winners. She works as a first and second grade teacher at Huntsville's Elementary School in the Indian Lake local school district in Indian Lake, OH.

### 1994

**John George** has been named by the Groveport Madison Board of Education as the supervisor in the high school athletic department for Groveport Madison High School.

**Michael Hall** will become principal of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville, OH in August 2007. Hall has served as



principal of the Wayne County Schools Career Center in Smithville, OH for the past seven years.

**Linda Marie LePage** hosted a gathering for Otterbein College MBA students and alumni employed at JPMorgan Chase in Columbus, OH on April 25, 2007.

### 1996

**J. Lynne Darling** works as the investigative agent with the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and/or Developmental Disability in Franklin County, OH.



### 1997

**Angela Bauer Crum** recently earned her masters of science degree in middle level education. She currently teaches eighth grade language arts at Reynoldsburg Junior High School in Reynoldsburg, OH.

**Mark Nagel**, art educator at the Upper Arlington High School in Upper Arlington, OH, is on the 2007 Advisory Board of Directors for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.

### 1998

**Rebekah Wolf Doak** graduated in February, 2007 from American InterContinental University in Dallas, TX with a 4.0 GPA. She received a master's of education degree with a concentration in curriculum design & instruction. Rebekah is currently seeking Alternative Credentialing from the Ohio Department of Education to become a special education teacher.

**Marina Ourshansky Eller** has completed her dual master's of science in nursing and master's in business administration with concentration in health-care management from the University of Phoenix. She is a staff nurse with many other additional duties at Berger Hospital in Circleville, OH.

### 1999

**Erin Fishel Balow** was recently hired by SBC Advertising in Westerville, OH, as their marketing director. She was previously the marketing director for Hondros College, also in Westerville.

**Scott Bowe** graduated in May from the MFA program at Hunter College in New York. His thesis exhi-

bition opened May 16, 2007. This past fall he had a video piece in the Singapore Biennale.

**Carli Amlin Dean** was awarded the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors. Carli also serves on the Tipp City, OH Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

**Melissa Mehaffey Garden** is currently living in Singapore with her husband, Derek, and daughter, Delaney. Derek currently works for Motorola-Singapore.

**Timothy Marsac** has recently relocated to Charleston, SC. He works for Forever Green, Inc. a turf management/landscape design firm in marketing/sales.

**Margaret "Meg" Morman** is the casting director for Morman Boling Casting in California. As a casting director, she has built a respectable resume. Her projects include writer-director-actor Miranda July's *Me and You and Everyone We Know*, which won awards at the 2005 Cannes and Sundance festivals and elsewhere; *Daltry Calhoun*, starring Johnny



### 1997

**Bryan "Thao" Worra** will have his first full-length book of poetry, *On The Other Side of the Eye*, published in August. This book collects poems from over 60 different publications from around the world including England, Singapore, Germany, Australia, and across the United States. The book also includes several all-new pieces created for this edition. Currently Bryan lives in Twin Cities, MN.

Knoxville and Elizabeth Banks; and this year's Sundance hit *Waitress*, starring Keri Russell and Nathan Fillion.

**Rod Skaff** recently received the Chairman's Council award from MetLife Inc. in Dublin, OH.

## 2000

**Evelyn Marie Davis'** photographs and fine art pieces have been accepted into juried competitions and award shows. Her work was selected for exhibitions in New Jersey, Virginia, California, Maryland, Washington, and New York.

**Deke Hocker** has joined Ray & Barney Group, a provider of workforce strategy and information technology solutions, as account director. He is responsible for managing the firm's central Ohio accounts within the manufacturing and health care industries.

## 2001

**Marisa Valerio Glaviano** will graduate from Kent State University in December 2007 with a master's of library and information science. She has also been working as a youth librarian at the Westerville Public Library since October 2006.

**Andrew Murphy** has worked for Dominion Homes for three years in the sales department.

**Lisa Ann Riegel** is an English and communications teacher at Worthington Kilbourne High School. She

also writes a parenting column for *Suburban News Publications*. Her column serves as the basis for her book entitled *No Parent Left Behind: A Handbook for Parents of Struggling Students*.



## 2002

**Benjamin Davey** is working as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office in Elyria, OH.

**Raymond Lengel** has published a book that will enable the health care consumer to take charge of his or her health care while preventing medical errors and poor quality health care. The book is entitled *Health Care Responsibility: The Older Adult's Guide to Surviving the Health Care System*. Raymond is a family nurse practitioner who lives in Cleveland, OH, with his wife and three children.

**Eric Lloyd** is a strategic planning consultant in business development, product management, and

strategy at Nationwide Better Health in Columbus. A Westerville resident, he is a ski instructor at Mad River Mountain in Bellefontaine, OH. Eric was recently named to Otterbein's alumni council.

## 2003

**Jessica Perry Brantner** has graduated from the Flight Nurse Course at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks City Base, San Antonio, TX. Jessica earned honors as a distinguished graduate of the course. She is a flight nurse assigned to the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Bellville, IL.

**Samuel Pearson** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. He is a specialist for the Army Reserve.

**Elizabeth Fuller Ryba** was promoted to vice president at JPMorgan Asset Management in Columbus, OH.

## 2004

**Brittany Ann Bowers** has a new position as an Instructor in the Digital Media

Design department at Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, OH.

**Amanda Rachelle Bruno** is stepping into the role of Eponine and joining the Broadway cast of *Les Miserables*. Mandy secured her spot in the Broadway production after an audition that included meeting with Claude-Michel Schonberg, who is the co-creator of *Les Miserables* and also wrote the music for the musical drama.

**Rev. Derrick Fetz** has been approved for ordination into the priesthood by the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. He was ordained on June 16, 2007 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Columbus, OH.

**Sarah Hoffert** is in her first year at the University of Vermont working on her master's in higher education and student affairs administration with an assistantship in community service programs.

**Diana Esterkamp Noles** is head women's cross country coach and assistant women's basketball coach for Ohio Dominican Uni-

## 2003

**Katherina Nikzad** was recently awarded a Hartford Doctoral Fellowship, a \$70,000 dissertation grant given to students pursuing work in gerontology and social work. The Hartford Foundation is one of the leading providers of funds for geriatric and social work research across the country. Katie is currently a fourth year doctoral fellow in the Graduate Center for Gerontology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. She works as an associate therapist at Family Counseling Service in Lexington, and teaches in the College of Social Work at the University of Kentucky.



versity in Columbus, OH. She was the assistant coach for Otterbein's women's basketball team for the 2005-2006 season.

## 2005

**Zachary Balas** graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, TN. Balas was then commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard.

**Kaitlin Ringer Peterman** was the female vocalist for this year's performance at the Piqua Arts Council's annual community concert. The performance, entitled *A Classical Afternoon*, was held in April.

**Yootapoom "Tommy" Timam** led and facilitated the Otterbein MBA Information Session on May 5, 2007. As the facilitator, Tommy opened the Information Session, introduced the agenda, coordinated introductions, presented information about the MBA program and shared his own MBA experiences.

**Gregory White** was promoted to the position of head coach for the North Union High School track and field team in Richwood, OH.

**Dennis Ziegler** is the new assistant football coach for Valley City State University in Valley City, ND.

## 2006

**Ashley Alfman** is engaged to Justin Howard. They are planning a Sept. 22, 2007, outdoor wedding.

**Kari Bengé** will be working in Ghana until September 2009 as a Peace Corp Volunteer teaching visual arts at a school for the deaf.

**Marybeth Cave** is working as a freelance electrician in the Chicago area and is currently the assistant master electrician at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier.

**Katherine Chrien** is engaged to Billy Moore of Reynoldsburg, OH. Their wedding date is set for Nov. 21, 2007.

**Caitlin Czarnecki** was the musical director for a youth theatre program in Birmingham, MI and directed a production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in April 2006.

**Jessica Hall** will be getting married in September 2007 in Granville, OH.

**Amanda Helmrich Julca** is the executive director for Terra Gallery, a new gallery in the Short North in downtown Columbus, OH. She was also hired as the Executive Director of Abstract Earth Gallery, an online, artists database gallery. It is a resource for artists to post their work and clients to buy.

**Cheryl Kennedy** has accepted a position with the Rain Bird Corporation in Azusa, CA.

**Beth Klopfer** accepted the position of individual relations manager for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.

**Michelle Mohler** is in the process of moving to Russia to work as a missionary and teach English and chemistry at a university in Vladivostok.

**James Neben** has accepted a new position with Verizon Wireless in Irvine, CA. Although the work is similar to what he was doing in Columbus, OH, he will be better able to pursue a career in the film industry since he will be close to Los Angeles.

**Charles "Chaz" O'Neil** is the assistant gallery director for the Ohio State Fair.

**David Root** received a graduate assistantship as speech and debate team coach at The Ohio State University while he works on his masters of social work.

**Colleen Shaver** continues to serve as a missionary at Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala and looks forward to beginning law school, where she hopes to pursue a concentration in International adoption laws.

**Mary Siembida** is one of two new health educators for Licking County, OH. She will lead the department's tobacco prevention program.

**Jeurell Smith** has been promoted to the head coach for Thiel College's women's program in Greenville, PA.

## Emeriti

**Joanne Van Sant 'H70**, Otterbein College's former dean of students, was recently awarded the A. Monroe Courtwright Award from the Rotary Club of Westerville for contributions to the community over her many years as a Westerville resident. The award is given each year to a person whose contributions to the community have significantly enhanced life in Westerville. "Dean Van" was also honored by Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Columbus for her 36 years of service and leadership. She has been a member since 1971 and served as Club President in 1978-1980. ●



## 2006

**Holly Fenner** serves as assistant editor in the central office for the Association of College and University Housing Officers International located at The Ohio State University.

# A Towers Wedding

June 30, 2007 ushered in a gorgeous day for a beautiful wedding as Tiffany Edwards '06 married the love of her life Otterbein senior Mark Haynes, on the lawn of Towers Hall. "Our hearts collided on campus and we felt it would make the perfect back drop to our ceremony," said Tiffany, a broadcasting major and current pre-school teacher. Many family and friends enjoyed the peaceful plaza and bountiful shade along Grove Street. Tiffany and Mark reside in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Tiffany and Mark aren't the only ones bit by the Cardinal love bug. Current records indicate that there are 1,508 living alumni couples! That's 3,016 graduates who managed to hold hands, fall in love and obtain their degree during their days at Otterbein or 15 percent of the alumni population. There's something to be said for our romantic campus tucked away in the heart of Westerville. Strolls along State Street and long talks in the Alum Creek Park have lead to a lifetime of happy memories and future Otterbein legacy students!

**Did you fall in love during your time at Otterbein? If so, send us a photo (then or now) for a special Valentine's alumni project. Please send to AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu by the end of November.**



photos by Tony Binford



**An Otterbein Wedding Party.** Flower girls- Khristian and Kearra Holloway. Maids of honor- Shenita Miller '05, Brit-tany Edwards '09, Sarah Sargent, and Qwalisha Wright. The bride and groom - Tiffany Edwards Haynes '06, Mark

Haynes '08. Groomsmen- James Prysock III '09, Matthew Reed '08. Groomswoman- Iiesha Poindexter. Best man- Andre Kates. Ring Bearers- Dominique and Daniel Edwards.

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## Marriages

1991

**Paul Kavicky** to Tammy Elich, July 2, 2005.

1996

**Keith Mangine** to Ellen Gee, March 4, 2006.

1999

**Tracy Sturtz** to Matthew Shoemaker, July 29, 2006.

2001

**Heather Adkins** to Natasha Anderson, April 20, 2007.

**Andrew Murphy** to Amanda Murphy, May 25, 2006.

**Mary Anne Wheeler** to William I. Souder, May 20, 2006.

2002

**Kayne Kirby** to Kathleen Williams, Nov. 4, 2006.

2003

**Jessica Peter** to **Joshua Fitzwater '05**, June 14, 2007.

**Morgan Woodward** to Wesley Houck, April 28, 2007.

2004

**Abby France** to Brett Dillon, April 21, 2007.

**Andrea Vernon** to **Nathan Ritz '06**, April 24, 2007.

2005

**Kelley Youman** to Gabriel Truxall, Oct. 28, 2006.

2006

**Kathleen Bodey** to Ryan Oliver, Jan. 24, 2007.

**Melissa Foreman** to Kent Rossi, Sept. 2, 2006.

**Shannon Jenkins** to Scott Bugg, June 23, 2007.

**Wendy Kuszmaul** to Christopher Greasamar, Aug. 12, 2006.

**Jillian Shellabarger** to Zack Tobias, July 14, 2007.

2007

**Katherine Starling** to Matt Tobias, March 10, 2007.



*Katherine Starling Tobias '07 with husband Matt.*



*Jessica Peter Fitzwater '03 with husband Joshua '05.*



*Kayne Kirby '02 with wife Kathleen.*



*Tracy Sturtz Shoemaker '99 with husband Matthew.*

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## Additions

1986

**Bradley Anderson** and wife, Suzanne, a daughter, Reagan Noel, April 26, 2006. Reagan joins big brothers Brian, 9, and Joshua, 3.

**Rae Justice Fisher** and husband, **David '88**, a daughter, Annslee Lucille, March 21, 2007. Annslee joins siblings Allyson Marie, Robert Dale, Abbygail Lynn, Reiland Owen, Randall Thomas, and Reginald Scott.

**Todd Weihi** and wife, Missi, a son, Landon James, Jan. 10, 2006. Landon joins big sister Alaina, and big brothers John and Jason.

1990

**Gayle Wilson Manculich** and husband, Paul, a daughter, Josephine, Dec. 18, 2006.



Josephine "Josie" Manculich

1992

**Grant Paullo** and wife, Michelle, a son, Grant Ramsey, May 7, 2007. Grant joins big sisters Elysia Claire and Gabrielle Simone.

**Judith Sands Richardson** and husband, Trent, a son, Evan Roth, April 5, 2007.



Evan Roth Richardson

1993

**Kimberly Jean Glann** and husband, **John Wojcieszyn '92**, a daughter, Sophie Louise, April 12, 2006.

**Carol Shell Greeley** and husband, Pete, a daughter, Emily Cecelia, July 13, 2006.

1995

**Toby Fischer** and wife, Melissa, a girl, Cheyenne Autumn, July 29, 2007.

**Traci Brown Leopold** and husband, David, a son, Max Richard, March 9, 2007.

1996

**Curt Mellott** and wife, Melissa, a daughter, Mattingly Elizabeth, Aug. 21, 2006. Mattingly joins big brother Carson McKinley.

1997

**Alisha Conn Pagniano** and husband, Michael, a daughter, Reagan Nicole, Feb. 18, 2007. She joins big brother Anthony, 3.

1999

**Michelle Lohr Paul** and husband, John, a daughter, Aubrey, May 4, 2007.

2000

**Tiffany Compan McCallen** and husband, David, a son, Noah Riley, June 2, 2007.



Noah Riley McCallen

**Tara Light Mowry** and husband, Kris, a daughter, Macyn Jean, April 26, 2007. She joins big brother Camden Bradley, 2.

2001

**Kimberly Corwin Ayala** and husband, Pedro, a son, Ian Anthony, Feb. 27, 2007. Ian joins big sister Isabella, age 3.

**Adrienne Tapply Smela** and husband Jonathan, a boy, Curtis Jacob, Feb. 11, 2007.

2002

**Jessica Bowden Walters** and husband, Tim, a daughter, Iliana Rose, July 15, 2006.

2003

**Jennifer Groseclose Koval** and husband, Erik, a boy, Christopher Grant, May 16, 2006.



Curtis Jacob Smela



Reagan Nicole Pagniano

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click photos  
for more baby and wedding pics!**

## Deaths

### 1934

**Robert Shipley** passed away Dec. 31, 2006. He is preceded in death by his brother, **Reginald Shipley '27**. He is survived by his sister, **Janet Shipley Hartzell '45** and his brother-in-law, **Richard L. Hartzell '44**; and nephew **Roger Shipley '64**.

### 1942

**Janet Woolery Osterwise** passed away October 2006. She is preceded in death by husband **Oliver Osterwise '41**. She is survived by daughters **Diane Osterwise '68**, and Susan Manhire.

### 1944

**Robert Bridgers** passed away Nov. 26, 2006 after a lengthy illness. Robert served as a former E.U.B. pastor and a United Methodist pastor for 41 years before retiring in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Bridgers.

**Lois Smathers Wood** passed away Feb. 17, 2007. Lois was a flight attendant for American Airlines before beginning her teaching career for 35 years. Lois was a 50-year member of Church of The Master, member of the Westerville Horizon Club, Westerville Red Hat Society, Otterbein "O" Club, avid golfer and world traveler. She is preceded in death by husband **James Wood '43**; parents Warren and Beatrice Smathers, sisters Jacquelyn Arn and Joanne Snyder. She is survived by brothers-in-law, Robert Arn and Claire Wood; sister-in-law, Anne Mae Henderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### 1947

**Marian Thorpe Locke** passed away March 20, 2007. She had a very difficult time the past few years due to Alzheimer's and cancer. She graduated Valedictorian of Centerburg H.S. in 1944 and received her master's of education from Wright

State University in 1981. Marian taught science at Carlisle for five years then chemistry and physics at Southeastern for 22 years. Marian is survived by her husband **Charles William Locke '49**; son Steven (Patricia) Locke; daughters Cindy Locke (Mike Davis) and Julie (Ray) Schaffer; sister Mildred Ice; brothers Jim (Rita) and Bob (Nancy) Thorpe; six grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many dear friends.

**Janet Young Spurlock** passed away April 20, 2007.

### 1949

**J. W. McQueen** passed away Dec. 11, 2006. He is survived by his wife, **Phyllis Dill McQueen '50**; and sons Bill McQueen and **John McQueen '79**.

### 1952

**Virginia Smith Shively** passed away in January 2006. She is survived by her husband, **Jack F. Shively '54**.

### 1953

**Max A. Bailor** passed away Nov. 29, 2006. Bailor was a principal of Albert Academy in Sierra Leone. "Pa Bailor," as he was known by the students, was deeply loved and respected as a man of high integrity and discipline. He ran one of the best schools in Africa, where students from all of Sierra Leone and the rest of the world studied in an atmosphere of peace and brotherhood and made lifetime friendships.

**Elizabeth Drake Sergeant** passed away April 23, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John A. Norton in June 1964, and Clare H. Sergeant in Sept. 2005; her parents; and brother, Jim Drake. She is survived by sister-in-law, Betty Sergeant; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### 1956

**Sheldon Bentley** passed away June 16, 2006.



**Oscar Lord H'90** passed away July 17, 2007. Oscar retired from the United States Army after 40 years of active and reserve service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was a D-Day survivor. He also retired from State Automobile Mutual Insurance Co. as agency director. Oscar is the only person to have served two non-concurrent terms as "O" Club president: 1992-1994 and 1998-2000. He continued to actively serve on the "O" Club executive committee and assist with "O" Club projects until his declining health prevented him from doing so. He and his wife, Patti, were also "O" Club Foundation members. Member of the Church of the Messiah United Methodist for 42 years where he taught Teammates Sunday School Class and served on many committees. He was also a member of Westerville Sertoma and Blendon Lodge #339 F&AM. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Welty Lord; daughters, Melinda Barnhard, Pattybeth Losey and Amanda Rose; sons, **Gen. Lance Lord '69**, USAF Ret., **Oscar Louis Lord III '71** and Christian Lord; granddaughters, Melissa Conley, Shannon Lord, Shelley Losey, Amanda Watkinson, Kristen (Pierre) Uribe, Samantha Lord; grandsons, Raymond (Mischelle) Reece, Jason Lord, Joshua (Sara) Lord, Shane (Gisela) Watkinson, Andrew Rose, Joseph Lord, Nathan Lord and Oscar Lord, IV; 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. In 1990, Mr. Lord received an honorary alumnus degree from Otterbein College and the The "O" Club's Outstanding Service Award, the "O" Club's highest honor.

## 1957

**Sally Gordon Brallier** passed away March 17, 2007. Sally taught French and English at college and high school levels. She is preceded in death by her father and mother; her brother, Dave, and her daughter, Mary Anne. She is survived by her husband Marlin; children, Andy (Susie), Amy, Carole (Ken), Meg Anne and Shawn; sister, Jane and brother, Bill (Carole); three grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Kenneth L. Domer** passed away Feb. 14, 2007. He was a valued member of the United States Army Band where he played clarinet and several other instruments. He retired to Melbourne, FL, several years ago where he was active in local music groups.

## 1958

**John Frizzell** passed away Oct. 9, 2005.

## 1962

**Druise Scott** passed away May 7, 2006 after a long and distinguished career as an educator. She graduated from Morehead State Teacher's College in 1941 and taught in rural Kentucky where she rode a horse five miles to the one-room school house that accommodated grades 1 through 8. In 1948 Druise moved to Columbus with husband, Kenneth, and son **John '67**. She pursued her elementary education career at Otterbein while

teaching 3rd grade at Mifflin Elementary. In 1963 she began teaching in the Westerville School system and received a master's from The Ohio State University in 1972. In 1968 she implemented and administered the first Learning Disabilities program in the Westerville and Worthington school systems. Druise was a loving mother, caring wife, and a pioneer in education.



*Druise Scott '62.*

## 1963

**Jeanne Leohner Woodyard** passed away April 14, 2007. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert. She is survived by her husband, **David '66** and daughter, **Jennifer Woodyard Radulski '95**.

## 1966

**Dorcas Rusk** passed away on Feb. 19, 2007. She is survived by husband, Marvin Rusk; and sons, **Marvin D. Rusk '67 (Juanita Walraven '60)**, Wade A. Rusk, and Larry L. Rusk.

## 1967

**H. Thomas Langshaw** passed away Dec. 8, 2006.

## 1969

**Sherrie Billings Snyder** passed away March 1, 2007. She was a dedicated friend to public service and worked in numerous states across the U.S. helping to better public service both in and out of community libraries. She is survived by her husband, Lee Snyder and numerous other family members.

## 1970

**Linda Smith Carter** passed away March 15, 2007. She was a math teacher for 25 years at Pickerington High School in Pickerington, OH. She was also the organist for over 25 years at Peace United Methodist Church in Pickerington, OH. She is survived by husband, John E. Carter; daughters **Melinda Ann Carter '04** and **Julie Carter Porr '05**.

**R. Kenneth Green** passed away May 19, 2007. He resided in Redlands, CA.

## 1974

**Diana Barger Kauffman** passed away Nov. 6, 2006.

## Emeriti

**Roy F. Reeves**, faculty emeritus, passed away May 5, 2007. Dr. Reeves was the holder of the John A. Patton Chair for Computer Science and Chairperson of the Mathematical Sciences Department during his teaching career at Otterbein between 1981 and

1991. He retired from the Ohio State University Math Department. He is survived by his wife, Pat Reeves, and his son, **James A. Reeves '76**.

## Friends

**Catherine Daggett** passed away May 16, 2007. She was preceded in death by her father, **Robert B. Bromeley '29**. She is survived by her mother, **Marian Grow Bromeley '29**; brother, **Thomas R. Bromeley '51**; daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Scott Cavagnaro; and granddaughter, **Catherine Marie Cavagnaro '07**.

**Alice Gretchen Salt** passed away April 13, 2007. She is survived by husband, Charles F. Salt and daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Salt, who works in Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library. ●

## Correction

The death notice of **Gertrude Van Sickle '35** contained some incorrect information in the *Spring Towers '07*. Her father, **Frank O. Van Sickle '06**, was a former trustee of Otterbein. Her mother was **Elsie Smith Van Sickle '03**, and brothers were **Robert W. Van Sickle '35** (wife **Mary Faye McMillan '44**) and **Frank M. Van Sickle '41** (wife **Mary Jane Kline '42**). The family has had relatives at Otterbein from 1899 to 1993.

# Investing in OTTERBEIN

compiled by Lori E. Green

## Award-Winning Research Made Possible by Donors

Otterbein faculty and students are engaged in some exciting opportunities – beyond the classroom. Recently, research conducted by Dr. John Tansey of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and **Sadie Bartholomew**



*Assistant Professor John Tansey*

‘07 was presented in a poster session at the 233rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society (see *Towers Spring 2007*) and at the April convention of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular-Biology (ASBMB). During the latter, more than 50 judges evaluated the 100-plus poster presentations and chose four grand prize winners, according to the June 2007 issue of *ASBMB Today*. Sadie was named one of these grand prize winners, along with students from Bates College, University of Richmond, and the University of Puerto Rico. Sadie and Otterbein also won ASBMB’s award for outstanding undergraduate research and a travel award.

Sadie’s work, “Expression of PAT-1/MLDP increases triacylglycerol stores and promotes changes in lipid drop morphology in a CHO cell model,” examines lipids, lipid droplets and the nature of the family of PAT proteins that includes movement regulation, storage and metabolism of these fats. This is a growing field of research that did not exist 10 years ago and is a continuation of work Dr. Tansey began as a postdoctoral researcher at the National Institutes of Health.

The PAT-1 protein was previously unknown to science and Otterbein is one of only four laboratories in the world currently studying it. The other three labs – at Washington University, The University of Hyogo, Japan, and The National Institutes of Health – are all tier-1 research institutions.

For the first time ever, a meeting sponsored by The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), will be held this summer on the topic of lipid droplets. Funding provided by Otterbein investors through endowed funds will help provide financing for Dr. Tansey to attend this conference as part of his professional development: George W. and Mildred K. White Faculty Endowment Fund and the George W. and Mildred K. White Science Seminar Fund. The meeting is limited to 150 attendees, and to those post-doctoral scientists

researching lipid droplets. Meeting co-chair Rosalind A. Coleman, M.D. of the University of North Carolina, met Sadie at the ASBMB conference and invited her to attend the FASEB conference; she is one of the very few undergraduates ever invited to attend a Vermont Academy meeting.

“While conducting research at a smaller school like Otterbein is decidedly a challenge,” Dr. Tansey said, “it has significant positive impact on the campus as a whole and our students in particular.”

Of recent alumni who have conducted student research with Dr. Tansey in an Otterbein chemistry labo-



*Sadie Bartholomew*

ratory for a year or more, two now are in biochemistry Ph.D. programs (Stanford and Johns Hopkins), four are enrolled in medical school (Wright State, Cincinnati, and Ohio University), one is in pharmacy school (University of Cincinnati), and one is in veterinary medical school (Ohio State).

Otterbein has always attracted top students and had a caring, high quality faculty. Alumni and friends' investments in our future – our faculty, our students and our facilities – will help us to achieve greater things. ●

## New Endowed Funds

*The Robert L Corbin Endowed Scholarship in Business*

Created by **Robert L. Corbin**

**'49**, this endowed scholarship will provide financial support for an endowed scholar who will major in business. A resident of Centerville, Ohio, Bob is a long-time investor in Otterbein and its students.

*The Albert E. Lovejoy Award in Sociology*

This award recently was amended by originator **Carol Ventresca '76**, in collaboration with Department Chair Heidi Ballard, in order to capture the excitement and research being done in the Department of Sociology. This endowed fund is meant to “honor Dr. Lovejoy’s dedication to teaching and the students,” Carol noted, and “to recognize bright students and their work which is over and above the norm.” Awarding this fund now will be accomplished by a selection committee, headed by the chair of the Department of Sociology, and will consider nominees’ commitment to public and community leadership, demonstration of a strong global perspective, and exhibition of a strong academic performance.

*The Selby Family Award*

This award was created by **Charles E. '57** and **Janet Risch '59 Selby** to honor their families – past and present. The fund provides an award for outstanding students majoring in Education who are the son or daughter of a United Methodist minister or of the UM faith. The Selbys decided to pursue this endowed fund at this time in order to help fulfill Charles’ 1957 Class Legacy Gift; the endowment also will count toward Janet’s Class Legacy Gift. Charles



*Students Lindsey Schramm and Anna Haller serve at Avalon Elementary School during the Fall Community Plunge. Both Anna and Lindsey are Columbus Foundation Fellows.*

was a minister with the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church for over 40 years. Janet taught mathematics for more than 35 years. Their daughter **Melinda '85**, of Luckey, Ohio, has taught science for nearly 22 years; son **Mark '85** works in a marketing firm and lives with his family in Boulder, Co.; son Matthew, who attended Otterbein, works in pharmaceutical sales and lives with his family in New Albany, OH.

## Recent Grant Awards

**The Ohio Department of Natural Resources** awarded Dr. Sarah Bouchard \$10,000 for her project, “The Effect of Exotic Invasive Aquatic Plants on Freshwater Turtle Ecology.” Through laboratory tank experiments, field capture, and field assessment of turtle environments and growth, this program will allow faculty and students to gain insight into the mechanisms by which invasive aquatic plants may negatively impact freshwater turtle populations. Data from this project will assist in the efforts to control and eradicate exotic invasive aquatic plants and support reptile conservation.

The Center for Community Engagement was awarded \$8,000 from **Ohio Campus Compact** for the Cardinal Service Leaders program. This new service-learning initiative will provide a cohort of first generation and/or low-income students the opportunity to serve as Columbus Foundation Cit-

izen-Scholar Fellows at the Center for Community Engagement. Working with the existing Cardinal Corps structure, Service Leaders will have the opportunity to become involved with seven various weekly service programs. Fellows will serve 300 hours of community service by acting as civic capacity-builders on campus and coordinating weekly volunteer programs at area nonprofit agencies.

#### The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

awarded a follow-on grant of \$3,565 to Dr. Niki Fayne for Project DIDI-II: Digital Imaging and Data Investigation. This follow-on program will pick-up where Project DIDI ended by continuing to promote the use of visualization

technologies for the teaching of math and science. Project DIDI-II will specifically focus on introducing pre-service teachers to visualization technologies through Otterbein methods courses and use during student teaching placements. In addition, strategies for the use of visualization technology will be included in contract courses and professional development workshops for Columbus Public School personnel.

**The Nationwide Foundation** has given \$4,000 for The George H. Dunlap Scholarship program. This scholarship was established to support students majoring in Business Administration and/or Social Sciences. ●

## Annual Fund Breaks Record!

The Annual Fund at Otterbein exceeded its goal of \$640,000 for fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) by raising more than \$685,000. Nearly 3,100 Otterbein alumni and friends contributed to this effort with their generous pledge payments and gifts.

The Annual Fund makes a difference in the kind of education the College can offer. Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted, allowing them to be used:

- for scholarships assistance
- in acquiring library books
- to upgrade facilities and equipment
- to renovate buildings
- to create faculty development opportunities

The Annual Fund office is busy with fiscal year 2008 efforts (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008). Phonathon calling will begin September 24 and run through November 1. Two additional calling sessions will be scheduled next year.

For additional information on how your investment can help, please contact **Jennifer Westbrook '01**, Director of Annual Giving, at (614) 823-1948 or [jwestbrook@otterbein.edu](mailto:jwestbrook@otterbein.edu).



*Allison Raygor '09*

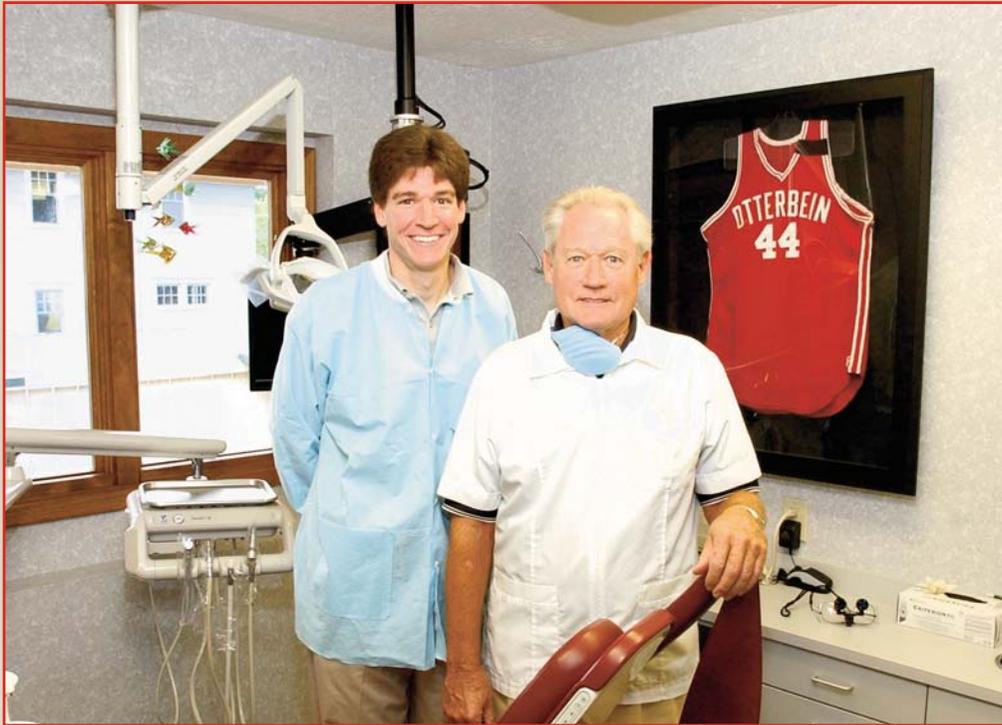
## Students Get in the Spirit of Giving, Too



**Bob Keep '08** presented President C. Brent DeVore with a check from Otterbein students representing their efforts on behalf of the Annual Fund. More than 4% of the student body, representing the highest ever participation rate, contributed to the 2006-07 campaign by making a pledge or gift to the Annual Fund. Student giving efforts are led by a group of students who serve as Legacy Leaders. Working with Assistant Annual Fund Director Annie Boehm, they host information sessions and campaign drives throughout the year. The 2007-08 goal is to exceed 5% participation by the entire student body. For more information about student giving visit [www.otterbein.edu/giving/legacyleaders](http://www.otterbein.edu/giving/legacyleaders)

# Alumni **NOTES**

## Got Cardinal Pride...?



## How Do You Show It?

Drs. **Jim '91** and **John Worley '60**, Westerville area dentists, tout their love of Otterbein in their dental practice on South State Street. Guests are greeted with the Fighting Cardinal flag in the reception area and for those lucky enough to visit Dr. Jim's exam room, they can see his Otterbein Basketball jersey proudly on display.



### **Other Pride Tips:**

- **Use an Otterbein coffee mug at work.**
- **Have clients sign with an Otterbein pen.**
- **Wear Otterbein attire in your community. Get folks asking!**

### **How do YOU share your Otterbein spirit?**

Let us know by emailing a photo and caption to [AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu)

### **Need an alumni window cling for your vehicle?**

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### **Need some updated Otterbein items?**

Visit the online bookstore at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/apparel](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/apparel) to stock up or stop by the bookstore at the Campus Center.

## Cardinal Tales...

*We want to hear from you! Specifically, we'd like to hear any stories you might have of your time at Otterbein that relate to the sciences. Tell us an anecdote about a favorite science professor, a prank pulled in Schear-McFadden, or an inspiration that came from a science class. Or anything else about your experiences with the sciences at Otterbein. Here are two submissions....*

I always hated studying ANY form of science, so I delayed the then infamous freshman biology class until my sophomore year. My lab partner and I made a pact. She hated to read and I hated everything else, so she "cut" while I read what she was supposed to do. Communication wasn't always the best and this early effort at "co-operative learning" wasn't always successful, especially when it came to the poor kitty cat! I remember little of the class, but I do have a clutching of the heart when I recall the lab practical exam. All of us were lined up single file back from the lab, winding down the halls and the steps, out on to the sidewalk, nearly back to Towers! Most of us were still holding on to the text, and either silencing everyone around us so we could CONCENTRATE, or drilling each other on the notes and lab drawings in our folders! Once in the lab, we moved, oh so silently, snaking from exhibit to exhibit, viewing assorted muscles, veins and other organs, tied off with bands and marked with flags to identify them on our papers. I've never felt so stressed by any class before or since. We were told later that the College only offered one freshman biology class and so this content was part of the pre-med program! Yikes! I passed, but as a French and history major, this didn't do my GPA a lot of good!

**Mary Meek Delk '64**

Professor Esselstyn was a person who seemed at all times to be in perfect control of himself, never raising his voice, not getting excited when a student did something dumb or even dangerous, and he never seemed to show extreme emotions. This was of course a big advantage when monitoring an organic chemistry lab full of students who often didn't have any idea what they were doing.

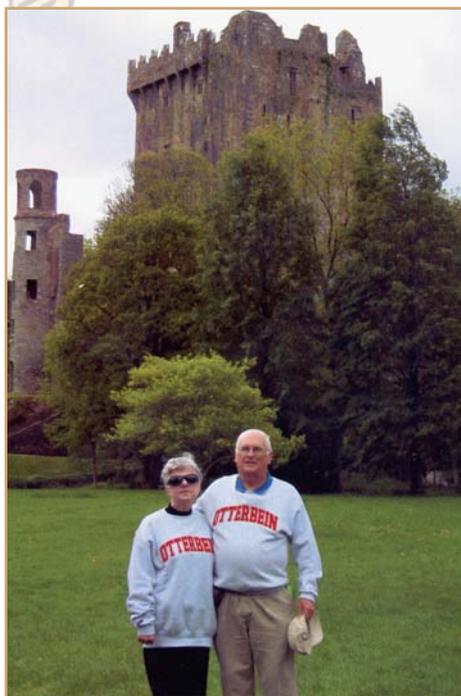
This is an incident where he showed, for him, extreme emotion! He always told us, if you accidentally grab something that's too hot, it's better to burn your fingers than to lose the experiment. One day, he had a beautiful chance to demonstrate this. In order to calibrate our 200° thermometers, each student had a beaker of paraffin which had to be melted over the Bunsen burner. One student mistakenly tried to do this by heating the beaker from the bottom, instead of working down slowly from the sides. When he couldn't see any progress, he took the beaker by the top, where it was of course still cool, and brought it to Prof. Esselstyn, holding it up to him with the words, "Something's wrong because my paraffin doesn't melt."

The professor reached out and took the beaker in his hand to look at it more closely, taking it of course by the bottom where the student had been holding it over the flame. The look which immediately came over his face was indescribable -- he then set the beaker down very carefully on the tiled labtop, and quietly said, "That was hot!!"

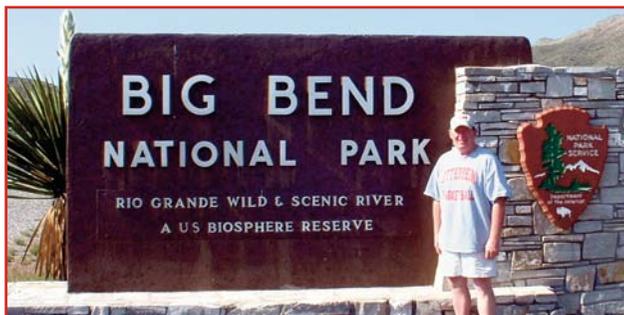
**Doris Jean Franks Wolfram '61**

## ...& Cardinals in Flight

*Traveling? Got your Otterbein shirt or sweatshirt handy? We want to see pics of Otterbein alumni around the world wearing the good ole tan and cardinal. Photos should be high resolution (i.e. at least 3 x 5 at 300 dots per inch, or 900 x 1500 pixels).*

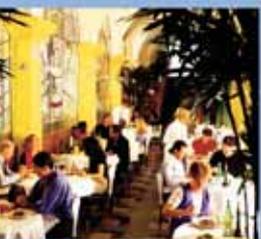
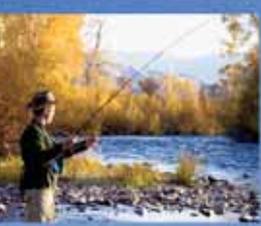


*Harvey '55 and Carolyn Cribbs '57 Smith at Blarney Castle in Ireland show their Otterbein spirit.*



*Raymond White '65 showed the colors out west and down south at Big Bend National Park in Texas.*

**Send stories and/or pics to Jenny Hill, [jhill@otterbein.edu](mailto:jhill@otterbein.edu), or to Otterbein College, Department of Marketing and Communications, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081.**



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***More info to come in the fall issue!***



# A New Way to Connect with Old Friends!

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

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

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



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

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

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## Otterbein Night Out in Central Ohio

*Sat., Aug. 25, 7:00 pm–11:00 pm*

The Otterbein Central Ohio Alumni invite you to a night out welcoming the Class of 2007 into the alumni family and thanking alumni who are also OC faculty and staff.



See you at Old Bag for refreshments, prizes and more! (This is a night out for adults only, please.) Old Bag of Nails on 24 N. State Street, Westerville, OH 43081

\$5 pre-register by Aug. 22, \$7 at the door

[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click 'events/registration'  
*Sponsored by the Otterbein Alumni Club of Central Ohio*

## Cardinals & Pumpkins

*Sat., Oct. 20, in Circleville, OH*

The Circleville Pumpkin Festival is Ohio's oldest and largest festival, and the 2007 festival will be even better when the Cardinals join the fun. Save the date for an alumni gathering among the pumpkins in Circleville, OH, on Saturday, October 20 (time and location T.B.A.)



Are you a Pumpkin Festival lover? We are seeking alumni who can help plan the pumpkin party!

**Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at  
[AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu](mailto:AlumniInfo@otterbein.edu)  
or call 1-888-614-2600.**

# Recent Alumni Gatherings

## June Bug Jamboree



The 11th annual June Bug Jamboree delivered a late afternoon of food and fun at Bill '48 and Helen '47 LeMay's farm in Waynesville, Ohio. Special thanks to the committee members led by Ed Mentzer '58 who hosted 90 Otterbein alumni. **Left:** Bob Arledge '55, Dick Smith '79 and Bill Cole '54. **Lower Left:** Beverly Hancock Corcoran '48, Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51. **Below, Front Row:** Shirley Adams Detamore '51, Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51, Ruth Ann Smith Moore '51, Priscilla Warner Berry '51. **Back Row:** Bill Detamore '51, Jim Shand '51, Martha Weller Shand '51, Jug Ridinger '49, Paul Moore '51, Jim Berry '50.



## Emeriti Picnic

The Otterbein emeriti faculty and retired staff meet monthly for lunch and to learn about campus events and happenings. Here they join their annual picnic in May at Dr. Tom and Donna Kerr's home. **Top Left:** Janet Carr '86, wife of Jim Carr; Norma Webster, Dr. Eva Sebo, Dr. Marty Savenson and Petie Dodrill, wife of the late Dr. Chuck Dodrill. **Bottom Left:** Dr. Sylvia Vance '47, Dr. Mary Cay Wells '47, and Rev. John Wells '48. **Below, First row:** Dr. Eva Sebo, Judy Christian, Dr. Phil Barnhart, Dr. Marty Saveson, Jean Spero, Jeanne Augustus, Suzanne Neal. **Second row:** Dr. Thomas Kerr, Dr. Bill Amy, Dr. Sylvia Vance, Dr. Mary Cay Wells. **Third row:** Dr. Dick Yantis, Jim Carr, Fred Thayer, Larry Cox, and Dr. Roger Deibel. **Back row:** Gary Tirey, Dr. David Holl, Dr. Bob Place.





## Zero Year Reunion

Congratulations to the Class of '07! The Zero Year reunion for the Class of '07 was held after commencement rehearsal in the Clements Recreation Center. After 300 seniors had their class picture taken, they celebrated with classmates at a picnic dinner and won donated prizes from campus offices and the Westerville community. Alumni scoop the ice cream, serve the cake, pop the popcorn and congratulate the class with a CD case containing a customized CD identifying the benefits and services of an Otterbein alumni.

A master's reception is held the following day to greet the graduate students to the Otterbein alumni association. The events are sponsored by the Otterbein Alumni Council.



**More pics at**  
[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)

## Hello Dolly Brunch

A sell-out crowd enjoyed omelets cooked to order for the Sunday Brunch and Spring Musical performance of Hello Dolly. Join us for next year's spring musical of Peter Pan. **Left:** Grace, Noah and Rob Fetters. **Below:** Charis Bridgman '07 with her grandparent, Dick Bridgman '50 and Carolyn Boda Bridgman '50.



## OARS - Otterbein Alumni Recruiting Students

We are looking for alumni interested in recruiting at fall college fairs in these areas:

Chicago, Illinois - north, northwest and western suburbs  
Houston and Dallas, Texas  
Pittsburgh and Western PA  
Washington D.C.

Florida - Orlando, Tampa, Fort Myers, Miami and Fort Lauderdale

Contact Bonnie Robinson in the Office of Alumni Relations at  
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## Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

**Week of Aug. 7** Alumni host Summer Send-Offs for new students/parents. Summer send-offs will occur in Cleveland, Akron-Canton, Cincinnati, Dayton, Central Ohio/Westerville (Contact [brobinson@otterbein.edu](mailto:brobinson@otterbein.edu))

**Aug. 24** Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein Campus

**Aug. 25** Central Ohio Alumni Gathering, Old Bag of Nails (see page 57)

**Aug. 31** Cross Country Alumni Meet  
(contact [rborland@otterbein.edu](mailto:rborland@otterbein.edu))

**Sept. 6** New students with Alumni Relatives Lunch on Move-in Day, Otterbein campus

**Sept. 15-23** Otterbein Ireland Alumni Trip

**Oct. 13** Homecoming '07, Reunions for Classes of '87, '92, '97 and '02.

**Oct. 20** Otterbein – Circleville Alumni Gathering, Circleville, OH (see page 57)



# We're looking for future Cardinals!

Tell us about promising, college-bound high school students in your family or in your neighborhood who might find Otterbein a good fit. Please take a few minutes to complete and mail the form below or submit information online at [www.otterbein.edu/admission/request\\_info.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/admission/request_info.asp). We'll be happy to send them information about Otterbein College.

### Prospective Cardinal

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  Female  Male

Student's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Yr \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you're willing to help with student recruitment efforts in your area.

Please return this form in an envelope addressed to:

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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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Kari Ringer '09, as Dolly in *Hello Dolly* from the 2007 production.

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