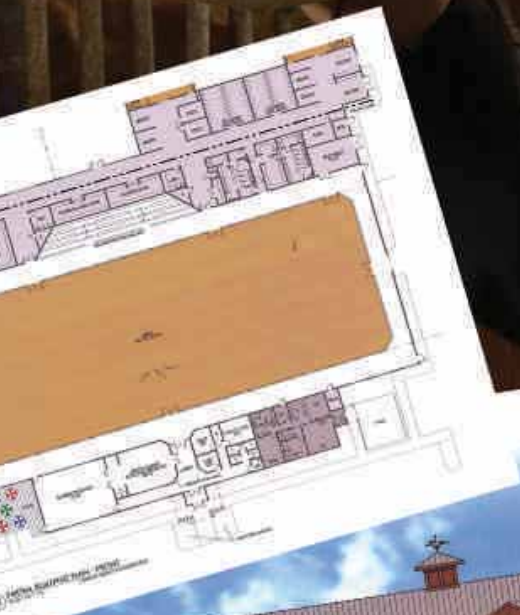


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# From the Readers

Dear *Towers* Magazine,

Two years ago (Winter, 2006) you had an article that featured those of us who had evacuated from Katrina. Through that article I got to reacquaint myself with a few Cardinals that I had lost touch with so many years ago. At the time of the article I had evacuated to Baltimore and was unsure where I would end up.

Over two years have passed since then but so little has changed. In January of this year I came back to St. Bernard Parish where I had lived before the storm; I started teaching for the “Recovery School District” since Orleans Parish Schools had been taken over by the state while we were evacuated.

I was hoping to be able to go back to the same school I had left but that school still hasn’t reopened so I was assigned to Clark High School. The kids’ names had changed but the needs were all the same or more. There still weren’t any text books in the classrooms and technology was nonexistent. Schools that were already in poor condition before the storm have taken a new meaning for the students since the storm—it’s a place to come to that isn’t attached to a FEMA trailer, and it’s a place where they hopefully forget that everything they knew is now gone. It’s a respite for the kids and us teachers from the daily struggle of rebuilding our homes, communities and lives.

I didn’t have a student who hadn’t lost someone in the storm. I had one student who lost both of his parents and was left with a 24-year-old sister to keep the family together. Everyone lost someone. I lost two neighbors who I enjoyed and find myself still looking for them from time to time. High school is supposed to be some of the most exciting years in life, but it has turned into survival for these teens. We’ve all learned so many lessons through “The Katrina School of Life.” I hope my students will choose to use those lessons to improve themselves; I know I’m trying to do the same.

Please, Otterbein community, don’t forget all of us in Louisiana who are still struggling to rebuild our lives and communities. Please stop in your busy lives and remember my students by saying a little prayer for them, that this school year they can find some of the excitement that high school brought to all of us when we were their ages.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Otterbein community that has sent me so many supportive e-mails. Your support and kind thoughts have helped me through the past two years and made me realize that everything I lost was just a drop in the bucket in comparison to what I have.

*Thank you Otterbein community,*

**Rebecca Sebring '84**



**Left:** Rebecca Sebring at her home in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. The “x” on the house denotes there were no deaths there.

**Below:** a photo of the parish after Katrina that ran in the Winter 2006 *Towers*.





## The Gals of '59

We started a luncheon five years ago with mostly gals from the Ohio area. We have been rotating meeting places between the northern and southern parts of the state, but have decided we will probably accept Mary Kay Atwood Day's invitation to meet at her summer place at Apple Valley since it is kind of a midpoint. I had the first picnic at my place in Chagrin Falls five years ago. We have since met at Mary Kay's place in Apple Valley twice, at Betsy Messmer Kennedy's in Lakeside, and at Joyce Kistler Jones' in Lancaster. This summer we had the biggest turnout ever at 14. Each year we seem to pick up another person or two. We have a great time. We bring pictures, yearbooks and lots of memories. And we're gearing up for our 50th reunion in two years!

**Marilyn Miller Wyville '59**



**Kneeling:** Mary Kay Atwood Day, Ann Brubaker-McElwain.  
**Front Row:** Kay Dornan Ciminello, Pat Sliver Moore, Rosie Yarman Dinkelacker, Marilyn Miller Wyville, Doris Repetylo Spaeth. **Back Row:** Joyce Kistler Jones, Diane Daily Cox, Pat Hulit Reid, Karen Seigfried Wright, Betsy Messmer Kennedy, Eileen Mitchell Payton, Mary Sue Webner Smith.



## Flashback: 1962 - Lighting the Tree

By Michael J. Maxwell, '87, Otterbein's "Traditions Czar"

The ceremony of the Otterbein community lighting the College Christmas Tree has changed throughout the years. When the College's academic calendar was established under the semester system, students were on campus right up to nearly Christmas Day. Hence, the tree lighting ceremony usually enjoyed some degree of snow and more students in the holiday spirit participating in lighting the "tannenbaum." In addition to the lighting of the tree, there was caroling, the occasional pageantry, and of course the faculty would open their homes to the Otterbein students to help ring in the Christmas cheer.



## National Senior Olympics

Otterbein was represented in the National Senior Olympics in Louisville, KY in August. I was seventh in the pole vault (70-74 age group). I pulled a hamstring attempting 7'6" and had to drop out. Don Myers ran the mile and finished eighth (75-79 age group). Pictured: **Gene Keel '53, Don Myers '52, Bob Arledge '55, Jerry Neff '53, Doris "Bunnie" McCracken Keel '56, and Mary McCoy Neff '54. Gail Bunch Arledge '56 took the photo. Bob Arledge '55**

# College News

Compiled by Jenny Hill

## Word is Out on QPV

*Westerville Makes List in Money Magazine's Top 100 Best Places to Live*



Oops! Looks like the secret is out.

Members of the Otterbein community have long known that Westerville is a wonderful town in which to work and live. Back in 1918, when professor Glen Grant Grabill '00 and his wife, Celia, wrote the Otterbein Love Song, they dubbed it "the quiet, peaceful village." Many generations of Otterbein alumni know what you're talking about when you say "QPV."

Now the rest of the world knows, too. In *Money Magazine's* August issue, the annual Best Places to Live rankings place Westerville 46<sup>th</sup> in the United States. Gahanna came in 96<sup>th</sup> and no other central Ohio city made the list.

This year, the list focused on communities with a population of 50,000 and under that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community. What really set Westerville apart was its exceptional showing in the quality-of-life category, which included such factors as things to do, sense of community, and low crime rates. ●



# Ed Begley Jr. Coming to Campus

*Actor and Environmentalist is Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer*

Continuing to look toward a greener future, Otterbein College has invited actor and environmentalist Ed Begley, Jr. to campus as the 2008 Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer to help educate the Otterbein community about environmental issues. Begley will present his lecture on Feb. 13, 2008.

When it comes to taking personal responsibility for the environment, few individuals can match the record of Begley. Known for turning up at Hollywood events on his bicycle, he has served as chairman of the Environmental Media Association and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. He serves on the boards of organizations including the Thoreau Institute, the Earth Communications Office, Tree People and Friends of the Earth. His work has earned awards from numerous environmental groups including the California League of Conservation Voters, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Coalition for Clean Air, Heal the Bay, the Santa Monica Baykeeper and the Southern California Gas Company. Currently, he stars on the hit HGTV series *Living with Ed*, a look at the day-to-day realities of “living green” with his not-so-environmentalist wife Rachelle Carson. The series is currently in production on its second season.

Inspired by the works of his Academy Award-winning father, Begley became an actor. He first came to the attention of audiences for his portrayal of Dr. Victor Ehrlich on the long-running hit television series *St. Elsewhere*, for which he received six Emmy nominations. Since then, Begley has moved easily between feature films, television and theatre projects. Begley has appeared in *A Mighty Wind*, the American Comedy Award-winning film *Best In Show*, and

the most recent Christopher Guest film *For Your Consideration*. He also appeared in the cult classic hit film *This is Spinal Tap*. Other feature film credits include *Batman Forever*, *The Accidental Tourist* and *The Inlaws*.

On television, Begley has had recurring roles on *Six Feet Under* and *Arrested Development*. He has also guest starred on such series as *The West Wing*, *The Practice* and *Boston Legal*. Most recently, Begley was featured in *Veronica Mars* and *CSI: Miami*. He also is featured in the 2006 documentary *Who Killed the Electric Car?*

In the theater, Begley starred in the West Coast premiere of David Mamet’s *Cryptogram* at the Geffen Playhouse, in a role that he first performed in Boston and then in New York. He also starred in Mr. Mamet’s production of *Romance* at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

This talented actor has also directed several episodes of the hit TV series *NYPD Blue* as well as a stage play that he wrote called *Cesar and Ruben* that won a Nos Otros Award and four Valley Theater League awards.

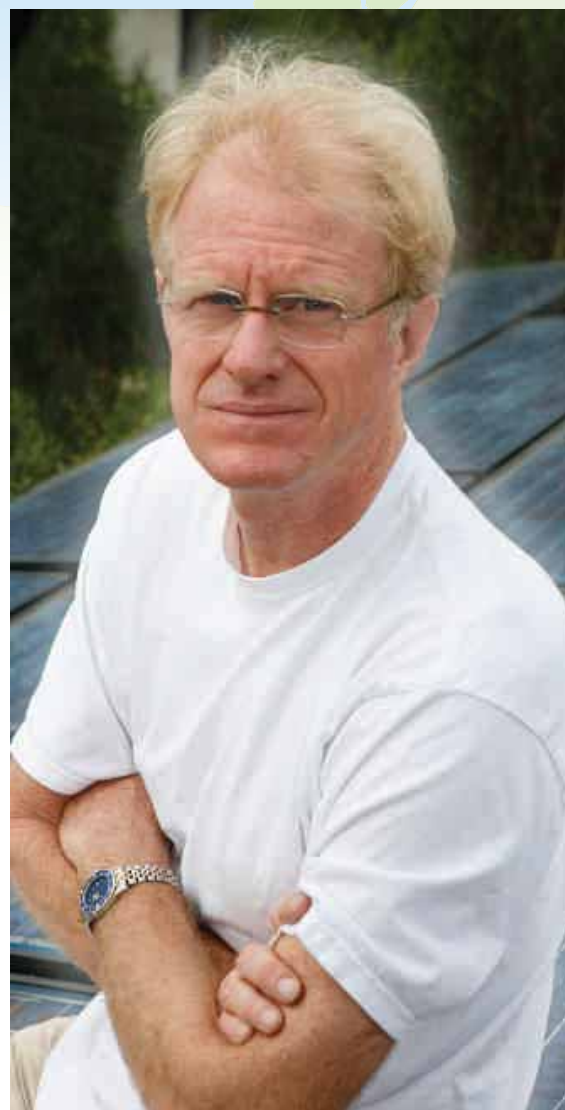
Begley lives in Studio City, CA in a small, energy efficient home with his wife and co-star Rachelle Carson and their daughter Hayden. More information about Begley’s views on the environment and his tips for “living green” can be found at [www.livingwithed.net](http://www.livingwithed.net) and [Fixingtheplanet.com](http://Fixingtheplanet.com).

The Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence and Distinguished Lecture Series was established through a one million dollar gift from alumnus Vernon L. Pack, a 1950 graduate of the College and resident of Westerville, OH.

Every other year, a Distinguished Lecturer will visit the campus to address important current issues that allow the Otterbein community to reflect on ethical, spiritual and social

issues. This program rotates through the five academic divisions of the College, including arts, professional studies, science and mathematics, humanities and social sciences.

In alternating years, scholars are invited to campus to reside for up to one academic year as part of the Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence Series to enrich the educational experiences provided to Otterbein students. ●



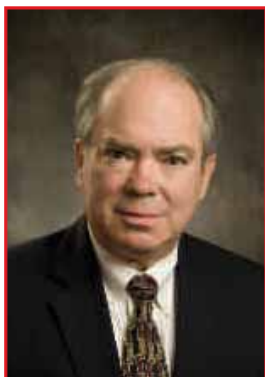
*Ed Begley Jr.*

# Alumni, Faculty, Students Join Board of Trustees

Otterbein College recently named new members to its Board of Trustees, including alumni Eddie Harrell, Joe Ignat and Al Waterhouse; faculty trustee Nicholas Hill; and student trustees Emmanuel Brown and Katie Johnson.



Eddie Harrell



Joe Ignat



Al Waterhouse

William “Eddie” Harrell Jr. has been president and CEO of the Columbus Urban League since April 2006. He has been preparing for a life of service to his community since he graduated near the top of his class at Marion-Franklin High School in Columbus as an I KNOW I CAN student before earning his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Otterbein College in 1994. He went on to earn his master’s degree in business administration from Ashland University.

Prior to joining the Columbus Urban League, Harrell served as the executive director of I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus. Under Harrell’s leadership, I KNOW I CAN grew from awarding \$1 million to \$1.7 million in Last Dollar Grants, and Project GRAD, expanded to include the Marion Franklin area, doubling the number of students served. Prior to joining I KNOW I CAN, he served on the organization’s Board of Directors. He also held various management positions with The Kroger Company.

In 2000, Harrell was recognized as one of the outstanding “Forty Under Forty” community leaders in Central Ohio by *Business First*. He received the Special Achievement Award from the Otterbein College Alumni Association in 2002.

Harrell serves on the Board of Directors for Youth For A Positive Image, Columbus Public Schools Equity Task Force, Columbus Workforce Alliance and the Board of The Greater Linden Development Corporation. He is an active member of the Capital Square Rotary Club and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Harrell and his wife, Valerie, reside in Columbus with their two children, Kayla and Eddie III. They are members of the Columbus Bibleway Church.

Joseph “Joe” Ignat serves as managing director of Blackburn Capital, LLC, an investment banking firm with principal offices in Denver, CO. Blackburn serves emerging

enterprises, mostly in high technology industries in the capitalization, acquisition and divestiture projects, by raising capital for start-up, expansion, and special projects including investments in real estate.

Prior to his service at Blackburn, he served as vice president of American Deposit Corp., an innovative developer of deposit products for banks. He served both in business development and licensing for American Deposit and in government relations. In his service in government relations, he was involved in the process of educating officials in the executive and the legislative branches of the federal government on the economic affects of American Deposit’s products and the banking regulatory issues raised by those products.

Ignat helped lead a special project in litigation support that produced a methodology and an economic model to estimate the funds that passed or should have passed into the Individual Indian Trust. This trust fund resulted from the Dawes Act of 1887, which established the United States as trustee with the Secretary of the Interior as the trustee delegate. The amounts that flowed into the trust were calculated in support of the plaintiff Indians in the massive class action lawsuit against the United States now known as *Cobell v. Kempthorne*.

Earlier in his career, he was involved in a variety of firms, mostly in capital acquisition and senior management in industries including oil and gas exploration, film making and commercial real estate.

In his service to community, he serves as board member of Property and Environment Research Center, an environmental economic research organization in Bozeman, Montana; a trustee, secretary and treasurer of the Independence Institute, and economic research organization in Golden Colorado; he is a former president and trustee of the Nord Family Foundation, a grant making foundation in Amherst,



OH; and the former president and currently a trustee of the Denver Lions Foundation, a grant making foundation in Denver, CO.

Ignat earned his bachelor's degree in physics from Otterbein in 1965 and his master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado in 1970. He is a veteran of the United States Navy. He resides in Greenwood Village, CO, with his wife Pamela. They have three grown children.

Al Waterhouse brings extensive experience as a CEO to the board. Most recently he was the first president and CEO of Asteres, Inc., a start-up firm in San Diego. Founded in 2003, Asteres was the first company to commercialize a system to store and deliver finished prescriptions to consumers in a retail pharmacy. The company developed ScriptCenter®, an automated system similar to an ATM. Filled prescriptions are loaded into the machine, allowing customers to pick up and pay for their prescription at their convenience. Al shepherded the technological and operational advances that readied the product for mass adaptation in the field while also raising working capital for the firm.

Prior to joining Asteres, Inc., Waterhouse was president of Cardinal Health's Packaging Services, which is the world's largest fully integrated packager for pharmaceuticals with over 4,000 employees in 12 facilities worldwide. He came to that position from Pyxis Corporation, another Cardinal Health company, where he was executive vice president of manufacturing/operations responsible for production, materials management, worldwide logistics, property and facilities management and information technology. Before joining Pyxis, Mr. Waterhouse held several senior management positions in manufacturing and operations with General Motors Corporation.

Waterhouse's community work includes chairing the annual United Way fund drive for a division of General Motors and devoting a great deal of time to Big Brother/Big Sisters.

Waterhouse received his bachelor's degree in business administration from

Otterbein College in 1982 and went on to earn his master's degree in business administration from Xavier University. He resides in Del Mar, CA.

Faculty trustee Nicholas Hill is the former chair of the Department of Art at Otterbein College and a resident of Granville, OH. He teaches in the areas of drawing, printmaking and painting. He received his bachelor's of fine arts degree from Michigan State University and his master's of art and master's of fine arts degrees from the University of Iowa. Hill has taught at Otterbein for 10 years. His previous teaching positions include Union College in Schenectady, NY, the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and chairperson of the Art Department at Bethany College in Kansas.

Hill has exhibited his work in over 150 national and international juried and invitational exhibitions. Recent international venues include France, Germany, and Poland. He has been awarded two international residencies in Dresden, Germany, by the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council. He is also the recipient of an Ohio Arts Council Project Grant; two New York State Council on the Arts Grants; grants from Artists Space/New York City and a grant from the Kansas Arts Council. Additional residencies have been at the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire, the Ragdale Foundation in Illinois and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

His work has been exhibited at Printworks Gallery in Chicago for 20 years. He recently had a solo exhibition of his prints at the gallery. His work has been acquired for such public collections as the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C.; the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City; Grafikwerkstatt in Dresden, Germany; and The American Council on Education in Washington, DC.

Student trustee Emmanuel Brown is a native of Reynoldsburg, OH. He is a junior sociology major with a black studies minor at Otterbein. He also serves as the regional assistant vice president for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Katie Johnson is a student trustee from Upper Sandusky, OH. She is a junior economics major with a minor in environmental studies. She is a member of Otterbein's women's golf team and the student organization L.I.V.E. (Leadership in Volunteer Experience). ●



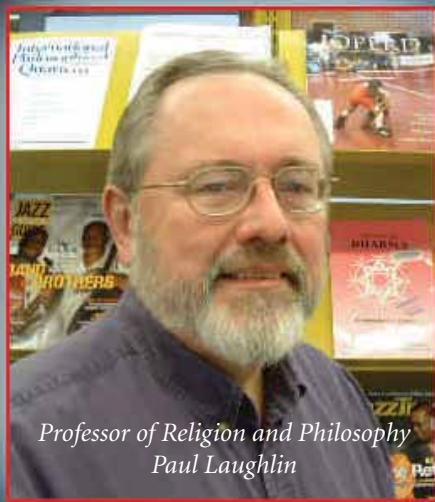
*Nicholas Hill*



*Emmanuel Brown*



*Katie Johnson*



## Did an Otterbein Professor Help a Former Student Win a Million Bucks?

**D**id an Otterbein professor help a former student become a millionaire on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* in July? Your guess is as good as that of Professor of Religion and Philosophy Paul Alan Laughlin. Although he dutifully served as the student's "lifeline" for the show, the results are embargoed until the show airs in December.

The following story is a narrative by Paul Laughlin, professor of religion and philosophy:

Megan Schlingman, a former religion major and departmental assistant at Otterbein, contacted me in July to ask if I would serve as one of her "Phone-a-Friend" lifelines on the *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire* television show. Being a fan of the show, I happily agreed.

The show was taped in New York City on August 15. I was told that I needed to be available at a land-line phone (no cell phones) between noon and 7:30 p.m., during which time they were to tape a week's worth of half-hour shows. (The show's producer initially calls between 10 and 11 a.m. on the day you are to be standing by, just to make sure you're still a go. That call may be on your cell phone. But from noon on, you have to be standing by a real phone.)

I decided to use my office in Towers Hall, and purchased a cheap speakerphone for the occasion, so I would be hands-free for Google-searching an answer I didn't know and so that anyone else in the room would be able to hear and help.

Associate Professor and Chair of Religion and Philosophy Andrew Mills joined me that day, and we hung out in my office reading and getting some other work done. Megan finally called me at about 5:30 p.m. on my cell phone. She was quite frustrated. She said that they had finished taping for the day and she was being held over to the next day. She told me that they had assured her that she would be first up, and so I wouldn't have to wait quite as long. I told her to take the layover as a gift, because it would allow her to be more rested and to perform better the next day.

Dr. Mills couldn't join me that day because of a prior commitment, so I was flying solo. I received a call at 1 p.m. from the show's producer to tell me that Megan was in the "hot seat." Twenty minutes later, Meredith Vieira phoned and we chatted briefly. She told me that Megan was going for the \$25,000 plateau. After reminding me that I would have only 30 seconds to hear and answer the

question, she put Megan on the line. The question concerned the nickname for an informal White House Press Conference. I don't recall all of the four options that Megan read to me, because I knew the answer. It was "gaggle." I knew that either because I've watched a lot of those events on CNN or, more likely, because I had been a big fan of *The West Wing*.

Megan nervously started to read the question again, and I interrupted her with the answer. She thanked me, I wished her luck, and we were done, with time to spare. They asked me to stay on the line after the 30 seconds are up so the producer could say thanks and goodbye.

I spoke with Megan on her cell phone that evening, and while she was sworn to secrecy about the overall outcome, she did tell me she had taken my advice. I asked Megan whether she had mentioned Otterbein by name on the show, and she told me that she had been so nervous, she had no idea. The episode is scheduled to air the third week of December, on or about the 18th.

I always kid my students that information in my courses can win them big bucks on *Millionaire* and *Jeopardy*. But I'm also a wealth of trivia—most of it truly useless. Like "gaggle." ●



# Science Committee Adds New Members

In the Spring 2007 issue of *Towers*, we featured members of the newly formed Science Building Campaign Committee, a group of alumni committed to improving Otterbein's science facilities who have stepped forward to volunteer their leadership for the science initiative. Two more alumni have recently joined this effort.



Tina Marrelli

**Tina M. Marrelli '96** represents the interests of the Department of Nursing on the Science Building Campaign Committee. Tina received her master's degree in nursing from Otterbein in 1996. Before enrolling at Otterbein, Tina had already earned a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in health care administration.

Tina has held various roles in nursing administration. She previously worked in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Central Office for four years on Medicare Part A policy and operations. This work was primarily in the areas of home health care and hospice.

Tina is the author or co-author of ten books including the *Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement*, *The Nurse Manager's Survival Guide* and *The Hospice and Palliative Care Handbook*. Before joining CMS, Tina directed various home care or hospice organizations. The content of the books came

More alumni volunteers will be profiled in future issues of *Towers*.

Meet the alumni who are paving the way for the future of the sciences at Otterbein:

primarily from her experiences as a nurse manager.

Tina serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Lippincott peer-reviewed journal *Home Healthcare Nurse* and is president of a consultation and education firm that provides education, management and other services.

Tina believes that Otterbein is the best choice for a working nurse to obtain and complete a master's degree. Though she and her husband now live in Florida, Tina is a frequent visitor to Westerville and Otterbein.

**Thomas Martin '63** graduated from Otterbein College with a major in chemistry. He attended medical school at The Ohio State University, rooming with his Otterbein classmate, **Douglas Knight '63**, during his first three years there.

A one-year internship at Columbus Children's Hospital was followed by two years in the Navy and radiology residency training at the University of Minnesota, with an additional year of fellowship in Nuclear Medicine.

Tom joined the radiology group of Russell, Berkebile and Associates

in the Lorain-Elyria area just west of Cleveland. He specialized in interventional radiology including angiography, arthrography, CAT scan and ultrasound guided biopsy procedures.

During his years in practice, he served as president of the Lorain County Medical Society, served on the Board of Trustees of the Lorain Community Hospital and was president of his 17-person radiology group. He was instrumental in constructing the office building which houses the Lorain County Medical Society along with other tenants, providing income for a charitable foundation that supports worthwhile causes in Lorain County.

Tom feels strongly that Otterbein has fallen behind in science education, a critical area the United States needs to improve upon if it is to compete globally in an ever-changing, complex world.



Tom Martin

His wife Dee is a graduate of the

Grant Hospital School of Nursing in Columbus, OH. They have four children: Eric, Catherine, Andrew and Susan. ●



Campus trees reflect off newly installed window panes in McFadden Hall. The large panes have been installed into the original large window spaces, which have been opened back up after being mostly bricked in for several decades.

# Communication has Open House at Homecoming

The new home of the Department of Communication officially opened for classes at the start of the school year, and during Homecoming, visitors were invited to share in the excitement of the students who are studying in the new facility.

The Department of Communication shares a building with the Department of Art on 33 Collegeview Road, west of Alum Creek. The Art portion of the building opened for classes in fall 2006 while renovations for Communication continued. Now those renovations are completed and the entire Department of Communication is under one roof for the first time ever.

The new department has five classrooms, two computer labs, one video editing lab, and a conference room. In addition, there are three video editing booths and one sound booth for students to use to work on projects.

The student-run radio station WOBN and the student-operated Westerville community television station WOCC are both in the new building, along with the *Tan & Cardinal* student newspaper office. Communication Chair Susan Millsap is excited about the future of these programs now that they are in a shared building.

“This allows us the opportunity for more media convergence to better reflect current practices in media,”

Susan said. “For example we now have a shared newsroom so the students can discuss how the different forms of media will cover a story.”

WOBN has three production/training studios along with the on-air studio and a student office. They share a green room with WOCC. WOCC, owned by the city of Westerville but run by Otterbein College, has a new studio large enough to hold two working sets with a new control room and engineering space connected to the video-editing lab to give students direct access to the working studio. “The new building gives WOCC a more public face for the city and its residents,” Susan said.

Other Communication activities also have offices in the new building, including Forensics, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and Mentoring Organizational Students Today (MOST). All 12 full-time faculty members have offices in the building along with staff for the stations and adjunct faculty office space.

“This is the first time ever that the entire department has been together in one building. This allows us more opportunity for collaboration not only with each other, but also with the Department of Art, which occupies the other half of the building,” Susan said. “The student lounge area provides space for students to work together or to just socialize which is also important for the overall college experience.”

Susan said the summer move was a major task. “By the time classes started for the year, the classrooms were set, the *Tan & Cardinal* made deadline for New Student Weekend and WOBN went on air for the first day of classes. Only WOCC was delayed in its transition to the new building, but enough had been moved so that class could still start in the new studio even if they were not yet on air from the new building.” ●

**Right:** WOBN gets adorned with balloons for the Homecoming Open House. **Below left:** Two “marching Ludlums” appear with Professor of Communication John Ludlum. **Below right:** The calliope wagon made an appearance in the parade that belonged to the late Jim Grissinger and was donated to Westerville Parks and Recreation. Dr. “Griss” was chair of the department for 37 years.





# Fence Dedicated to the Memory of Kenneth Paul '49

Sandra Rubino Paul recently donated a new fence to enclose Ballenger Field and Memorial Stadium, the home of the Otterbein Cardinals. The fence was dedicated in memory of her husband, **Kenneth R. Paul '49** prior to the Homecoming game on October 13. President DeVore, Athletics Director Richard Reynolds, Mrs. Paul and family friend Ken Pendleton spoke at the ceremony. A plaque for the memorial fence was unveiled and was subsequently mounted on one of the posts of the fence.

The fence is black powder-coated steel with brick posts that feature limestone caps and carriage-lantern light fixtures.

A native of Sunbury, OH, Mr. Paul was an avid athlete, serving as captain of his football, basketball and baseball teams in high school. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II as a waist gunner on a B-17 in the European Theater.

He married Sandi in 1943 after her freshman year at Otterbein and their first home was located on campus on Center Street. Following the war, the couple returned to Otterbein to continue their educations. Mr. Paul received his bachelor's degree in 1949 and began coaching and teaching in Lancaster, OH. He would go on to teach, coach and serve as principal in other schools in Ohio during his long career. He also earned two master's degrees from The Ohio State University. Mrs. Paul earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul's son, Steven, lives in Reynoldsburg. Another son, Craig, died during the Vietnam conflict. Mr. Paul passed away in 1996.

Mrs. Paul also is donating the scoreboard and new visitor stand seating in fitting complement to the new fence. ●



*Sandra Rubino Paul dedicated a new stadium fence for Ballenger Field and Memorial Stadium in tribute to her husband, Kenneth Paul. At her left is family friend Ken Pendleton, who spoke fondly of his friend's life during the ceremony that preceded the homecoming football game.*



# Spotlight on FACULTY

**Name:** James Francis Patrick Gorman  
**Title:** Professor of English, Director of Creative Writing, Faculty Athletics Representative

**Education:** St. Mary's Academy (k-12; 1969), John Carroll University (BA, 1973); Ohio University (MA, 1977 and Ph.D., 1983)

**Hometown:** Hoosick Falls, New York (home also of Grandma Moses)  
Current city of residence: Westerville (because it is within walking distance to campus)

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

The story, or as novelists call it, the short story.

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

Because story telling is older than the cave paintings and as essential to all of us as breathing.

**What is your favorite aspect of teaching?**

Helping a student with a specific piece of writing; that “ah ha” that comes when you help a student past a particular point of confusion or limitation. The “ah ha” comes for student and teacher, at the same time or at vastly different times.

**Why do you teach at Otterbein?**

A steady income; every 11th quarter I can renew my creativity through a sabbatical; my English colleagues; and the students, especially writing students and student athletes, though I strike up enjoyable conversations with students of all kinds just about daily.

**What are the best qualities you see in Otterbein students?**

They are flexible, unassuming and hard working.

**What question are you most often asked by students?**

Since I am an excitable teacher who often jumps from idea to idea without clear connections, I am often asked, “Can you say that again, clearly?”

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

That each of us needs to find the ONE THING for him or herself. Thinking—discovering, solving, discerning—distinguishes us from plants and animals; finding our own ONE THING distinguishes us from other human beings. Finding it may be a lifelong pursuit. I am still in restless pursuit.

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

I am writing new stories, most of them autobiographical fiction. I am also working on a longer story set on a particular day in 1905. This story requires research. I am reading newspapers, magazines and histories from that era. Such research is unusual for me, but fascinating. I am also interested in finding stories that have been made into successful movies, like *3:10 to Yuma*, *Brokeback Mountain*, *The Hustler*, just three of many major motion pictures based on a (relatively short) story.



*Professor of English Jim Gorman*

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

A gardener. I love the miracle of plants; my nose loves them, my eyes love them. Or a jack-of-all-trades; I love fixing things.

**What are your hobbies outside the classroom?**

Watching and listening to sports. I'm a fan of the Red Sox (major league baseball) and the Cardinals (Otterbein, Division III). I also enjoy running; I've run a marathon per year for the past few years, though I am taking this year off to concentrate on my sabbatical writing. Also I enjoy a good mixed metaphor from time to time—thank goodness, mixed metaphors do not give you cancer and are *still* legal at any speed. ●



# Peace From Earth

## Concert Choir may be Coming Your Way

The Otterbein College Concert Choir will usher in the holiday season with its 60<sup>th</sup> annual holiday tour featuring festive performances of Advent and Christmas music, this year featuring stops in Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

The tour's featured program opens with a cappella masterworks of Advent and Christmas choral literature, while the second half is a series of lessons and carols. Hans Leo Hassler's *Verbum caro factum est*, Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*, and Greg Knauf's *Gloria* will be featured in the program along with arrangements of favorite carols. The programs conclude with alumni-hosted receptions.

Concert dates are as follows:

**Sunday, November 18** at 2 p.m.  
Riley Auditorium, Otterbein's Battelle Fine Arts Center, 170 W. Park St., Westerville, OH

**Monday, November 26** at 7:30 p.m.  
Westerville Community United Church of Christ, 770 County Line Rd., Westerville, OH

**Tuesday, November 27** at 7 p.m.  
Sharonville United Methodist Church, 3751 Creek Road, Cincinnati, OH

**Wednesday, November 28** at 7 p.m.  
Oak Harbor High School Theatre, 11661 West S.R. 163, Oak Harbor, OH

**Thursday, November 29** at 7 p.m.  
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills, MI

**Saturday, December 1** at 7:30 p.m.  
Wexford Heights United Church, 2102 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough, ON, Canada

**Sunday, December 2** at 7 p.m.  
First Church Congregational, 22 Liberty St., Painesville, OH 44077

The Concert Choir is the most select of the Otterbein's seven vocal ensembles. Most of its 53 members are music majors. The Concert Choir tours every December to destinations both domestic and abroad. Recent itineraries have included France and Switzerland in 2006; New York in 2005; Charleston, SC, in 2004; and the Austria and the Czech Republic in 2003. The Concert Choir frequently performs at professional conferences, most recently for the Ohio Music Educators Association and the Ohio Choral Directors Association in 2006. The ensemble has been invited to perform at the American Choral

Directors Central Division Conference in February, 2008. Additionally, Otterbein Choirs have performed on numerous occasions with the Columbus Symphony, including the U.S. premiere of the *Lord of the Rings* Symphony with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in 2004.

Conductor Gayle Walker of Westerville is director of choral activities and associate professor of music at Otterbein. She conducts the Concert Choir and Opus One vocal jazz ensemble, and teaches ear training, conducting and early music history. She is currently President of the Ohio Choral Directors Association.

For more information about the tour, call (614) 823-1358. ●



# Internationally Acclaimed Artist Displays Works at Otterbein



Portrait of Clementine Hunter

Otterbein College recently exhibited works by Columbus native Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson from the College art collection in Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.

A prolific artist, Aminah has created over 20,000 works, including cloth paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, book illustrations, and quilts. Her interest in art began as a child, when her father showed her how to combine mud, glue, dyes, lime and sticks to form “hogmawg,” a substance used in making sculpture. Her mother taught her the more traditional arts of spinning, weaving, button work and sewing. Aminah’s art also is known for incorporating found objects, a practice that is based in her childhood, when readily available materials included sticks, leaves, recycled paper pulp and fruit and vegetable dyes. She received formal art training at the Columbus College of Art and Design and studied English at The Ohio State University.

Aminah was born in Columbus, OH, in 1940 and was raised in Poindexter Village, one of the country’s first federally funded metropolitan housing developments. Her family history draws from the experiences of her Great-Aunt Cordelia, who told stories of her family in Angola and the horrific cruelty of the Middle Passage, a time between the 15th and 19th centuries when Africans were shipped as human cargo to a life of slavery in the New World. Great-Aunt Cordelia herself was born into slavery in Georgia. Additional inspiration for her art comes from research expeditions to Africa, the Middle East and South America to study regional traditions and art forms.

Much of her art is linked to her community, even when she incorporated other communities into the works. Neighbors appreciate her artistic interpretations of the community so much that many people leave fabric scraps on her front porch. Aminah had a similar experience during a month in Israel in 1998, supported by a Visual Arts Travel Fellowship from the Ohio Arts Council. While staying in a community of Hasidic Jews, Aminah was presented with ties and used materials by locals to include in her work.

Aminah’s work has been displayed throughout the United States and internationally. She was the first living artist to be the subject of a major Columbus Museum of Art exhibition, and commissioned murals by Robinson are permanently installed in the Columbus Metropolitan Library. In 2004 her work was the subject of a solo exhibition at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes in Santiago, Chile. It was the museum’s first exhibition of an African-American artist and its first solo show. Her commission work entitled *Journeys I and II* is a signature



“My work is about people, historical data, traditions, lost communities. For me, there is no distinction between life and art.”

~ Aminah Robinson



*Joal Fishin Village*

piece of the collection of the recently opened National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

Other art exhibitions to be hosted by Otterbein this year include:

- *Standing Room Only*, an exhibition of sculptures from Jan. 7-Feb. 8, 2008, at the Miller Gallery in the Art & Communication Building at 33 Collegeview Rd., Westerville. Call 614-823-1792 for times.

- *Appetizers*, works by faculty and staff of the Department of Art from Jan. 7-March 14, 2008, and *This Is Important, Keep a Straight Face: An exhibition to stimulate your other brain* from March 31-June 6, 2008, in Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall, 27 S. Grove St., Westerville. Call 614-823-1792 for times.

- *Art from Tropical Africa: Selections from Cameroon, Gabon, and the Democratic Republic of Congo* through Nov. 16, 2007, and Jan. 9-March 14,

2008, and *Current Impressions*, prints by contemporary Indian printmakers selected by noted printmaker and curator Vijay Kumar from April 2-June 6, 2008, at the Frank Museum of Art, 39 S. Vine St., Westerville. Call 614-823-9716 for times. ●



# Equine Science To

*by Jenny Hill*

**I**n 1962, a gift of 110 undeveloped acres was given to Otterbein. Today, that land is poised to make a huge impact on the physical and academic face of the College.

As Westerville grew over the last four decades, the acreage has remained a valuable piece of land for Otterbein, which is finding less and less room for expansion around the main campus location. Expansion to the undeveloped land became part of the College's plan in recent years, but what to do with the land had been a topic of discussion for decades.

A recent lead gift of \$1.5 million from The McCuan Family Trust has provided the answer. The land will house the College's 25-year-old academic Equine Science program. Instead of tract homes, this land will be home to The Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Studies.

photo by Todd Yarrington





# Get a New Home

“This enormously generous gift actually is two gifts — the value of the monetary support itself and the expertise that Mr. McCuan brings to the project as a developer and horseman,” said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman.

Pat McCuan is founder, president and CEO of MDG Companies, a group of office, commercial and retail real estate development companies headquartered in Columbia, MD, with offices in West Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

The nearly \$5 million facility, located approximately two miles from campus on the east side of Spring Road in Westerville, will allow the Equine Science program to expand its program offerings and to admit more students, doubling enrollment in the program to 150 students over the next ten years. Current program offerings include three majors: Pre-veterinary Medicine/Pre-graduate Studies, Equine Health Technology and Equine Business and Facility Management.

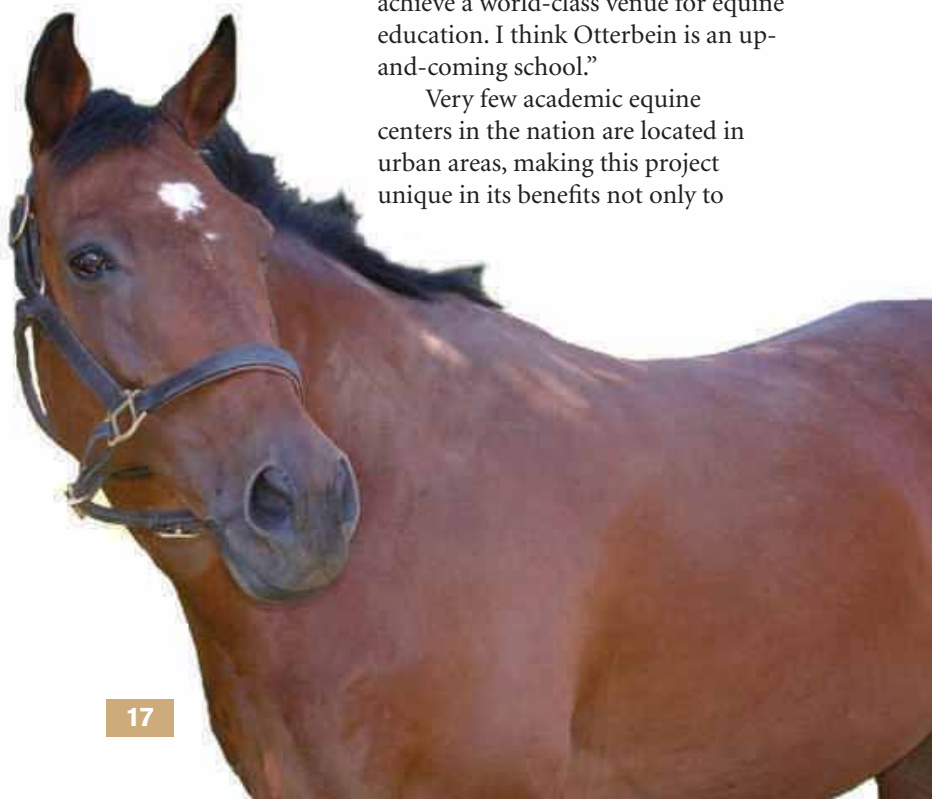
The plans for the new state-of-the-art facility include classrooms, faculty and staff office space, a large

indoor riding arena capable of hosting regional equestrian competitions, stable manager’s quarters, reception and spectator seating and stalls for 52 horses with future expansion capabilities to double stall capacity. In addition, the land will be home to an outdoor riding arena, four large pastures and a cross country course.

The College hopes to have the facility ready for use by the end of fall quarter in 2008 if the balance of \$3.5 million can be raised.

“I think that Otterbein College is an extraordinary institution of higher learning and provides one of the best academically-oriented equine programs in the country,” Pat said. “With this facility, Otterbein will achieve a world-class venue for equine education. I think Otterbein is an up-and-coming school.”

Very few academic equine centers in the nation are located in urban areas, making this project unique in its benefits not only to





*Patrick and Jill McCuan*

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~ Patrick McCuan

Otterbein students, but also the local community as a recreational and economic resource. As a facility committed to sound pasture, manure and water quality management, the facility will be a national model for responsible equine management techniques open to those who want to visit and learn from the methods and techniques applied at the Center.

According to Bruce Mandeville, chair of the Department of Equine Science, the Center’s mission “is to be an educational, best practices horse farm that fosters attitudes that value the environment, cultivates a commitment for student awareness, uses scientifically based, cost-effective and environmentally sound practices, and demonstrates and evaluates the most effective approaches to equine management suitability in the Midwest.”

“Education and collaboration is the key to the success of the Equine Center,” Bruce believes. “The Center will strive to be a model custodian

of green space, where neighbor- and environmentally-friendly approaches to management will be emphasized.”

Bruce said that possible collaborations with outside agencies will help the Center move forward with initiatives that could potentially include: manure management and windrow composting, which utilizes oxygen in the composting process; water capture from roofs and recycling that water for the arenas and landscaping; the use of bioswales and wetlands as water-filtration systems; solar energy systems; demonstration landscaping featuring drought-resistant plants and grasses useful for equine applications; and the development of areas not accessible to horses for demonstrated identification of weeds and horse-poisonous plants.

The partnership between the McCuans and the Otterbein Equine Science program is a natural one, as the McCuans have a 118-acre horse farm and riding facility of their own in Maryland called Sunset Hill Farm.

Their daughter, Megan, is a senior Equine Administration major at Otterbein.

Pat and Jill McCuan have commented, “When our daughter Megan was deciding which college to attend to study equine management, we were highly impressed with the quality of Otterbein’s academic strength and the dedication of its Equine Science faculty over other institutions we visited. That such an outstanding program flourished despite its small and declining rented facility was even more of a testament to its strength.”

Pat added that The McCuan Family Trust tries to provide gifts to academic building projects that will challenge others to do the same. “We like to create opportunities for institutions of learning to raise additional funds through leadership gifts. We are very pleased when other donors follow our lead.”

Pat is a native of Oklahoma and a former professor of social policy at the University of Maryland Graduate School with degrees from Baylor and the Universities of Louisville, Southern Seminary, and Maryland. For four years, he was a Washington, D.C. lobbyist for 112 national human services organizations and served as the first executive director of the Congressional Joint Committee on Mental Health of Children, The Human Services Institute for Children and Families and the National Conference on Social Welfare in Washington. In 1977, he became an entrepreneur with his first housing development endeavor. Following his success in the Columbia and Florida homebuilding markets, Pat turned his attention to commercial development in 1980. ●



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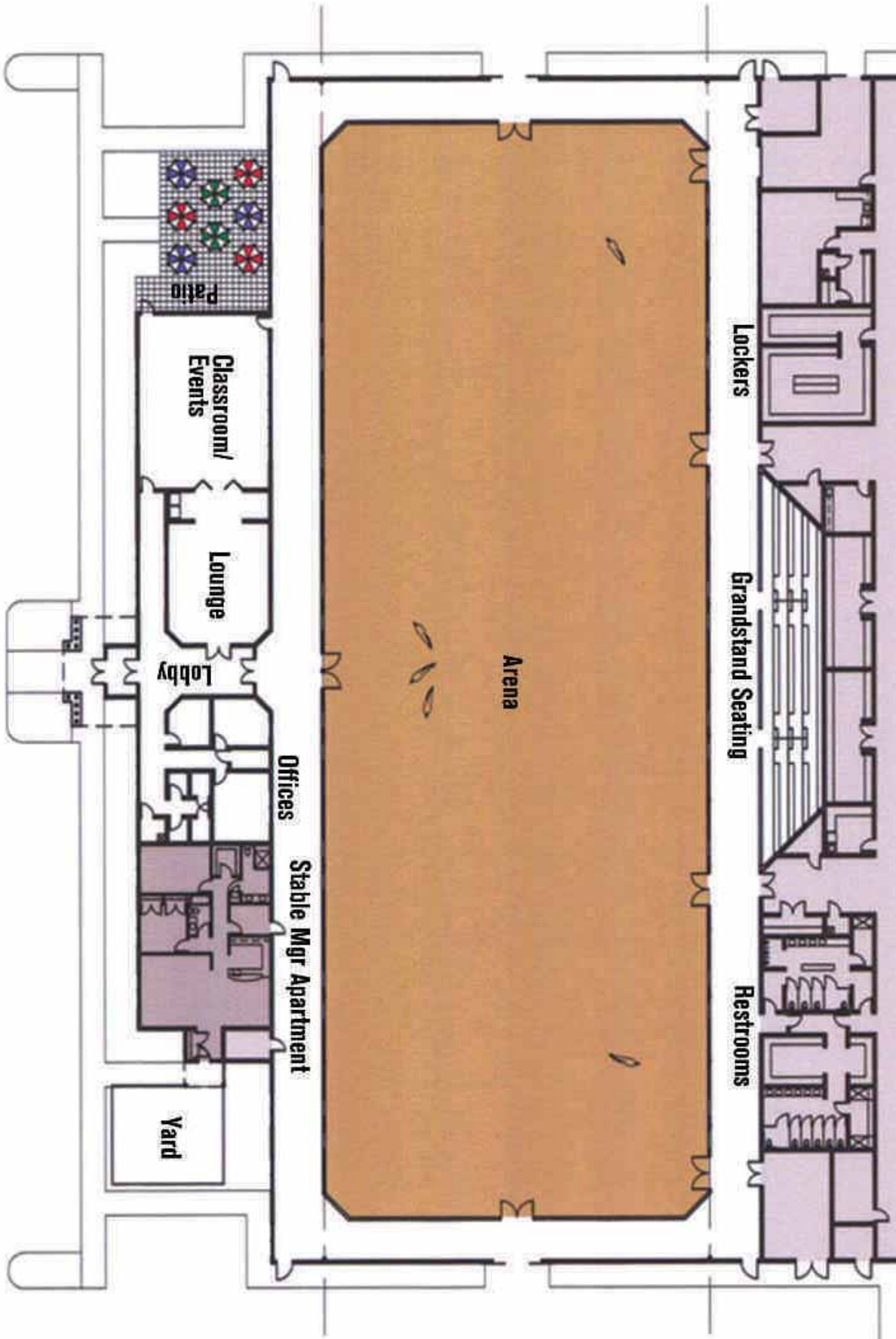
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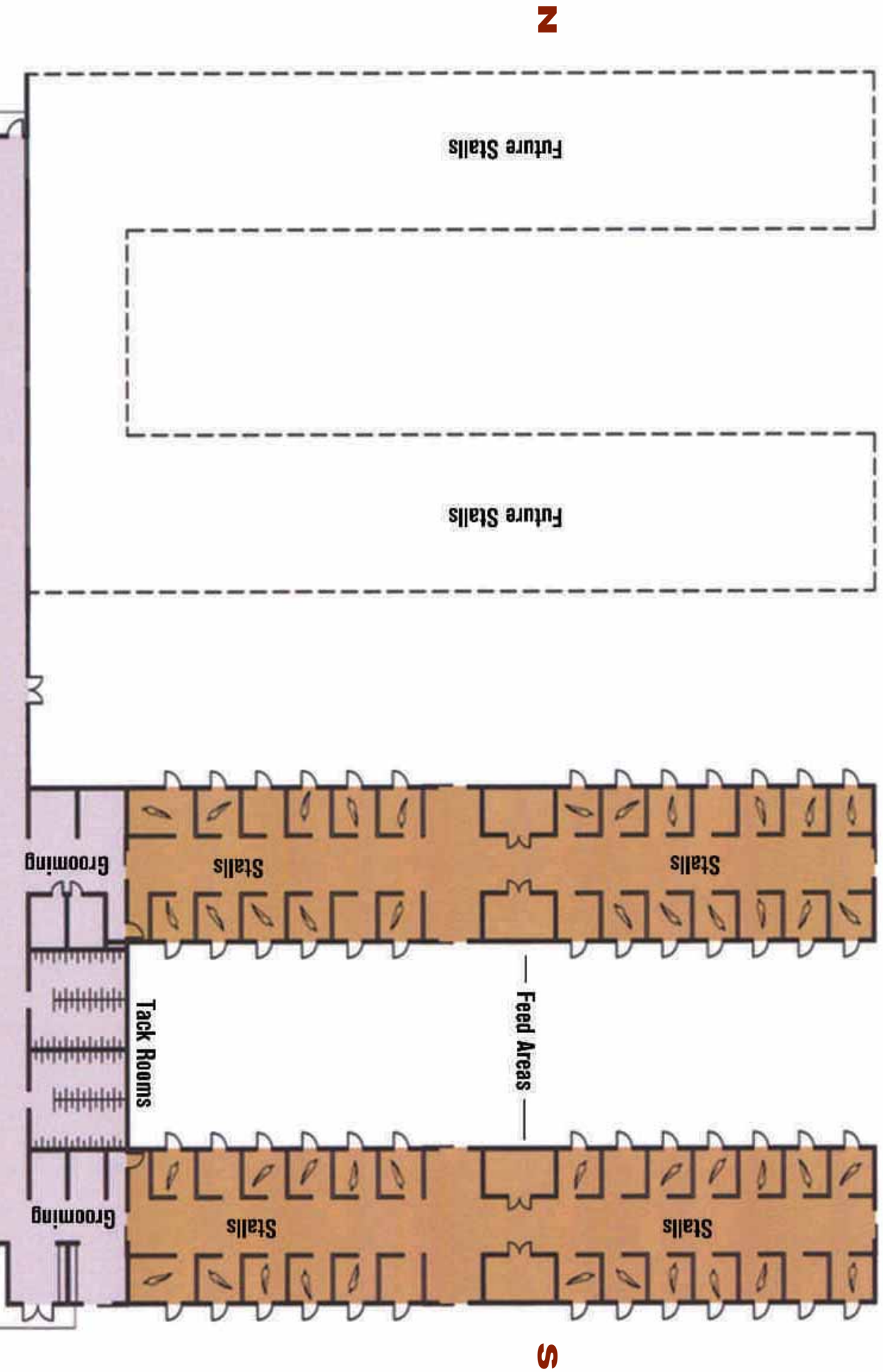
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## This Maryland Girl Making an Impact at Otterbein

The parents of **Megan McCuan '08** recently made a lead donation to build The Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Science at Otterbein. Because Megan will earn her degree in Equine Administration in June of 2008, she won't get to study at the new center. However, she is actively involved on the committee to raise the additional funds for the Center so that future students will benefit from the new state-of-the-art facilities.

Her interest in horses began as a child when her older sister was taking horseback riding lessons. Megan attended horse camps until about sixth grade, when she started taking lessons and eventually became a working student.

"I rode through middle and high school, and spent most of my available time at the barn," she said. "I now have a Quarter Horse/Paint cross gelding, Doc, who I ride dressage. I keep him at Red Rose Equestrian Centre in Delaware, which is owned and managed by a classmate and her family."

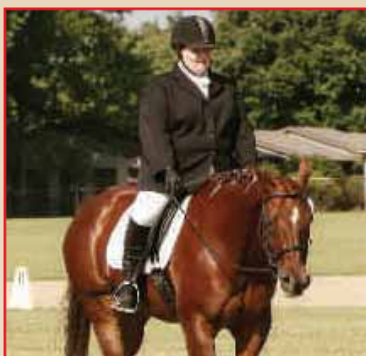
Otterbein wasn't a likely choice for Megan when she found it in an equine publication. "I didn't think I would end up as far from home as Ohio," said Megan, a resident of Maryland. "When I came here to visit, I really liked the campus, but it was the people who made the decision so much easier. (Associate Director of Admission) Ben Shoemaker was so helpful with all of my questions, and assisted me with any concerns I had. (Equine Sciences Professor) Dr. Maria Calderone was so friendly and easy to talk to, and she had a wonderful passion for the educational part of the program. Her energy was so easy to catch. Otterbein was the first application I sent in, and as soon as I was accepted, my deposit was in the mail."

Megan has never regretted her decision and believes that she has received an excellent education overall and specifically in the Department of Equine Sciences. One of her most influential professors has been Bruce Mandeville, the current department chair. "Bruce pushes each of his students to their full potential, and is one of the most available and reachable professors I've had," Megan said. "While he has a vast knowledge of each of the subjects he teaches, he also equips his students with important critical thinking skills."

"Bruce is supportive and open about making improvements to the curriculum as the needs of the equine industry require them," she added. "For example, last fall quarter, myself and two other students decided we wanted an equine industry-oriented SYE (Senior Year Experience) class that would let us do some traveling. So we came up with ideas, I made contacts with the SYE department, and Bruce took it from there. Now we have SYE 427: *Do Animals Matter?*

currently being offered, with an optional trip to Wales and England during winter break."

As satisfied as she is with the education she is receiving, Megan does see the need for new facilities to allow for progress in the department. "While they are well-maintained,



*Megan McCuan with Doc Holiday in the New Vocations Charity Dressage Show in August.*

I think that the current facilities are too small for Otterbein to have any growth as an educational institution. The Equine Department has such potential to be so much better than it currently is, but it can't do much more with the facility it has."

As a member of the committee to raise the additional funds for the new facilities, Megan knows she is helping to secure the future of Equine Sciences at Otterbein. Her willingness and enthusiasm to take on that responsibility on top of her continuing schoolwork makes her stand out among her peer students.

Megan is willing to take such responsibility because she strongly believes in the project. "It is such an important opportunity for not only the department, but also the school as a whole. It will increase the initial interest in the school, which will bring a more diverse application pool, and a stronger department and program. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to study at Otterbein, and I want to give back to the school and program that have been such a large part of my life.

"I think that with the new center, future students will be able to gain a greater and more comprehensive view of the equine industry," Megan said. "They will have the benefit of both top-notch instruction and a world-class equestrian facility."

As part of the committee, Megan has seen the process through since the beginning, including the plans for the facility. "I think there were some good changes made since the first draft. I think that the group of people working on it have established a good balance of aesthetic beauty and solid functionality for an equine educational and recreational facility."

Although Megan never expected to study so far from home, she has found a new home in Ohio, and hopes her career will keep her here. "I would like to stay in the Columbus area. I am interested in working with an equine assisted psychotherapy group – especially with adolescents and young adults. I have also thought about working with a breed organization, Equine Affaire, or the Quarter Horse Congress in some capacity."

However, just like any student facing graduation, Megan's future is as wide open as the future pastures of The Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Studies. She has also considered applying to the United States Equestrian Federation in Lexington, KY, or attending law school in the future. "My degree offers me a lot of flexibility and opportunity to do many different things," she said. ●



# Getting Back on the Horse

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The doctors said he'd never ride again. "I was jumping a horse in the back field of the farm I was working on," recalls Bruce Mandeville, "and the horse stumbled on landing and fell underneath me. My knee hit a boulder. It shattered my femur in five places. Getting from the ground onto the stretcher was the most painful experience of my life. I had lots of surgical hardware implanted. But it wasn't that bad an injury. I didn't have any trouble getting back in the saddle." That was May, 1998. Mandeville was riding again by September, and went on to compete in the 2000 and 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Never say never—to a lawyer or an athlete.

Mandeville has represented Canada in equine Three-Day Eventing since 1994, competing in two Olympics, two Pan-American Games and two World Championships. Eventing has its roots in the chariot races of the original Olympics, and in modern times began as a test for military mounts. Introduced into the 1912 Olympic Games and referred to as the *Militaire*, eventing consists of three components: dressage, to demonstrate the horse's elegance and training; cross-country, a reenactment of the dispatching of messages between army camps, to showcase the horse's speed and technical abilities; and stadium jumping, to prove the horse's enduring fitness after the cross-country event. Olympic eventing was originally open only to military officers. In 1924, it was opened to male civilians, and in 1964 to women. Equestrian sports are the only Olympic events in which men and women compete against one another.

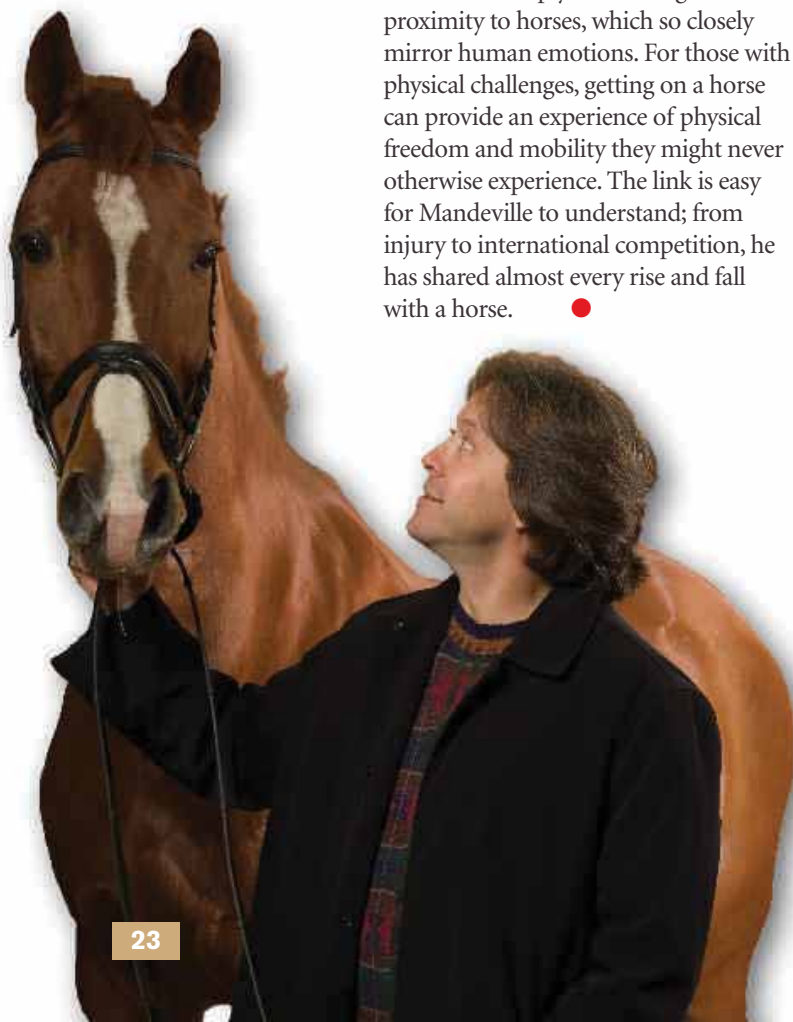
An all-around athlete, Mandeville was a competitive skier and winner of the British Columbia Slalom Championship in his teens, and began Three-Day Eventing at 13 with Canadian Olympian Nick Holmes-Smith. Surrounded by a family of science majors, doctors and dentists, however,

Mandeville was encouraged to pursue academics, and for a number of years gave up sports to do so. He earned three diplomas in French from the Sorbonne as well as a combined commerce and law degree from UBC, and says law school gave him the ability to see a situation from another's perspective: "That's an invaluable tool to have for life in general," he says, "to be able to look at situations from many sides." By 1990, though, he was back on a horse, looking at things from above.

As an equestrian, Mandeville's "team" consisted of himself, his horse and his groom. "I don't know how it is for other athletes," he says, "but for people that rely on a horse, we have so many variables that if anything goes wrong, it could mean you can't even compete. Getting to the Olympics, it's always like, 'Am I really here?'" His groom Sarah Weldon, now an osteopath

in England, worked with him for 15 years. They and Canadian Trakehner mare Larissa made the long journeys to Sydney, Australia and Athens, Greece, placing 22nd and 41st respectively.

Mandeville has supported his athletic career by teaching, running clinics on equitation, and by managing barns, which has included writing contracts for boarding, sales, breeding and syndication. He is now Chair of the Equine Science Department at Otterbein College in Ohio, combining athletics and academics in the best of both worlds. His courses include Legal Aspects of the Equine Industry, and he is in the process of establishing a program in Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy. Animal Assisted Therapy of all kinds takes advantage of the healing bond that can exist between humans and other species. People dealing with psychological trauma or addictions can benefit simply from being in close proximity to horses, which so closely mirror human emotions. For those with physical challenges, getting on a horse can provide an experience of physical freedom and mobility they might never otherwise experience. The link is easy for Mandeville to understand; from injury to international competition, he has shared almost every rise and fall with a horse. ●



# Hey Alumni, What are you thinking?

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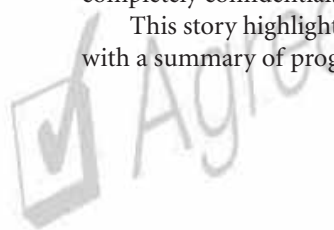
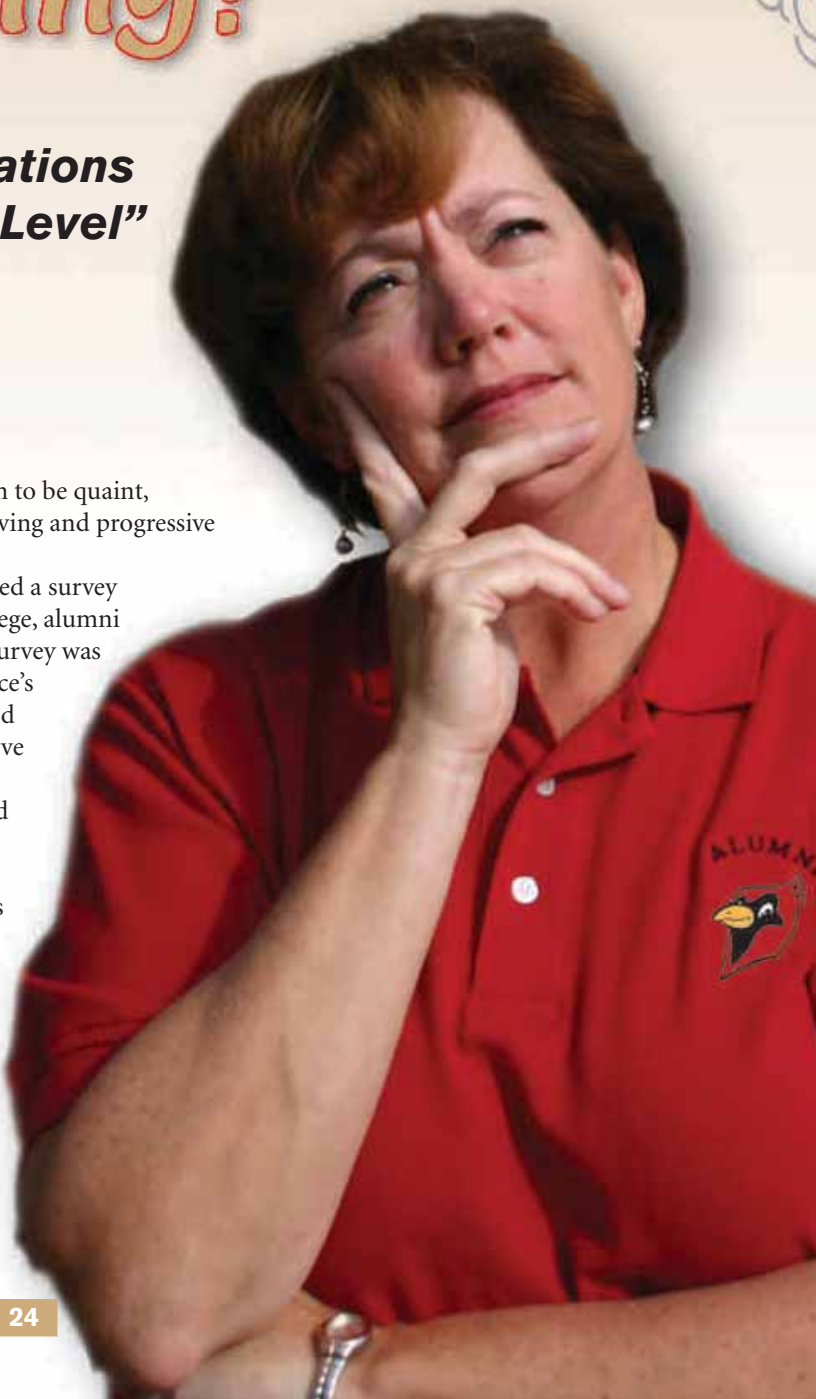
## ***The Office of Alumni Relations is “Reaching to the Next Level” and the survey says...***

**A**s an Otterbein alumna(us), you find Otterbein to be quaint, relaxed and nurturing. But you also see it as a forward moving and progressive institution, according to the results of a recent survey.

This past year, the Office of Alumni Relations conducted a survey of Otterbein alumni, tapping your attitudes about the College, alumni programs, and your connection to your alma mater. The survey was entitled “Reaching to the Next Level,” representing the Office’s desire to better understand Otterbein alumni’s attitudes and perceptions so programming can be enhanced to better serve alumni needs.

Using sampling techniques, Alumni Relations surveyed alumni in January and February of this year. Every 11th person per decade was selected for a total of 1,598 alumni. Of those surveyed, 624, or 39%, were returned. Two-thirds of the respondents were female, 75% were married, 66% had one to three children and almost half had family members who had also attended Otterbein. The span of decades was evenly divided into thirds between ’30s through ’50s, ’70s through ’80s, and ’90s through ’00s. Over 75% of the respondents obtained a traditional undergraduate degree. Individual results were completely confidential.

This story highlights the results of the survey along with a summary of programming opportunities to build





## Alumni Perceptions about Otterbein

The majority of alumni characterize the College as nurturing, quaint and relaxed as well as being a forward moving and progressive institution.

Two-thirds of the alumni were very satisfied with the quality of faculty and curriculum during the time spent at Otterbein as well as the personal growth achieved and friendships made.

## Otterbein Affinity

A large percentage of alumni (97%) were moderately to very satisfied with their overall experience at Otterbein and a large majority (87%) would come to Otterbein again. Alumni agree that reunions and homecoming are important traditions to preserve.

- Two-thirds have mild to strong interest in homecoming (57%) and reunions (63.6%)
- 85.7% understand traditions are important to preserve
- Yet over half (54%) see little or no importance in returning to reunions or homecoming
- Over half (58%) have not attended a reunion.

Over half (52%) of the alumni feel the Alumni Relations Office does a good job in building alumni affinity towards Otterbein. Interestingly, 41% had no opinion or are ambivalent in this regard.

The Alumni Council views this as an opportunity for improved communications to alumni from various college constituencies through varying media.



The relationship between college graduates and their alma mater is crucial to the life of a college. With daily demands in today's world, alumni have multiple choices to make as to where they focus their time. Strengthening Otterbein graduates' connection to their alma mater is a primary purpose of alumni relations.

Otterbein College's history and mission focuses on student-centered education and a commitment to the individual. The Office of Alumni Relations wants to enhance and provide lifelong learning opportunities following graduation to assist the individual in various life phases on their journey. To identify these opportunities, it was our desire to better understand the attitudes and perceptions of Otterbein alumni. The results of this survey will be used to advance our alumni relations program. Members of the Alumni Council and the Office of Alumni Relations will use the data to assist in future programming to serve you and the College.

For the immediate future, the Alumni Council along with the Office of Alumni Relations will set long term goals and strategies to focus on these opportunities. It is apparent that there are programs which need a fresh approach and communication methods which need to be designed and targeted in their delivery. With the helpful feedback obtained from the respondents, we can develop a new direction to 'Reach to the Next Level.'

We are grateful for your feedback.

### Becky Fickel Smith '81

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## Summary of Programming Opportunities

*The Otterbein Alumni Council identified these successes and areas of opportunities to build the alumni program to the next level.*

- **The high level of affinity for Otterbein appears to come from the high level of satisfaction of their college experience.**
- **Otterbein alumni love *Towers Magazine* and the e-newsletter. They identify the top purpose of the alumni office is to provide current information about Otterbein and its alumni. There is a desire to communicate more excitement about what is happening at the College.**
- **Target marketing is needed for various generations from the '70s through the '00s graduates. Alumni programming should focus upon the various life phases of these target audiences. Reunion programming should be focused on the '60s and '70s.**
- **Young alumni have a high interest in the offering of alumni career services.**
- **Alumni clubs should focus on the service component of networking, recruiting students and service to the college.**
- **Otterbein Alumni Recruiting Students (OARS) would be a valuable asset to the college. (see page 51)**





The alumni programming topics which hold the most (#1) to least (#3) interest to alumni fall into three categories:

- 1 – family, classmates, career, networking
- 2 – arts, retirement and sports
- 3 – social events with classmates, alumni recognition, estate planning, alumni clubs, travel, community service, social events with Otterbein and recruiting.

This appears to support the demographics of respondents. There is a strong attitude from alumni that the focus of alumni programming needs to be on personal and professional development.

Alumni were interested in alumni clubs (39.5%) with the focus on service (46%) with a slight interest in social and educational activities. Slightly over half had interest in programs involving students (57.8%) and alumni travel (48.1%). Nearly half (40.8%) of the respondents are ambivalent about participating, with “no time to participate” the reason most cited. Graduates from the ’70s suggest they have more time and nearly half of the ’90s and ’00s indicated they are NOT too busy to participate. Alumni Council members cite the purpose of the activities is crucial.

<b>Programming topics which hold the most to least interest</b>									
	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	2000s	Total
Raising family	12	19	32	49	51	51	80	78	372
Classmates by class year	6	22	43	62	59	44	49	38	323
Career development	6	14	20	33	43	41	53	78	288
Networking	6	12	22	37	43	41	47	63	271
Arts	5	17	35	49	52	35	37	37	267
Retirement	1	14	29	67	64	31	19	19	244
Sports	2	15	34	39	39	35	32	32	228
Social activities with classmates	4	12	23	35	40	31	37	30	212
Alumni recognition	4	14	33	42	42	29	21	25	210
Estate planning	5	12	20	33	37	27	28	43	205
Clubs	3	14	28	49	42	24	27	15	202
Travel	3	14	31	44	39	21	21	23	196
Community service day	5	10	28	37	35	23	23	25	186
Social activities with the College	2	12	23	33	34	26	25	24	179
Recruiting	1	13	23	34	38	24	16	18	167

## Services

As students at Otterbein, respondents identified moderate satisfaction with career services and social event planning on campus. Younger alumni—74% of ’00s alumni and 50% of ’90s alumni—have a mild to strong interest in alumni career services.

Of the alumni surveyed, 53% were moderately to (32%) very satisfied with social events while on campus.

## Communication

The respondents feel the College communication efforts are good to excellent (87%). Overwhelmingly, Otterbein alumni have strong interest in the *Towers* magazine (91%) and *Cardinal Connection* (75%), the alumni e-newsletter.

Different methods of communication need to be developed for the younger and midlife alumni from the ’70s to ’00s since these decades rated communication efforts as fair to poor.

## Development

Otterbein alumni (82%) recognize the importance of donating to the College yet Otterbein is not viewed as a high philanthropic priority. There is a need to elevate Otterbein as a charitable priority among all classes.

*The Office of Alumni Relations wishes to thank those who contributed their time and thoughts to this survey.* ●

## “Hang on to as many traditions as practical!”

<b>Two-thirds have mild to strong interest in reunions (63.6%)....</b>									
	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	2000s	Total
of Strong Interest	16.7%	15.2%	27.9%	24.5%	8.7%	14.9%	12.0%	10.7%	15.6%
of Mild Interest	58.3%	51.5%	47.1%	46.8%	44.6%	45.9%	47.9%	51.8%	48.0%
of No Interest	25.0%	33.3%	25.0%	28.7%	46.7%	39.2%	40.2%	37.5%	36.4%
<b>...yet over half (58%) have never attended a reunion.</b>									

# Class NOTES

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## 1939

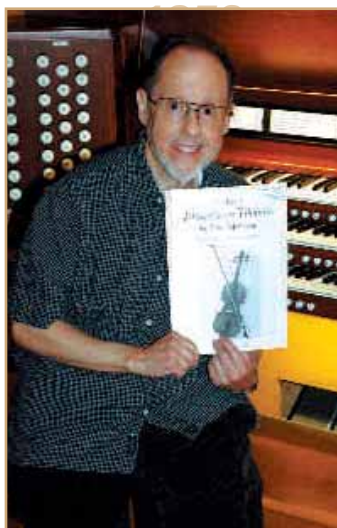
**Charles Morrison** celebrated his 90th birthday with a party held in his honor on July 29, 2007. He was born on July 30, 1917.

## 1943

**Warren "Ernie" and Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on November 18. They were married in 1942 while students of Otterbein.

## 1950

**Marian Havens Becker** and her late husband, **John '50**, were recently honored by having the art gallery at Courtright Memorial Library named in their honor. John served as director of the library from 1953 until his death in 1985.



**Nancy Kibler** was honored in May when the board members of the Wellston City Schools, OH, renamed the softball field as Nancy Kibler Field. She was inducted into the Wellston Sports Hall of Fame in 1998, but board members felt her enormous contributions merited even greater recognition.

**Donald Myers** competed in the triple jump at the Senior Olympics, Summer National Senior Games in Louisville, in June. Don was third in 400 x 100M relay, seventh in 1500M, eighth in the triple jump, 9th in the long jump, tenth in the 400M and 13th in the 800M. (See photo and story on page 3.)

## 1954

**Allan Zagray** has been named an honorary director of the board of directors of the Lakeside Association. He served on the board for eight years and as its chairperson for two, guiding the board through a restructuring and

reduction-in-size. Since serving on Otterbein's Board of Trustees in the 1980s, Allan has served on three additional boards: The East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, Seminario de Gracia (an hispanic college in Raleigh, NC), and the Lakeside Association. He served terms as president of each of them. He also was the organizing advisor for the Coshocton (Ohio) Youth Foundation, a pioneering venture in youth philanthropy.

## 1955

**Bob Arledge** competed in the Senior Olympics Summer National Senior Games in Louisville, KY in June. He was seventh in the Pole Vault (70-74 age group). (See photo and story on page 3.)

## 1956

**Orville Kent Reed**, recently retired from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA. He was associate professor and long time chair of the Physical Education

Department as well as coordinator of track and field and cross country. He also had a distinguished football coaching career in Ohio high schools and at the collegiate level. He coached 13 college All-Americans and received national recognition in track and field.

**Dave Warner** and his wife **Joyce Shannon Warner '58**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10, 2007.

## 1957

**Reynold Hoefflin** retired in June, 2007. He owned his own private law practice in Dayton, OH.



## 1958

**Don Bell** is the co-curator of the Historical Aviation Squadron Museum located at the Fairfield, OH county airport.

## 1959

**William Bricker** and **Marilyn Demorest Bricker '62** are proud to announce a third generation, Ross Bricker, a violinist, enrolled in Otterbein College on a music scholarship. He is the son of **David '88** and **Shari Kuhlman Bricker '88**.

## 1960

**John Lloyd's** "Fantasy on Themes" was selected by Pennsylvania-based J.W. Pepper, the world's largest sheet music distributor, as its editor's choice for string orchestras. Lloyd, a resident of London, is thrilled to see the spotlight shine on the six-minute piece, which he composed in 1999 for high school violin, viola, cello and string bass.



## New Career for this Retiree: Fighting Terrorism

by Jenny Hill

Every night on the news, broadcasts show and tell Americans of terrorist threats and attacks around the world, and even of foiled terrorist plots. Who would come to the aid of Americans in the event of an attack? Residents of Wayne County and Richmond, Indiana, have to look no further than **Porter Miller '65**, a bio-terrorism coordinator for the Wayne County Health Department. His job is to plan ahead for possible bio-terrorism attacks or pandemic illnesses in Wayne County. Through countless classes, conferences and certifications, Porter has learned tactics to avoid chaos in the event of an incident, and to create plans specific to the area's needs from disaster to recovery.

"Back on 9/11, the country wasn't prepared. Now a lot of money and education has been put into communities to prepare for an emergency," Porter said. His job is sustained by a federal grant.

"When I first started the job, I had to take a lot of classes. Most of the first year was spent in classes or at conferences. I also had to develop personal relationships with people who would be involved in the case of an emergency, including the police, sheriff, FBI, mayor, and even the city council. All of these have a role in planning for emergencies."

Porter has taken nearly 30 classes in terrorism and antiterrorism. In one class in Indiana, he went to the only place in the country where he could wear a HAZMAT suit into a confined space with anthrax. He is certified in HAZMAT at an operational level, meaning he can be a first responder to a toxic emergency.

"When the Soviet Union fell, the world had stocks of weapons of mass destruction, such as anthrax and poisonous gas, which fell into the hands of rogue governments and people," Porter said. "They can be used against us, and they are out there."

"This job has given me a big wake-up call. There are a lot of bad people out there and a lot of bad biological agents out there."

However, according to Porter, an even more likely scenario would be an accident involving American hazardous materials. "In Richmond alone, 300 trucks pass on the highway every hour. Ten percent of those are carrying hazardous materials. In the U.S., we are in the process of getting rid of our WMDs. They have to be transported from where they are stored to the place where they will be dissolved or burned, for example."

Although terrorism and hazardous accidents are always hot topics for discussion, another more likely threat is that of a pandemic illness, such as the Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Virus, otherwise known as the bird flu. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), avian influenza H5N1 is highly contagious among birds, and often lethal. So far, the United

States has not documented any cases of the bird flu, but with the ever-increasing connections between countries through trade and travel, it is most likely only a matter of time before it is discovered here.

"As a virus, the bird flu is not responsive to antibiotics, and there is currently no vaccine," Porter said.

He strongly advises Americans to get an annual flu shot. "A traditional flu shot combines past strains and is most effective against last year's strain of the flu. Over time, someone who has many flu shots will build up a resistance to other viruses."

Porter doesn't seem like a natural choice for his job since his background is in athletics and education. "My bachelor's degree is in sociology, my master's is in education, and my Ph.D. work is in education."

He admits that his background seems like a stretch for the job, but the fit turned out to be a good one. After graduating from Otterbein in 1965, he held positions with Sears, Groveport High School and Otterbein, where he was an assistant football coach and physical education instructor. He moved to Florida for two years, where he owned a sporting goods store. He then returned to Ohio as head track coach, assistant football coach and physical education teacher at Otterbein. He served in that capacity for nine years before becoming the director of athletics at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, in 1985.

Porter retired from Earlham after 17 years of service in 2002. He was inducted into the Earlham College Hall of Fame in October this year.

Retirement didn't exactly suit Porter—or his wife. "After I retired for six months, my wife said, 'Aren't you going to get a job?' I was driving her crazy. At a baseball game, a friend of mine told me about a grant the local health department had that they were having a hard time filling. I checked into it and became the Bio-Terrorism Coordinator.

"It has been really interesting to start a whole new career at 65," Porter said. "I've been in this community for 23 years and had a lot of relationships, but not in the way I do now. When I took this job, a lot of my contacts joked with me and said, 'Bio-terrorism? What are you doing?' But now we talked enough and I've taught them enough that they take things seriously.

"It has been a wonderful new career, and I like making a difference," Porter said. "I know I made a difference to some student athletes over the years, they have told me. But this is making a difference on a bigger level, helping educate people who make decisions. And that feels really good."



**Mary Atwood Day** and husband Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Mary also celebrated her first hole in one on the 3rd hole of the Arrowhead Lake Golf Course in Galena, OH. Mary has been playing golf for three years.

**Thomas Phillips** was re-elected mayor of West Jefferson. He has served as mayor since 2004.

## 1962

**James Bebee** recently taught a facilities class in the School of Hospitality Management at South Florida University in Sarasota. He retired from the San Francisco State University where he was a professor.

**Larry Cawley** just completed 45 years in education in the state of Ohio and is going back for year number 46.

**Donald Marshall** retired on Sept. 29, 2007 with 45 years of service in education, 42 of those years in Dover City Schools, Dover, OH, as an administrator.

**Barbara Glor Martin** retired from computer programming after three years with TEKsystems, six years with Compuware, 18 years with the Scotts Company, and 1 1/2 years with Nationwide Insurance, all in Central Ohio. She is now a consultant through TEKsystems at Abercrombie & Fitch home office in their IT department in New Albany, OH. Barb also volunteers with the Stratford Ecological Center and the Delaware

County Preservation Parks, and looking forward to visiting her two sons and five grandchildren in Massachusetts and Georgia.

**Jean Erichsen Parker** will retire after 42 years of education experience, 38 of them with Pennfield Schools. After teaching kindergarten for two years in Westerville and one year in Ann Arbor, MI, she joined Pennfield Schools, Battle Creek, MI, in 1967 as a second-grade teacher. In 1983 Parker settled in as principal for Purdy and North Pennfield schools. When they split in 1992, she became the principal of Purdy.

**Ronald Ruble** has over fifty years of theatre experience as an actor, director, teacher, and writer. He is a Bowling Green State University emeritus faculty member and teaches part-time at BGSU Firelands. He is a father to Eric and Kristofer, and has six grandchildren. His plays, *Tender Times* and *My Father's Father*, and his book, *The Pulse of Life* have received critical acclaim.



## 1964

**Lyle Barkhymer**, chair of Integrative Studies through spring of 2007 and professor of music at Otterbein, was awarded the Otterbein College Master Teacher Award.

**David Brown's** new book, *Anatomy of Attitudes*, was released in Mid-August 2007. This book is meant to cause human beings to think

seriously about themselves and the world around them. Having previously been a private practice family psychologist, and director of an adolescent drug rehab center, he is currently a professor of psychology at Hodges University in Fort Myers, FL.

## 1966

Rev. **Dave Woodyard** retired from pastoral ministry in 2003. He served 17 years at the Wayne St. UMC in St. Marys, OH.

## 1967

**Galen Black** retired in 2005, after 37 years serving as a local church pastor in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Since retiring, he is an occasional substitute for other pastors. Galen took master gardener training from the Ohio State University and does volunteer work through Geauga County. He took special training at Holden Arboretum in Kirtland, Ohio and leads tours there. He gardens on his 2 1/2 acre property in Geauga County.

**Carolyn Ramsey Bretz** retired from University of Cincinnati Hospital in 2005.

**Carol Buchanan Bruton** retired from teaching for Mountain View College, Dallas, TX. She now enjoys her three grandchildren (all boys!).

**Jane Curfman Hoge** was promoted to executive director, Professional Development Institute, Raymond Walters College, University of Cincinnati.

**David Hogg** retired on Sept 30, 2007 after serving 40 years in the ministry and the last eight years at the Church of the Master in Westerville. He and his wife, Paulette, will be living in the Columbus area. They are the parents of **Tamara Hogg Sheridan '92**, **Teresa Hogg Stamper '94** and Tonia Leigh Drake.

**Elma Lee Moore** has accepted the position as the dean of the School of Community Education (SCE) at Wittenberg University. Elma Lee began her appointment on June 1. Dr. Moore joined the Wittenberg family in 2001 as the director of Adult Leadership programs. She has been instrumental in the development of the @witt@home blended online format of instruction in SCE programs.

Rev. **Paul Robinson** retired from the Hazel Crest United Methodist Church, Hazel Crest, IL, on Dec. 4, 2006.

**Barbara Moritz Stewart** retired in 2004 from Owens Community College, Toledo, OH, where she was coordinator/administrator of Owens Child Care Tech. She now volunteers full time and is a nanny for her grandson.

**Beverly Appleton Watkins** retired from Wimborg J.C.C. Schools in Williamsburg, VA, after 33 years teaching math at the 7th and 8th grade levels.

**Ralph Wyville** retired in 2003 from Sara Lee Corporation where he was District Manager (coffee



## This '71 Alumna has Cooked up a Whole Lot of Success

by Jenny Hill

**Polly Anslow Talbott '71** could give Rachael Ray a run for her money. This small town girl from Bucyrus, OH, has taken food to new heights with her Lynbrook, NY, culinary center, which offers cooking classes and food testing, styling and photography.

Polly chose to attend Otterbein because it was close to home and a small community. But what she found was a place that opened up the world for her. "My major was home economics, but they made a special niche for me. My studies were more focused on food than other home economics areas," she said. "I gained work experience in the campus kitchens and even got an experimental cooking class developed. Essentially, I earned a foods degree at a school that didn't have one."

After graduation, Polly went to work on research and food development for a company in Columbus before moving on to the Borden test kitchens in New York, where she worked on food styling and recipe testing and development. She later became a freelance food stylist.

Polly has studied cooking in France, Italy, Spain and New York, and approximately eight years ago, she enrolled in the "business school of hard knocks" when she opened A La Carte Culinary Services Ltd., a full-service culinary center designed to teach cooking to the public as well as perform many other food-related functions for the trade, including food styling; consulting; testing and developing recipes for packaging, brochures, books or advertising; and preparing and arranging food for photography for advertising, books, videos and editorial.

Her current facilities include two teaching/meeting areas with a central studio conducive to shooting cooking videos as well as still photography, but she is looking to expand the business into a larger facility. "I started out with a mailing list of 200, most of whom I begged to sign up. I now have a mailing list of 9,000 – all by request."

Teaching classes, like basic techniques, is something Polly especially enjoys. "It is empowering for people to apply themselves to creating different foods and even learn basic knife skills, braising and roasting.

"Youth courses are increasingly popular – the fastest growing sector of my business. I offer two courses, one for children aged 8-13 and one for 14-18."

"Kids are amazing," Polly said. "They are really into food and cooking. They even watch the Food Network. It's very rewarding when parents come in and say their children made an amazing meal and they are so proud."

The business end of A La Carte can feel less rewarding sometimes. "Since I worked freelance for so many years, running a business is not easy and is a lot of pressure," Polly said. "A typical day includes dealing with insurance, payroll, employees, researching menus and creating curriculums. That is the most fun part for me, but there is still pressure to constantly reinvent the classes with new twists."

Classes are all hands-on and enroll 8-30 people per class. Sometimes classes are conducted for corporate team building. "A lot of big companies are doing it. They see the value of combining cooking and teamwork."

Polly has three full time employees and 16 instructors who teach part time when needed. Some of the classes she offers include grilling, healthy cooking, canning and pickling, cookies, appetizers, tapas, pasta and seasonal and holiday favorites. Her curriculum features typical fares as well as the more exotic cuisines of the Caribbean, Tuscany, Greece and Argentina, among others.

Some classes are geared toward certain groups, such as Cooking with Dad, Girls Night Out, and BBQ and Beer Tasting.

Polly's other passion is ballroom dancing. "My favorite is the Argentine tango. I spend my days eating, so I spend my nights dancing," Polly said. "I dance for fun, I don't compete. I don't want to make dancing serious because I am already serious about my other passion."

She also enjoys sailing and has taken recent trips to Greece and Turkey. "I also like to just kick back and walk on the boardwalk and see movies," she said. "Summer has been great. I've been going to the Lincoln Center at night. They have a dance floor, live music and dancing outside. There's nothing else like it."

But with colder weather creeping in, people will start spending more time inside. Some of them will find themselves at A La Carte, learning to cook cold-weather comfort food for their loved ones. A La Carte can be found online at [www.alacartecs.com](http://www.alacartecs.com).



division). He moved to Phoenix, AZ and now works part-time for Starbucks. His major pastimes include golf!



## 1972

Rev. **R. Wendel Deyo** is a motivational speaker and former chaplain for the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals. He is also the former associate U.S. director of Campus Crusade for Christ, was president of Athletes in Action for 10 years and is the only non-player to receive the Bart Starr Award for outstanding character and leadership. Rev. Deyo spoke at the Community Leadership Luncheon on Sept. 20 at the Holiday Inn in Sidney, OH. Rev. Deyo spoke on a unique perspective - what he called "The Crossroads of Conviction and Conflict."

**Myra Wolfe Feller** was named Educator of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year 2006-2007 at New Philadelphia High School in New Philadelphia, OH. Feller, a mathematics teacher since 1985 will retire this year with more than 30 years in education. Myra earned her master's degree at Marygrove College and attended Ashland University. She served as New Philadelphia Education Assn. union president, has been a summer school teacher, home instruction tutor and a member of the in-service planning and Labor Management Committees.

**Linda Leatherman Haller** is a facilitator at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She works with first year students who plan on becoming pastors. She continues to enjoy retirement and being director of music at Central Presbyterian Church.

**Ronald Jones** retired from Dublin City Schools in Dublin, OH, in 2002. Ron developed a two year research program for students interested in zoology research-based careers at the Columbus Zoo. He retired as coordinator of the zoo school program in June 2006.

**Donald Manly III** retired as a teacher and athletic director from Genoa Middle School in Westerville in June 2007. He taught in Westerville for 35 years.

**Elizabeth LeSueur Phelps** retired July 31, 2007 from Newark City Schools, Newark, OH, as principal of Roosevelt Middle School. She had 15 years in teaching and 20 years in administration.

**Kathleen Sellers** spent three weeks in Kenya assisting with HIV prevention education. She was invited to go while attending the International Aids Conference in Toronto, in August, 2006.

**Nathan Van Wey** continues to teach physics and astronomy at Perry High School in Stark County and also at Kent State, Stark Campus. Last summer he studied in Thailand and this summer in Puerto Rico.

**Gordon Warren** retired from the Shrewsbury Public Schools, Shrewsbury, MA, after 34 years of service as a health teacher and athletic director.



## 1973

**Bob Gail** was named president of Continental Commercial Products in St. Louis on May 9. Prior to this appointment, he had been leading the company's sales and marketing team. Bob brings over 27 years of commercial industry experience to his new position.

## 1974

**G. Michael Schacherbauer** resigned as artistic director of the Curtain Players in Sunbury, OH. He served as artistic director for the past eight years. He has acted in more than 80 productions and directed more than 30.

## 1975

**James (Tracy) Leffler** retired in 2006 from the Groveport Madison School District in

central Ohio, after 30 years as a middle school health and physical education teacher. In addition to being in the classroom, he also spent many of those years coaching football, track, and wrestling. He is currently working in sales for the Josten Company, College Division, as a mid-Michigan territory salesman. But most exciting, he has become engaged to **Marsha Albritton '76**. The two dated in 1972 while at Otterbein, 35 years ago.

## 1977

**Carol Meyer Carter** and her husband, Buren, live in Grandview Heights, OH. They enjoy singing and playing music together, church activities and travel. Buren is an accountant for AEP. Carol is currently preparing to be an exercise instructor for seniors.

**Amy Wandrisco Robinson's** husband, Calvin, has a new business venture - booking hunters for wild quail hunts in southwest Kansas.

**Stephanie Skemp** is working on a Ph.D. in Spanish at Ohio State and is a cancer survivor.



## 1977

**Cheryl Garges Reynolds** joined the staff at Children's Medical Center, Dallas in May 2007, as the major gift officer for stewardship and donor relations in the Office of Development.





## 1978

**Cabot Rea** was a program participant in the Westerville Community Prayer Breakfast on May 3, 2007. Cabot is an Emmy Award winning news co-anchor for NBC 4 News. In July, he sang with the Brass Band of Columbus as part of the Scioto Concert Series.

## 1979

**Lisa Durham Fairchild** was so rejuvenated and motivated after the 100 year Speech and Theatre Reunion in fall '06 that she went right home to Dallas, TX and has gone from one show to the next. In fall of '06, she appeared in the new play *Dim All the Lights* for Theatre Quorum in Dallas. She then went on to Water Tower Theatre, Dallas, for a contemporary version of *Hamlet* called *Humble Boy* which received tremendous critical and audience acclaim. When it closed in March, she went into rehearsals for a new play for teen audiences called *Secret Life of Girls* about the bullying and aggression of teens that was the biggest hit ever at the Dallas Children's Theatre. It has received national attention and is being



## 1983

**Brook McDonald**, president of The Conservation Foundation has earned a spot among the region's top environmentalists by working behind the scenes to preserve open space in DuPage, Will, Kane, Kendal and DeKalb counties, Illinois. The Conservation Foundation began with just three people working in a second-floor office in Wheaton. Now the group is headquartered on a 60-acre farm in Naperville and includes a professional staff of 12 and more than 4,000 volunteers.

published by Dramatists with Lisa's name on the original cast list, a first in her career. After taking the summer off to go to France with her family, she has started rehearsals for Alan Ayckbourne's *Snake in the Grass* at Circle Theatre in Fort Worth which opened in October.

**Penny Ross Malone** was honored recently by Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL, with the outstanding quarterly leadership award for the first quarter of the 2007 fiscal year.

Rev. **Elaine Clinger Sturtz** published her third devotional book entitled *The Final Dance of Life, Our Journey with Judy*. The book, which tells of caring for a fellow pastor through the disease of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) will be available at local Christian bookstores later this year.

**Darian Moore Torrance** is now employed at The Ohio State University Medical Center as an administrative manager/grants facilitator. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

published a book, *Manual for Professional Paralegals and Legal Secretaries* in 2004.

**Ruth Ann Noble** retired from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was a Research Assistant.

**Tammy Perakis Wallace** began her career by opening a show at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum, Delaware, OH, in the fall of 2002. Five years later, she continues to work at the Ross Museum, now with the title of first assistant. A career in fine arts was not her original goal — singing was her first love. Tammy still sings professionally, performing at a wide variety of events. She sings with jazz ensembles, at weddings and funerals, and at St. Mary's Church in Delaware, OH. Last summer she performed at the Jazz and Ribs Festival in Columbus. Tammy and her husband of 18 years, George, reside in Delaware with their 17-year-old daughter, Anastasia.

## 1980

**Nancy Day** gave a benefit concert October 28, 2007 at Westerville's Church of the Master to assist the church's music program.

## 1982

**Barbara Bidwell Gray Coombs** has been chosen as the Professional for the Year, 2007-2008, by Cambridge *Who's Who in Court Reporting Education*. She

## 1981

**Michael Blowers** was a candidate in the primary election in May for the Newark City Mayor's race.



## 1981

**Rich Tatgenhorst**, president of Axtell Productions in Atlanta, GA, had the pleasure of producing Jeff Foxworthy for a health care company special event, this past April. Rich has worked for Axtell Productions for over 20 years and has owned the company for 11 years, producing special events around the Southeast. Rich has also been performing with his band Moxie in Atlanta since 1987.

**Ronald Wise** retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in Columbus, OH.

**LaDonna Brevard Yaussy** and **David Yaussy '81** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 16, 2007.

## 1983

**Jere Delany** and his wife Janine, conduct one-day wellness retreats for couples and individuals as part of the Upper Sandusky Counseling and Life Coaching. Jere and Janine began conducting the retreats one year ago in their home; they have been well-received.

**Doug Stanley** has joined Pricewaterhouse Coopers as a global best practices analyst in the Tampa office. He previously was an investigative reporter at *The Tampa Tribune* for 20 years.

## 1986

**Michael Huston** was recently promoted to the rank of Technical Fellow at the Lubrizol Corporation where he holds the business position of strategic technology manager for Driveline and Industrial Lubricants. In addition to his active work schedule, Michael serves as an SAE strategic advisor for Lubricants and as a member of Otterbein's Alumni Council. Michael is the son of **Wayne '60** and Beulah Huston and is married to **Lisa Collins Huston '88**. Their sons, Peter and Matthew, hope to be in Otterbein's classes of '16 and '21 respectively!

**Janet Madak O'Daniel** is celebrating her first anniversary as a freelance writer. She is passionate about giving voice and clarity to great ideas and helping clients communicate more effectively.

## 1989

**Tuesday Beerman Trippier** is a freelance writer with a special interest in green living. Three articles written by Tuesday have been published recently in the *Delaware Gazette*. The article *Old Lazarus Building a Prototype for Going Green* describes the renovation of the Lazarus building in downtown Columbus, the largest eco-friendly project in the Midwest. *The Local Scoop on Going Green* examined the increased practice of organic farming and information on ways to meet the growing demand for organic food, production methods and where to shop. *Buyers of New Light Bulbs Best Beware* told of some things you should keep in mind about the new energy-efficient light bulbs.



## 1987

**Richard Hempy** was inducted into the Ohio Hoop Zone Basketball Hall of Fame on May 19 in Columbus.

**Scott Rush** has been appointed vice president at Perrigo Co., Allegan, MI. He joined the company in 2001 as director of corporate tax after working in corporate tax at Cardinal Health.

**Erin Tschanen**, has joined Park National Bank as an assistant vice president and commercial lender in the Commercial Lending Department. Erin comes to Park with more than 20 years of experience in the financial industry.

## 1989

**Trad Burns** is Cleveland's reigning lighting designer, a practitioner of the art of making everybody else look good. Burns typically lights more than a dozen plays, musicals and dances for the Cleveland Play House, the Beck Center, Verb Ballets, Playhouse Square and Cleveland Public Theatre each season.

**Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson** was recently hired to teach art and art history at her high school alma mater, Urbana High School, Urbana, OH. She and her husband, Mike, have three children: Burr, Leman, and Brynach.

of Congress, the House of Councilors of the Japanese Diet, as the biggest vote-getter in Shizuoka province this past July.

## 1990

**Kazuya Shimba** won re-election to the upper house

## 1991

**Benjamin Connell** and his wife, Lysa, adopted a daughter, Marina, from Guatemala in Sept. of 2005; Marina was born on May 8, 2005. Their daughter



## 1990

**Carrie Heibel White** and husband, **Benjamin White '88**, spent the month of June 2007 in Niger, West Africa with their three boys, Joel, age 6; Evan, age 3; and Andrew, age 2. Ben, an Ob/Gyn physician, worked at a missions hospital through "Serving In Missions." To read about their adventures, see the blog at [whitehouse5.blogspot.com](http://whitehouse5.blogspot.com).



Taryn, was born on Nov. 28, 2005, by surrogate **Beth Herring Connell '90**.

## 1993

**Laurie Buhler Dawson** has accepted a position as a project lead in Enterprise System Program Management. Laurie joined Cardinal Health in 2001 as a database analyst where she was promoted into a supervisor role. She then broadened her career by joining the IT organization, eventually working as a senior business analyst. In addition to defining requirements, performing testing and assisting with implementation activities, she also managed several pricing projects.

**Marti Hoffer**, attended The Rising Leaders Institute (RLI), supported by a grant from the Builders Exchange Foundation of Central Ohio. RLI is an intensive 14-session program focused on building knowledge of high potential individuals, and preparing them to serve as the future leaders in the construction industry.

**Scott Lacy** teaches as a Marjorie Shostak Distinguished Lecturer at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Mali and received his Ph.D from the University of California at Santa Barbara in anthropology in Sept. 2004. He is executive director of the non-profit group African Sky. Scott formed this group which works to build friendship and understanding between the United States and Mali. Money raised

supports various projects in Mali that include building 10 schools for the year 2010, adult literacy and numeracy courses, and Operation School Bag.

## 1995

**Jenn Woodyard Radulski**, is employed in a sourcing position by Lands End in Wisconsin. Jenn and her husband, Pete, have two sons, Cohl Tobin, 4, and Mason Blain, 1, and two children from Pete's previous marriage, Danielle Louise, 16, and Kyle Edward, 14.

## 1996

**Jay W. Homan** was named the principal of Henderson Middle School in Jackson, GA (south of Atlanta).

## 1997

**Tonya Coles '97** received her law degree from Capital University Law School in May 2006. She started her own law practice in 2007.

## 1998

**Rebekah Wolf Doak** has accepted a position with the Warren County Board of MR/DD in Warren, Ohio. She is an early intervention specialist, working with children ages birth-3 years. She is particularly looking forward to the 2- and 3-year-old class of children on the autism spectrum, as she has worked with this population privately for several years.

**Scott Fais** is a reporter with Tampa Bay News 9, and also with its sister station in Central Florida, News 13. Scott travels between the two stations.

**Josh Freshour** wrote and directed the play, *Just Enough*, which was presented at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Aug. 18. The play tells the story of a man grappling with the contrasts of pride and envy, gain and loss, joy and shame, and was geared toward an audience of all ages.

**Holly Harper** received her doctoral degree June 8 at Ohio University, Athens, OH. Harper has accepted a full-time tenure track faculty position at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, OH.

**Ben Hauck** is employed by Infusion Development as the director of infusion improv. The firm employs software engineers who spend long hours at the office. The program gets them out to see arts in the city. Watch for an upcoming article about Ben and the Infusion program at Forbes.com.

**Cassie Oshaben Lombardi** completed the Salt Lake City Marathon in April 2007. Her husband, Koy, works at Cottonwood and Alter View Hospitals as an emergency room doctor. They are parents of Leana, 4; Norah, 3; and Anthony, 8 months.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Brown Maseman** graduated in Aug. 2006 with a masters of music education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently employed as a music specialist for the Harlem Consolidated Schools in Machesney Park, IL.

**Matthew McConaha** is now working for Huntington National Bank in Columbus.

## 1999

**Carli Amlin Dean** has received her Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) real estate designations. Carli works for RE/MAX Professionals and has been licensed Realtor since 2000. Carli lives in Tipp City, OH with her husband Brian and two children, Gabe and Savanna.

**Jenny Ogle Freshly** is the children's ministry coordinator for the Church of the Master in Westerville. She and her husband, Lindsay, will be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary and have three children, Tris, Gabby and Sabrina.

**Sam Jaeger** was featured on the July 2007 cover of *C*, a Columbus magazine. The magazine has a story and interview with Sam about his roles in *Catch & Release* & ABC's *Eli Stone*.

**Janine Wiley Robinson** was recently promoted to vice president of creative services at TRIAD, Inc., a full-service advertising and public relations firm. She resides in Westerville with husband, Scot, and their three children.

## 2000

**Jennifer Thomas McConaha** is now teaching at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Gahanna, OH.

## 2001

**David Anon** completed his doctorate of physical therapy in 2005 and is currently a physical therapist at Excel Sports Medicine in Springfield, OH.

**Shannon Fishel** graduated from the University of Colorado Law School and has relocated to New York City.

**Summer Lawson** received her MSW from OSU in 2005. She was promoted to the president of the clinical team at the Marion Area Counseling Center, Marion, OH. She is currently working as a full time licensed therapist at the center, splitting her time functioning as a school social worker in the Marion schools. Summer also does contract work with Marion General Hospital as a public health officer executing after hours psychosocial assessments.

**Patrick Noles** conducted the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus basketball camp this summer. In addition to serving as an instructor, he works with coaches to make sure the planned instruction is tailored to the specific needs of the team.

## 2002

**Kate Clarke**, after spending five years in Denver, CO, has returned to the eastern side of the country and resides in State College, PA, near her hometown of Huntingdon, PA. After spending a year with The Ritz-Carlton, Denver as their public relations coordinator, she decided it was time to move closer to family and friends and accepted

a position with Kish Bank, a locally owned and managed bank holding company headquartered in Belleville, PA. As their new assistant marketing manager, she looks forward to utilizing the many skills learned while attending Otterbein.

**Mary Lawley McKenzie** was awarded a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens this summer.

**Nicholas Neria** was hired as elementary physical education teacher and head football coach at Manchester High School, Manchester, OH. He was hired by Athletic Director **John Denna '82**. Nicholas married Amy Kellum on March 5, 2006. They have a son Logan, age 2.

**Sam Snavley** was named manager of the Delaware County Bank and Trust Company's Green Meadows/Olentangy Crossing Office in Delaware, OH.

## 2003

**Jeremy Bobb** has been cast as Phelim O'Shaughnessy in David Ives adaptation of the Mark Twain story *Is He Dead?* He opens in November

on Broadway. Micheal Blakemore is directing.

Rev. **April Casperson** graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) in Feb. 2007 with a master's degree in divinity. She serves the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church as the coordinator of recruitment in the Admissions Department at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is currently pursuing her master of theological studies there.

**Marcus Creaturo** is head personal trainer for BEAT Personal Training, West Chester, OH. Marcus helps people understand that improving their fitness and health is a lifestyle and cannot be achieved overnight. He was featured in *Business First* in August.

**Sarah Frajter** graduated from Cleveland State University in May, 2007 with her M.Ed. in sport management. She is currently employed as the marketing & membership director for Canterbury Golf Club in Cleveland, OH.

**Laura Underwood Keifer** is entering her fifth year of teaching 1st grade for

Delaware City Schools, Delaware, OH.

**Kim Miller** was promoted to account supervisor of Fahlgren Mortine Public Relations in Columbus, OH. Fahlgren Mortine is the largest public relations firm in central Ohio. Kim joined the firm in May, 2005. As account supervisor, she provides clients with an experienced mix of marketing and public relations skills, focusing mostly on account management, media relations, event planning, writing and brand and collateral development. She is also responsible for the Founder's Award Internship Program. She lives in Commercial Point with her husband, Tim.

**Nader Nawar** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

**Renata Wilson** made her debut as Nancy in *Spamalot*, which opened in March at the Grail Theater, Wynn Las Vegas.



*Cari Dean with sister Bethany.*

## 2003

**Cari Dean** graduated with a doctor of physical therapy degree from Ohio University in June, 2007. Cari comments, "Had it not been for the challenging and rewarding experience I had in life sciences at Otterbein, I would not have been prepared for graduate school. I was proud to see that the science department is going to finally get a "new" building. While I was in school, the life science professors were talented, compassionate, and always willing to help. I can't imagine the amazing things we will see from them in the years to come with the new building and equipment."



## 2004

**Mandy Bruno** will be appearing as Justine in the new off-Broadway musical, *Frankenstein*.

**Matt Morneault** has accepted a position of advancement resources assistant at Otterbein College.

**Kristy Yahl** has joined the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH, as an event coordinator.

## 2005

**Mark Cook** received his first full-time teaching position as an English teacher at Bluffton High School in South Carolina, near Hilton Head Island.

**Lucia Jeantine** completed her graduate program this August at Springfield College in Massachusetts. Lucia currently is a marriage and family therapist intern at Valley Psychiatric Services and sees 12 clients weekly. Through this internship, she has been engaged in individual, family and couples therapy. She has plans to move to Chicago.

**Nick Jones** is a music producer, employed by the Palestra, a network of collegiate reporters from 72 schools, which has grown into one of the hottest online media outlets on the web.

**Colette Masterson** earned a master's of arts in higher education and student affairs at The Ohio State University. She is the fiscal coordinator of student activities and The Ohio Union, working with

the 800-plus student organizations at Ohio State and their funding process. Colette is also responsible for the Student Involvement Fair, a major campus event at Ohio State. She will also be the house mom of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority responsible for advising the sorority and maintaining the house.

## 2006

**Matthew Cooperrider** accepted a position as the design coordinator with Max & Erma's Restaurants in Columbus, Ohio.

**Daniel Everidge** is making his Broadway debut in the revival of *Grease*. He's playing the role of Roger, a prankster who's one of the Burger Palace Boys gang.

**Ronald (Dave) Ford** is the new telecommunications branch chief for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The communications branch plays a large role in the development, deployment and maintenance of the communications and warning systems necessary to coordinate the disaster response needs of the state. This includes National Weather Service transmitters, the state Amber Alert system, and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services.

**David Hutte** was hired in February as a master control operator for WREX Channel 13 in Rockford, IL. He has since been promoted to weekend director.

## 2007

**Andrew Bowsher** has been selected to participate in the 2008 Ohio Legislative Commission Internship Program. The program provides participants the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in state government.

**Jason Graham** has been named high school and middle school band and choir director for the Newton School District in Pleasant Hill, OH.

**Andre Lampkins** is the new education manager for the Columbus Urban League Head Start Program. He develops the policies & procedures so the teaching staff of 127 remain in compliance with the federal Head Start performance standards as well as the State of Ohio licensing regulations. He supervises Head Start center managers, develops lessons to augment the curriculum, hires teaching staff, and provides training and logistical support for teachers.

**Andy Miller** received the 2007 Jack Nicklaus Award, presented annually to a player who excels throughout the course of the entire season in NCAA Divisions I, II and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics by the Golf Coaches Association of America. He tied for second place in the opening round of the Ohio Amateur golf tournament in July.

**Lara Moore** accepted a position as a graphic designer at Abundance Technologies, Inc. in Cincinnati. Abundance Technologies is a financial coaching company. Lara creates all the marketing materials for the financial advisors.

**Katie Starling Tobias** is a sales associate, hired by Castle and Cooke, Inc. working at the Dole Plantation in Wahiawa, HI.

**Anna Walker**, a printmaker, was an artist-in-residence at the Works in downtown Newark this summer. Museum visitors watched her at work in the Press Building, which served as her studio. A collection of Walker's prints were displayed July 6-27 in the Works Central Gallery.

**Kyle Williams** worked this past summer as an intern in higher education at Stony Brook University in Long Island, New York. He worked within Residence Life and Multicultural Affairs. Kyle began his masters program in higher education administration at Old Dominion University in Virginia where he plans to continue to work in multicultural affairs. ●

# Milestones

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## Marriages

### 1956

**Delbert "Dutch" Waggamon** and **Joyce Hickok Cox '56**, May 26, 2007.

### 1972

**Kim Wilson** to Angela Hammontree March 14, 2007 in the gardens at the capitol building in Sacramento, CA.

### 1974

**Susan Seiple** to Bill Sabo, July 15, 2007. Between the two, they have six boys and two grandsons.

### 1986

**Annie Gaunt** to Michael Upper, Aug. 21, 2007.

### 1993

**Dylan Firestone** to Sharon Serre, Aug. 26, 2006.

### 1994

**Kim Allen** to William Murray, July 21, 2007.



*Kim Allen Murray '94 with husband William.*

### 1997

**Alicia Davis** to Todd Lalonde, July 7, 2007.

### 1998

**Nicole Braun** to **Matthew D'Orazio '02**, July 1, 2005.

**Elizabeth Brown** to Lang Maseman, Dec. 16, 2006.

**Christopher Miller** to Angela Prischalianny, June 23, 2007.

### 1999

**Amber Mellott** to **Sam Jaeger '99**, Aug. 25, 2007.

### 2000

**Michael Skeels** to Melissa Faist, June 9, 2007.

### 2001

**Timothy Krichbaum** to Heather Pinkus, Oct. 8, 2006.



*Jennifer Westbrook Waddell '01 with husband Matthew.*

**Jennifer Westbrook** to Matthew Waddell, Sept. 8, 2007.

### 2003

**Michael DeMange** to Pamela Schwartz, Aug. 4, 2007.

**Laura Underwood** to Clint Keifer, June 10, 2006.

**Sheila Taylor** to Captain James Shavers, July 21, 2007.



*Sheila Taylor Shavers '03 with husband James.*

### 2004

**Daisy Huston** to Pete Duhl, Sept. 8, 2007.

**Jeff Hart** to Jennifer Mohn, May 19, 2007.

**Ryan Horton** to Jennifer Boldman, May 26, 2007.

**Jennifer Phillips** to **Matthew McClellan '04**, July 21, 2007.

**Marie Burggraf** to Joel Sander, April 14, 2007.

**Jennifer Reiff** to **John Staten '06**, June 30, 2007.



*Jennifer Phillips McClellan '04 with husband Matthew '04.*

**Jacalyn Hampshire** to **Grant Stuller '04**, April 29, 2007.

### 2005

**Jessica Henning** to **Evan Derr '05**, May 26, 2007.



*Jessica Henning Derr '05 with husband Evan '05.*

**Mary Bailar** to Daniel Heath, Aug. 4, 2007.

**Kathy Kennedy** to **Jeremy Wilson '05**, April 14, 2007.



*Kathy Kennedy Wilson '05 with husband Jeremy '05.*

### 2006

**Adrienne Davie** to Austin Ayars, July 7, 2007.

**Jennifer Immel** to Nathanael Frederick, Oct. 28, 2006.

**Jessica Fuller** to **Christian Martin '07**, July 21, 2007.

**Lauren Greenway** to **Scott Posendek '05**, July 14, 2007.

**Kristen Schutte** to Dwayne Shope, July 14, 2007.

### 2007

**Shannon Wiggins** to Dan Kober, July 21, 2007.



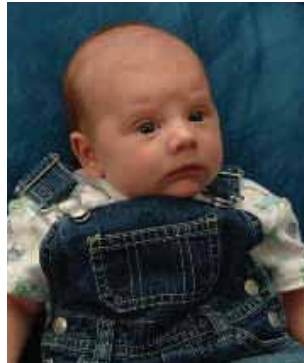
*Jennifer Immel Frederick '06 with husband Nathanael.*

## Additions

### 1993

**Dylan Firestone** and wife, Sharon, a son, Cooper Dylan, Aug. 11, 2007.

**Sara Steiner Tobin** and husband, Chad, a son, John David, June 8, 2007.



*John David Tobin*

### 1995

**Bryan Burnham** and wife, Susan, a daughter, Hila Rose, May 22, 2007.



*Hila Rose Burnham*

**Nancy Ketzler Duxbury** and husband, Richard, a son, Fredrik Mason, July 6, 2007.

**Kandee Francis Tinkham** and husband, **Andrew '96**, a son, Andrew William, Aug. 17, 2007.

### 1996

**Lori Thornton Berkheimer** and husband, Rich, a daughter, Roma Paige, June 12, 2007.



*Roma Page Berkheimer*

### 1998

**Katie Davis Bahm** and husband, Chris, a boy, Keanean Christian, Sept. 6, 2007. She joins Colewyn, age 2.



*Keanean Christian Bahm*

**Nicole Braun D'Orazio** and husband, **Matthew '02**, a daughter, Maria, April 1, 2007.

**Tami Warnock Reichman** and husband, **Chris '99**, a son, Dylan, March 29, 2007.

**Rebecca Devaney Stapleton** and husband, **Preston '98**, a daughter, Cassie Lynn, July 16, 2007. She joins sister Kaiya, age 1 and is also welcomed by proud Aunt, **Emily Devaney Replogle '98**.



*Cassie Lynn Stapleton*

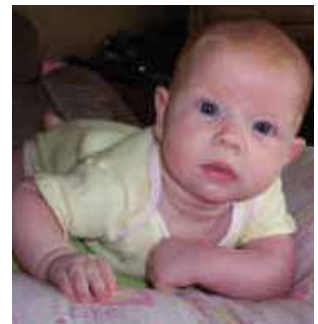
### 2000

**Laura Martin Gladden** and husband, **Eric '01**, a daughter, Alaina Dawn, April 4, 2006.

**Richard Hopkins** and wife, Rebecca, a daughter, Robinetta Marie, July 19, 2007.

**Jennifer Thomas McConaha** and husband, **Matt '98**, a son, Cole Thomas, May 19, 2007.

**Melody McDowell Reed** and husband, Thomas, a daughter, Gretchen Abigail Reed, May 31, 2007.



*Gretchen Abigail Reed*

**Tracy Morgan Zuber** and husband, Aaron, a son, Brian James, April 22, 2007.

### 2001

**David Anon** and wife, Jill, a son, Joseph David, Nov. 11, 2005.



**Tricia Johnson Arthur** and husband, **Scott '99**, identical twin boys, Duncan Rann and Jackson Reed, June 2, 2007.



*Jackson Reed and  
Duncan Rann Arthur*

**Stephanie Daniels Barnes** and husband, Jerami, a son, Tyler James, June 6, 2007. He joins big sister Malori Mae, 3.



*Tyler James Barnes*

**Jessica Warren Kellough** and husband, Greg, a son Jack Warren, June 18, 2007.

**Amber McCarty Lovett** and husband, Nate, a son, Lucas Gabriel, June 1, 2007.

**Andrew Murphy** and wife, Amanda, a girl, Preslee Drew, May 25, 2006.

## 2002

**Jennifer Whitcomb Bush** and husband, Aaron, a son, Alexander Zachary, July 2, 2007.



*Alexander Zachary Bush*

**Jeromy Hensley** and wife, Andrea, a daughter, Jordyn Sidney, Nov. 13, 2006.

**Stacy Pavlik Muniak** and husband, Nicholas, a son, Gregory Michael, July 10, 2007.

## 2004

**Jennifer Webb** and husband, Chad, a son, Lance, July 18, 2007.



*Lance Webb*

## 2005

**Amy Gibson Riggs** and husband, **Nathaniel '04**, a son, Kaden Nathaniel, Aug. 26, 2006.

## 2006

**Aria Spivey** and husband, William, a son, William Ragland III, June 7, 2007.



*William Ragland III*

## Deaths

### 1933

**Alice Shively Bunce** passed away March 31, 2007. The daughter of missionaries, **Benjamin Shively '1905** and **Grace Ressler Shively '1906**, Alice was born in Kyoto, Japan. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, **William Kenneth Bunce '30**. A Talisman girl, she remained active in the affairs of her sorority after her graduation. Alice took up the life of an academic's wife, making a home for her family in various college towns, eventually settling in Westerville, where her husband became a member of the Otterbein faculty. With the advent of WWII, her husband left Otterbein to join the Navy. After the war was over, Alice followed him to Japan where he was stationed. When the Occupation drew to a close, he joined USIA and she became a diplomat's wife, traveling all over the world. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her oldest son, **Peter '67**, three other children, seven grandsons and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Shively Pursel and a brother **J. R. Shively '33**.

**Marianne Norris Temple** passed away July 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Paul, and niece, **Ellen Kemp Kay '62**. She was preceded in death by sisters, **Virginia Norris Smith '36** and **Bernice Norris Howard '27**; brothers, **Louis Norris**

**'28**, **Fred Norris '34** and **Robert Norris '43**; relative, **Margaret Norris Kemp '26**; brother-in-laws, **Donald Howard '25** and **John Smith '33**; and sister-in-laws, **Pauline Kelser Norris '33** and **Florence Howard Norris '28**.

### 1935

**Mary Elizabeth Barnes Smith** passed away July 26, 2007. She was preceded in death by husband, Elmer. She is survived by her son son, Ronald.

### 1938

**Dorothy DeWitt Schick** passed away May 15, 2007. She was preceded in death by spouse, **Raymond '34**. She is survived by two children and several grandchildren.

### 1940

**F. Marion Duckwall** passed away March 22, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; and children, Diana Duckwall Budic, Earl Duckwall, Jane Duckwall Arloszynski and Gary Duckwall. He was preceded in death by siblings, **Bernard Duckwall '43**, **Glen Duckwall '31** and **Evelyn Duckwall Duffield '34**.

### 1941

**B. Eugene "Gene" Gould**, passed away July 13, 2007. He is survived by spouse, **Jane Gallagher Gould '42** and sons, **Todd '64** (**Jean Thorndike Gould '65**) and **Kerry '78**; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

### **Mary Evans Stapleton**

passed away June 11, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Ezra.

## **1942**

### **Ruthanna Shuck Robertson**

passed away June 20, 2007. She is survived by her husband, **James Robertson '41**; sons, John and James; and sister, **Marilyn Shuck Robertson '47**. She was preceded in death by brother **Emerson Shuck '38** and sister-in-law **Sarah Beidleman Shuck '38**.

## **1944**

### **Catharine Robertson James**

passed away Sept. 15, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Howard '43**, and is survived by her sons, **Thomas '68 (Nanci Gray James '88)**, **Michael '71 (Linda Mantor James '72)**, **Robert '75**, Philip, and Steven; and granddaughter **Tammi James '95**.

**Fred Walker** passed away Dec. 11, 2005. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and 2 sons, **Richard '71** and **David '69**. A retired United Methodist minister, Rev. Walker was consecrated with his wife as a Evangelical United Brethern missionary to Sierra Leone where he served from 1946-1957. After a back injury curtailed his missionary service, he served as a pastor of various churches in Pennsylvania. In 1972, he became the first chaplain of the United Methodist Home (now Riverwoods).

## **Joseph Eschbach, doctor who helped develop kidney drug, dies at 74**

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Before **Joseph W. Eschbach '55** and his research partner first strolled into the lab to work with anemic sheep, humans with kidney disease, weakened by anemia, could barely descend a flight of stairs.

But in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Eschbach and Dr. John Adamson, working at the University of Washington, made a breathtaking discovery: They could correct anemia in their test subjects by infusing them with the hormone that instructs bone marrow to make more red blood cells.

Dr. Eschbach's research led to the development of hormone treatments that have helped ease the suffering of more than a million human kidney patients worldwide over the past 20 years.

"It was a remarkable achievement," said Joyce F. Jackson, president and CEO of Northwest Kidney Centers. "And what's really remarkable was that he wasn't just a researcher; he was still taking care of patients every day."

Dr. Eschbach, 74, a devoted physician, husband and father, a prolific writer and a passionate advocate for research and his patients, died Sept. 7 at home in Bellevue, after a battle with lung cancer. He did not smoke.

Dr. Eschbach was born in Detroit in 1933, and graduated from Otterbein College in 1955 in Westerville, Ohio, where he met his future wife, MaryAnn. After his medical school and a residency in Seattle, the couple settled in the Northwest.

From the beginning, he was a physician who put patients first, friends and colleagues say. In 1964, Dr. Eschbach directed a dialysis center — the first to train patients to operate kidney machines at home.

"His entire career was really based on one thing: what's best for people," said Dr. John Stivelman, chief medical officer of Northwest Kidney Centers.

When his mentor, Dr. Belding Scribner, challenged Dr. Eschbach to find a way to correct the anemia, Dr. Eschbach accepted the challenge. Convinced that perhaps a hormone stimulated by the kidney kept healthy people from being anemic, he and his partner went to work.

"He was very creative," said his wife. "He knew there were people who thought he was foolish and barking up the wrong tree. But he was open-minded and a very determined hard worker."

After experiments that Stivelman called "elegant," the then-fledgling biotechnology company Amgen cloned the gene for the human hormone erythropoietin. Dr. Eschbach helped lead clinical trials that treated kidney patients with the resulting drug, Epogen, which eventually proved 97 percent successful in treating renal anemia.

"Joe got to see, during his lifetime, the enormous and profound benefit of his contribution to hundreds of thousands of people," Stivelman said. "How many people ever get that kind of gratification?"

Yet even after he changed the face of kidney care, Dr. Eschbach — ever gracious and humble, and a man of deep faith who was an elder at Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue — remained focused on relieving suffering. He worked at the Minor and James Medical Clinic, led the Northwest Kidney Centers as a trustee and senior research adviser, and continued to see patients, often on his own time. Earlier this summer, the centers helped endow a professorship in kidney research at the UW in his name.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Mary Ann Charles Eschbach '56**; his children, Cheryl Eschbach and her husband, John Duffield, of Atlanta, Annbeth Eschbach and her husband, Patrick Parcels, of New York City, Joseph Charles Eschbach and his wife, Deanne, of Bellevue; his sister, Marga Beth Cibulka, of East Lansing, MI and five grandchildren. Also surviving are relatives, **James Eschbach '58**, **Marilla Clark Eschbach '57**, and **Robert Eschbach '54**. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Joe Eschbach '24** and **Marguerite Wetherill Eschbach '24**, and relatives, **Carl Eschbach '26**, **Margaret Eschbach Freeman '50**, and **John Freeman, '50**.

## 1948

**Fern Fourman** passed away Aug. 18, 2007. She was preceded in death by brothers, Kenneth and Carl; sister, Irene Oliver; and niece, Kay Fist. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

## 1950

**Ray Chadwell** passed away July 14, 2007. He is survived by wife, Ruth, and five children, Linda Denney, Andrew, Steven, Paul, and Thomas; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; mother, Flora Chadwell; and two sisters, Bea Drucker and Connie Carmack. Following college Ray coached basketball and taught at Fredericktown, OH and was a minor league pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics and Cincinnati Reds systems. In 1953 he was hired by London High School where he coached and taught for 20 years. From 1973 to the early '80s he was a middle school principal. After coaching for two decades that included many successes, he was inducted into the Central Ohio Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1992.

## 1951

**Carlton Sagar** passed away July 10, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Faith, and sons, Jeffrey (Alisa) and Stacy (Karen), and several grandchildren.

**James Yost** passed away July 27, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Lois Abbott Yost '52**; son, Richard; daughter, Nancy Leach;

grandchildren, Matthew Yost, Lauren and Connor Leach; brothers, Ken and Fred; sisters, **Janet Yost Kinskey '56** and **Linda Yost Oda '60**; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father in law, **Lloyd '22**; and sister in law, **Marjorie Abbott Denham '52**. Jim was a member of Pi Kappa Phi and co-founder of the campus radio station, WOBN. Jim had a passion for service to God, community, and friends. He was an active member of North Tampa Civitan Club, was Florida District Civitan Governor 1973-74, and was Civitan International President 1984-85. He has served on many committees and as a delegate to General Conference for the Florida United Methodist Church. Honors for his many accomplishments include the Life Achievement Awards of the United Methodist Men, Chapel of 4 Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion, Civitan International Honor Key and Presidential Honor Key, and In His Service Award from LMUMC. He was also honored by Cornerstones Family Ministries.

## 1956

**Marilyn Jacobs Wright** passed away July 31, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Ronald, son, Ronald, Jr. (Jennifer) and three grandchildren.

## 1958

**David Arledge** passed away Aug. 25, 2007. He is survived by three daughters and his brother, **Robert '55**. David served as a

hospital administrator for the Zanesville and Logan hospitals prior to purchasing an insurance agency in Logan, OH.

## 1961

Rev. **Francis Bach** passed away Sept. 3, 2007. He was preceded in death by wife, Mary Bach; son, **Timothy '78**; and sister, Nancy Rummel. He is survived by sons, **David '70**, Rev. **Ted '72**, and **Mark '74**; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was a graduate of Johnstown High School, Otterbein College and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Rev. Bach served various United Methodist churches in Ohio and Southwestern Pennsylvania. His last pastorate was with the First Christian Church, in Johnstown, OH, in 1989. He retired from the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife were life-long members of the Scalp Level Trinity UMC.

**Peggy Baker Koons** passed away June 30, 2007. She is survived by her spouse, Rev. **Paul Koons '59** and children, Michelle and Christopher.

## 1962

**Myra Hiett Traxler** passed away July 2, 2007. Surviving spouse is Donald Traxler and sibling, **James Hiett '62**.

## 1967

**Thomas Babcock** passed away Sept. 12, 2007.

**Wendell Moreland** passed away July 13, 2007. He is survived by his spouse, **James Widmaier '58**; mother, **Kathaleen Epler Moreland '70**; and sister, **Charma Moreland Behnke '68**.

## 1970

**Ron Plessinger** passed away Aug. 1, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Alana, and two children, Kara and Alexander.

## 1982

Lt. Col. Jeffrey B. Harper passed away July 6, 2007. He is survived by his wife, **Juli Fisher Harper '83**; and three children, **Natalie '10**, Tyler and Emily; and his parents, Ronald and Mary Ann Harper. He graduated from Mount Gilead High School in 1977. Jeff enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1984 and earned his commission as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of his Officer Candidate School class in 1991. Jeff then served as an Air Defense Artillery officer until his death.

## 1994

**Diane Stolarski Keeps** passed away June 3, 2007. She is survived by her husband Eric; parents John and Patty Stolarski; sister **Debbie Stolarski Erwin '90 (Paul '90)**; and several members of the extended family and friends.

## 1999

**Bryan Hatfield** passed away April 27, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Kerry, and mother, Patricia.



## 2006

**Justin Leath** passed away Sept. 22, 2007. Justin had just completed his MFA in Acting at American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. He was currently appearing in *Walmartopia* Off-Broadway. Friends say that he was “hilarious” in the role, and very “Justin.”

## Friends

**Michael Kish** passed away on Sept. 16, 2007. Preceding him in death was his wife, Eugenia. He is survived by two sons, **Jon '71** and **Tim '76**; and a daughter,

Kimberly. Mike served as a professor and coach at Otterbein from 1958-1962 and was director of admissions from 1962-86.

**Gertrude Knight** died June 11, 2007. She is survived by her husband, **Robert '28**; sons, **Douglas '63 (Mary Pat H'00)** and Robert; niece, **Sara Williams Bale '71**; grandsons, Douglas, Mark and John; granddaughter Julie Stokol and great granddaughter, Rachael Stokol. She was preceded in death by sister-in-laws, **Helen Knight Williams '43** and **Maurine Knight Leavitt '28**; infant daughter, Carol

Knight; parents, Louis and Amelia Reid; sister, Dorothy Reid, brothers, Melvin, William and Robert. Gertrude graduated from Dayton Steele High School in 1928 and Miami Jacobs Business College in 1930. She was an active member of Summit United Methodist Church, the Sorosis Literary Club, the Clintonville Women's Club, and the Summit Sewing Guild of Riverside Hospital.

**Norris Lenahan** passed away on July 1, 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ernestine Little Lenahan '32**. He is survived by three children; daughters Florence and **Jan Lenahan Dwyer '66** (Ron), and son **Norris '70**. ●

## 2003 Graduate Dies in Line of Duty in Iraq

Corporal **Samuel F. Pearson '03**, formerly of Piqua, died Wednesday, October 10, 2007 in the line of duty serving as a specialist in the United States Army stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. Sam was one of two members of the U.S.-led coalition killed when rockets struck Camp Victory, the U.S. military headquarters near Baghdad Airport. Forty people were wounded in the attack, launched from a nearby abandoned school.

After graduating from Piqua High School in 1998, Pearson came to Otterbein, where he played football and majored in economics.

“Someone who works hard for their education and then represents their country -- it's just a tragedy,” said Otterbein Athletics Director Dick Reynolds.

Sam signed up for reserve duty in Sept. of 2006. According to family members, it was something he really wanted to do and in which he took a sense of pride.

He was deployed to Iraq in late August after completing basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. He was a specialist in the Army's finance corps.

At the gravesite was an M-16 with barrel pointed to the ground, a helmet on the butt, dog tags hanging from the grip and a pair of boots in front, the traditional symbol of soldier killed in combat.



*Sam Pearson '03*

The graveside service included the playing of “Taps,” and “Amazing Grace,” and the firing of a three-volley salute by seven Honor Guard members.

He is survived by his parents, Randi M. and Carolyn A. Crist Pearson of Piqua; three brothers, Richard E. (Lynsey) Pearson of Worthington, John R. Pearson and his fiancé Jamie Seipel, Andrew M. Pearson all of Piqua; a sister, Laura A. Pearson of Chicago, Ill.; paternal grandfather, Richard E. Pearson of Piqua; maternal grandmother, LaDonna E. Crist of Piqua; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

# Investing in OTTERBEIN

Compiled by Lori Green

## Endowed Funds Great Way to Create Opportunities

by Nicholas Wood '10

Across the country, it is clear to see that great schools produce great leaders with enormous potential and, when provided with the opportunity to give back, these leaders can help to advance and evolve the fine institutions from which they came. It is a cycle of continual growth and an intricate framework built upon generosity and gratitude as well as a passion for building a brighter future. Such a framework exists right here at Otterbein and, with the help of such great leaders as have passed through this College, so too do they continue to give and to build for a better tomorrow.

But in what ways do these leaders find themselves returning to Otterbein the priceless gift of opportunity – an opportunity they themselves received so many years ago?

By giving to Otterbein which helps to ensure that future students have the same, and in some cases, even better, opportunities to learn and grow from all that the College has to offer. One method of giving is through Otterbein's many endowment funds, the majority of which have been set up in honor of our great faculty leaders.

Nearly 20 years ago, Dr. **Carol Ventresca '76** created, along with Emerita Dr. Eva Sebo, an endowed award in honor of Dr. Albert E. Lovejoy. "This opportunity (endowments) provides alumni with a connection to the school and to current and future students," said Dr. Ventresca.

"These funds testify to the strength of the educational program and the excellence of its faculty."

Dr. Lovejoy, former chair of the Department of Sociology, feels that the **Dr. Albert Lovejoy Award in Sociology** has best aided Otterbein in its attempts to

reach a heightened awareness of globalization. "My feeling is that whatever the fund may go toward, I hope that its generosity encourages students to spread the word and make serious changes."

"I was really quite amazed and surprised when a colleague of mine and former student notified me that they had raised the money to generate the award" said Dr. Lovejoy. "Over time I suppose enough people were able to tolerate me that enough money was raised to develop an endowment fund," recalled Lovejoy.

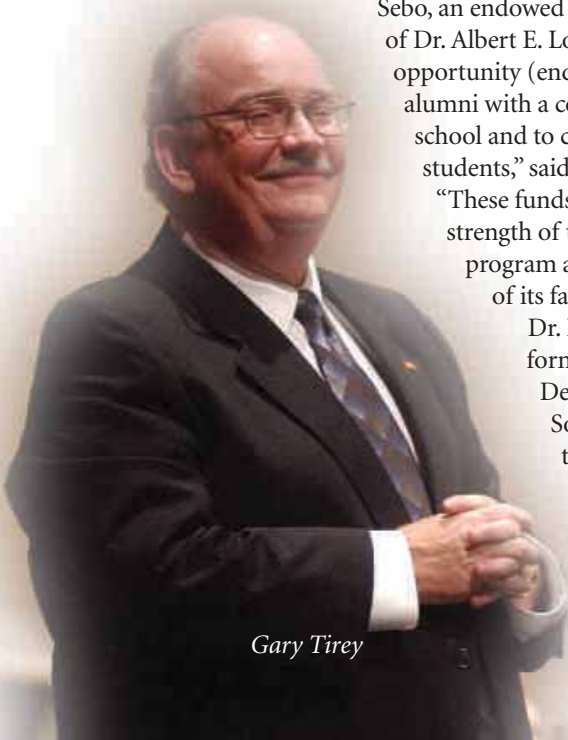
An endowed fund is one of the best methods for building upon opportunities each year because it not only increases through generous donations from alumni but also from the interest generated from the pooled endowed fund investments. It is this interest that is used each year for the growth and development of Otterbein. Individual endowed funds are created each year which range from scholarships and financial aid to research support for faculty to assisting with daily College operating costs.

And at the very root of these endowment funds are some of the best properties for uniting past and present.

"We are not just moving ahead but we are taking the time to remember the past by naming these funds after faculty and alumni" said **Kris Lehman '81**, one of several sponsors of The Gary Tirey Award in Music. "It is rewarding to alums to see those legacies carried forward," said Mr. Lehman.

Mr. Lehman's feelings are echoed by Dr. Ventresca. "We donors are not only continuing our connection to Otterbein, but we are actually building new pathways for students to succeed and grow." She continued, "It has been my experience that a donor is more likely to understand the value of their contribution when they see direct results: it may be a new building, an academic program, or a student successfully graduating because of a scholarship."

But whatever the cause for donation may be, one thing is for sure, it is the donors that make a difference. As Dr. Ventresca notes, whether alumni or proud friends of Otterbein, donors create an unending circle of growth and generosity. Through the countless donations made by those



Gary Tirey

who know the true value of learning and advancement, Otterbein continues to offer opportunities to students, crafting and shaping them to be tomorrow's great leaders.

"Great opportunities make great students and great students make great alumni who give back...and it is the ongoing support and value of alumni that helps keep the College alive...it's a cycle" said Mr. Lehman.

## New Endowed Funds at Otterbein

**The Childers Family Award for International Study** was created by Victor Childers and his daughter, **Jean Childers Arnold '90**. Dr. Childers, a retired professor of international business at Indiana University, has lived and traveled throughout the world in connection with a variety of interests and assignments. As a youngster, Jean accompanied her parents on several overseas assignments and she was a student on the fall 1986 Semester at Sea voyage. The family's passion for other cultures and the enrichment and opportunities derived from first-hand knowledge of these cultures inspired them to create the award. Currently, Jean supports others' enrichment by working to empower women during pregnancy through yoga instruction and child birth education.

**The Charlotte Miner Dunham '54 Choral Tour Endowment Fund** was established by **Dr. Robert E. Dunham '53** in honor of his late wife. Funding shall be used to provide financial assistance for student(s) wishing to participate in the international choral touring experience. Charlotte's love of music and her belief in the importance of providing international tour experiences for musical performing groups inspired Dr. Dunham to create a fund that would help Otterbein students pursue their musical interests.

## Recent Grant Awards

**The Corporation for National and Community Service** awarded \$427,324 to Dr. Melissa Gilbert and the Otterbein Center for Community Engagement for Great Cities, Great Service. Now in its second year, the objectives of this program are to expand service-learning activities on Otterbein's campus through faculty development, engaged departments and institutionalization; and to build a statewide service-learning consortium. Current partners include Ohio Campus Compact and the University of Cincinnati.

**Columbus City Schools** awarded Dr. Harriet Fayne and the Otterbein Department of Education two subcontracts under the **U. S. Department of Education** Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) program. TQE, Year 4, received a subaward of \$236,740 and TQE 3AB received an additional subaward of \$72,000. Through collaboration with the Higher Education Partnership, these programs will continue the implementation of an urban middle school teacher preparation program that targets Otterbein pre-service teachers and Columbus City Schools in-service teachers in the apprentice and professional stages of their careers.

## Investor Spotlight

# Albert Lovejoy

by Nicholas Wood '10

Retired for nearly twenty years, Dr. Albert Lovejoy, former chair of Otterbein's Sociology Department and known to many as an educator, a father, an innovator of peace and unity, a devoted husband and a philanthropist currently resides in Arizona.

From an early start, Lovejoy always wanted to be an educator, but little did he know this road would lead to such great advancements in the field of Sociology.

"I always wanted to be a teacher" recalled Lovejoy. Thanks to the GI Bill following his WWII service, and with the help of his wife's salary as a librarian, Lovejoy was able to do just that.

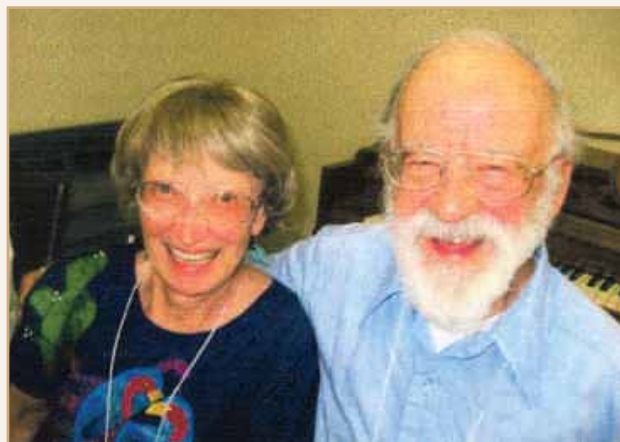
It was in the classroom that Lovejoy found his passion for globalization. "One of my first students was a Hiroshima survivor who went on to make great strides in social work" said Lovejoy. It was her passion for global unity that really sparked a flame in his heart.

This lesson of global unity was also one Lovejoy hoped to impart to his three sons. As a family, the Lovejoys often would provide temporary housing for students from Africa, Japan and other nations, in an effort to help those students further their global learning as well as expose their own children to diversity.

Though now retired, Lovejoy quenches his thirsts for knowledge by taking classes at community colleges in writing and geology. Lovejoy continues to travel around the world to support research in Nepal and other countries.

A living definition of the coined term "pay it forward," Dr. Lovejoy says living simply has afforded him the opportunity to give back to organizations such as the ACLU, church missions and, of course, Otterbein.

According to Lovejoy, giving back to Otterbein has never been a question in his mind. It provided him an opportunity to offer others great learning possibilities. "I am so proud of my students who have gone out to make a difference in this global society...they are my cosmic pioneers of peace" said Lovejoy.



*Eunice and Albert Lovejoy*



Dr. Barbara Schaffner and the Otterbein Department of Nursing received \$194,841 from the **Ohio Board of Nursing** for Project SHINE: Supporting & Helping Innovative Nursing Education. This project is designed to expand nursing education capacity in Ohio by increasing the enrollment of post-licensure nurses in graduate education, preparing them to become the nursing instructors who will educate the next generation of nurses.

The **Ohio Commission on Minority Health** awarded \$110,547 to Dr. Denise Hatter-Fisher and the Otterbein Department of Psychology for year two of Promoting Optimal Health and Wellness through Effective Self Management and Self Regulation: Spotlight on Hypertension Risk Reduction. This initiative will continue the community health partnership between Otterbein College and area churches. Cycles of five and ten week wellness programs will be offered to teach bio-feedback/self-regulation strategies designed to reduce the risk hypertension among African-American residents in the Linden community.

Dr. Susan Constable and the Otterbein Department of Education received a \$55,000 award from **Cleveland State University** for the **Ohio Department of Education** Reading First – Ohio. This program, now in its third year, trains and supports literacy specialists in local schools to serve as school-based professional developers and coaches for K-3 teachers. Objectives include the establishment of standards of practice based upon data based instructional decision making, accurate diagnoses and powerful interventions to ensure students' continued progress in Language Arts.

The **Ohio Learning Network** awarded \$10,000 to Dr. Barbara Schaffner and the Otterbein Department of Nursing for Technology to Educate & Access Child Health Using Simulation (TEACH-US). This project will initiate pod or vod-casting in clinical courses on select pediatric topic such

as growth, development and health promotion; increase the use of high fidelity Human Patient Simulators to replicate clinical case scenarios; and evaluate the effectiveness of technology and simulation on undergraduate and graduate nursing student knowledge and satisfaction.

The Otterbein Center for Community Engagement received \$7,000 from **Ohio Campus Compact** for Cardinal Service Leaders, 2007-2008, under the direction of Chris Hempfling. In its second year, this service-learning initiative will provide a cohort of first generation and/or low-income students the opportunity to serve as Columbus Foundation Citizen Scholar Fellows. Working within the existing Cardinal Corps structure, Fellows will serve 300 hours of community service, acting as civic capacity-builders on campus and coordinating weekly volunteer programs at area nonprofit agencies.

Under the direction of John Kengla, the Otterbein Indianola Mentoring Program has been awarded \$4,000 from **Columbus City Schools**. This 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program initiative supports a long-standing mentoring program that guides and nurtures middle school students to promote their academic progress and college aspirations.

The Otterbein College Department of Nursing, Dr. Barbara Schaffner and Dr. Marjorie Vogt have been awarded \$4,000 from the **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Foundation** for Helping Educate Adolescents through Lifestyle Training and Health Screenings/Simulations (HEALTH-SS). By providing specific health care services to a select group of high school students, this pilot project is designed to increase the nurse practitioner student skills related to health assessment of adolescents, knowledge of adolescent growth and development, positive interpersonal communication, identification of adolescent risk factors and health promotion strategies for risk reduction.

## Nursing Department Says “Thanks”

The Nursing Department would like to thank the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Class of 2007 for their generous gift to the Nursing Skills Laboratory. A hospital newborn baby bassinet was purchased with the donation. The bassinet will be used with the infant simulation mannequin when students practice clinical skills in their maternity and pediatric nursing courses. The bassinet will be placed in the new Simulation Laboratory room when the nursing space in the new science center is completed.

Thank you Class of 2007 and officers Stephanie Waite, president; Cathy Larrick, vice president; Katherine Ludwig, secretary; Megan Stookey, treasurer; and Jim Wittington, historian.



*Students Danielle Schnauber, Shannon Frishkorn and Brandi Mansfield check the vital signs of the infant simulator as it lies in the new bassinet purchased with funding from the BSN Class of 2007.*

## Your investment matters

What will \$90,000 buy? A recent gift from **Vernon L. Pack '50** to the Music Department at Otterbein has so far helped to purchase the materials listed here. There still is funding available from this gift, so the Music faculty continue to ponder their wish list.

- Rebuilding of Steinway piano
- CD player
- Band uniform storage racks
- Lobby furniture and artwork
- Audio equipment
- Studio piano
- Electric keyboard equipment
- Speaker cabinet
- Software updates
- DVD recorders
- Equipment for keyboard lab
- Music software updates
- Faculty software
- Stereo
- Classroom furniture
- Microphones and stands
- Amplifier
- Opera set materials
- Computer lab technology
- Percussion equipment
- Clavinova dolly
- Choral risers
- Digital recorder

## Tributes

Many gifts are made to the College each year in honor or in memory of another. Sometimes it is in recognition of a loved one's birthday or in memory of the wonderful life they lived and positive impact they made on others. During fiscal year 2007 (*July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007*) Otterbein received many gifts in memory or in honor of friends, spouses, mentors or children. We gratefully recognize and acknowledge those loving tributes here.

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## IRA Rollover Expires December 31

Special legislation enacted last year to allow rollovers from IRA accounts directly to charity is set to expire at the end of 2007. While legislation to extend the provision for another year is pending at this writing, passage is uncertain. Contact your broker to transfer IRA funds, including your mandatory distribution, to the Otterbein fund of your choice, and avoid having to declare this amount as income on your federal taxes for 2007. Call Director of Planned Giving Carolyn Williams at 614-823-1454 for more information.

# Alumni NOTES

Compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Bonnie Robinson

## Alumni Clubs are Here to Serve

The mission of Otterbein Alumni Clubs is to serve. Serve who? Serve the community. Serve Otterbein. Serve future students.

In 2007 club leadership teams in Akron/Canton, Central Ohio, Dayton and Southwest Florida focused on accomplishing that mission. They organized, recruited and served others. They also had fun getting to know each other. What does the coming year hold for Otterbein clubs? Clubs will be collaborating with the Office of Admission via the O.A.R.S. program (Otterbein Alumni Recruiting Students.) Clubs will be exploring new service activities like participating in community food drives. Clubs will be continuing traditional service activities such as the annual

Summer Send-off Cookouts for new students. This past year was a great start for club development; 2008 can be even better. Take a look at page 26 of this issue. There are quite a few Cardinals flocking together on that map.

The mission of Otterbein Alumni Clubs is to serve. Serve who? That depends on you. Make 2008 the year that you show your Cardinal pride. Shake your tail feathers with Cardinals in your region and make a difference. Who knows? You might have some fun along the way too.

Interested in starting a club in your area? Contact Bonnie Robinson, assistant director of Alumni Relations [brobinson@otterbein.edu](mailto:brobinson@otterbein.edu)



**Above:** Otterbein Alumni Club of Central Ohio Leadership Team: Front Row: Juanita Walraven Rusk '60, Shannon Lord '00 – events coordinator, LeAnn Unverzagt '80 – club coordinator, Fred Glasser '69. Back Row: Carmie Scarsco Clark '88, Michael Maxwell '87 – Franklin County membership coordinator, (not pictured) Jeff Hill '91 – Delaware County membership coordinator. **Upper right:** Otterbein Alumni Club of Akron/Canton Leadership Team: Connie Hellwarth Leonard '63 - club coordinator, Tricia Davis Conner '91 – Events co-coordinator, Nancy Binzel Pierce '85 – marketing coordinator, Sue Fish Gattton '61 – events co-coordinator, (not pictured) Jeanne Pearson '06 – membership coordinator. **Right:** Otterbein Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Leadership Team: Front Row: Mary Lou Stine Wagner '56, Carole Kreider Bullis '56, Edith Walters Cole '60 – membership co-coordinator, Don Tallentire '59 – membership



co-coordinator. Back Row: John Bullis '56 – events co-coordinator, Jim Wagner '56 – club coordinator, Bill Freeman '56 – events co-coordinator, (not pictured) Todd Cordisco '92 and Janet Hladik '97 – marketing co-coordinators.





# Homecoming 2007!



## Cardinals in Flight...



Sam Ziegler Jr. '64, Isabel Howe Ziegler '40, and Sandra Joseph Ziegler '64 pose in front of the St. Basil Cathedral in Red Square in Moscow, Russia. The cathedral, which was commissioned by Ivan the Terrible in the mid sixteenth century, is traditionally perceived as symbolic of the unique position of Russia between Europe and Asia. Note that Isabel holds an issue of Towers magazine.

See [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) for photos from the Ireland trip!

### Got Cardinal Pride...?



**Suzi Shelley Jones '62** wears her pride on her ears. Made by Dr. Jeff Yoest '77, her silver earrings are in the shape of the Otterbein logo. Suzi wore her earrings to the Otterbein Night Out event for Central Ohio alumni at Old Bag of Nails in August, which she attended with her husband, Ron Jones '61. Go Cards!

### How do you show your Otterbein spirit?

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

## Birds of a Feather Flock Together

On Sept. 7th and 8th, six former Otterbein cross country and track athletes teamed up with some Columbus area marathon runners to compete in the Blue Ridge Relay. This annual 208-mile relay race is held in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and North Carolina. The event is as challenging as it is beautiful with a total gain in elevation of over 12,000 feet and total loss of almost 15,000 feet. Team Road Biscuit out of Westerville was partially made up of six former Otterbein athletes; **Kim Groseclose Allen '05**, **Melinda Keesee '07**, **Meghan Randolph '07**, **Tina Seneski '05**, **Mike Sawicki '06** and **Amy Davin '05**. Yes, 208 miles is crazy, but quite manageable with the right team and support. Each of the twelve runners ran three legs ranging in total mileage anywhere from 13.9 to 23.7 miles and ranging in difficulty from easy to "mountain goat hard." The team, which placed 24th out of 48 teams, was lucky to have two wonderful support persons, Mike Groseclose



of Westerville and Del Allen of Columbus, former Otterbein all-American athlete Kim Allen's father and father-in-law, who drove the support vans and satisfied all team needs from directions to hydration.

~ Story and photo submitted by **Amy Davin '05**.

## Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

**Nov. 26 – Dec. 2** – Otterbein Choir Concert Tour (see pg. 13)  
**Jan. 18** – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein  
**Jan. 25** – Cardinal Network Luncheon, Otterbein  
**Jan. 26** – Alumni Club of SW Florida Intracoastal Waterway Cruise, Ft. Myers, FL (see pg. 49)  
**Jan. 30** – Student-Alumni Networking Event, Otterbein  
**March 1** – Alumni Brunch, Ft. Myers, FL  
**March TBA**– Alumni Club of SW Florida – Otterbein Baseball Gathering  
**April 18** – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein  
**April 24 – 27** – Cardinal Migration to Salt Lake City, Utah  
**May 25**– Spring Brunch and Musical – "Peter Pan"  
**June 12 – 15** – Alumni Weekend 2008  
**June 28** – June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH  
**Week of August 3** – Summer Send Offs  
**Aug. 2 – 9** – Otterbein travels on an Alaskan Cruise  
**Aug. 22** – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein  
**Aug. 29**– Alumni Cross Country Meet, Otterbein  
**Sept. 11** – Luncheon of Otterbein Alumni with New Students, Otterbein  
**Sept. 19-27** – Otterbein travels to Swiss Alps (see pg. 53)  
**Oct. 18** – Homecoming 2008

## OARS - Otterbein Alumni Recruiting Students

We are looking for alumni interested in recruiting at 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 [BRobinson@Otterbein.edu](mailto:BRobinson@Otterbein.edu) or call toll free at 1-888-614-2600.



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## African American Alumni at Homecoming

### First Row:

Lethichia Banks  
 Pope '05,  
 Dahab Keflom  
 '03, Keitaunna  
 Howard '03,  
 Elaine Ellis  
 Comegys '57,  
 Alex Dear '08,  
 Erin Fletcher  
 '08, Christina  
 Thompson  
 '04 **Second**

**Row:** Takiyah  
 Baltimore-Nelson  
 '04, Chasity  
 Pinkelton '11,  
 Phaedra Lewis  
 '11, Krystal  
 Nicole Cates '07,  
 Brandy Cook '01, Megan Clifton '08, Tiffany Edwards  
 Haynes '06, Melissa Anderson '98, Tamara Staley '96, Deanna Allen  
 '96, Barbara Haigler White '74, Eddie Harrell, Jr. '94 **Third**  
**Row:** Glenda Martin '04, Tiana Miller '05, Aleisha Morris  
 Radford '04, Kathryn Livisay '11, Antoinette Greene '03, Icilda



Dickerson '88, Chanell Brown Sanchez '97, Priscilla Sharp '94  
**Fourth Row:** Andre Lampkins '03, Lee Robinson '00, Major  
 Foley '00, Reggie Hammond '10, Lisa Anglin '10, James Prysock  
 '09, Jasmine Triplett '07, Theresa Barbour '09, Aaron Martin '97,  
 Jason Jenkins '04.



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