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ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT LIFELINE: RECRUITING

Each coaching staff interacts with prospective student-athletes. Coaches send e-mails, make phone calls or visit high schools and athletic contests on a daily basis. Every year, well over 1,000 prospective student-athletes visit the campus of Otterbein University. In addition to meeting with coaches and their staffs, they take tours of campus, dine in the

But as Bob Dylan once said, "The times they are a-changin'," and Otterbein is looking to change the way it recruits. The athletic department will begin to implement new recruitment strategies that lend themselves to thinking outside the box.

"There has been an effort to expand and outreach in places like Chicago, Indianapolis, Nashville, Washington,



On opening day of classes during fall semester, students are greeted to their first class by Otterbein faculty and staff.

Campus Center and meet with an admissions counselor.

In recent years, most of the concentration for recruiting student-athletes has centered on the state of Ohio. Known as a hot bed for talented athletes, Ohio has provided many of our programs outstanding students that have succeeded both in the classroom and on the field.

D.C., Buffalo, Detroit, Louisville and Lexington," said Interim Director of Admissions Ben Shoemaker. "By visiting high schools in those cities, talking with counselors and increasing our direct marketing efforts, we hope to see an increase in our out-of-state presence. The entering class of 2011 saw the largest out-of-state population and we hope to continue that trend in the future."

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Message from Athletic Director Dick Reynolds

Hello from the 'Bein and the Cardinal Athletic Department. Our fall sports performed well with the women's volleyball team advancing to the NCAA



Tournament for the second-consecutive year, and the women's soccer team advancing to the semifinals of the Ohio Athletic

Conference tournament where they were ultimately defeated by cross-town rival Capital. Winter sports are wrapping up and the spring sports are about to begin their respective seasons. Women's lacrosse opens its inaugural season this spring, bringing our total sports offered to 20.

I'd like to continue to encourage you to submit your nominations for our next class of hall of fame inductees and to also complete the "Alumni Survey" found on the athletics webpage at www.otterbeincardinals.com.

On a personal note, this is my last newsletter as I will be retiring in April. I'd like to thank all of you who have supported our programs for the last 19 years that I have served as athletic director. A super institution, administration, my outstanding department staff and a wonderful group of department coaches have allowed the department to grow and represent Otterbein with pride.

Thank you and the best to you all.

Dick Reynolds

P.S. To my basketball alumni, thank you so much. Love you all.
Coach

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New Vice President of Enrollment Management Jefferson Blackburn-Smith recently said, "Otterbein needs to focus on bringing in students from different kinds of backgrounds than it normally does."

With that said, the Otterbein Athletics Department is looking to expand its recruiting boundaries and needs your help!

Are there better ambassadors for the university than our alumni stretched across the United States? We think not. As alumni, you can assist us by recommending prospective student-athletes from your area that you think would be a perfect fit at Otterbein, both in terms of academics and athletics.

You might be asking how you can help Otterbein athletics. While reading your local newspapers, take note of athletes who are mentioned in high school sports articles. Talk to friends and ask them if they know

any outstanding student-athletes that they may be familiar with. They could be friends of the family, relatives or just local athletes showcased in the news. If you are a teacher or coach, or know teachers or volunteer coaches, at a high school you could help refer student-athletes to Otterbein.

Encourage individuals to go to our website, www.otterbeincardinals.com, where they can complete the online recruit form. If you only know their name and high school drop us an email with information to kmazza@otterbein.edu. We will do our best to get in touch with each and every prospective student-athlete you recommend.

Student-athletes at Otterbein continue to increase in numbers with currently over 560 individual students participating in one or more sports. We look forward to serving many more in the years to come.

MEN'S LACROSSE WINS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The 2011 Otterbein Men's Lacrosse team was recently awarded The James "Ace" Adams award. This award is presented by the U.S. Lacrosse Men's Collegiate Officials Committee to the college or university in each district whose coaches, players and fans

exhibit the best sportsmanship during the season. Facilities for the officials, and support for the officiating crew is also part of the criteria. Congratulations to the entire team and staff for this recognition!



Otterbein men's lacrosse coach Colin Hartnett, and team members, Steve Resch, Mike Spatafore and Andy Hufford display the James "Ace" Adams award.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2011

The Otterbein Athletic Department has inducted the class of 2011 into the Otterbein Hall of Fame. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, we honored those who have given their time and talent to the athletic programs.

Inductees and their family members were invited to attend a pre-game brunch hosted by the athletics department in the Campus Center.

The Otterbein Athletic Department is very proud to announce this year's class:

Judy McLaughlin Davis '78

Jim Eby '43

Jim Hoyle '83

Bradley Myers '80

Jack Pietila '62

Ed Rarey '52

Steve Traylor '73

Marcia Foulke Ziegler '96

Dr. Samuel Ziegler '36

2002 Men's Soccer Team

We encourage you to take time to visit the Otterbein Hall of Fame, located in the corridor connecting the Rike Center and the Clements Recreation and Fitness Center.

For bios of all the inductees, go to:

<http://www.otterbeincardinals.com/hof.aspx>

Nominations for the 2012 Otterbein University Athletics Department Hall of Fame can be submitted any time prior to June 1 of the induction year. Please log on to www.otterbeincardinals.com/hof.aspx to obtain the nomination form.



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FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

The Cardinal athletic department had another successful fall season both on and off the field in 2011.

The volleyball team, led by fifth-year head coach **Monica McDonald**, made its second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Junior middle hitter **Ally Nagle** and senior libero **Lindsey Russell** became the first two All-Americans in the program's history in the process.



Lindsey Russell

The football team struggled to catch any breaks this season, losing by less than a touchdown five times. Meanwhile, senior wide receiver



Trey Fairchild

Trey Fairchild was making catches all season. The Dublin native was awarded the "Ed Sherman Award" as the best wide out in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), and earned D3football.com All-American honors at the season's end.

The women's soccer team, with an almost completely revamped roster, fought to a second-place finish in the OAC. Six Cardinals earned postseason All-OAC honors on a team that replaced eight starters from last year's Final Four run.



Adrienne Novak

The men's soccer team narrowly missed the OAC tournament after a late season tear. The team was led by a pair of All-OAC performers, junior **Dustin Kiaski** and senior **Kurt Gallant**.

Dustin Kiaski
(12)



A pair of cross country runners notched All-OAC honors as well. Junior **Bekah Reese** and senior **Nicole Elliott** each finished in the top 18 at the OAC championships to earn the laurels. On the men's side, senior **Tim Williard** had the best Otterbein time at the OAC championships, finishing in the top-40.



Bekah Reese

The Cardinals excelled in the classroom as well, with three students earning spots on Academic All-America teams and 13 earning Academic All-OAC honors.

Junior punter **Aaron Kingcade** was named to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III Football Team. A health education major, Kingcade has made the Otterbein Dean's List all six terms.



Aaron Kingcade



Kristen Bennett

Volleyball teammates Russell and junior **Kristen Bennett** were both selected to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III Volleyball Team. A speech communication major, Bennett has been a perfect straight-A student since transferring from Xavier University

before the start of her sophomore year. Meanwhile, Russell has been a near perfect straight-A student during her time at Otterbein. An allied health major, Russell has also made the dean's list every term.

*Andrew Woodley
Sports Information Assistant*

RHINE RIVER REUNION



The Otterbein Cardinals own a 13-6-1 record against Heidelberg in the Rhine River Cup series.

Together with the Ohio Athletic Conference, the Otterbein Athletic Department gathered together to recognize the members of the 1992 Otterbein and Heidelberg teams as they celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Rhine River Classic that was played in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sept. 19, 1992. The game was played at Frankfurt Stadium, home to the Frankfurt Galaxy of the now-defunct World Football League and was the first college football game played on German soil. The two schools battled it out and the game ended in a 7-7 tie.

The Student Princes and Cardinals have been competing for the Rhine River Cup ever since. Leading into the 2011 game, the Cardinals owned a 13-5-1 lead in the Rhine River Cup series, winning 12 of the last 13 meetings, including eight straight. Unfortunately, the Cards were unable to stop the Student Princes this year, as the Berg won in Westerville, 41-20.

Following the 2011 contest, players and coaches from both teams, OAC Commissioner Tim Gleason, Otterbein Athletic Director Dick Reynolds and members of the 1992 teams received commemorative t-shirts and were invited to attend a "Taste of Germany" dinner compliments of the OAC and the Otterbein Athletics Department.



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ATHLETIC TRAINER WINS AWARD

Athletic training major Olivia Roberts (left) was awarded the “Outstanding Entry Level Student Award” by the Research Free Communications committee of the Ohio Athletic Trainer’s Association this past spring. Olivia presented her project entitled, “Inter and Intra-rater reliability for manual muscle testing using a hand-held dynamometer” at the 2011 Ohio Athletic Trainer’s Association annual meeting & symposium. Olivia is currently working as the first ever athletic training graduate assistant at Otterbein University. With Olivia on the right is Assistant Professor Shelley Payne in the Department of Health of Sport Sciences, a Physical Therapist and Certified Athletic Trainer.

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