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Footprints to the Future

We remember the past,
we reflect on the present
and we see footprints to the future...

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In Loving Memory...

The 2003 *Sibyl* yearbook is dedicated to the memory of Timothy Jesser, music major, band member, fraternity brother and friend, who passed away suddenly in the fall. "Timmy J" was a talented trombonist, hard-working student, and exemplary human being, who is sorely missed and deeply mourned. Peace to his memory.

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The Clements Recreation Center

By Jenny Hill

The day was cold but the sentiments were warm when the Otterbein Concert Choir opened the dedication ceremony for the new Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center on Oct. 18, 2002.

Following the spiritual sounds of the Concert Choir, President Brent DeVore stepped up to the podium to recognize the efforts of many in this endeavor. "The dream began in 1993 when members of the Freeman family, many of whom are alumni and longtime supporters of the College, collectively donated $500,000 in honor and memory of Ida and Harold Freeman and John and Margaret Freeman to create a sports medicine facility at Otterbein, now more formally named the Freeman Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Center," DeVore said. "It was from this seed of generosity that the idea for a major new recreation, wellness and fitness center grew."

He continued, "A few years later, the Board of Trustees of the Clements Foundation stepped forward with a boldly ambitious offer — to provide what was at that time the largest gift in the history of Otterbein College to fund construction of a new recreation center that would provide a new dimension of health, physical education and recreational opportunities for all of our students. That gift ultimately totaled $3,645,000."

Tom Bromeley '51, chair of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees, then spoke about the need for the center in a climate of competition between colleges. "What we see before us today not only makes us competitive with other colleges, it catapults us very much ahead of the game," he said. "It is a tremendous recruiting tool, it opens the way for new programs not otherwise practical and it permits expansion of existing programs."

William Troop '50, chair of the Clements Foundation Board of Trustees, spoke about the center's namesakes. "Frank and Vida Clements never had any children of their own and it was their hope that they might, through their dedication, help students through Otterbein," he said.

The center was funded in its entirety by the Fit for the Future Campaign, which raised money from over 700 individual contributors and over 100 corporate and foundation donors. Leading the campaign were co-chairs John King '68 and Paul Reiner '68.

King related to the audience the story of a "tattoo" he carried with him on his knees caused by the cinders of the track when he was a high-jumper on the track team at Otterbein. "I imagine there are many of you with similar memories of what was and are thrilled that future 'Otters,' both athletes and students, will have this wonderful facility to use, and

those that are interested in their health will have the best student athletic center that can be offered," he said.

Reiner looked to the future of the center. "It will be the center of activity. It will be the place where people form relationships. It will be a place where people will enhance body and mind."

Following the speakers, Otterbein Chaplain Rev. Monty Bradley led a prayer of dedication and the Concert Choir led the singing of the Otterbein Love Song. Then the ribbon was cut and those gathered on the plaza were invited inside the Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center for tours and a reception provided by Wood Dining Service.

An additional ceremony was held later in the morning with the dedication of a specially commissioned oil portrait of Coach Dick Fishbaugh, the longest serving and winningest coach in Otterbein baseball history. He died in August 1999. The office area of the center has been named in honor of Coach Fishbaugh and his 34 years with Otterbein baseball thanks to the generosity of baseball alumni.

The Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center was designed by architects from Hastings and Chivetta of St. Louis, Missouri. It was constructed by Turner Construction Company, an international company that has done most of the major construction projects at Otterbein since the transformation of the old gymnasium into the Battelle Fine Arts Center.

The $9.5 million recreation center, which broke ground on May 19, 2001, contains a fieldhouse of over 70,000 square feet and a two-story connector to the existing Rike Center. The fieldhouse features a sanctioned six-lane, 200 meter indoor track; four practice courts for multiple activities, including basketball, tennis, volleyball and badminton; pole vault, long jump and high jump pits and a shot put area; four batting cages and a spectator balcony.

The connector features a high-tech cardiovascular fitness area, a fully equipped training and rehabilitation center, an alumni lounge and trophy room, coaching offices, classrooms and a student lounge area. The athletic training center includes a doctor's exam room; a taping and treatment area; a library and conference room; and a hydrotherapy area with three whirlpools and a Swimex therapy pool. According to Christina Thompson '2004, a sports management major who also spoke at the ceremony, '"Otterbein is the only Division III school with a Swimex rehabilitation pool, which is hard to come by in Ohio. There are only two others in the state."

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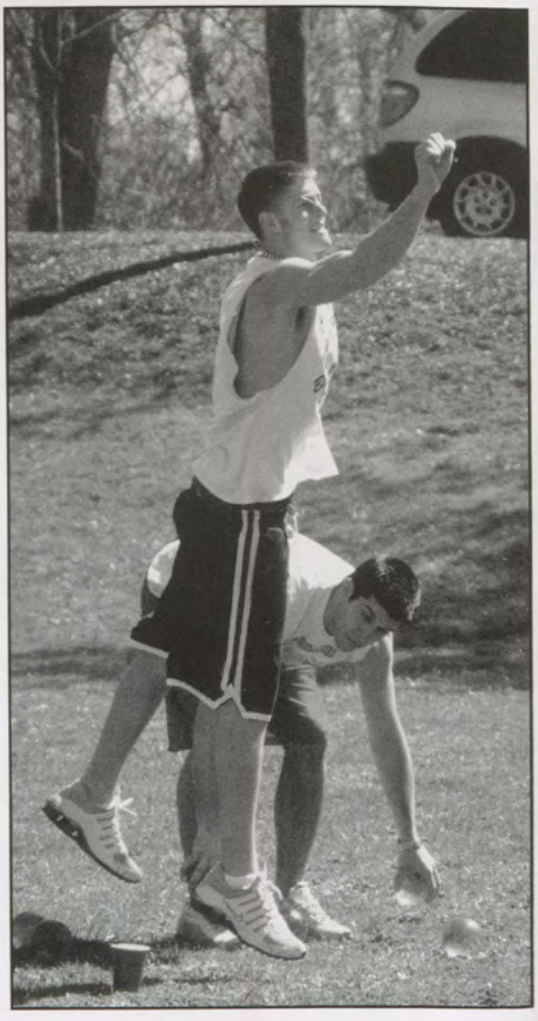

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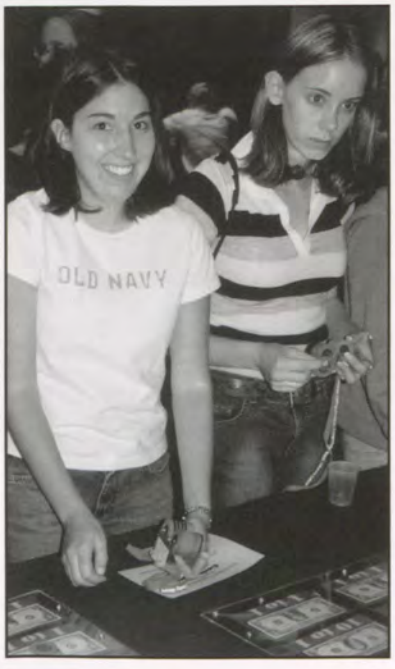

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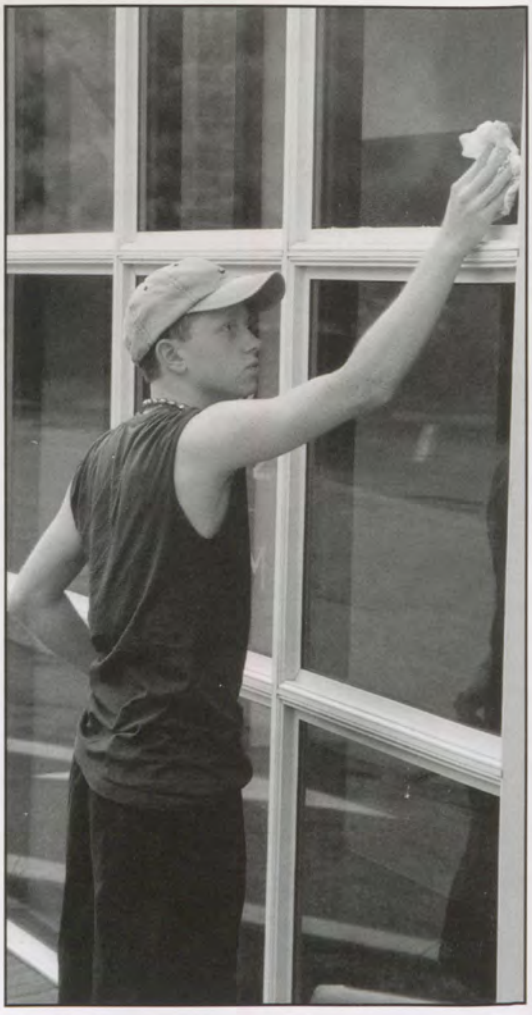

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First Friday Festival

by Lynley Carey

Classes, syllabuses and assignments can seem a bit overwhelming in the first week of school. In order to relieve the stress of studying, the Campus Programming Board, along with local organizations and businesses, hosted the Fourth Annual First Friday Festival.

In its beginning, the festival was smaller with only a few booths from local businesses. This year's festival, however, proved to be more exciting than ever. Over 43 organizations were in attendance, including Starbucks, Grinder's and Kinko's. WOBN, Otterbein's radio station, gave away gift certificates to places like Best Buy, Old Navy and Target.

Senior Brya Long '03 liked the changes. " The first year there was no real organization, and we (students) stood in our own little groups. Now we mix with everybody and it's significantly improved."

This year saw an increase in activities, as well. The festival featured a watermelon eating contest, a climbing wall and a bungee run. The evening also gave students the opportunity to meet the fall sports teams. Otterbein's marching band and O-Squad also entertained students.

Dr. James Gorman of the English Department also enjoyed the changes to the festival.'"This one is bigger and better. This might be the best yet. There are a lot more people here than before."

To help reduce student stress levels, local businesses offered their services. One booth even gave students free backrubs. The atmosphere was just what freshman Valerie Wright"'06 needed. "The festival is a good way to find about different organizations on campus. It's also a good way to relax at the end of my first week at Otterbein," she said.

2002 Common Book

My Year of Meats

by Lynley Carey

Silence. For an entire minute after she was introduced, Ruth Ozeki, author of this year's common book, *My Year of Meats*, said nothing.

During her silence, students watched in anticipation. They did not understand the power behind 60 seconds of time. However, when Ozeki spoke, she explained her odd behavior. She said that she wanted each person present to share in an uncommon experience together. It was in this way, she explained, that people could observe the chatter of their minds.

"It is only in silence that we can listen to our hearts, and hear our core truths and values," Ozeki said.

During her speech, "Things that make the heart beat faster," Ozeki explained how she wrote the book from personal experiences and included this knowledge in the plot and storyline. It was because of her experiences in the film and television industries that Ozeki learned about what she called the "evils of media.." She said that all media's portrayal of world events could create discomfort within the mind. She suggested taking time to block out these thoughts and finding silence.

"I engage in denial and ignorance everyday," she said. "To face problems is to face the things we can't change."

However, as a result of this discomfort, Ozeki suggested that students make a list of the uneasy points in their lives. This, she said, will create an awareness of issues and that results in change from within.

Steve Wendland '02 liked Ozeki's theory about change. "She was very good at getting the thought out that change is always happening. Change is not completely out of our control as long as we are able to accept some responsibility toward it."

Ozeki also pointed out that despite who we are, everyone can inspire change. She said that by staying aware and being active, students can be catalysts for change.""You are so important, you embody public policy, you are what you eat and breathe. Stay active, aware and engaged. You are the faces of our collective future."

This statement touched Dr. Christine Reynolds of the Communications Department. "I cried at one point when she said, 'You don't know how important you are.' I hope graduating students from Otterbein know that change starts from within us, and that you can make the world better."

Before she finished her speech, Ozeki gave one final bit of reassurance to Otterbein students. "Your experience at Otterbein will be a thing that can not be compared to, and I hope it is exceedingly splendid."

Performances of Peace

by Jenny Hill

Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation

For many Americans, the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. continue to play a major role in society. And one day a year, these Americans play tribute to the enduring legacy of the civil rights leader. At Otterbein, this celebration took an artistic look at King's achievements.

The celebration began with Otterbein's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day speaker. This year, the College presented Leon Williams, Director of Intercultural Affairs at Buena Vista University in Iowa, and his performance piece, "Shattered Dreams" on Jan. 21, 2003.

Williams' presentation focused on what King would add to his "I Had A Dream" speech if he was to give it today. He was inclined to create his "Shattered Dreams" program based on research showing that despite the focus on diversity and increased programming related to multiculturalism, research students on campus across the country feel more divided than ever. According to statistics in "When Hope and Fear Collide" by Arthur Levine and Jeanette Cureton, diversity issues are the main cause of conflict between students on three out of five campuses surveyed.

In "Shattered Dreams," Williams took the sensitive issues of race, diversity and multiculturalism and injects them with humor, love and passion. His presentation began with a showing of the beginning of the film of King's "I Have A Dream" speech. After several minutes, Williams took over using King's persona. He welcomed the Otterbein community with, "I applaud you for fighting the injustice of today and tomorrow. I applaud you for being here."

He discussed the 1963 Black Forum and other civil rights events of the past, as well as current acts of injustice and terrorism, including the September 11 attacks. He said, "Although we eat at the same lunch counter, it does not mean we are receiving the same service. There are no more public lynchings, but there is more private choking."

Williams ended his speech with a plea for each individual to do his part to carry on King's dream.

At Buena Vista University in Iowa, Williams has talked to student groups about such issues as oppression, interracial dating, racism, discrimination, black-on-black crimes, among many other issues. He regularly presents special programming for Black History Month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He is actively involved in his community as a volunteer for a local food pantry, Habitat for Humanity, a teen theatre group and the Special Olympics. He has also written and directed several plays, coordinated racism panels and lectured in the History/Political Science Department at Ohio Northern University.

MLK Jr. Awards for Peace & Justice

Student winner:

This award is given to a student who promotes equality in the classroom and/or the community, is involved in activities on the campus or in the community which serves to balance inequities and teaches the principles of nonviolence in solving problems.

This year's student winner, Jason Tyrone Jenkins is well known in the community by students, faculty and staff. He is a young and gifted male who embraces community and community service in every sense of the words. He is well known for his tireless efforts with the Indianola Middle School Mentoring program. His commitment to this program won him the title of the 2002 DeVore Humanitarian award last year, but this student does not give of his time and heart for recognition. He does it because he cares about the future of our youth. He has not only taken this program to a new height, but personally develops close relationships with the children there. Jason also is active in the African American Student Union. At Homecoming 2002, he made history when he became Otterbein's first black Homecoming King.

According to one nominator, "There is no doubt in my mind that many of the young people Jason encounters at Indianola will be college graduates, for Jason has shown them that it can be done."

Faculty winner:

This award is given to a faculty/staff person who has demonstrated the ideas and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The recipient shows involvement in activities on and off campus; encourages like philosophies among others; promotes equality in the classroom and/or community and teaches principles of nonviolence in solving problems.

This year's recipient was John Kengla of the Office of Continuing Studies. Through his work with the Linmoor-Otterbein Program and the Continuing Studies program, he has inspiring students of various ages to reach their dreams and goals through higher education.

John created the Linmoor-Otterbein Program above and beyond his work duties to give students with academic potential from lower income families a chance that they would normally never have. It was designed to promote equity and equality at Otterbein. The program bestowed scholarships to students at Linmoor Middle School in Columbus that demonstrated academic distinction and leadership qualities. According to one nominator, "He always taught us 'if you can believe it, you can achieve it.' He always encouraged us to stay focused on our dreams, to try our best in whatever we desired to do and to help others along the way. He taught me that anyone can reach anyone and that there are people out there who really truly care."

As the Director of Continuing Studies at Otterbein, John helped another segment of students introduced the Accelerated Learning Pace Program in 1996. The Pace Program is designed to allow adult students to complete a Bachelor of Arts in just 23 months. Through John's counseling and guidance many adult students have graduated from the program. Currently, he is working to implementing a Senior Year Experience (SYE) course focused on the principles of giving back to the community through community service.

Footprints to the Future

by Lynley Carey

The cold weather and drizzling rain did not keep Otterbein students from celebrating this year's Homecoming. Many students were on hand to cheer on their organization's float or friends involved in the festivities.

This was especially important for two Greek organizations, Epsilon Kappa Tau and Theta Nu, as they celebrated their 85th birthdays. Both groups involved their alumni in their celebrations.

Senior Tiffany McNeal, a member of EKT, especially enjoyed her sorority's celebration and activities. "It was a memorable experience, and it was nice to see 85 years of sisterhood come together into one awesome day," McNeal said.

This year's theme,'"Footprints to the Future," inspired many organizations in decorating their floats and banners. The African American Student Union (AASU) won the banner competition. Their banner was a colorful display with an elderly man and children pointing at a sunset. The real delight for AASU, however, was the crowning of their queen candidate at halftime.

Antoinette Greene '03 was startled when she heard her name called. '"I felt like Miss America. When you don't know what to expect, it's a surprise. I thought that I had a good chance of winning because I know a lot of people that said they voted for me, but it's always that 'I don't know' feeling. There was a rush of adrenaline going through my body. Now, I understand why Miss America cries. It's a reflex."

This year's king and queen made history. Along with Greene, Jason Jenkins of Leadership in Volunteer Experiences (L.I.V.E.) was crowned king. Together they were the first African American pair to be crowned.

Erika Bruns '03 was Tau Epsilon Mu's candidate. She said she was very honored to represent her sorority, and was very pleased with Otterbein's choice of a queen candidate. "It was a lot of fun and a good experience for me. I think it brought our whole group (TEM) together and in the end it was a great historical moment to have AASU win," said Bruns.

Kelli Weiland '03 of Theta Nu also felt honored to represent her organization. She said she had fun riding in a car and waving at people during the parade.'"The experience was amazing. It was an honor to represent something I love so much to the whole Otterbein community and the city of Westerville," Weiland said.

Greene agrees that representing AASU was a memorable opportunity. "It was definitely an unforgettable experience. I think I paved the way for many students of color at Otterbein. The crown and flowers were very nice, but they weren't the most important thing. The most important thing to me was earning a place in Otterbein's 155-year history. Since 1847, I was the first black homecoming queen. That is extremely significant, not only for me, but for other students of color and for Otterbein as a community," Greene said.

International Festival

by Jenny Hill

With the international focus of politics in recent days, Otterbein's annual International Festival took an important role in educating the local community about issues and cultures of countries around the world. Held Feb. 24-28, the festival featured lectures and discussions on a variety of countries, as well as the annual Global Village Dinner and Show.

Presentations and lectures this year featured a wider selection of countries than ever before. The entire Otterbein community was invited to attend lectures and discussion on hot topics like: *Are Russian Universities Corrupting Their Students?; Malawi: A Juxtaposition of Luxury and Poverty; India Today: Not Quite What the Media May Portray; The Kiwi Experience: Touring New Zealand by Bicycle; Post-Wall Germany; Nepal: From Southern Tropical Jungles to the Sub-Arctic Himalayas; Traditional Martial Arts Demonstration* and *Living in the U.S. vs. Living in Japan: A Japanese View.*

Other presentations featured topics about including England, Bali, Greece, Sweden, Argentina, Belgium, the Netherlands, Liberia, the Philippines and China.

The Global Village dinner and show, sponsored by the International Students Association (ISA), the African American Student Union (AASU) and Sisters United, featured authentic recipes and costumes from many of the approximately 25 nations represented by Otterbein's international students. In addition, Otterbein students and staff presented performances of authentic ethnic music, singing and dance.

The Mystery of Edwin Drood by Jenny Hill

Who are you? What are you? Princess Puffer (played by Renata Wilson, left), the Chairman (played by Clint Carter, middle) and Edwin Drood (played by Julia Moss, right) trust nobody in this whodunnit of a mystery in which the audience controls the outcome.

On October 17, Otterbein College Theatre opened its 2002-03 season with a mystery that even the playwright couldn't end —*The Mystery of Edwin Drood,* an interactive musical mystery by Rupert Holmes, which won the 1986 Tony for best musical. Directed by Dan Knechtges '94, Otterbein audiences played an active role in this mystery by voting on the solution to the mysterious whereabouts of young Edwin Drood.

This play-within-a-play begins with the Music Hall Royale, a Victorian musical troupe, performing its flamboyant rendition of an unfinished Dickens mystery. A character in the play by the name of Drood is being played by one of the members of the troupe. When Drood disappears one stormy Christmas Eve, murder is suspected.

Drood is based on the novel that Charles Dickens was writing at the time of his death. Left incomplete, who really killed Edwin Drood is anyone's guess. In this case, it was the guess of the audience each night the play is performed. The audience got to vote at three different times in the play, with the possibility for 302 different combinations of endings. The actors stepped off the stage to tally the votes before continuing the play.

Audience Services Director Elizabeth Minnich Saltzgiver '99 explained the voting. "Votes were actually counted on three separate occasions, first to establish a detective, second to convict the murderer and third to expose the secret love affair of two cast members. It really was a different show every night."

Because of the wide variety of endings that could take place, each actor had to be prepared for anything. Tyler TerMeer , stage manager for *Drood*, said, "This show gave them a new challenge every night. With over 302 different possible endings it was never the same show twice, but what made it magical was that the actors found out at the same time as the audience 'who dunnit.' They had to be prepared for anything and that was not just the challenge, but also what made it fun for not only the audience but the cast and crew.""

Also at the ready was the chamber orchestra of strings, percussion and keyboard that provided the music for *Drood*. And for the actors, in addition to expecting the unexpected, they were faced with the challenge of playing double roles – as the characters in Dickens' play and as the British actors portraying these characters.

TerMeer also noted that the most challenging role was that of The Chairman. "It was truly up to The Chairman, played by Clint Carter , to lead the audience through 'The Drood Experience.' Clint had a large challenge in this role, because he never worked with his largest acting partner — the audience — until the opening of the show."

Saltzgiver said the attendance exceeded all expectations because of the unique nature of this play. "We had terrific audience response. Many people returned a second and a third time to try to vote for someone new," she said. "Our student attendance was also something to shout about. Almost 800 students attended *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* throughout the two week run."

Raggedy Ann & Andy

by Jenny Hill

Raggedy Ann (played by Kayli Tope, center) and Raggedy Andy (played by Ray Auxais, left) find a new friend in the fancy French doll Babette (played by Hillary Miller) in the Otterbein College Children's Theatre production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy*, based on the Bobs-Merrill book. It was performed November 13-17, 2002.

Directed by Dana White, the story unfolds in a girl's bedroom on her birthday. A fancy French doll named Babette has arrived for the girl's birthday, but that very evening, Prince Leonard-the-Looney-Hearted rides up on his hobbyhorse and whisks her away to Looney-land. Raggedy Ann and Andy rush to her rescue, and along the way meet a horse with wrinkled knees, an evil witch and the crazy citizens of Looney-land.'Through the antics of Raggedy Ann and her sugary sweet candy heart, the gooey Mr. Greedy, and the crazy Prince Leonard-Looney-Hearted, the Cowan Hall stage was transformed into a gigantic playground.

Otterbein's production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy* featured Emily Sellevagge interpreting each performance for the deaf. Unlike traditional interpreting for the deaf, Sellevagge became a part of the play, following the characters around the stage and expressing emotions along with the dolls.

Another unusual on-stage character was the narrator, who interacted with the audience, made sound effects in his lab on stage and directed set changes, which also took place in front of the audience.

This unconventional approach to theatre was designed as an introduction to theatre educational opportunity for pre-kindergarten through third grade children. The chance to scenery changes and other elements that make up the "magic" of theatre is a rare opportunity.

Saltzgiver said that *Raggedy Ann and Andy* was a success with audiences. "The children loved the show. We have received many letters from area school kids singing their praises for *Raggedy Ann and Andy*.""

Scapino! by Jenny Hill

Otterbein College Theatre heated up the winter with its production of *Scapino!*, which ran Jan. 30-Feb. 2 and Feb. 6-9. Taken very loosely from the plot of Moliere's *The Adventures of Scapin, Scapino!* adds a touch of the Italian commedia dell'arte tradition, a bit of 60's audience involvement and a lot of frolicking and mischievous behavior.

Two young men fall in love, but not with the women who meet their fathers' approval. In order to get the girls they want, they plead with the lowly servant Scapino for help. Scapino comes to the rescue, though not in any traditional way, and so follows comic madness with one clever ploy after another.

The production is written by Jim Dale and Frank Dunlop and directed by Christina Kirk. In addition, guest artist Joan Shirle, Artistic Director of Dell'Arte International, will come to the Otterbein College Campus for a five day residency in which she will work one on one with the cast of *Scapino!*

Steve Sakowski will be the student Lighting Designer for the production. He recently returned from his internship with The Lighting Design Group in New York, where he worked with NY Designers Otis Howard and Patrick Dierson. He was given much more responsibility than the typical intern and was asked to work on such projects as the relight for CBS' *Inside Edition*, MTV's *Fashionably Loud*, the Glamour Magazine Women of the Year Awards and the green screen filming of the Discovery Channel's *Empire of the Eye with Al Roker*. Steve will be utilizing the skills he learned in the television lighting design industry to light his first main stage performance at Otterbein College. He previously designed *Fuddy Meers* for Otterbein Summer Theatre 2002 and was Assistant to the Designer for *The Secret Garden* in the spring of 2002.

Dance 2003 by Jenny Hill

A Guy, A Girl and Gershwin

Otterbein College Department of Theatre and Dance presented its annual Dance Concert March 6-9.

Ah love! Remember the uncertainty… the questions…the tangled feelings? Will he finally find her? Will she discover that he really is "the one?" This is the tried and true story of boy meets girl, with a few twists and turns, set to the brilliant music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin. What could be more romantic? The audience will also receive a behind-the-scenes look at this young couple as they go from rehearsal to stage and finally to opening night. Find out for yourself if this boy will get his girl.

Artistic Director Stella Hiatt Kane said, "In an instant, a guy's eyes and a girl's eyes meet and destiny is sealed. It is every great stage and screen love story and George and Ira Gershwin's incredible and unforgettable melodies and lyrics have inspired many of those stories. Often, though, the path to love is not simple or direct and sometimes the story takes a few twists and turns. This love story is no different."

Kane has been a member of the Otterbein faculty since 1989 and Coordinator of Dance since 1996. She has been a member of BalletMet Academy faculty and the founding Artistic Director of JazzMet. Kane has been a member of the national and international companies of American Dance Machine and has appeared in the national companies of Sugar and Bob Fosse's *Dancin'*. She also has made television appearances in productions such as PBS's *Dance America* and *The Ann Reinking Special* with Ann Reinking, Chita Rivera and Ben Vereen. Kane has taught for New York's American Dance Machine/Harkness House, the Actor's and Director's Lab, Dance Educators of America, Dance Olympus and Columbus Children's Theatre. She has given master classes at The Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon College and New York University. During the summer 2002 season, Kane was a master teacher in residence at the Northern Ballet Theatre in Leeds, England. She has been a presenter for The Ohio Dance Festival and the International Network of Performing and Visual Arts Conference. Her choreography credits at Otterbein include not only an eclectic range of concert repertoire, but also several musical theatre productions, including *Cabaret, A Chorus Line, Sweet Charity, Pippin, West Side Story, Oklahoma!* and last season's *The Secret Garden*.

The Laramie Project

by Jenny Hill

Detective Sergeant Rob DeBree (played by Tom Weaver, right) interrogates Aaron McKinney (played by David Beukema, left) in connection with the murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming, in Otterbein's compelling'look at the real-life events surrounding a murder in Wyoming in *The Laramie Project*. The production ran May 1-4 and May 7-10.

In October 1998, a twenty-one year old student at the University of Wyoming was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside of Laramie, Wyoming. His name was Matthew Shepard, and he was a victim of this assault because he was gay. Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theatre project made six trips to Laramie over a year and a half in the aftermath of the beating and during the trial of the two men accused of killing Shepard, and conducted more than 200 interviews. *The Laramie Project* is a breathtaking theatrical collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink, and the heights of compassion of which we are also capable.

Associate Professor and Artistic Director Dennis Romer directed*The Laramie Project,* with scenic and lighting design by Associate Professor Rob Johnson. Costume Designer Katie Robins and Student Sound Designer Steve Sakowski also added their talents to the production.

Kiss Me, Kate by Jenny Hill

In this production of total opposites, the tumultuous "real life" relationship of producer Fred Graham (played by Mike Ruehrmund, front left) and actress Lilli Vanessi (played by Renata Wilson, front right) is balanced by the fictional on-stage love affair between Bianca (played by Julia Moss, back left) and Lucentio (played by Tony Gonzales, back right) in Otterbein College Theatre's *Kiss Me, Kate*, co-sponsored by the Department of Music.

Based on Shakespeare's comedy and presented as a play within a play, Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* follows the lives and loves of a travelling troupe of actors during their run of a musical version of *The Taming Of The Shrew*. Egotistical actor-producer Fred Graham and his temperamental ex-wife, Lili Vanessi, find themselves thrown together in the production of their lives. Amid the tensions of a romance gone bad, two gangsters make a guest appearance to keep an eye on Mr. Graham until his IOU is paid. Songs in the production include *Wunderbar, Another Openin', Another Show, Brush Up Your Shakespeare* and *Too Darn Hot.*

Kiss Me, Kate was performed May 22-25 and May 29-31, with special school matinees on May 21 and 28.

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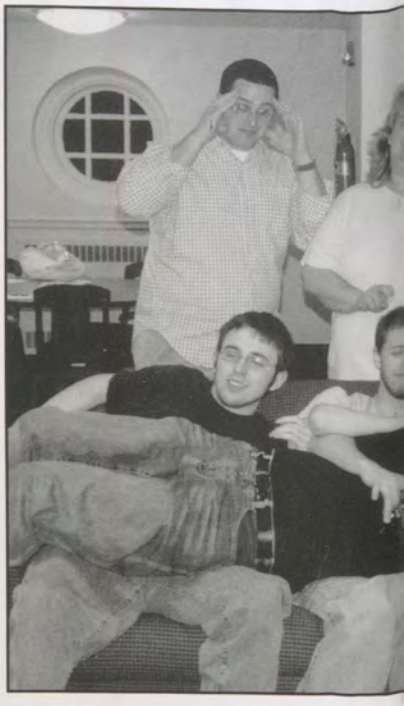

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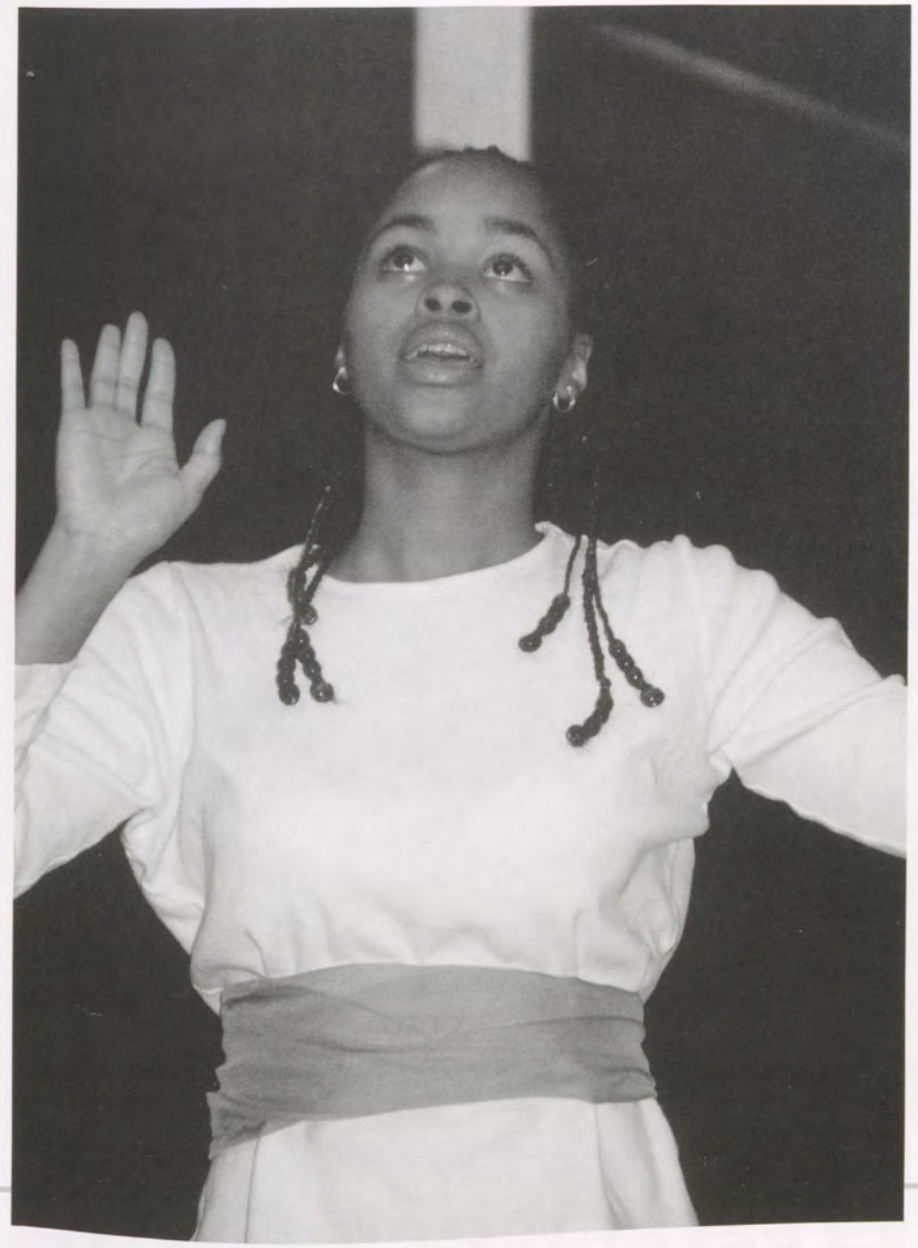
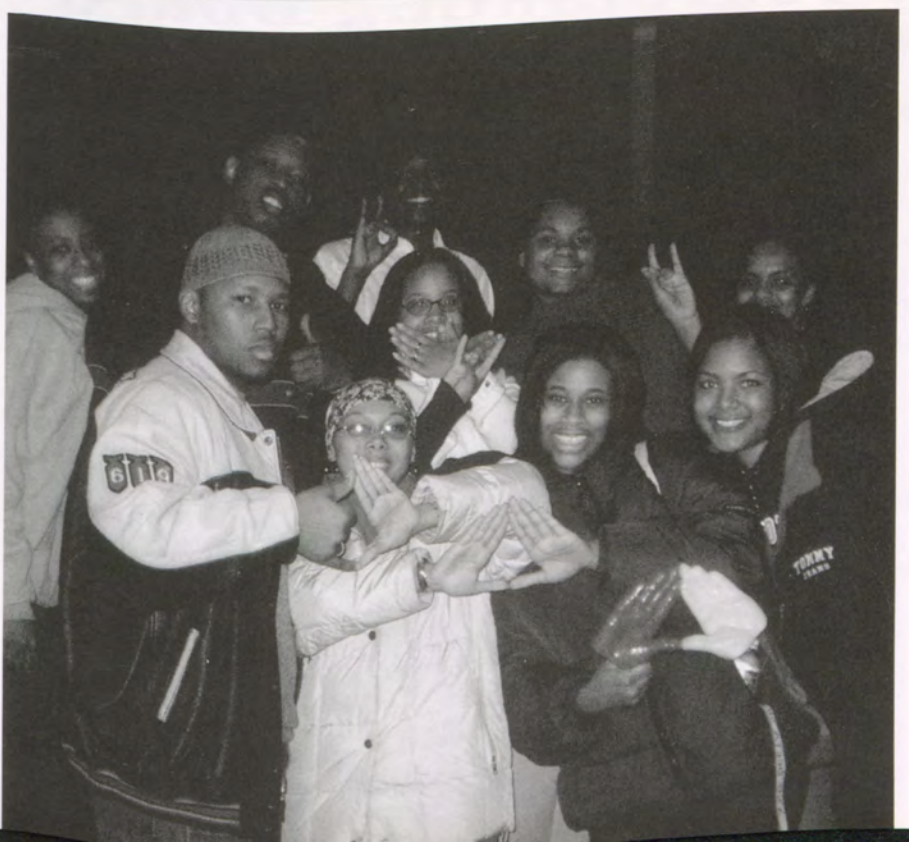
African American Student Union

The African American Student Union (AASU) was established in 1987 to promote unity and cooperation among African American students and all students with similar interest and/or similar backgrounds. Membership is open to any Otterbein student who supports and respect the heritage, legacies and cultural traditions of African Americans.

AASU provides students with opportunities to network, support, be kept informed, program, unite and handle the business of the AASU. Special discussion, social interaction and community concerns are important to AASU.





Campus Programming Board

In many ways, we're like a family. We laugh, argue and drive each other crazy. Yet we support one another, stand strong and united and work as a team to ensure quality programs and fond memories. I'm so proud of how far we've come, and I have complete faith that CPB will continue to grow and prosper long after I'm gone. - *Regina Borneman, President*

Being in CPB means that you have the fantastic responsibility of getting inside the head of each and every student to plan the programs that will add fun, excitement and fond memories to last well beyond Otterbein. - *Liz Stimer, Fine Arts Chair*

We've been lucky enough to have a very diverse group of students who contribute to the organization and its success. The varied perspectives help keep CPB's events fresh and fun. I dig it! - *Sarah Hoffert, Treasurer*

Fun times are Fun times because they come and they go. But while they are here, there isn't anything better - Just like CPB at Otterbein.

- *Sam Kovach, member*

Forensics

Otterbein's forensics team competed in several speech and debate tournaments this year. Team members competed in four states and throughout the Midwest.

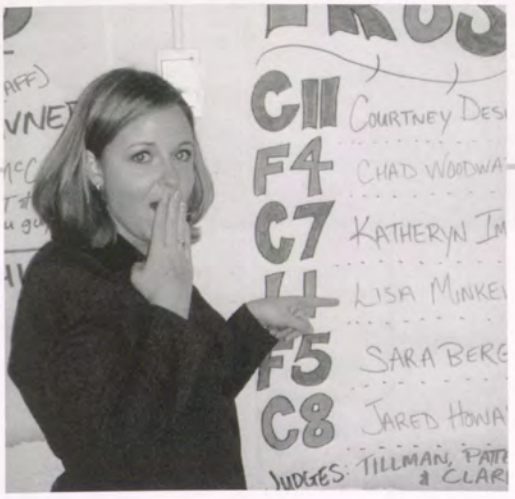
Returning to varsity were Danielle Carlisle, Jen Jackson, Kim Leonhard, Lisa Minken, Kathryn Rainsburg, Cherilyn Theisen and Andrew Yeager. Team members participated in a wide variety of events ranging from informative speaking to dramatic interpretation. The team experienced the most success in a wildcard event called broadcast news. Both Minken and Yeager placed in this event. Yeager was honored with an excellent rating at the national Pi Kappa Delta Speech Tournament in March. The speech and debate team hopes to see much continued success next year.

"Being a part of the speech team was one of the best things I've done during my years here at Otterbein," Leonhard remarked. "I feel that the speaking and presentation skills that I've learned over the years will be valuable tools when I enter the workforce in June."

Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) is a national forensic and communication honorary organization for students who participate in communication activities including intercollegiate debaters, competitive individual speakers, non-classroom audience speakers, instructors teaching courses in oral communication, radio, television, journalism, public relations, etc. The membership of PKD is composed of individuals united in the ideal of free speech- the art of persuasion, beautiful and just."

The Ohio Epsilon Chapter of PKD was established at Otterbein in 1923 and is the oldest honorary on campus. Dr. Susan Millsap and Dr. Kerry Strayer serve as the organization's advisors.

This year's chapter had a very exciting year. In March, Susan Millsap was sworn in as the national president for Pi Kappa Delta. In May the current 15 members welcomed several new inductees to Otterbein's chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. New members were evaluated on the basis of GPA, participation in communication activities and recommendations from faculty members. With its new members PKD hopes serve as a unifying body for all communication activities. PKD also encourages its member to participate in at least five hours of community service a quarter.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Gospel Choir

The Otterbein College Gospel Choir is a non-denominational, voluntary group open to all students, faculty, alumni and staff. Members do not need prior experience or the ability to read music. A major in music is not required, but music majors are welcomed. The Gospel Choir perform annually for the Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, Family Appreciation Day and Chapel services. The choir also accepts engagements from area churches, schools and other organizations. Members sing a variety of Gospel music including standard, traditional and contemporary. Most of all, they have a lot of fun. This is an excellent release of tension in a community of praise, sharing and postive motivation. The Gospel Choir director is LaJoyce Cain.

Marching Band

By Lynley Carey

At times, things got a little looney and tooney for the marching band this year. Strange characters started appearing — a green ogre, a big blue genie, and a bunch of out-of-control toys. Okay, so these things really did not really appear. But the band did entertain the football crowds with exciting songs from cartoon movies.

This year's theme was appropriately titled, "The Year of Toon," and the band did selections from movies such as"Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Shrek." Yet, the song that member Ashley Garris '05 enjoyed the most was "Sanctuary" from Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." She also said her favorite band experience was "going to the football games and supporting the team."

Trumpet player and squad leader Heather Deem '04 would have to agree. She said she really enjoyed the music this year, but what was most exciting for her was not the music. As a music education major the most delightful aspect of band for Deem was actually learning drill. "We learned 2 different types of drill that I could use to teach future students when I become a band director," Deem said.

Besides music and marching, there were other aspects of marching band that made it fun for students. During band camp, students participated in a talent show. According to senior Kelley Gilbert, the saxophone section stole the show. The entire section entertained the crowd with their rendition of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" on candy whistles.

This year's season was especially exciting for senior Kristi Keller. As field commander, she experienced marching band in a whole different way. The positive atmosphere created by both the music and people made this year a wonderful tribute to her four years at Otterbein. She said that this year one of the band's strengths was to buckle down and pull off great shows just in time to learn the drill needed. But as field commander, the greatest treat was watching all the band's hard work come together. "I love to conduct and watch the show come to life. I loved being part of the melophone section, but this (year) was a great culmination to four wonderful college band years."

Gilbert would agree with Keller. She said this year band was a great experience for everyone, especially seniors. When asked what advice she would give to underclassmen band members Gilbert said, "Have fun and make the best of it because it goes by real fast."

Emerging Leaders

The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) is Otterbein College's program designed for te first year student who want to become leaders on campus and in their communities during college and beyond. The program provides opportunities for students to learn more about themselves and thus be better prepared for fellowship and leadership opportunities on campus and in the community.

Emerging Leaders benefit from: An introduction to transformational leadership and the basic concepts of fellowship and leadership; opportunities to develop leadership potential and skills to take on responsibilities and challenges at Otterbein College and the local community; challenges to learn more about themselves and others through structured exercises, lectures and informal small group discussions, and thus be better prepared to follow and lead others effectively; and information, insight and support to use in choosing how to get involved at Otterbein College.

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M.O.S.T.

Mentoring Organizational Students Today

By Laura Spaeth

This has been a monumental year for M.O.S.T. (Mentoring Organizational Students Today), as the organization has experienced many successes.

One of the primary accomplishments for M.O.S.T. is an increase in membership. When M.O.S.T. debuted in 2001, the organization consisted of the four co founding members, but the membership has now more than tripled to 15 student members.

"The increase in membership is really exciting for the group," said Danielle Carlisle, the 2002 2003 Fundraising/Publicity Director. "With increased members we can tackle more in depth projects.

A second accomplishment of M.O.S.T. was to take a step closer in being recognized as an official campus organization. On Monday, April 14, 2003, the constitution was accepted at the Board of Trustees/Student Life Committee meeting. Then, the group and constitution received unanimous acceptance at the College Senate meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

M.O.S.T. has also recently elected new officers. These individuals will take over for the execs who graduate at the end of the year.

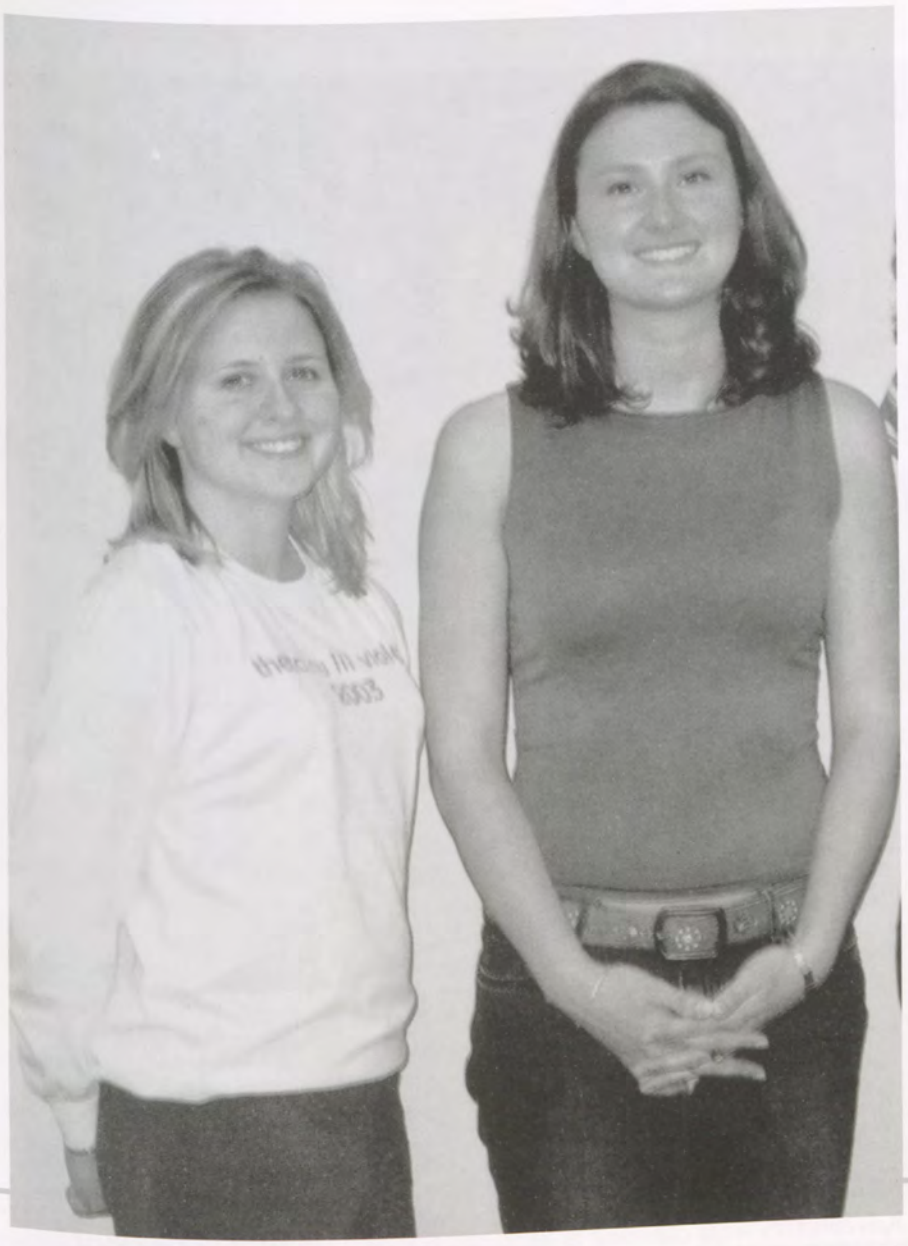
The 2002 2003 officers were: Laura Spaeth President & Co Founder Kim Leonhard Vice President & Co Founder Tim Miller Secretary/Historian Ericka Bruns Treasurer Danielle Carlisle Fundraising/Publicity Dir. & Co Founder

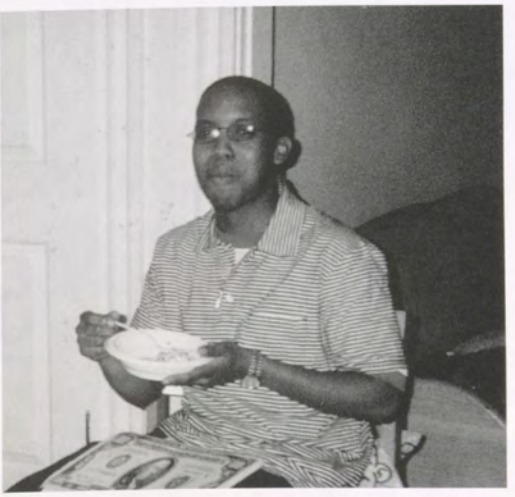
These leaders pass the reigns to the 2003 2004 officers who are: Kristy Yahl President Sarah Ozello Vice President Misty DeMichael Secretary/Historian Katie Crabtree Treasurer Kristen Burns Fundraising/Publicity Director

"This organization provides an excellent opportunity to get involved and to get to know other Communication majors," said Crabtree. "I think there are a lot of opportunities for us as an organization to take advantage of The past officers pointed us in the right direction and all we can do is go up from there."

The organization is already working on establishing goals and planning new projects for next year. These goals and projects include stepping into community service, increasing student professional mentoring connections and interviewing Emeriti Faculty.

M.O.S.T. is an organizational communication major based society preparing all communication majors as future mentors. Overall, the goals of M.O.S.T. are to better communication majors' college experience and expand their skills in networking, planning & development, leadership and mentoring.





Outdoor Adventure Club

By Sarah Grooms

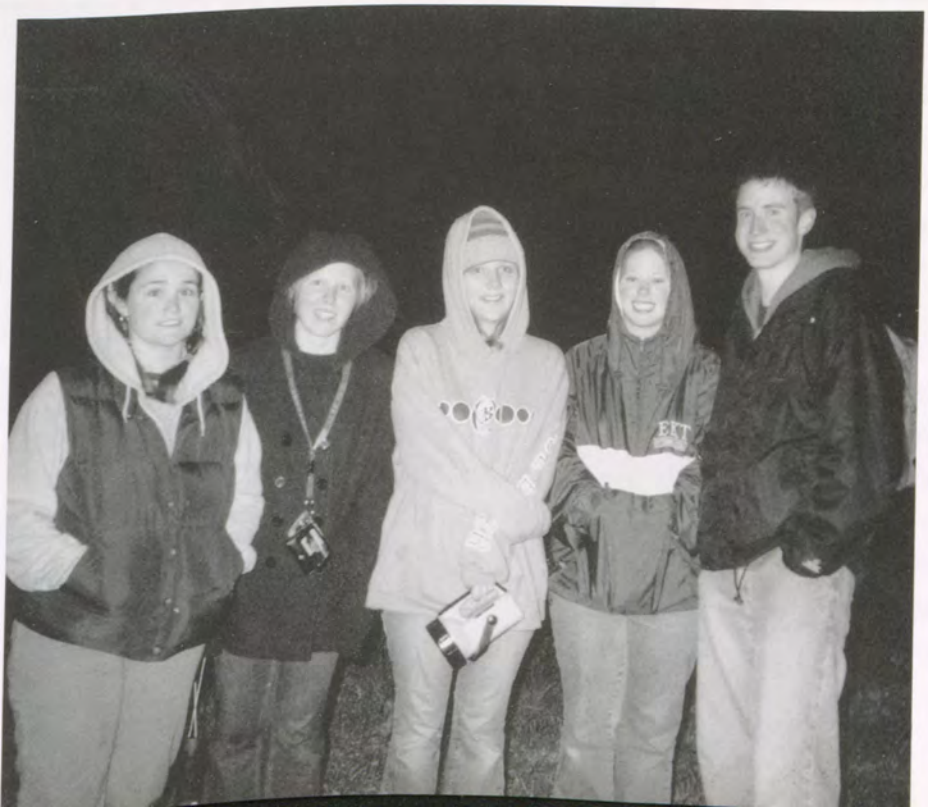
The 2002-2003 school year was another successful year for the Outdoor Adventure Club. Many new students and faculty joined the club to experience new outdoor activities new outdoor activities. The club was fortunate to have Debbie Halbert agree to be the new faculty advisor, bringing her skills and insight from rock climbing and other outdoor sports to the club meetings. The weekly meetings were held in the Outdoor Adventure Club theme house, where members planned all trips, programs and service projects.

In fall quarter, a group of Adventurers went camping at Mohican National Forest. Cooking their meals over a fire at a primitive campsite and hiking several trails, the group had a great time getting to know each other and taking a break from schoolwork.

A winter spelunking trip to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky proved to be a unique opportunity for students. Led by a guide, students explored caves by crawling and climbing through narrow passages. The club hopes to repeat this adventure sometime next year.

The Outdoor Adventure Club also hosted the "Get Out More" program through Backpacker Magazine. Open to Otterbein and the Westerville community, many people attended and learned the basics of backpacking, from how to pack a backpack to what equipment is needed. The program was very successful and OAC established relations with community members interested in participating with the club's future activities.

Spring quarter OAC participated in Otterbein's Beautification Day, helping to spruce the campus up for another year. Along with service, the club went on trails at Sharon Woods as a stress reliever towards the end of the quarter. Short trips to Alum Creek Park for picnicking and sports were also popular among club members. Adventurers are looking forward to another successful year filled with exciting opportunities open to the entire Otterbein community. There is no doubt that they will experience all sorts of fun next year in the great outdoors.



Quiz and Quill

Quiz and Quill is Otterbein's student literary magazine. It is an annual magazine composed of student poems, essays, short stories, and plays. The *Quiz and Quill* staff is made up of Otterbein students who decide what goes into the magazine.

Any Otterbein student can submit original work to the magazine. Submissions are usually accepted during the first few weeks of winter quarter. There are contests for best short fiction, poetry, essay, play writing, and newspaper article. The judges are writers and professors not affiliated with Otterbein College. The contest winners are revealed at the end of the year. This year, we also held an art contest. The magazine will feature interior as well as cover art. The magazine comes out in spring quarter.

Aside from putting together the magazine, students also organize poetry readings, the most popular of which is the Halloween reading. Students dress up in costume and gather in the spooky Philornathean Room for an evening of poetry and ghost stories. This year, we awarded prizes for the best costumes. Other highlights were the make poetry, not love Valentine's Day reading, and the spring reading, where we all go outside to read poetry and run around in the grass.

Any student can join *Quiz and Quill*. Students can also get academic credit for participating.

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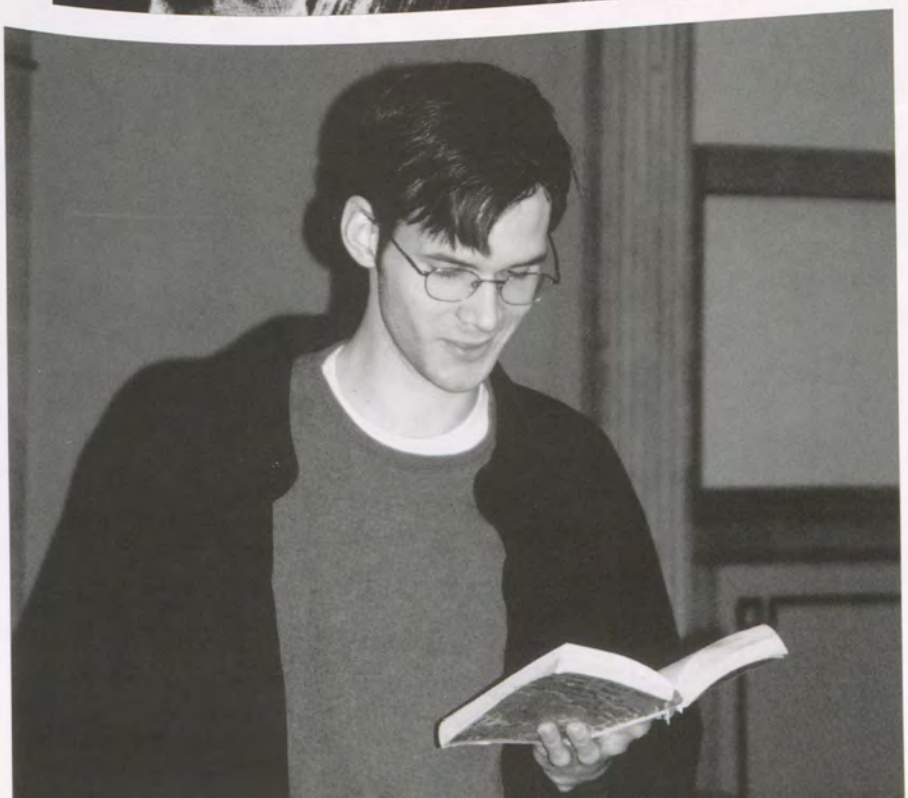

Community Service

The Spirit of Service is Alive at Otterbein

Otterbein provides many opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to participate in a variety of community service projects. These programs tie Otterbein to the surrounding community provide the volunteers meaningful reflection in order to encourage a future of giving.

Timeka Rashid coordinates community service at Otterbein, including such programs as: Adopt-A-School, America Reads, Children's Hunger Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Indianola Middle School Mentor Program, L.I.V.E., Otterbein Community Reading Clinic (OCRC), Project Outreach, Southpark Computer Learning Center, Sports Pals and the United Methodist Children's Home.

The annual Community Plunge, which occurs during New Student Weekend, provides approximately 150 Otterbein students, faculty, and staff with several one day service projects in the Westerville and Columbus communities. This is a great way for new students to meet members of the Otterbein community, as well as the larger Westerville and Columbus communities, and make friendships that could last a lifetime. Each quarter, Mini-Plunges gather 10 to 15 students together to re-enter the community in meaningful service experiences.

Life in the Residence Halls

Otterbein's Hall Unification Board members, Resident Assistants, Assistant Hall Directors and Hall Directors all worked hard this year to make OC residence halls a great place to live! Starting a month before classes began, hall directors began getting the halls ready for students. RA training began with an overnight retreat to Camp Akita. During their training, the RAs learned how to mediate roommate concerns, plan fun activities for their residents, and help residents develop community standards. They learned about the campus judicial system, fire and safety procedures and how to respond in emergencies. After two intense weeks of training, the RAs were happy to welcome all their new residents to the halls and get going on a great year.

Hall Unification Boards (HUBs) got off to a great start with training in the fall where they introduced their HUB with a skit and brainstormed all they could do to make life in the halls a great experience.

Throughout the year, the RAs and Hall Unification Board members planned many activities for students in the halls, such as pizza & movie nights, study break, cookouts and picnics, intramural sports teams and some halls even created their own hall t-shirts. Highlights from the year include: Hanby HUB hosted the Haunted Hanby Halloween party and celebrated Hawaiian style at their Halfway to Spring Break luau; Dunlap-King and Clements collaborated on a picnic at Alum Creek; Clements HUB sold hall t-shirts to buy a DVD player for their lounge and sponsored a band; Mayne HUB planned picnics, chose art for their lounge and hosted their annual Super Bowl party; Davis HUB held a Spiderman movie night complete with web decorations and the Davis RAs hosted a frightfully fun Halloween party

From Dunlap-King to Davis Annex, RAs and HUB members had a fun year planning events, gaining leadership skills, influencing decisions in the halls and making Otterbein's residence halls a place to live and learn!

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Sisters United

Sisters United is an organization that is dedicated to the empowerment of women of color on a college campus. With the help of our advisor, Jeanne Talley, we provide culturally stimulating community service, educational and social programs for all interested parties to attend. Since our inception in 1999, Sisters United has not been afraid to address controversial issues. The 2002-03 school year has been no exception.

For our community, Sisters United marched for Breast Cancer awareness. A five-year breast cancer survivor shared her inspirational story. We walked at the Yon Armstrong Sickle Cell Anemia Walkathon. We also, in an effort to increase voting among college students, provided voter registration material for non-registered individuals. Educational programs included Movie Night Featuring *Higher Learning* a movie about the racial attitudes and stereotypes present on a college campus. We also co-sponsored with the Office of Ethnic Diversity, Female Circumcision: Cultural Right or Wrong. With the ladies of Ohio Wesleyan's Sisters United, we had a discussion on body image and perception. This year we continued our annual Valentine's Day Auction Fundraiser and Mother Daughter Tea.

Next year Sisters United is looking forward to providing our annual programs along with other innovative events.

Tan & Cardinal

by Katie Crabtree

For 30 weeks during the school year, Tan and Cardinal editors eat, sleep and breathe in Towers 116, the T&C lab.

The Otterbein student paper publishes weekly on Thursdays. Editors manage a staff of around 30 people. This year, the newspaper moved from a system of editors assigning stories to students to students being placed on a beat system. Each beat is given a specific part of the college to cover for 10 weeks. This gave the paper more flexibility in editing and page design.

In order to gain training and education about newspaper management, three staff members, Katie Crabtree, John Chaney and Scott Willyerd, attended the Associated Press National Collegiate Journalism Conference in Seattle, Wa. in March.

"Seattle was a great opportunity to learn about newspaper writing and design," said junior John Chaney.

Week eight of winter quarter saw the beginning of the transition period take place, as the old editors stepped aside and allowed their predecessors to take over.

"The old staff will be greatly missed," said junior Melissa Zimmerman. "Their leadership was outstanding. We also had many great times together on Wednesday nights."

The Towers 116 lab will be upgraded over the summer and for the 2003-2004 school year, the staff plans on implementing a redesign of the paper. Editors will also have the opportunity to attend a national conference in Las Vegas in March of 2004.

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Opinion Editor Casey Emerson
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Managing Editor John Chaney
News Editor Kaitlin Carr
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Opinion Ed Melissa Zimmerman
Asst.Opinion Editor Norma Baker
Sports Editor Holly Fenner
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Advertising Manager Lacey Short
Photo Editor Laurel Nock

WOBN

WOBN is the Otterbein College stereo FM radio station. WOBN has been on the air since 1958, the second oldest independent FM radio station in Ohio with studios and transmitter located in Cowan Hall. WOBN operates at a frequency of 101.5 megahertz on the FM dial. WOBN broadcasts on the internet at www.wobn.net.

All programs are locally produced and engineered by Otterbein students. WOBN features a contemporary music format, a wide variety of music showcase programs, local news and public affairs, and has internet and remote access. The broadcast day is 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. The station also broadcasts most football and basketball games (home and away), home baseball games, and Sunday morning services. Students form the entire staff and management. Advisor: Mr. John Buckles.

WOCC

WOCC-TV3 is a student operated cable station that is owned and supported by the City of Westerville. A well-equipped control room, studio, and a WOCC remote production van provide the resources to produce programming focusing on Westerville, Otterbein, and the surrounding community.

Regular WOCC programming includes a local newscast, a magazine format program, interview programs, sporting events, aerobics program and local government meetings. In addition, students produce special programs and cover special events in the Westerville area such as convocations and parades. Students serve as producers, directors, crew and talent of all locally produced programs. A limited amount of syndicated programming compliments student work.

All Otterbein students are invited to participate in the station. Interested students may attend the weekly organizational meeting held in the WOCC studio. For more information, contact the director of television or the general manager at 823-1563. Advisor: Dr. Jeff Demas.

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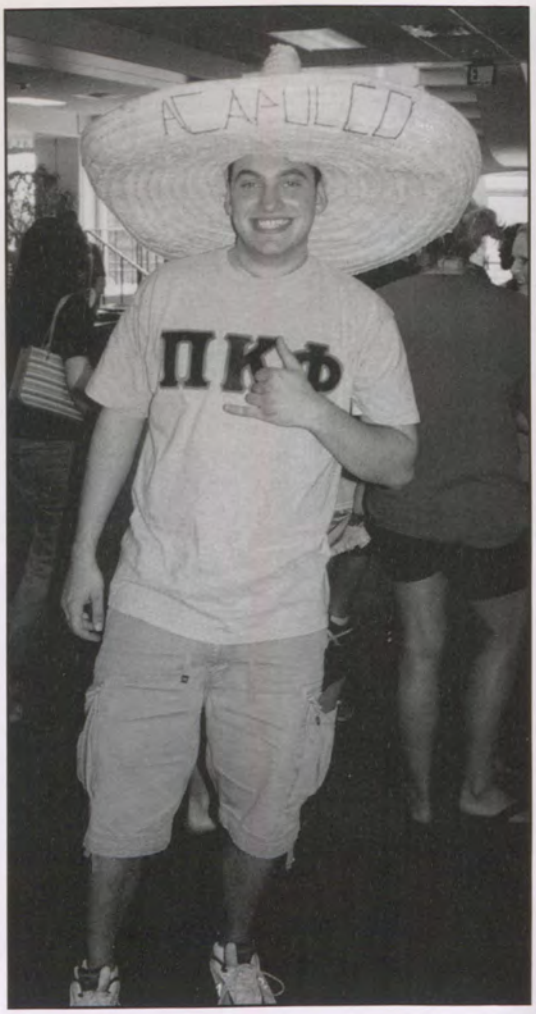

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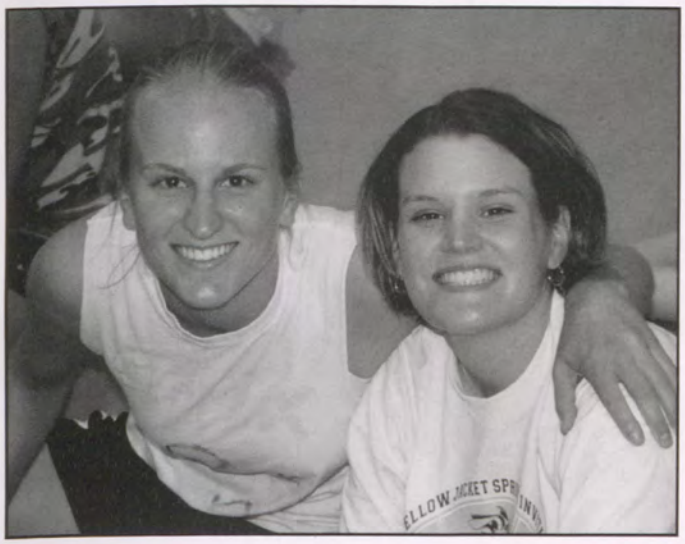

Delta Sigma Theta

By Traci Meister and the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Phi Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on January 13, 1913, at Howard University. Twenty two illustrious African American women on the campus of Howard University decided to create an organization that would target the enrichment of African American women in scholastics, as well as in the area of service. One of the first causes that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, became involved with was the Women's Suffrage March of 1913. Through the immediate dedication that has become the foundation for our organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has made steady improvements in the African American community. Our organization has made servicing its community its foremost priority. All of our service projects fall under our Five Point Program Thrust. The five target areas are economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. We use these target areas to rebuild, and to create atmospheres within our communities that will flourish positively, and stir up an environment that promotes positive growth and an optimistic future.

As a result of our positive involvement and outlook, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has gained an extremely large body of members across the Nation, and abroad. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has over 200,000 members in over 900 chapters, including chapters in Alaska, Hawaii, Liberia, The Virgin Islands, Germany, England, Japan, The Republic of Korea, Bermuda, The Bahamas, Panama Canal, and Haiti. Our public motto is "Intelligence is the torch of wisdonC. We strive to improve our minds, as well as our spirits, so that our wisdom can make a true and lasting difference. Our sorority's colors are crimson and cream. Some of our honorary members include Mary McLeod Bethune, Camille Cosby, Nikki Giovanni, Aretha Franklin, Fannie Lou Hamer, Lena Home, Nornzarno Winnie Mandela, Gloria Naylor, Mary Church Terrell, and Cicely Tyson.

The chapter that we at Otterbein College belong to is the Nu Phi City Wide Chapter. Nu Phi was founded on May 21, 1977, at Franklin University. Nu Phi consists of seven area Colleges and Universities. They are Capital University, DeVry University, Franklin University, Mt. Carmel College of Nursing, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Otterbein College. The members of this chapter hold many high ranking and influential positions on the respective campuses. They hold positions in student government, their African American and Black student unions, their campus programming boards, their community service groups, their choirs, their sports teams, etc. The chapter participates in many service projects including project open hand, a program that provides meals and services to AIDS/HIV patients and their families. We also assist our Alumnae chapter in their work with the Mid Ohio Food Bank. We hold monthly book club meetings, Stomp Aerobics classes, and we host a week entitled Delta Week, where we treat the mind, body, and soul of African American women, and the community that surrounds us.

The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated are women who are geared toward excellence in scholarship, service, and the bonds of sisterhood. We take our community and its well being very seriously, and we've made a lifetime commitment to the world around us. Through our collegiate chapter of Nu Phi, and the national organization of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, we intend to climb higher, stretch wider, and continue to make our help and presence known in the community around us. We've lit the torch, and we intend to carry it strong and proud.

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Epsilon Kappa Tau

By Amber Camarillo

Happy 85th Epsilon Kappa Tau!!!

We kicked off our 85th year by updating the sorority house in general and remodeling the chapter room. We finished up just in time for this years Homecoming, which was a great success. We had a great turn out from our alumni who attended our annual luncheon and who we invited to march in the parade with us.

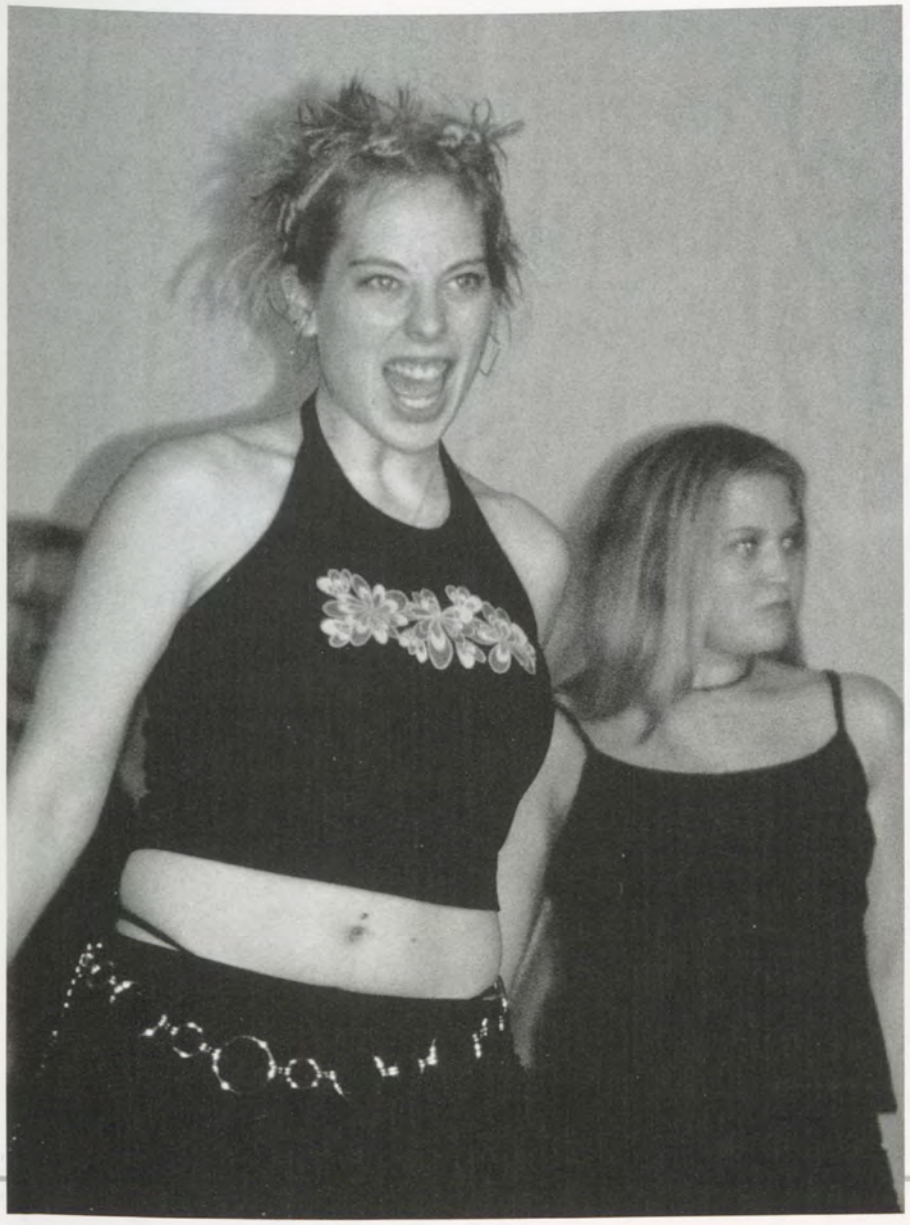
We celebrated the end of fall quarter with EKT Thanksgiving, a gift exchange and a trip to the zoo for the opening night of Wildlight Wonderland.

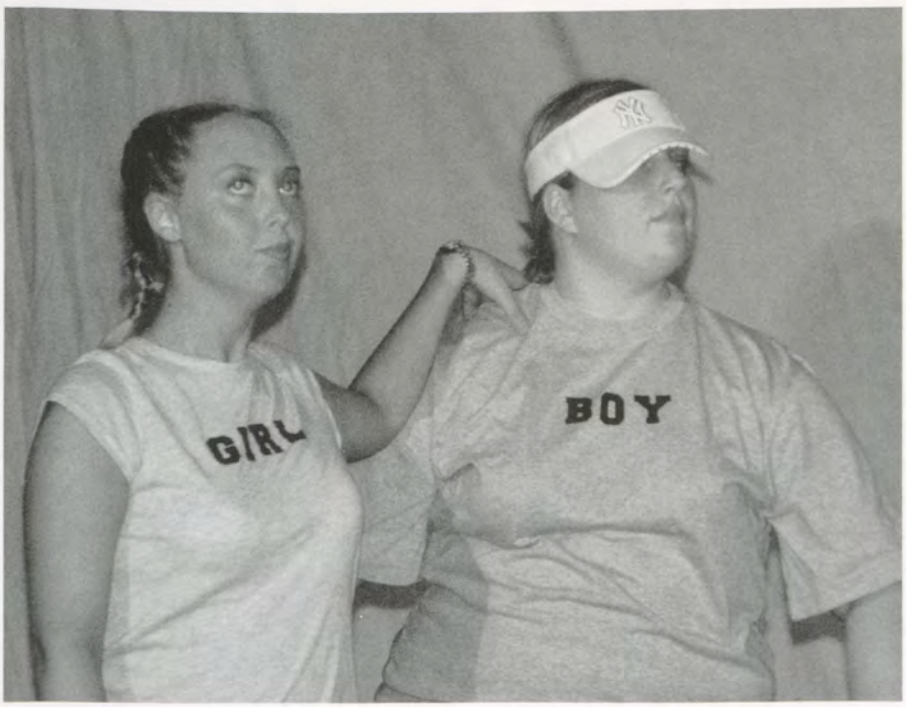
Winter quarter, we welcomed seven little arbutie cuties into the sisterhood. The chapter had a blast with many mixers sisterhoods, outings, a co-ed planned by the pledges and our active retreat at the Short North gallery hop.

Spring quarter brought about our formal where "arbuts" danced and partied the night away at Berwick Manor in Columbus.

EKT took a third place finish overall in this year's "Big Fat Greek Week." Our first place finish in Harmony Night included EKT's version of "Seasons of Love (and Honor)" and "Wishin and Hopin" which declared our love for Greek men. We received third place in Lip Sync for our portrayal of stages of a relationship. EKT also won the 2003 Greek Excellence Award for academic achievement.

We rounded out spring quarter with an end of the year cookout mixer with our Eta Phi Mu brothers. EKT looks forward to a great 2003-2004 year and another 85 years of love and honor.

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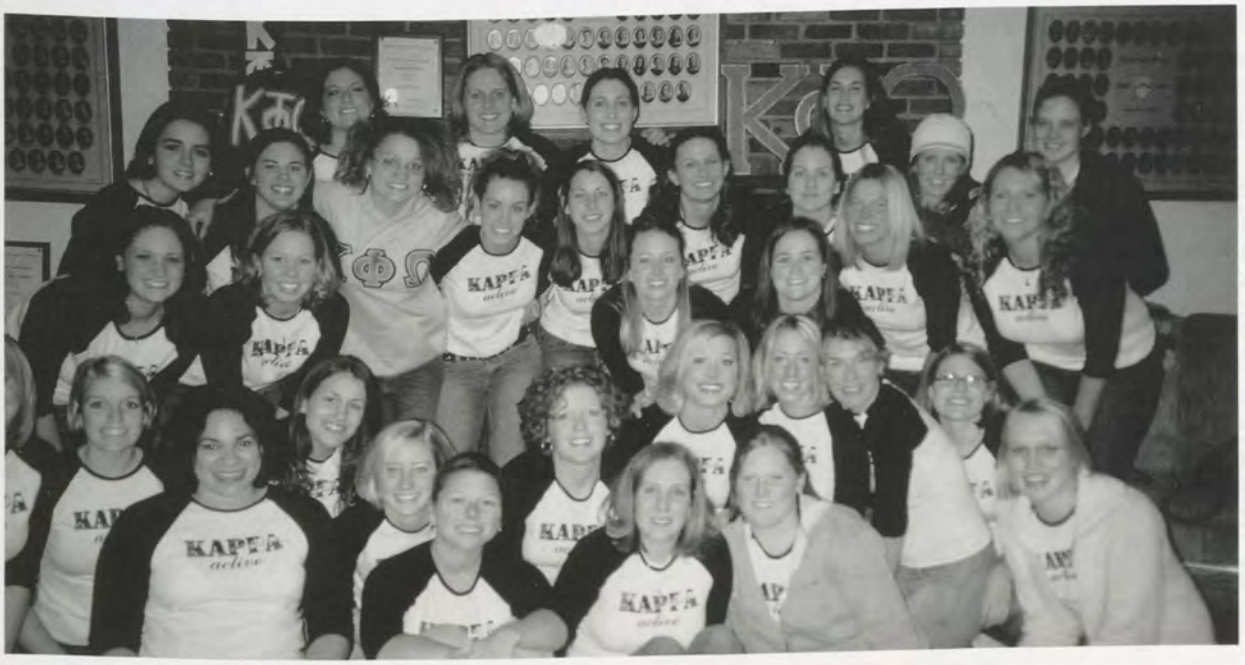


Kappa Phi Omega

Kappa Phi Omega kicked off the school year right by winning the prize for best float in the Homecoming parade which donned the theme, "Footsteps to the Future." The sisters of Kappa Phi walked the streets of Westerville collecting shoes to construct a giant Scottie dog. After the parade, the shoes were donated to the United Methodist Free Store. This was only one event that led to a year of great success in community service for the Onyx Club. Chaplain Angie Congrove lead the group in volunteering at the YWCA Homeless Shelter, Swim 4 Diabetes and a long list of other charity functions.

After a successful season of recruitment, headed by Jessie Boyer, Kappa educated and inducted a strong, diverse group of 22 women.""Our new actives are nothing less than extraordinary. I have never felt more confident about the future of our organization," said President Whitney Hendershot.

Along with their new actives, Kappa ended the year just as successful as it started. Celebrating their sisterhood at a spring formal and tearing down the walls at Greek Week, Kappa girls were proud to be "Sisters and Friends Unto the End."

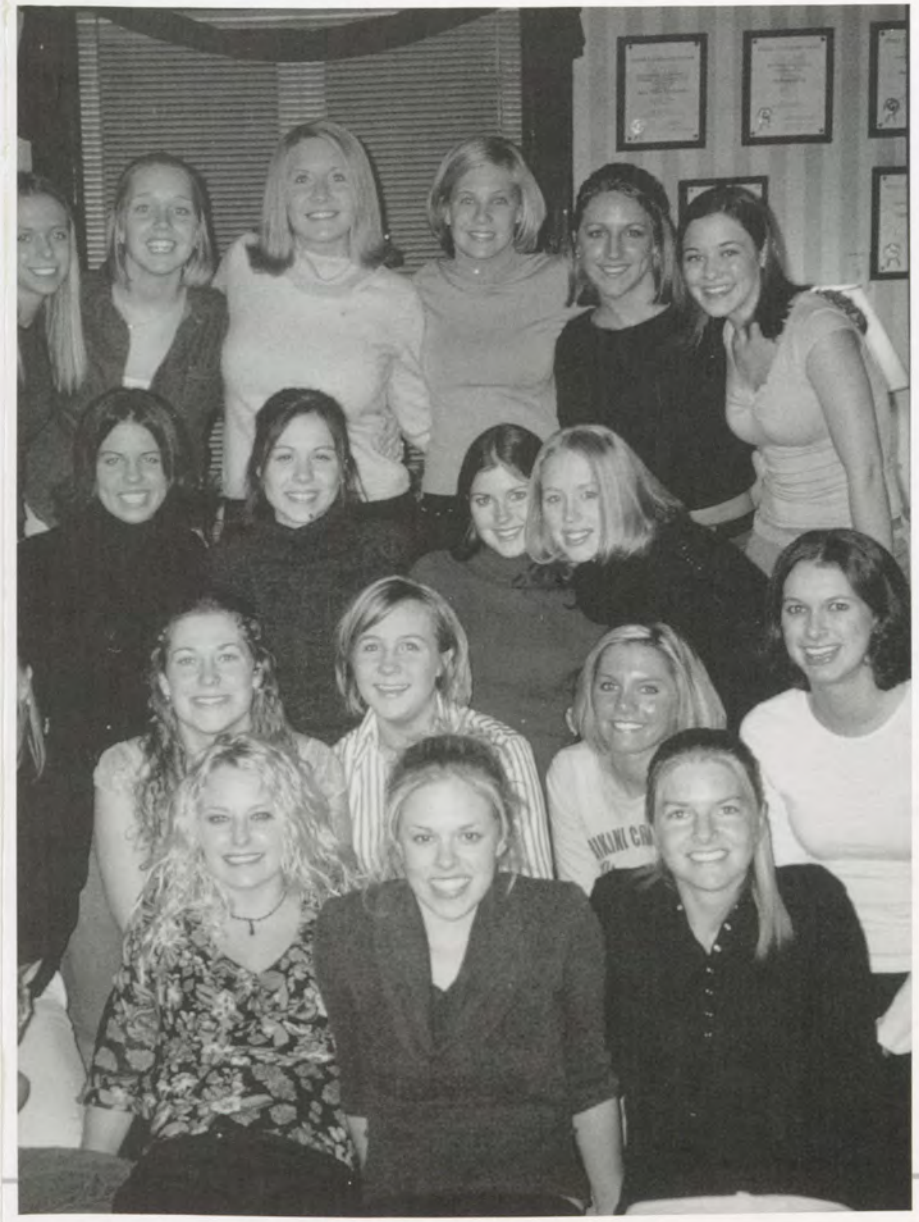
Sigma Alpha Tau

By Jill Brodt

Starting out another great year, Sigma Alpha Tau sorority, better known as the owls around campus, began the fall of 2002 with a cookout to welcome the chapter back to school. For the Homecoming festivities, the Owls chose "Breaking Down the Door to the Future" as their float theme to express their excitement for the upcoming year, and supported their homecoming candidate, senior Brya Long, chosen for her dedication to Sigma Alpha Tau, and Otterbein College. The owls also participated in Greek Thursdays with the other members of the Greek community during Fall quarter, as well as hosted many mixers, including a five dollar prom with Sigma Delta Phi.

Winter quarter began with recruitment for the Owls, and after three weeks of open house, community service, novelty, and final parties, they welcomed twenty one "little hooters" into the sorority. Pledging flew by for these young ladies, as they learned about the history and values of Sigma Alpha Tau through sisterhoods, study tables, and social events. After a short spring break, the Owls were back for the activation ceremony that gave active membership to the pledges. The rest of the quarter was a busy one, squeezing in formal, Greek Week, a spring weekend camping trip, and senior recognition in before finals.

Although the Owls like to have fun, school is very important to the sisters, too. For the Fall quarter of 2002, Sigma Alpha Tau had the highest GPA of all of the sororities and fraternities on campus. They continued to keep up the good work by having the second highest GPA for Winter quarter. They are also very involved on campus and in community service. As a group, the owls lend a hand in Adopt a school, Ronald McDonald house, and Adopt a highway. Individually, they contribute to Swim for Diabetes, Relay for Life, Race for the Cure, and many other organizations.



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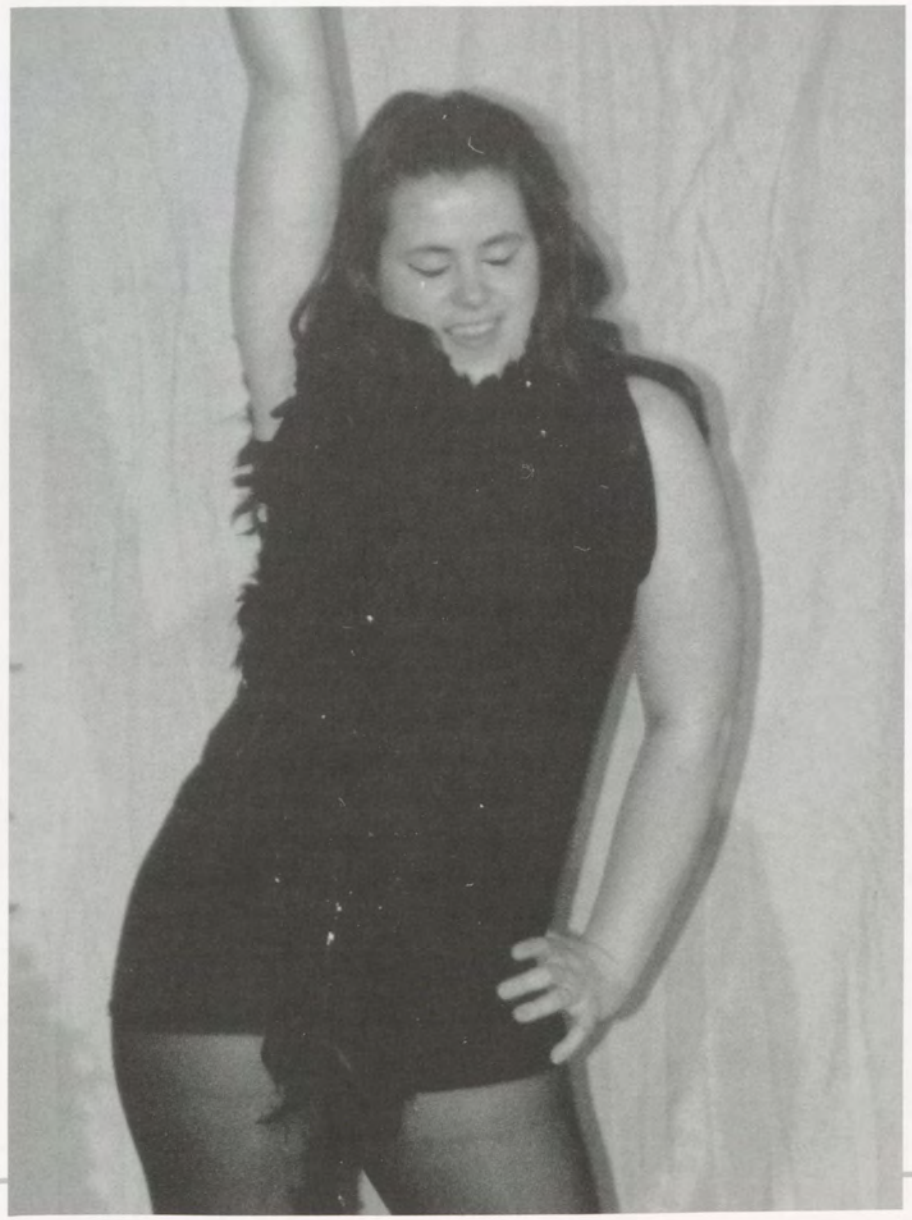
Tau Delta

By Bridget O'Neill

This has been a really fun year full of memories and sisterhood that we will always cherish, not just that, it has also been a year full of new records set for our chapter. This was the first year that we adopted The Red Cross Blood Drive as our philanthropy. Jenni Jackson was our community service chairperson, and with her help, along with Norma Wasserstrom, representing The Red Cross, we had much success. Fall Quarter, we surpassed our own goal, and acquired 61 usable units of blood! We did even better Winter Quarter with 62 units, and finished the year with a little help from our new community service chairperson, Erin Parham, with another successful blood drive during Spring Quarter!

We had tons of fun during Greek Week, and set a chapter record of winnings, we are very excited by be the first place winners of Harmony Night, Tug-of-War, and Spirit! We also reached new heights with our sorority GPA, as we held the top GPA of all Greeks on campus Fall Quarter, and again Winter Quarter with an even higher average!

One of our greatest achievements this year is our new members. We welcomed eight women into our Tomo Dachi (Circle of Friends) this winter, our largest pledge class in two years. However, it is not the quantity of our new members that makes their pledge class spectacular, it is the quality. These ladies are fun-loving, hard-working, and are each her own unique person, and we are very happy to call them sisters! We gained eight new members this year, but will be losing five seniors. Our seniors this year are some of the most dedicated and supportive women, their love, laughter, and devotion will truly be missed, we are proud of our seniors and wish them the best with their future plans and goals! This has been a wonderful year for Tau Delta, and a wonderful four years for our seniors!



Tau Epsilon Mu

The Temmers shared another great year of sisterhood in 2002/2003. We co-hosted a successful fall party, Octoberfest, with Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity in the fall. Halfway to St. Patty's Day was again a success; we helped raise over $30,000 for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Our winter pledge class brought eighteen ladies into TEM after a six week pledging period. We celebrated winter formal at Cherry Valley Lodge and continued our Spring Weekend festivities on Memorial Day Weekend. Ericka Bruns passed the presidency on to Jen Clark during spring quarter. We thank Ericka and the rest of the seniors for a most memorable year in TEM—congratulations and good luck to our graduating seniors!

TEM Love~

Kristy Yahl

Theta Nu

by Emily Hoffmann

Theta Nu was founded in 1917 and celebrated 85 years of sisterhood during homecoming. After participating in the annual parade, the active chapter along with the alumnae chapter planted a tree on campus in honor of Theta Nu's everlasting sisterhood. A luncheon was provided for active members, alumnae, family and friends before everyone headed over to Memorial Stadium to support homecoming candidate Kelli Weiland.

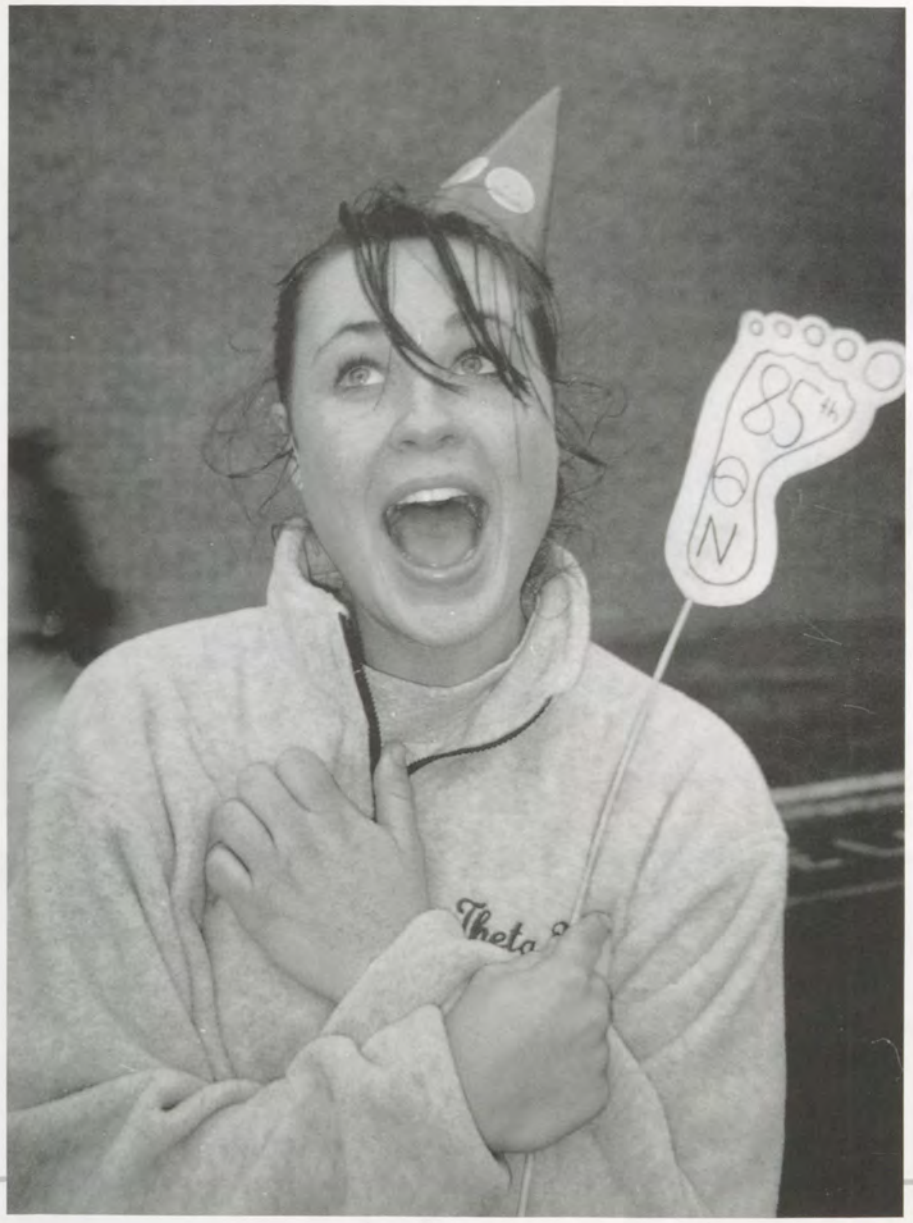
Recruitment went better than expected for the Violets who received quota for the first time in over 10 years. They grew from 21 members to a strong 41 in a matter of weeks. During the community service round, the members of Theta Nu and the potential new members worked with the Mid Ohio Food bank to make Kidpaks. The Kidpaks were decorated and filled with food and toiletries that would support a family of four.

During Novelty Party the women of Theta Nu hosted CMT's Most Wanted Live show, which featured the Violets performing Garth Brooks, She Daisy, and Dixie Chicks. Final Party marked an end to recruitment not only for potential new members but for Theta Nu as well. In memory of their last recruitment, the seniors of Theta Nu, Nikki Andrews, Emily Hoffmann, Jill Shoemaker and Kelli Weiland read a paper they each wrote entitled "What Theta Nu Means To Me".

Greek Week proved to be more fun than any of the new active members could imagine. Theta Nu placed second overall after placing first in the banner and Olympics, and second in the food drive and Lipsync night.

Following the Greek Week festivities were the Greek Leadership Awards. Theta Nu received the Most Improved Chapter Award for the 2002-2003 school year for the second year in a row.

Theta Nu works hard to be successful and have fun. The members each participate in at least two community service projects a quarter along with many other extracurricular activities and sports on campus. The Violets maintain a cumulative GPA above a 3.0 and have a large number of girls on Deans List every quarter.



"Theta Nu, Theta Nu
Sisters forever through and through
With our laughters and hardships too
We'll be true to Theta Nu."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

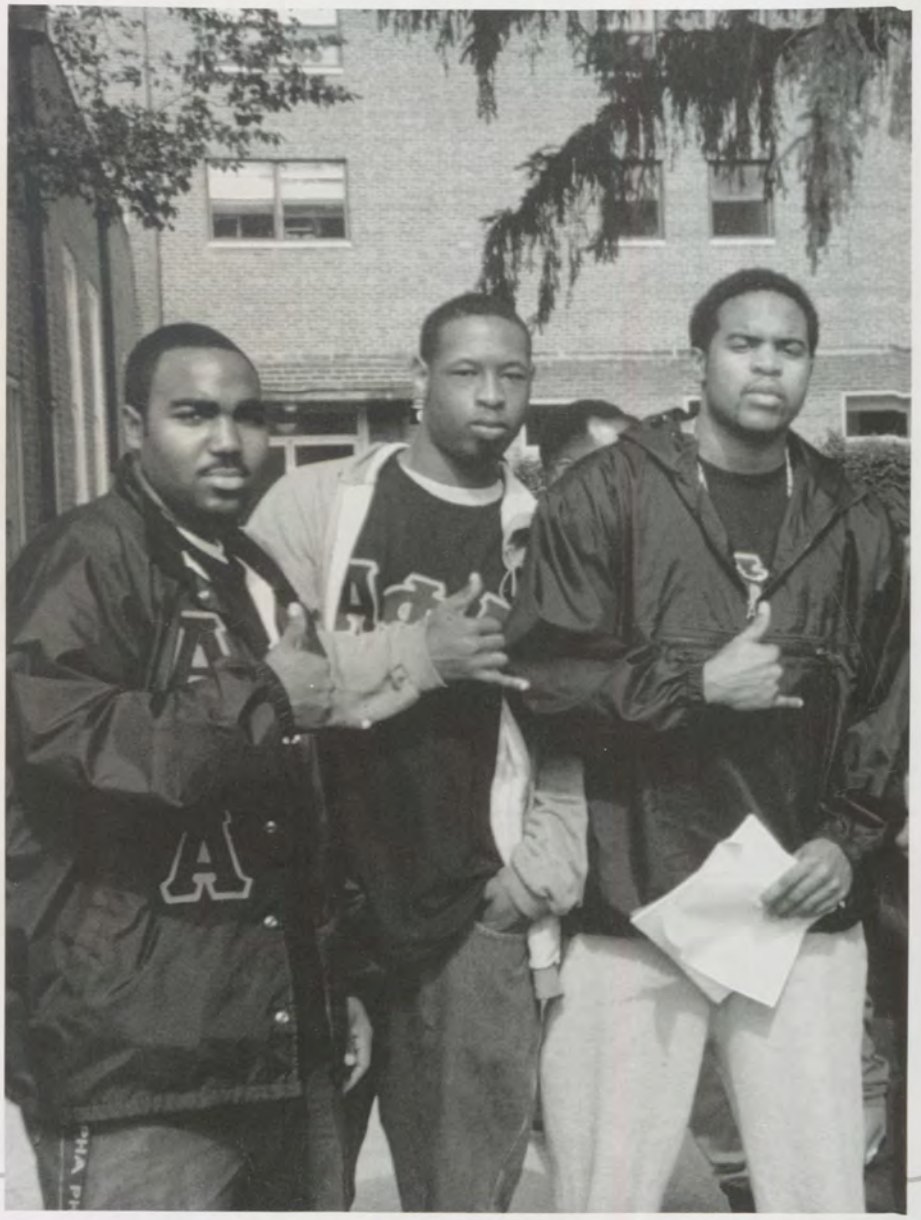
By Shenita Miller

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was founded Jan. 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., by five extraordinary women. These women dared to depart from the traditional associations for Black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood. The trail blazed by the founders has been traversed by women dedicated to the emulation of the objectives and ideals of the sorority. Zeta has the distinct honor of being the first to: Be constitutionally bound to a brother organization (Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.); establish chapters in West Africa and Germany; establish an auxiliary group for women and youth; and organize its internal affairs within a central office, administered by a paid staff.

Kappa Rho is the name of the chapter for Otterbein students. Kappa Rho is a fairly new chapter offered at Otterbein. It was founded on Aug. 26, 2000, by seven young ladies. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. is the first and only Black Letter Organization to be chartered on Otterbein's campus.

This year, the members of the Kappa Rho chapter at Otterbein have worked very hard to contribute to the Otterbein College Community by bringing exciting and stimulating programs to the campus. The programs include community service projects, as well as social and educational programs. The social and educational programs included Girls' Night Out, Night of Art at the Columbus Museum of Art, and Shades of Sisterhood, a celebration of famous inspiring Africa American women. The chapter also held programs such as Political Correction, The Empowerment of Women in the 21st CenturyL Encouraging Political Awareness Among College Students with City Attorney Janet E. Jackson and Rights You Have as an Employee with Civil Rights Investigator Judia Brown. In conjunction with Otterbein's Office of Ethnic Diversity, Kappa Rho co-sponsored an awe-inspiring one-woman play, Reflections of a Black Deaf Woman, starring Michele Banks.

In addition to on campus service programming, the members have participated and supported various community service projects, such as South Park Computer Leaning Center, Habitat for Humanity, HADCO's Make a Difference Day and King Avenue United Methodist Church.



Alpha Phi Alpha

By Brandon Carter

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated is the first black greek letter organization founded December 4, 1906 on the campus of Cornell University *in Ithaca, New York. Seven African American men, known as the fraternity's seven jewels, founded this great organization with a strong vision at hand. The result of the vision these men had, is now Alpha Phi Alpha the world's largest and most successful organization for college educated African American men.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a community service organization based on the betterment of other's. All of the members participate in the national mandated programs. Some of these programs are "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People" which began when African Americans in our country had to be taught how to register to vote, no matter the consequences; "Project Alpha" which is a program designed to mentor young to adolescents who need a positive male role model in their lives; "Go To High School Go To College," a program designed to stress the importance of a high school and college education.

The Fraternity colors are black and old gold, and the fraternity motto is "First Of All, Servants Of All, We Shall Transcend All." Alpha Phi Alpha has been an interracial organization since 1945. The Fraternity now has college and alumni chapters in the Virgmi Islands, Europe, Africa, and Japan. Famous members include Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Lionel Richie, Thurgood Marshall, Jessie Owens, and W.E.B. Dubois.

Omicron Rho is the chapter name associated with the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc that attend Otterbemi College. This is the 723d chapter to be charted in this organization. The chapter was founded at Ohio Weslyan University March 7, 1982 and began to expand at Otterbein College in 1993. Since then the chapter has grown to become a Columbus citywide chapter and has members at Ohio Weslyan, Otterbemi College, Capital University, Devry Institute of Technology, Ohio Dominican University, and Frankli University and the Alpha's "run the yard" on every campus members attend. All the members from this chapter come from all different walks of life and take great pride in being "gentlemen and scholars". The members on these campuses hold student government positions, perform community service, play NCAA sports, are Black student union presidents and hold other executive board positions, receive GPA awards, and many other things. The most important thmig that the Alpha's are proud of is the fact they graduate. Seven Members graduated last year and five more are graduatmig this year.

Besides the national mandated programs, the chapter participates *in the largest partnership 'in the country with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America. The chapter had a number of programs in the fall of 2002. At Otterbei College this year the members had a Miss Black and Gold Pageant, which is one of the fraternity's national and local programs. The pageant is a tribute to the woman and her beauty and talents. Other programs included were an STD workshop, Self defense workshop, black male rap session, an etiquette workshop, a no talent show program, and many more. The fall was a very busy time for the members of the Omicron Rho Chapter. Besides being 'involved in the college community with a number of different programs the members also were involved in three' Step Show Competitions this school year at the Midwest Classic Step Show, the District of Ohio Step Show, and the Capital University Sande Poro Step Show.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated is referred by many and its members as "the better making of men". The members recognize that its greatest interest lies outside the walls of the fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha will always continue to help build the lives of others and themselves.

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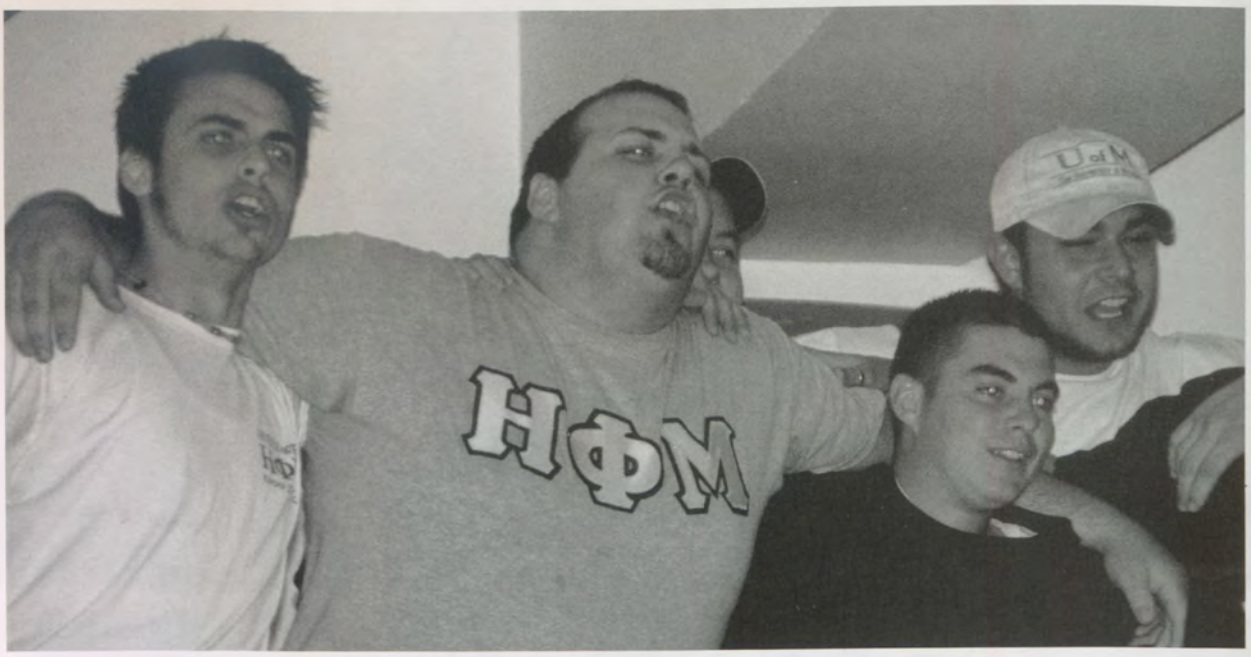

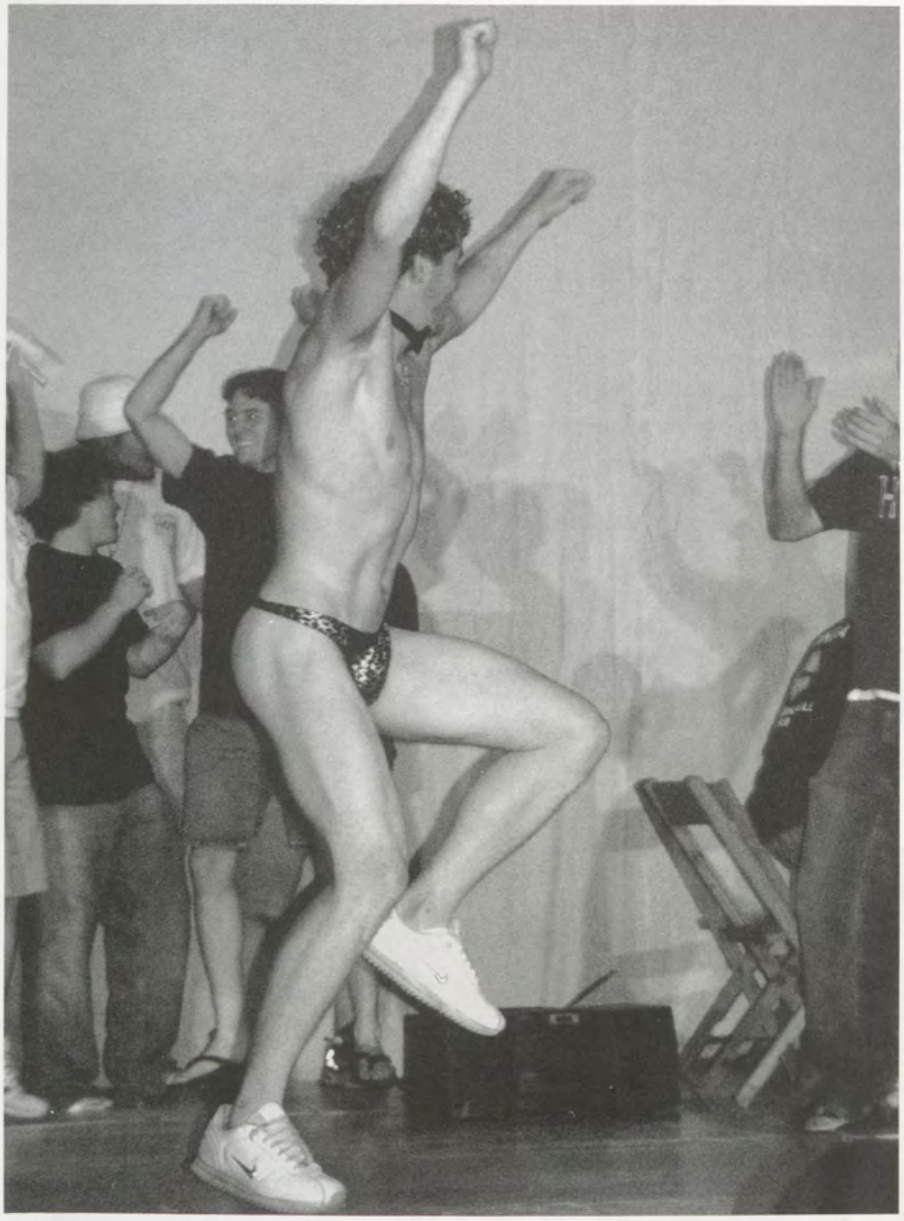

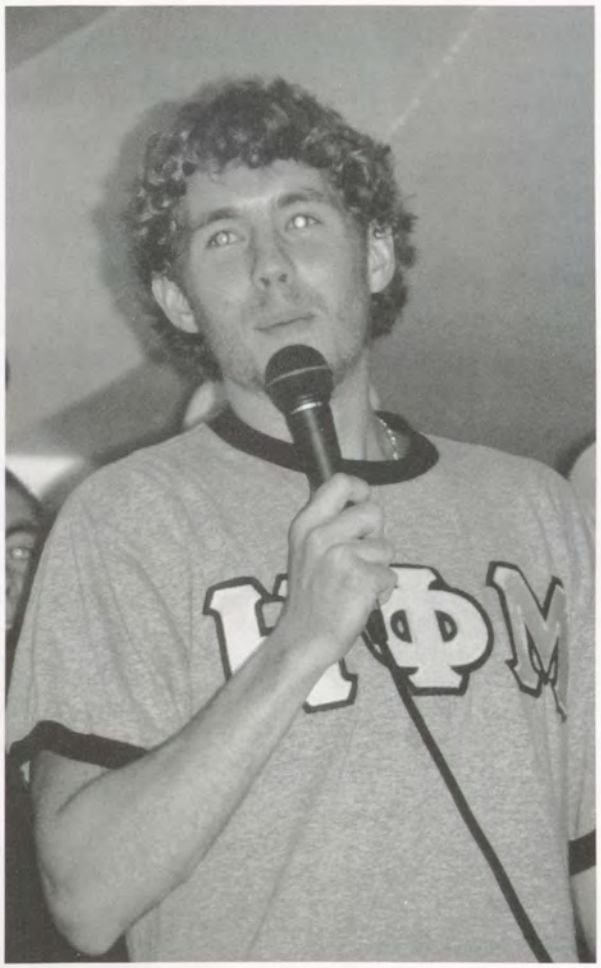

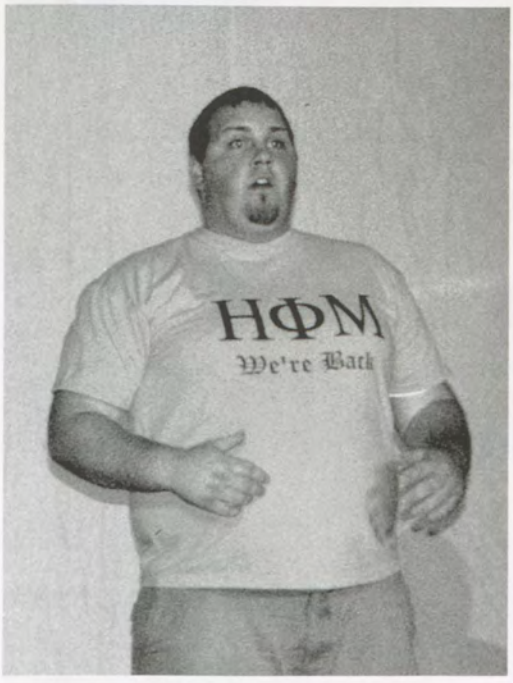
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Lambda Gamma Epsilon

Kings fraternity began the school year with a loss, unparalleled through its 55 year history. On Oct. 27, 2002, senior Timothy Jesser, fondly known as "Timmy J," passed away. Timmy had been the lifeblood of the brotherhood and had a friendly face for every member of the Otterbein community. His passing dealt a trememndous blow to the fraternity, but with the support of the rest of the Greek and Otterbein communities and the strength of our brotherhood, we somehow struggled through this trying time. The lessons that Timmy taught us will not be soon forgotten and he shall remain a living entity of the brotherhood forever.

Throughout all of this, we remained active on campu and achieved many accomplishments during the school year. We maintained a high GPA and provided Otterbein with a Winterfest king, football players, RAs, tour guides, radio/tv involvement and an active participation in community service among our brotherhood.

During winter quarter, we successfully led seven men through the pledge process so that they could begin their path toward becoming a Kingsman. As Timmy J once explained to a pledge class, "Becoming active doesn't necessarily make you a Kingsman; it is a lifelong process that you don't fully achieve until the day you die."

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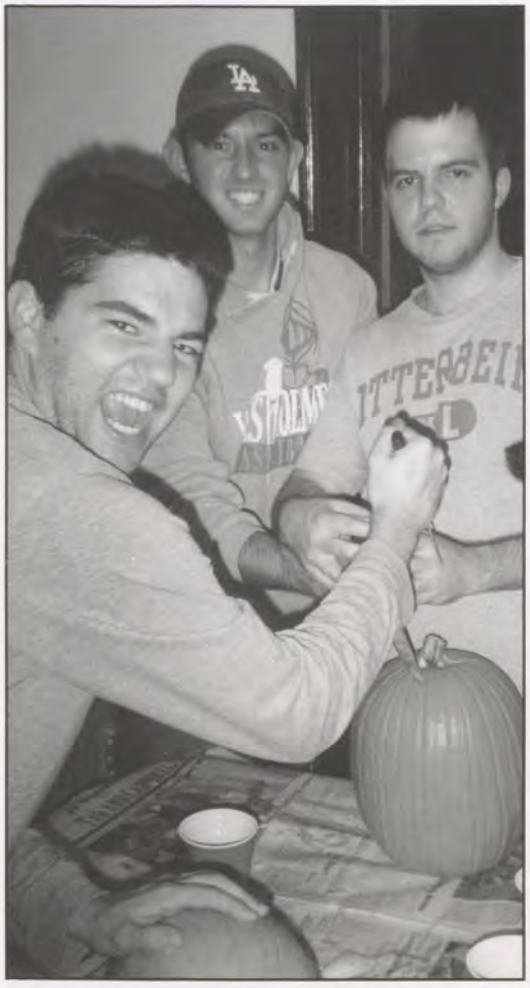
Pi Beta Sigma

The Brotherhood of Pi Beta Sigma celebrated its 94th anniversary this year. Fall quarter kicked off wonderfully with "Back from the Dead," the annual off-campus Halloween party. There were over 600 attendants that arose for the macabre ritual. We continued straight on into winter quarter, when we initiated four new members into the Brotherhood. We also focused hard on our academics and rose our GPA to 3.34. We look forward to celebrating 95 years of existence. We'll always know ATRACB.

Pi Kappa Phi



by Max Hill, President

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was founded on Nov. 28, 1908, making it the oldest fraternity on Otterbein's campus. The fraternity motto is "Staunch Friends at all Hazards," and the colors are Orange and Black. The fraternity vegetable is the pumpkin.

The 2002-03 school year was very important for Pi Kappa Phi "Country Club." This marked our first year back on campus after a two-year hiatus, and we have enjoyed the experience of being back. Fourteen "Clubbers" lived in the fraternity house, located at 79 S. Grove St., this year, and they lived in an atmosphere of harmony and bliss. The brotherhood particularly enjoyed their next door neighbor Peg Harmon, as she brought them apple pies and words of encouragement.

Pi Kappa Phi was very active in community service this year. In the fall, the brothers participated in the Down Syndrome Walk of Columbus, sponsored by DSACO, and raised over $400 for the cause. During winter quarter, the brothers organized and undertook the annual Raica Run for the American Cancer Society, which raised over $3000. Members of the fraternity were also active in the Otterbein community, where over 30 members are student senators. Brothers of Country Club are also RAs, members of college councils and active participants in Otterbein athletics. Junior Caleb Bell is one of two student trustees for Otterbein.

After gaining 16 pledges during the rushing process, the fraternity's brotherhood totaled 49 members. All members enjoyed themselves throughout the year, as they interacted with sororities during mixers, participated in constructive and brotherly pledging activities, and enjoyed filling the fraternity house with uniquely carved pumpkins for an off-campus Halloween Party.

The brotherhood of Pi Kappa Phi is looking forward to remaining an active and integral part of Otterbein's campus in the years to come.

Sigma Delta Phi

By Kyle Yaggi

When looking back on the 2002-2003 year, Sigma Delta Phi was nothing short of amazing. Beginning in fall quarter, Sphinx made quite a scene in the Homecoming Parade with their giant pirate ship float, letting everyone know the chapter's solid brotherhood and unity hadn't dwindled over the summer. Keeping with tradition, Sphinx also hosted its annual movie night for those on campus during Halloween week featuring *The Shining* and *The Exorcist.* The event brought together Greeks and non-Greeks in hopes of promoting a positive image of Greek life on campus.

As always, winter quarter brought about pledging, and after hosting yet another extremely successful Big Kahuna rush party, the members of Sphinx chose a diverse group of twelve men to join the existing twenty-seven members. Throughout this process Sigma Delta Phi was the only fraternity to keep 100% of its pledges due to its solid pledging program, which helped the chapter earn a Greek award for Outstanding New Member Education and Development. At the end of the quarter, the twelve new members showed strong promise through academics, a firm interest in community service, and superior character, successfully adding to the honorable and respectable reputation the chapter strives to maintain.

Continuing to move full speed ahead, Sphinx stayed active during spring quarter with various community service projects that included monthly servings at Faith Mission Shelter in downtown Columbus, walking in and volunteering at the 2003 Columbus AIDS Walk, ushering at multiple on-campus fine arts events, and participating in Otterbein's annual Campus Beautification Day. Along with spring quarter also comes Greek Week. The brothers of Sigma Delta Phi diligently worked hard to perfect their live instrument/singing combo for Harmony Night and their 80s-themed performance for Lip Sync, capturing first place in both events.

As the year came to a close, Sphinx continued to stand firm on its foundations of genuine brotherhood, community service, regard for scholarship, and general interest in promoting a positive Greek environment on Otterbein's campus.

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Zeta Phi

In June of 1931, two fraternities combined to form a bigger, more powerful fraternity, thus yielding Zeta Phi. In its 72 years of existence, Zeta Phi has contributed, and prided itself on being an integral part of, Otterbein's long-standing tradition of local Greek organizations. Despite the decline of numbers on campus last year, Zeta Phi has performed five community service projects, increased their grade point average as a whole and noted a slight increase in participation. Zeta Phi also prides itself on maintaining their house, possessing strong alumni membership, adjusting with the times and trends and participating in extra curricular activities. Zeta Phi seems to be geared up and looking forward to the 2003-04 school year and is expecting to produce positive things.

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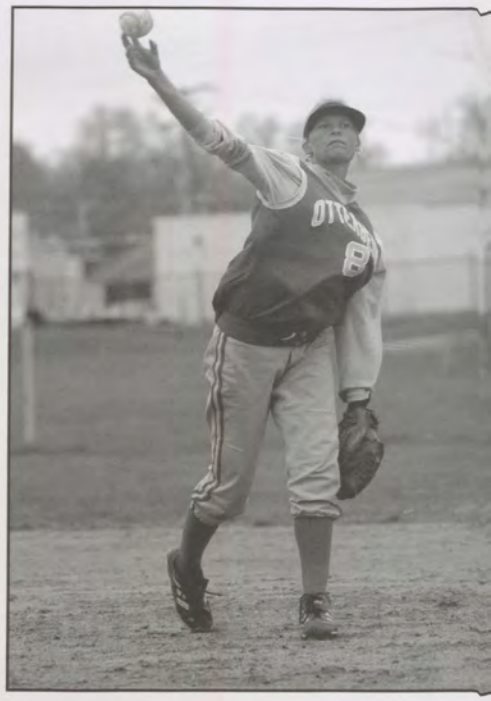

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Cross Country

by Scott Rex

The women's cross country team was highlighted by the consistently outstanding performance of sophomore Kim Groseclose.

Groseclose, who was Otterbein's top place-finisher in every meet in which she competed in 2002, finished first overall at the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Championships. After an eighth-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional, Groseclose became the first Otterbein woman in seven years to qualify for the NCAA Championships. She finished 67th out of 215 runners at the national championship.

As a team, Otterbein, finished third at the OAC Championships and ninth out of 33 teams at the regional meet.

With a roster dominated by underclassmen, Otterbein is gearing up for a run at a conference championship in 2003.

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Otterbein's men's squad capped off another successful season with a second-place finish at the OAC Championships and a sixth-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional.

Junior Luke Peters and freshman Mike Sawicki earned all-conference honors by placing fifth and tenth, respectively, at the OAC Championships.

Peters, Sawicki and junior Aaron Mack led the Otterbein contingent at the regional meet, finishing 32nd, 34th and 39th, respectively.

Peters was Otterbein's top place-finisher in every meet in which he competed this season, except for the Otterbein Invitational, where Mack beat him to the line by two seconds. In Peters' three seasons at Otterbein, it is the only time he has been beaten by a teammate in a meet.

Much like the women, the men's squad has high expectations for 2003.

Football

by Scott Rex

Expectations were high within the Otterbein football program this fall, especially after the Cardinals raced to a 2-0 start. However, a rash of injuries depleted an already small roster, and the Cards' suffered through an eight-game losing streak to close the season.

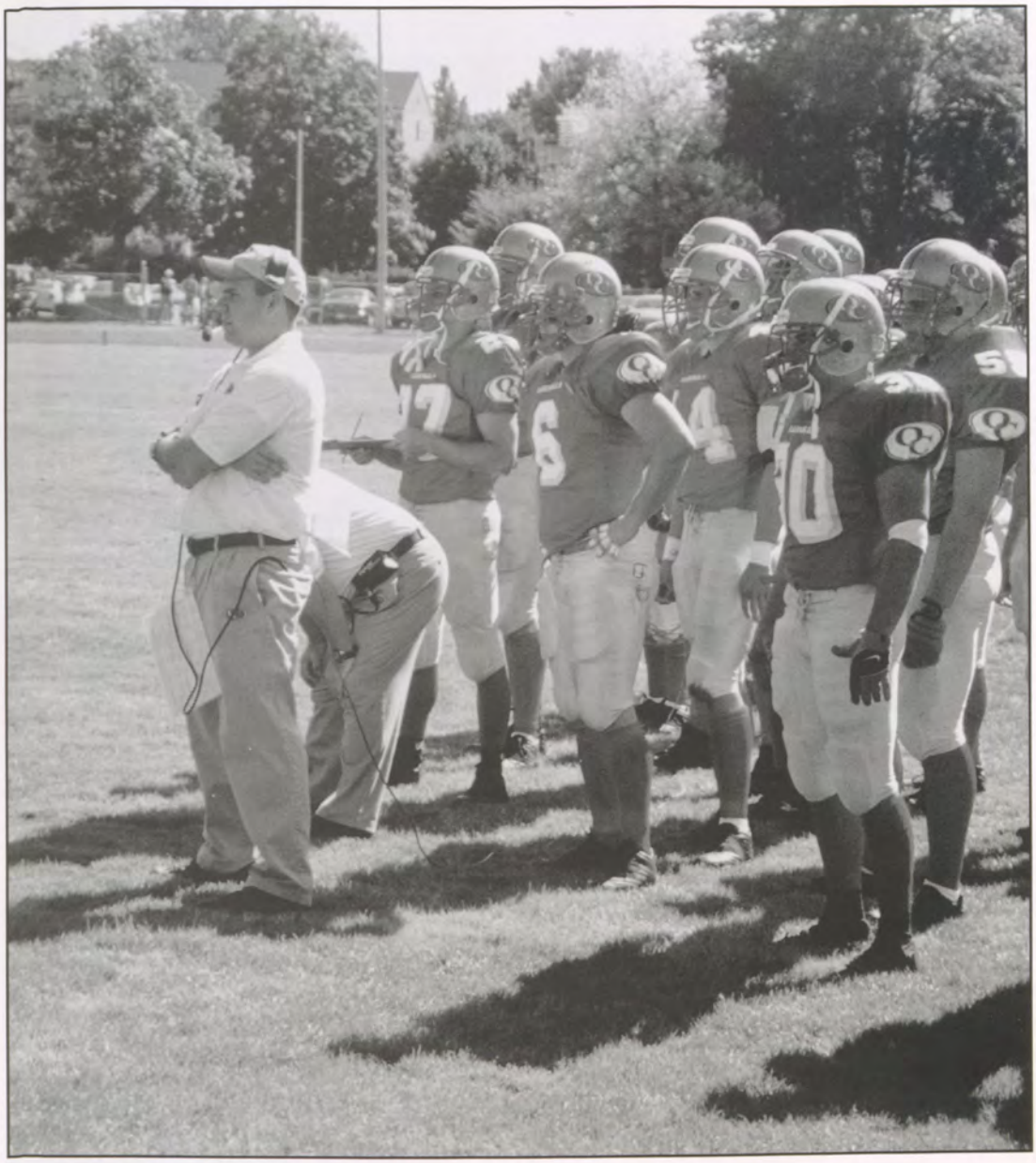
Seniors David Suitor and Greg Fleming provided most of the individual highlights this season.

Suitor led the team with 102 tackles from his middle linebacker spot. He also intercepted one pass, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble. Suitor, who also served as a co-captain, earned second-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) honors.

Fleming led the Cardinals in every receiving category. He caught 71 passes for 828 yards and seven touchdowns. He ranked first or second in the OAC in every receiving category, except touchdowns, where he was tied for fifth. Fleming was an honorable mention all-conference selection.

Senior center Chuck Black rounded out Otterbein's All-OAC selections, earning honorable mention honors.

At the conclusion of the season, it was announced that a new coaching staff would be in place for the 2003 season. Outgoing head coach Rocky Alt ended his two-year stay in Westerville with a 6-14 record.



Men's Soccer

by Scott Rex

Otterbein's men's soccer team experienced its most successful season in school history in 2002, riding Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) records for wins (23) and shutouts (16) to a berth in the national championship match.

The Cardinals, who had a flair for the dramatic, won three NCAA Tournament matches in overtime, including the regional championship at Ohio Wesleyan. Otterbein avenged an earlier 2-0 loss to the Bishops with a 6-5 penalty kick win.

After a three-hour weather delay and change of venues that forced the Cardinals to play on artificial turf, Otterbein handed Trinity (TX) its first loss of the season in the national semifinals, 3-2. Senior Jesse Rose, junior Angelo Manzo and freshman Adam Rothermel scored goals in the match that is remembered as much for the snow and freezing temperatures as it is for the play on the field.

In the national championship match, Messiah (PA) netted the match's lone goal in the 18th minute, then held on for a 1-0 victory.

Otterbein won its fifth OAC Tournament championship with wins over Wilmington, 1-0, and John Carroll, 2-0.

Otterbein (23-3-1 overall, 7-1-1 OAC) collected a bevy of postseason awards.

Head coach Gerry D'Arcy was selected Coach of the Year for the third time in his 14 seasons at Otterbein.

Rose was named Midfielder of the Year. He tallied nine goals and three assists in 2002.

Manzo was named Co-Forward of the Year with John Carroll's Chris Heslep. Manzo collected 45 points (19 goals, seven assists) in 2002. He led the OAC in points and goals and tied for first in assists.

Mike Lochner was named Defender of the Year. He was the cornerstone of a defense that ranked first in the OAC in goals-against average and shutouts.

Lochner, Manzo and Rose joined Mark Welp on the All-OAC first team, while Kyle Daniel and Jeff Rust earned second team honors.

Lochner, Manzo, Rose, Welp and Denny Duryea were named first team Academic All-OAC, while Jared Circle was named to the second team.

Lochner and Manzo were selected first team Verizon Academic All-Americans. Rose was named to the second team.

Women's Soccer

by Scott Rex

When this year's seniors walked onto campus four years ago, they laid out a'"Four Year Plan" with then-rookie head coach Brandon Koons. In short, the plan called for the Cardinals to increase their win total each season and turn the struggling Otterbein program into a contender in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC).

Four years later, Otterbein was playing in the championship game of the OAC Tournament.

Otterbein won a school-record 15 matches in 2002, including nine by shutout. The Cards' 1-0 win over Capital on Nov. 7 was the first postseason win in the program's history.

The nine shutout wins and eight conference wins are both new school records.

Otterbein ran away with postseason OAC honors, earning three special awards, while 10 individuals were named to the all-conference team.

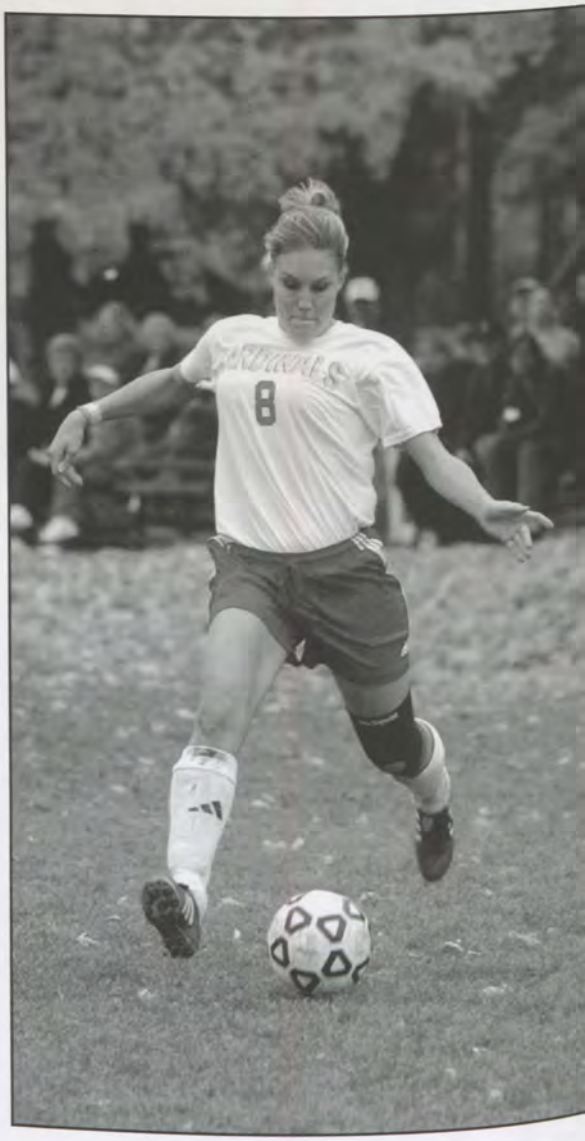
Koons was named Coach of the Year in the OAC for the second time in his four-year career.

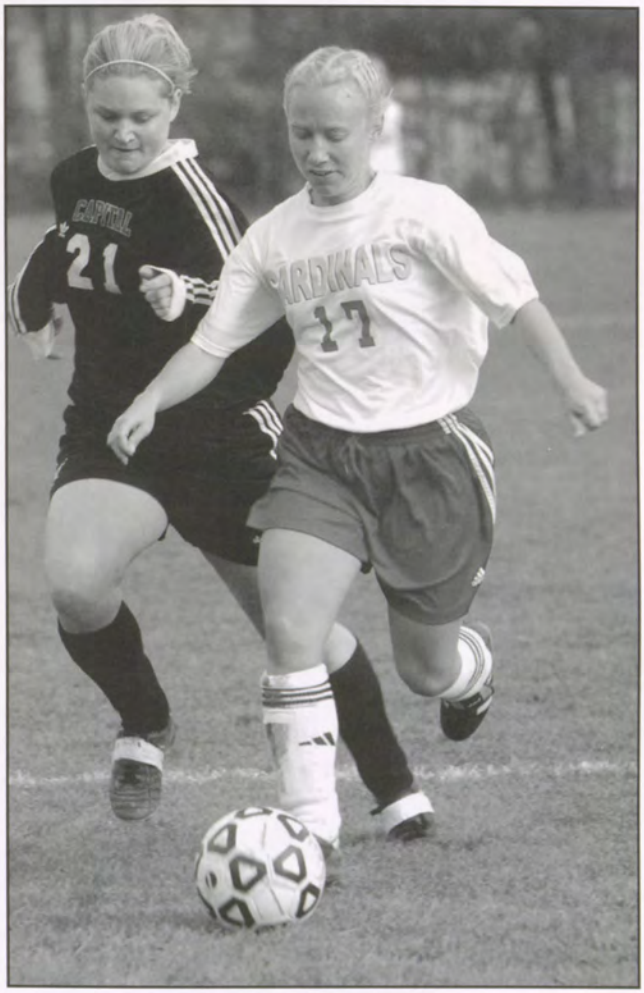
Kristin Keen was named Midfielder of the Year. Keen recorded a school-record tying 31 points (12 goals, seven assists) this season. She also set a new career scoring record, collecting 69 points in her career.

Allison Hoolihan was named Co-Defender of the Year. She anchored a defense that ranked second in the OAC in scoring defense.

Forward Kami Reynolds joined Keen and Hoolihan on the All-OAC first team. Named to the second team were Jamie Sims and Allison Eberle. Earning honorable mention all-conference honors were Katie Chrien, Patience Denz, Jessica Main, Kelley Sims and Katy Witt.

Chrien, a freshman goalkeeper, set a new Otterbein single-season record of 0.79-goals-against average.

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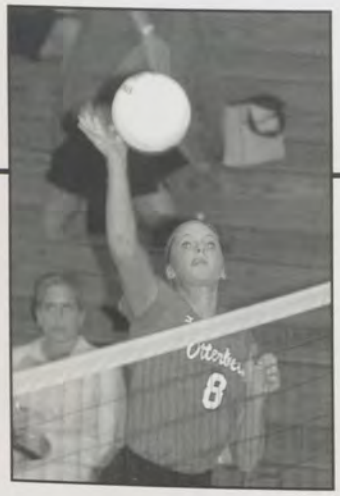


Volleyball

By Holly Fenner

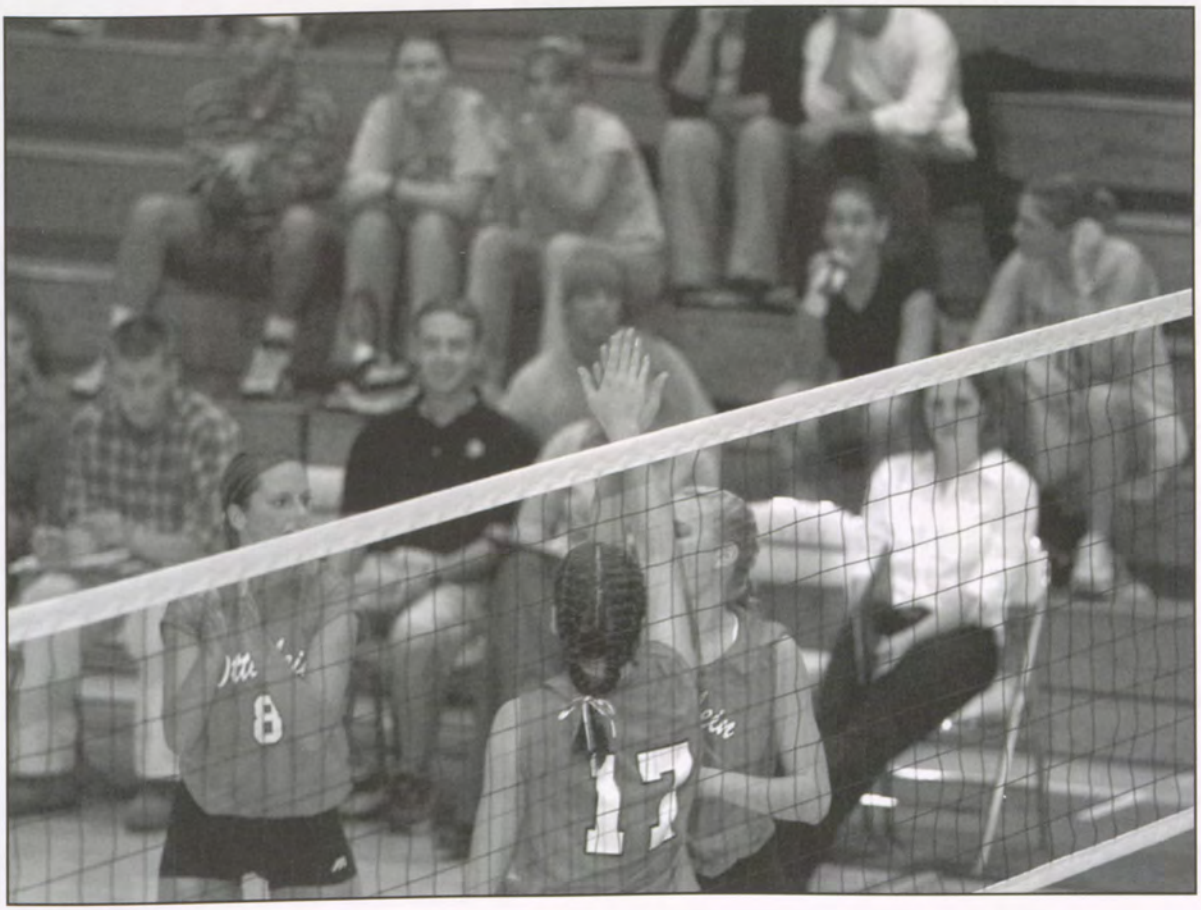
Coming off last year's 24-win season, the Lady Cardinals had large shoes to fill. With five seniors; Jessie Boyer, Brook Cann, Katie Carroll, Crista Nalley, and Allison Wilde, and head coach Sharon Sexton starting her fourth year at Otterbein, the Cardinals were bound for success.

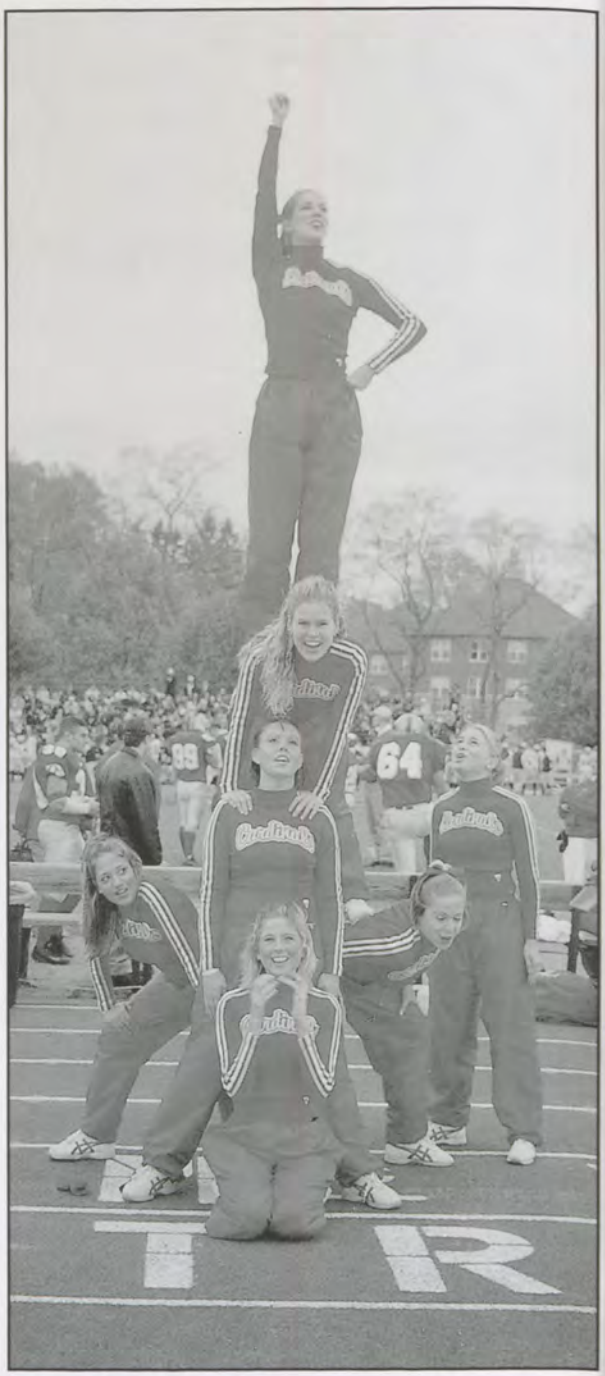
Early in the season, the Lady Cardinals captured the Allegheny Tournament championship, finished fourth in the Cardinal Classic, and opened league play against Baldwin-Wallace College. The Cardinals, however, got off to a slow start in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), and held a league record of 0-4 before their first OAC win.

Despite some tough losses throughout the year, the Cardinals won their season finale against Mount Union College, who they hadn't beaten in four years. Otterbein ended the season with an overall 18-12 record, and finished seventh in the OAC with a 4-5 record, which is the second best record in Otterbein College volleyball history.

Along with the team's 4-5 OAC record, seniors Jessie Boyer and Brook Cann also broke records this season. Boyer broke the hitting percentage in a game record with .765, while Cann broke the assist per game record with 12.13 assists per game.

Experience, talent, and unity were the keys to success for Otterbein. "Volleyball is very much a team sport," Coach Sexton said. "We have to work together to get where we're going." And together, the Lady Cardinals proved themselves to be a very tough team.





Football Cheerleaders

By Tiffany Roebuck

This year, we had eight members on the football cheerleading squad: Kelli, Tiffany, Ashley, Liz, Lauren, Erin, Carrie and Linda. We all had a great time together and worked really hard to accomplish some difficult mounts. We had a lot of fun on our road trips and really enjoyed spending time together!

Most of us had never mounted before football season. It took a lot of teamwork and dedication to get to where we were by the end of the season. Our friendship helped us to come together and work as a group. We had a wonderful season, and we came away from it with some great friends.

Basketball Cheerleaders

by Tiffany Roebuck

This year we had nine members on the basketball cheerleading squad. Among these wew five freshmen (Tara, Annie, Shannon, Emily and Jessica), two sophomores (Lauren and Liz), and two juniors (Ashley and Tiffany). In November, all nine of us joined the basketball team on their annual Thanksgiving trip. This is when we began to form the strong bond that continued throughout the season.

For us, this was one of the best seasons we've ever had! We all came together as a team and worked really hard to accomplish our goals. We concurred some amazing stunts and performed twice at half-time. Thanks to all of our dedication and our experienced bases and flyers, we had a great and successful season!

Dance Team

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Men's Basketball

by Scott Rex

After winning the school's first national championship in 2002, anything this year's men's basketball team accomplished would be hard pressed to live up to expectations.

And while a repeat of 2002 was never really a consideration, the Cardinals competed every night, perhaps more so with an eye toward 2004.

Without a senior, Otterbein fought to a 15-11 overall record, defended its Otterbein "O" Club Classic championship and earned the right to host an Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Tournament game. Of Otterbein's 11 losses, six were by five points or less.

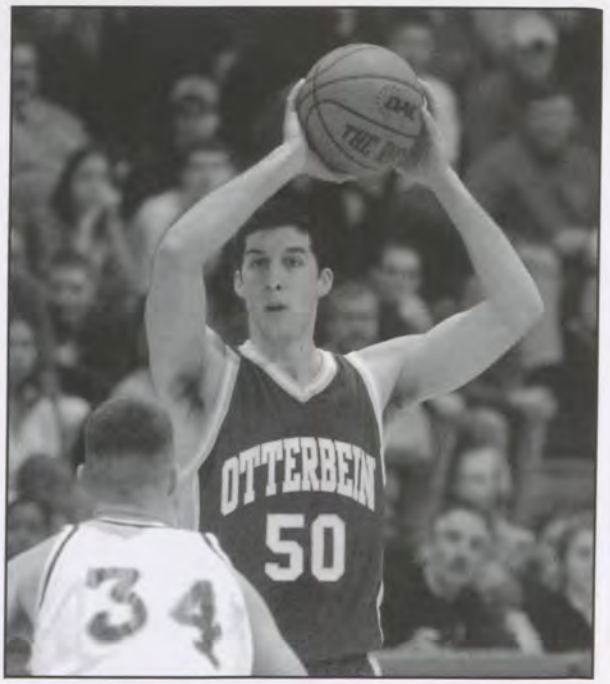
After opening the season 4-5, Otterbein came together and won its second straight "O" Club championship. Aaron Minister earned tournament most valuable player honors, scoring 35 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in the two contests.

The Cardinals proceeded to split their next four conference games, but finished strongly, winning 7 of 10 down the stretch. Most impressive of all, Otterbein won three of its final four contests without leading scorers Tony Borghese and Scott Hadley, who suffered injuries at Capital on Feb. 8.

Hadley, just a sophomore, earned second team All-OAC honors after averaging 14.1 points and 6.3 rebounds.

Minister (13.3 ppg., 6.1 rpg.) and Mo Ross (11.5 ppg., 4.7 rpg.), a pair of juniors, joined Borghese (14.7 ppg., 1.9 rpg.), a sophomore, as honorable mention selections.

While the 2002-03 season may have left a bitter taste in the Cardinals' mouths, prospects for next year are high. Otterbein returns everyone from this year's team, including four juniors (Minister, Ross, Phil Susi and Kyle Walton), two-year starters in Borghese and Hadley and three freshmen who saw significant varsity action, giving head coach Dick Reynolds a solid core to work with as he enters his 32nd season at Otterbein.



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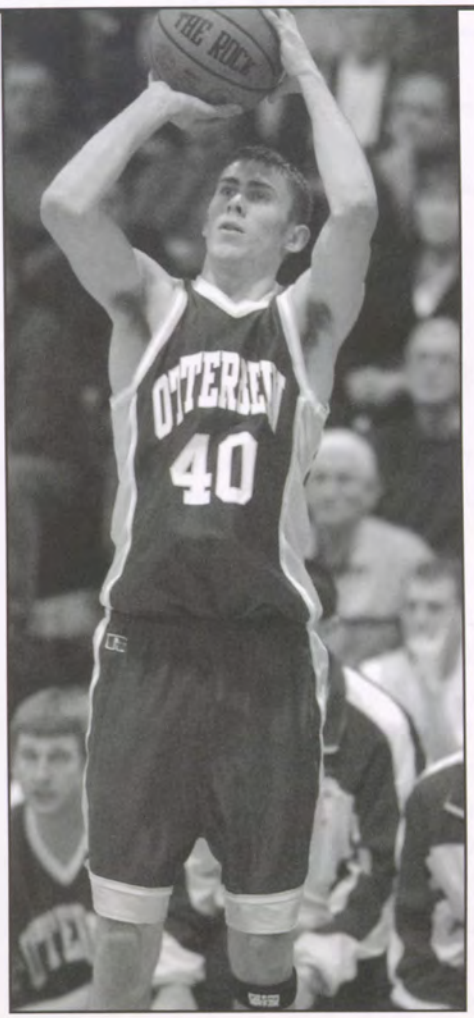
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Women's Basketball

by Scott Rex

Otterbein had its most successful season in school history in 2002-03, winning 19 games overall.

The Cardinals were nearly unstoppable for most of the season. Between Dec. 21 and Feb. 15, Otterbein won 14 of 15 games, including nine in a row at one point. In that stretch, Otterbein rolled to the "O" Club Classic championship, downing Cazenovia (NY) 91-44 and Kenyon 75-56. Danielle Holbrook was named the tournament's most outstanding player after tallying 32 points and 20 rebounds in the two games.

Otterbein, which finished the season 19-7 overall, suffered four of its losses to nationally-ranked Wilmington and Baldwin-Wallace.

Two Cardinals earned All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors. Diana Esterkamp, who averaged 11.4 points, 6.5 rebounds and 7.2 assists, was named first team All-OAC. She led Otterbein in rebounding and assists and ranked second in scoring. The highlight of Esterkamp's season came on Jan. 25, when she recorded a rare triple-double (13 points, 12 rebounds and 14 assists) in an 88-79 win over Mount Union.

Brie Gray, who returned for her senior year after missing the 2001-02 season following knee surgery, earned second team honors. She averaged a team-best 13.0 points per game.

Despite setting a new school record for wins, Otterbein can use the motivation of an OAC quarterfinal loss to Mount Union to help get ready for the 2003-04 season. Gray and Kelli Molk are the only two players who will be lost to graduation, and with four starters returning, head coach Connie Richardson has plenty of reason to be optimistic looking ahead to next year.

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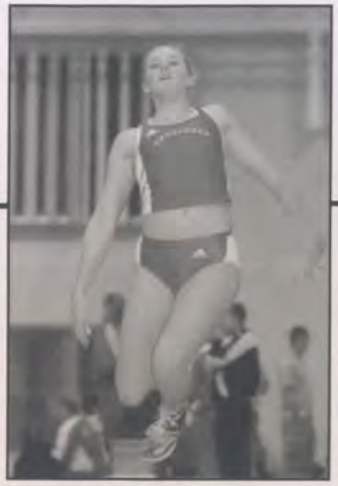

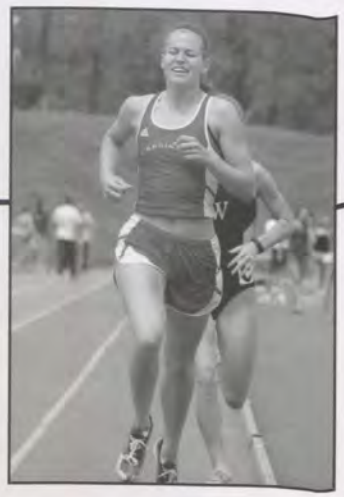

Track & Field

by Scott Rex

The men's track and field team experienced one of the most successful seasons in the program's history in 2003, earning the school's first Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) indoor championship and finishing second at the outdoor championships.

Otterbein dominated the indoor conference championships, earning a total of seven individual titles. Three Cardinals accounted for six of those first-place finishes. Freshman Tyran Thompson won the 55 meters and long jump, junior Aaron Mack the 1,000 meters and 1,500 meters and sophomore Carl Swanson the high jump and triple jump. Junior Ben Gadfield added a conference championship in the 800 meters.

Swanson also finished second in the long jump and was named the Bud Yoest Most Outstanding Field Athlete. Head coach Doug Welsh was named coach of the year for the indoor season. Thompson qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 55 meters.

After going unbeaten in the indoor season, only three teams beat the Cardinals during the outdoor season. The dominating outdoor season, which included a third place at the 15-team Marv Frye Invitational and a first place at the 19-team All-Ohio, was capped with a runner-up finish at the OAC Championships.

Individual conference championships were won by Swanson (high jump), junior Brandon Baker (400-meter hurdles), the 4x800-meter relay team of Mack, Gadfield, Josh Fitzwater and Dan George and the 4x400-meter relay team of Gadfield, Mack, Baker and Robert Thompson.

Baker and Mack earned trips to the NCAA Championships in the 400-meter hurdles and 1,500 meters, respectively.

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The women's track and field team experienced arguably the best season in the program's history in 2003, as the Cardinals rolled through any and all competition on their way to unbeaten indoor and outdoor seasons and a pair of Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championships.

Otterbein capped its unbeaten indoor season with an eight-point victory over host Baldwin-Wallace at the OAC Championships. Senior Misty Spring led the charge, claiming individual championships in the 300 meters, 400 meters and long jump. Sophomore Kim Allen won the 1,000 meters and 1,500 meters, while junior Erika Waickman claimed the shot put.

Senor Markita May and Allen turned in All-America performances at the indoor national championships. May finished seventh in the 55-meter hurdles, while Allen took eighth in the 800 meters.

The Cardinals didn't skip a beat as the outdoor season began. Otterbein edged B-W at the 19-team All-Ohio meet en route to the school's first outdoor conference championship.

Otterbein claimed five individual outdoor championships. Waickman was a double-winner in the shot and discus, Allen took the 1,500 meters, Spring the 400 meters and freshman Dana Ullman the pole vault.

Waickman was named outstanding field event performer, while head coach Doug Welsh was named OAC coach of the year for both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Spring (400 meters), May (100-meter hurdles), Allen (3,000-meter steeplechase) and Waickman (discus) all qualified for the national championships, with Allen earning All-American honors after finishing fourth.

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Softball

by Scott Rex

Expectations were near an all-time high for the Otterbein softball team in 2003. The Cardinals were coming off back-to-back seasons in which they set new school records for wins in a season and qualified for the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Tournament and the team was set to play in a new on-campus facility.

The first hit to those expectations came before the season started, when a construction problem left the new field unplayable and forced the Cards onto the road for all but four games. The second hit came when Otterbein opened OAC play with a 2-4 record.

Despite the slow start, Otterbein rallied together and won 14 of its final 20 contests. The Cards finished especially strong, at one point winning 9 of 11 in a 10-day span late in the year, with the two losses coming to conference champion Muskingum.

At 24-15, Otterbein finished just one win behind the record of 25 set in 2002. The Cards were 7-2 in games decided by a single run.

A trio of seniors earned All-OAC honors. Outfielder Justyn Hayes was named first team all-conference, while first baseman Cari Dean and pitcher Angie Lowe earned second team honors.

Hayes had her most productive season at the plate, batting .339 with 17 runs batted in. She also scored 26 runs. Dean led the Cards in batting for a third straight year, turning in a .384 average. She also drove in 20 runs, scored 26 and collected 15 extra-base hits, including 11 doubles. Lowe again proved to be the ace of the pitching staff, collecting a 15-8 record with a 2.23 ERA. She also saved three games. Lowe struck out 123 batters, against just 16 walks, in 147-2/3 innings.

In all, eight seniors that built the program into a competitive one will graduate, but a young core of returning letterwinners are expected to pick up the slack in 2004.

Baseball

by Scott Rex

Entering the 2003 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) baseball tournament, the last team most people thought would win a championship was Otterbein. The Cardinals won just four of their final 13 games and essentially backed into the OAC Tournament.

For three days, though, Otterbein did nearly everything right in capturing an improbable conference championship, the school's first since 1989.

The Cardinals opened OAC Tournament play by defeating top-seed and tournament host Heidelberg, then downed 13-time defending champ Marietta 1-0. After dropping the potential championship-clinching game to Heidelberg, the Cards turned around and defeated the Student Princes 20-6 to take the conference championship and earn Otterbein's first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1990.

The Cardinals won a pair of games at the regional before being eliminated by host DeSales (PA). The regional runner-up finish marked Otterbein's best postseason finish since 1983, when the Cardinals were national runner-up.

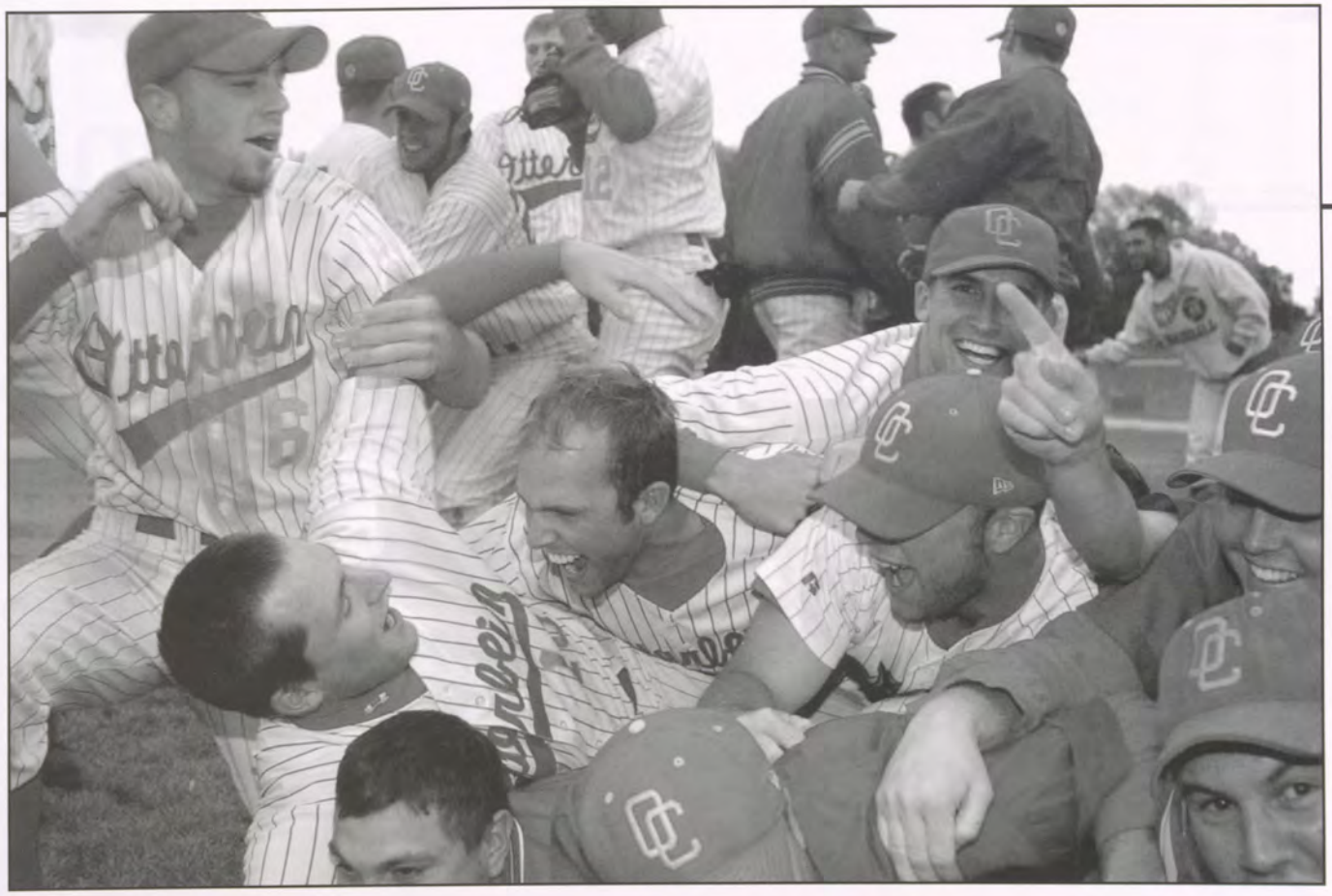
Fourth-year head coach George Powell was named OAC Coach of the Year for the second time in his tenure at Otterbein.

Seven Cardinals earned All-OAC honors. Senior catcher Scott Mader and sophomore outfielder Eric Heminger garnered first team honors. Mader was also named to the third team All-Mideast Region.

Second team all-conference honors went to junior second baseman Brian Meyer, junior outfielder Tory Allen and sophomore third baseman Matt Hunter. Junior shortstop Jeremy Hunsicker and junior pitcher Adam Brandt were named honorable mention All-OAC.

Brandt was named OAC Tournament MVP, while Meyer, Hunsicker, Hunter, junior outfielder Dustin Lee and sophomore designated Aaron Stupica were named to the all-tournament team.

With their postseason run, the Cardinals proved they were more talented than their 24-24 overall record would indicate. Expectations are high for 2004, as Mader and Joey Rubin are the lone graduating seniors from the 2003 squad.



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Men's Tennis

by Scott Rex

It would be hard to blame 12th-year head coach Dan Morris if he was having some doubts after watching his Cardinals drop six of their first seven matches, including the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) opener at Ohio Northern.

Morris, however, intentionally pieced together a rigorous early-season schedule to prepare his team for conference play. And any doubts that may have existed quickly disappeared as Otterbein embarked on a seven-match winning streak that would earn the Cardinals the third seed in the OAC Championships. At one point, Otterbein won five straight conference matches by scores of either 7-0 or 6-1.

Otterbein opened defense of its 2002 OAC Tournament championship by blanking John Carroll, 5-0. The Cardinals were then upended in the semifinals by host and top-seeded Baldwin-Wallace, 4-2.

Four Cardinals earned All-OAC honors. Senior Daniel Dodson (first singles) and first-doubles partner sophomore Ryen Valentine (second singles) earned first team all-conference honors after posting 6-2 and 7-0 conference singles records, respectively. The pair teamed for a 4-2 conference doubles record.

Sophomore Justin Bays (third singles/second doubles) was named to the second team after tallying conference marks of 8-1 in singles and 6-2 in doubles.

Senior Brian Erwin (fifth singles/second doubles) earned honorable mention honors after collecting conference records of 8-1 in singles and 6-2 in doubles.

TENNIS

Women's Tennis

by Scott Rex

Otterbein roared through the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) schedule en route to the school's fifth conference championship in women's tennis, and second championship in three years.

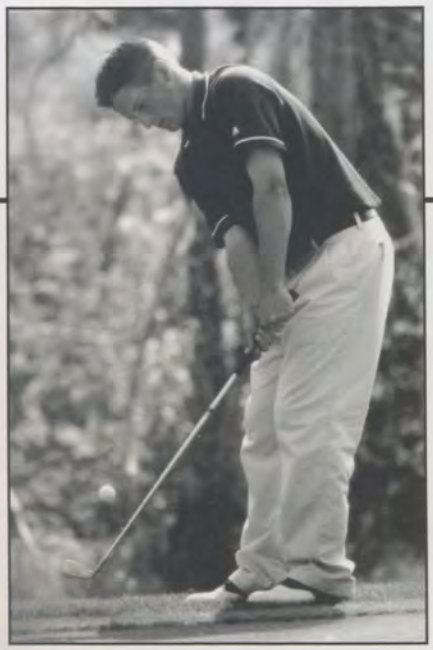
After opening 3-6 against a demanding non-conference schedule, the Cardinals reeled off nine straight victories against OAC competition. Only Ohio Northern came within three points of the Cardinals; Otterbein pulled out a 5-4 decision in the conference-opener April 1.

The OAC Championships were much the same story as the regular season. Otterbein swept past Heidelberg and Baldwin-Wallace, both by scores of 5-0, setting up a rematch with Ohio Northern. For the second time in 2003, the Cardinals downed ONU by a score of 5-4. It was sweet redemption for Otterbein which, after winning the tournament in 2001, had fallen to Ohio Northern in the finals in 2002.

Five Cardinals earned All-OAC honors. Junior Erin Moriarty (second singles/first doubles), junior Kelly Shields (third singles/first doubles) and freshman Tiffany Young (first singles/second doubles) all landed on the first team. Moriarty and Shields were 7-1 and 8-1, respectively, in conference singles, while the duo also compiled a 9-0 conference doubles record. Young posted 7-1 singles and doubles records.

Sophomore Staci Hilborn (fourth singles/third doubles) earned second team honors, while freshman Ginny White (fifth singles/second doubles) was named honorable mention all-conference. Hilborn was 7-0 in singles and 5-2 in doubles, while White was 7-1 in both singles and doubles.

Sixth-year head coach Pat Anderson was named OAC Coach of the Year for the second time in her career.



Men's Golf

by Scott Rex

Armed with a roster that listed two seniors, one junior and eight underclassmen, first-year head coach Matt Smith entered the 2003 spring season with more questions than answers.

By the midway point of the season, however, that young squad had hit its stride and capped a remarkable season with an unthinkable Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship.

Senior Ryan Dorff consistently led the Otterbein contingent, particularly during the squad's late-season surge. Dorff took medalist honors at the Otterbein Groseclose Memorial Invitational, then finished tied for second overall at the OAC Championships less than a week later. Otterbein claimed team titles at both events. Dorff was rewarded with a trip to the NCAA Championships, where he finished tied for 31st overall and earned honorable mention All-American honors.

The squad's defining moment came at the OAC Championships. After learning they would not be making their 11th straight trip to nationals as a team, the Cardinals fell 14 shots behind Muskingum in day one of the tournament. On day two, however, the Cards rallied for a dramatic two-shot victory over the Muskies. The conference title was Otterbein's sixth straight.

Senior Jon Stupansky and freshmen Matt Cooperrider and Wes Stafford joined Dorff in earning All-OAC honors. The trio finished fifth, seventh and ninth, respectively, at the conference championships.

Women's Golf

by Scott Rex

The old saying says, "Good things come to those who wait." Otterbein's women's golf team did not have to wait too long.

The program claimed its first Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) title in just its fourth year of existence in 2003, dominating nearly tournament it played, including the OAC Championships.

The Cardinals, under fourth-year head coach Sharon Sexton, finished first as a team at six of the nine events they played in 2003. The season culminated with a 95-shot victory at the conference championships. The Cards finished with a two-day total of 710, while Mount Union finished second with an 805.

The Cardinals were so dominating that even the "B" team placed ahead of rival varsity squads at two events. Often, Otterbein players entered in tournaments as individuals placed higher than varsity golfers from other schools.

Sophomore Chelsea Thresher (second), freshman Colleen Groomes (tied for third), senior Kiki Koehl (tied for third) and senior Brooke Ferguson (tied for sixth) all earned all-conference honors by finishing in the top 10 at the OAC Championships. Sophomore Amy Troiano just missed out, finishing 12th overall. Thresher actually tied Capital's Julie Huffman for first, but Huffman took medalist honors on the second playoff hole.

Sexton won OAC Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive season.

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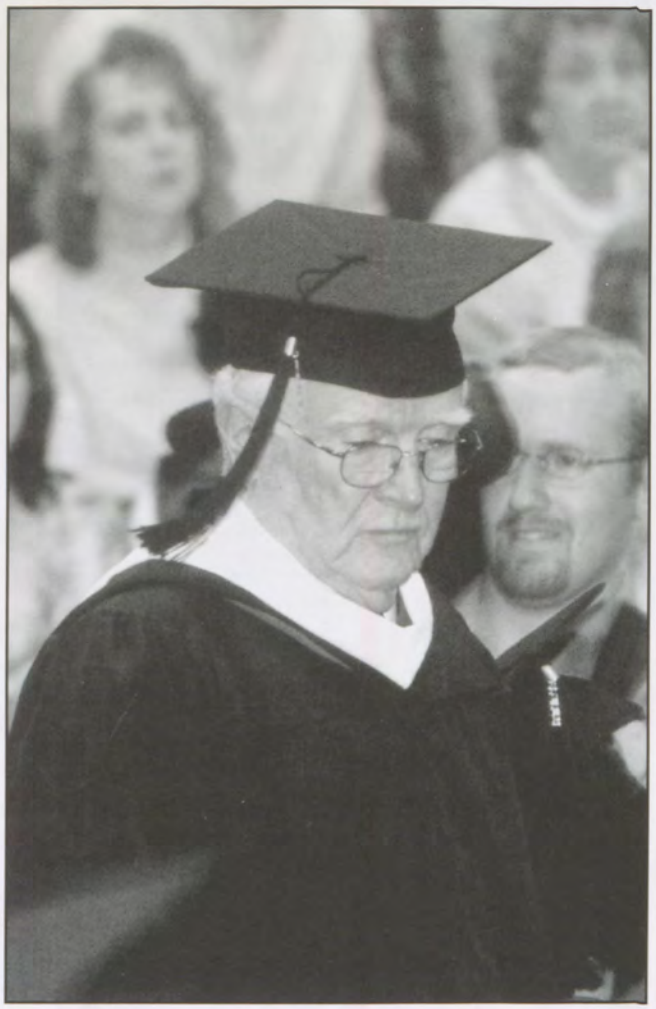

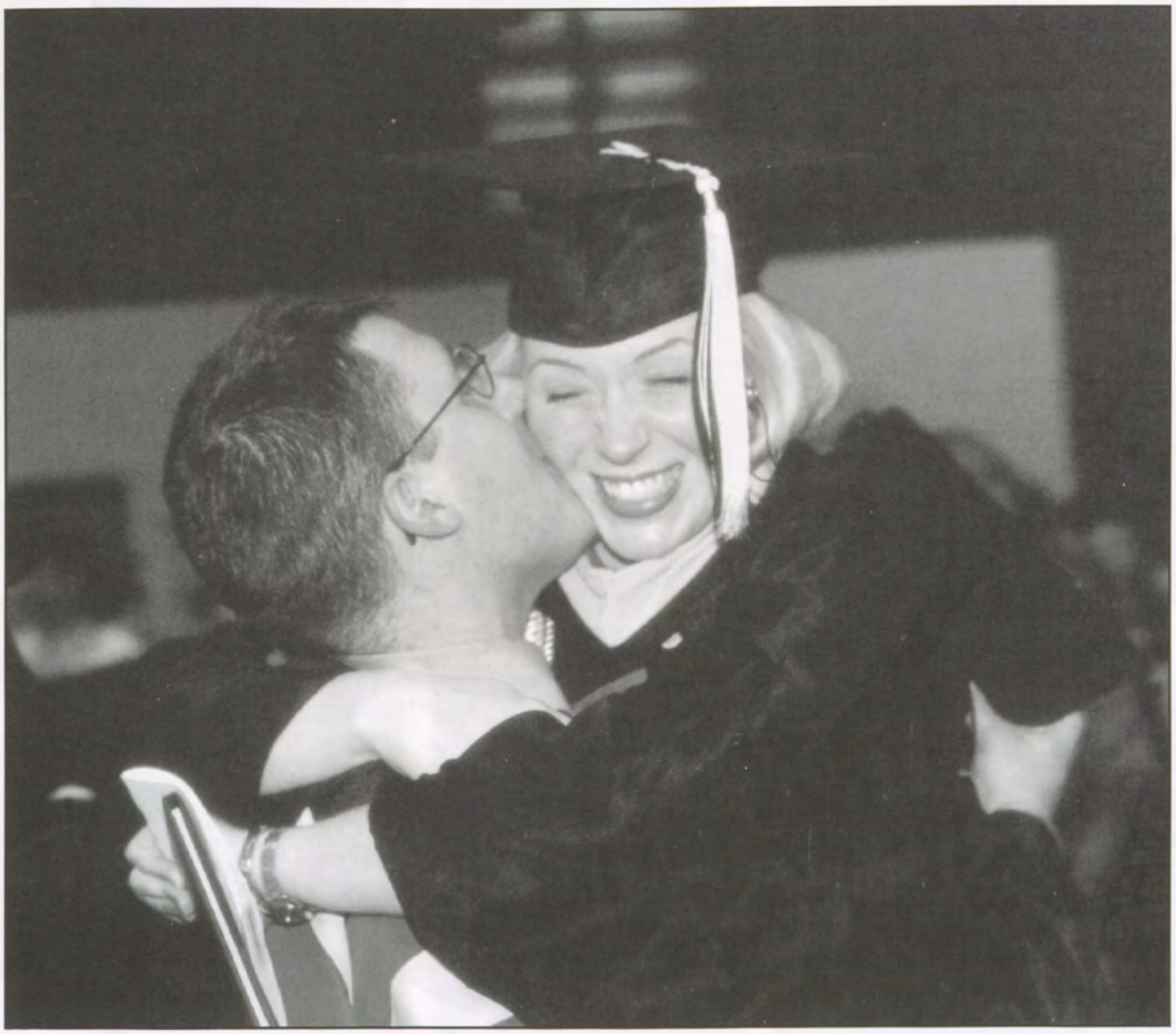

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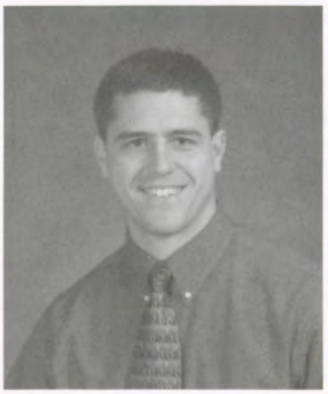
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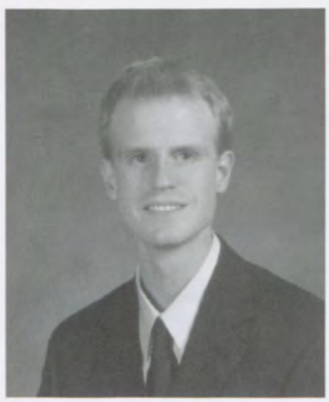
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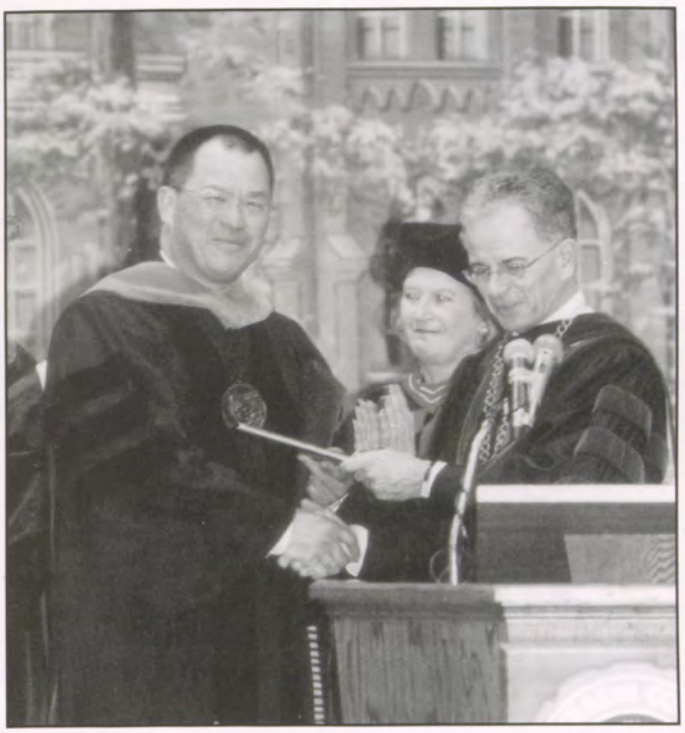

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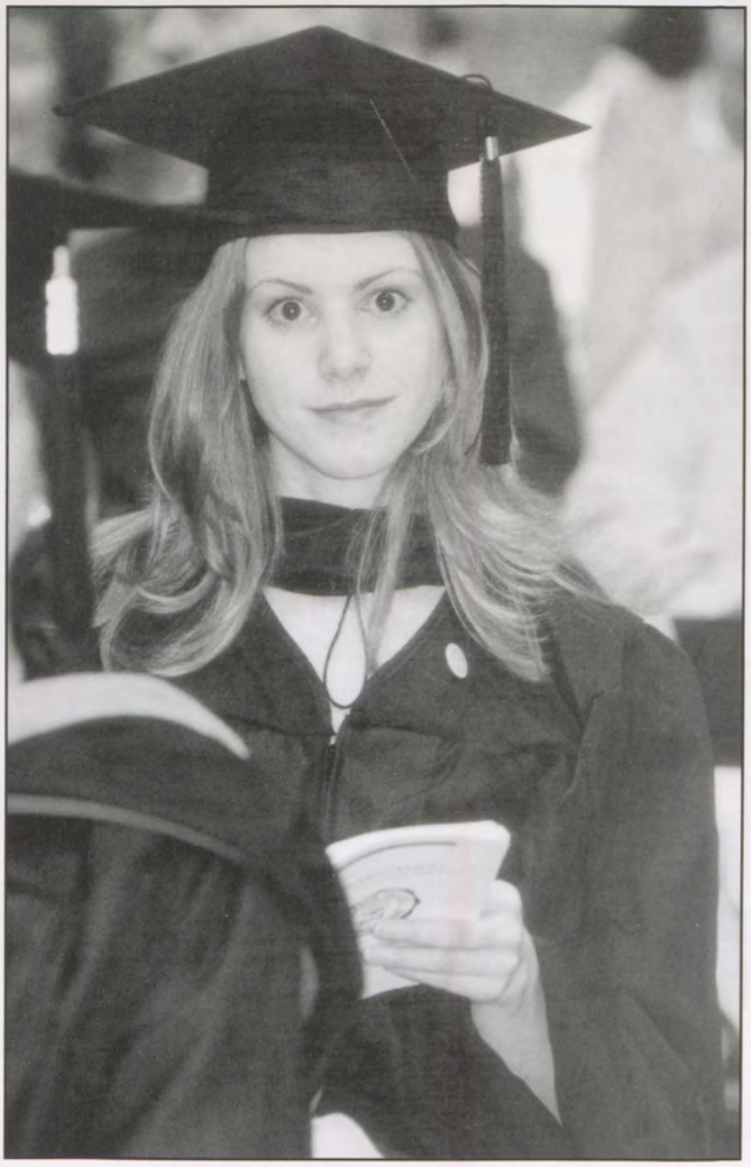

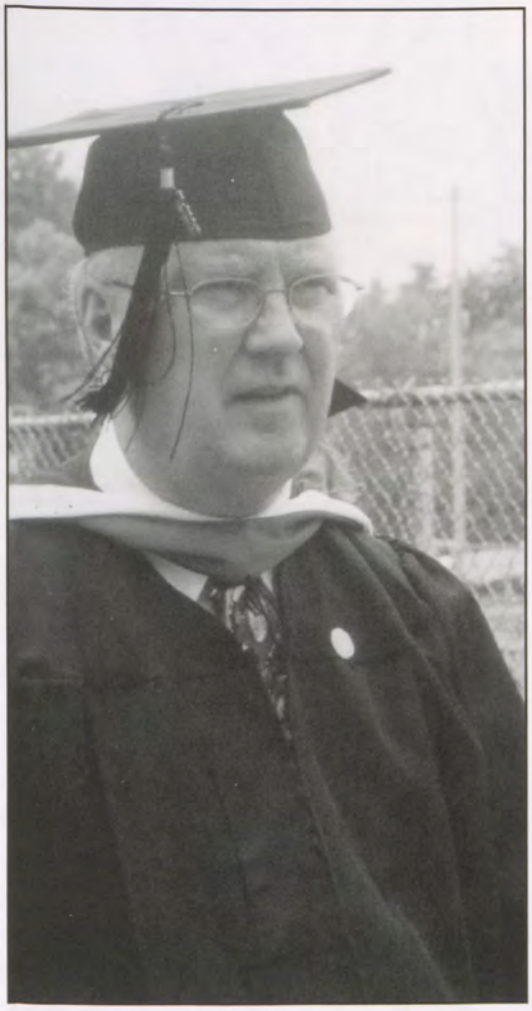

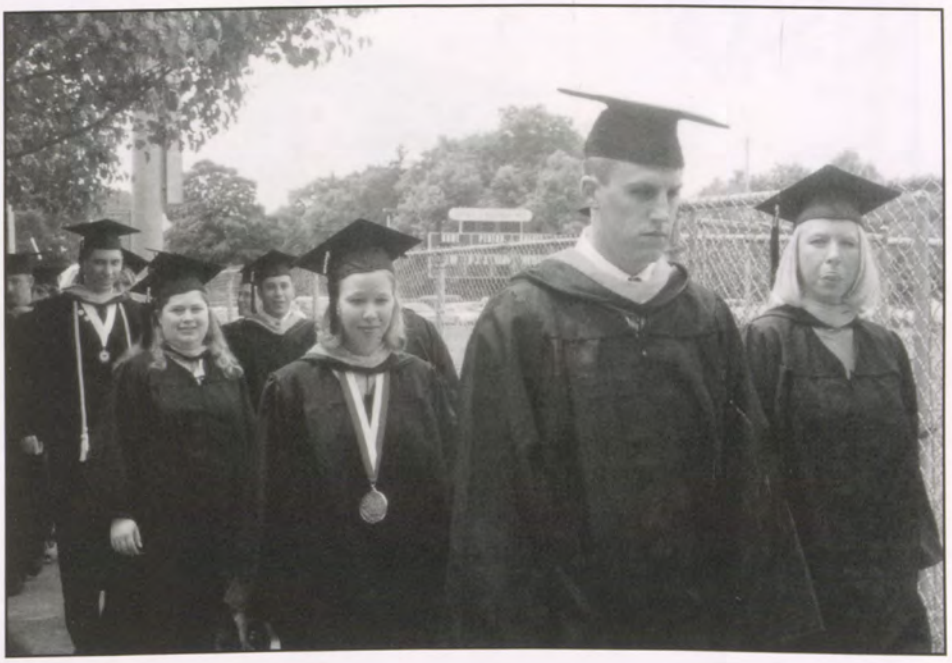

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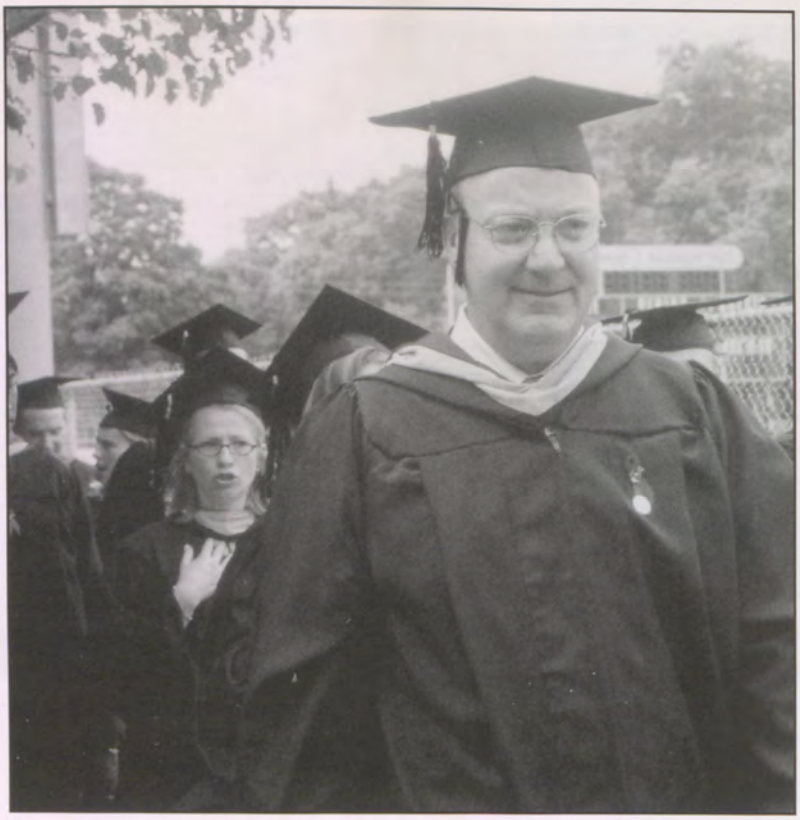

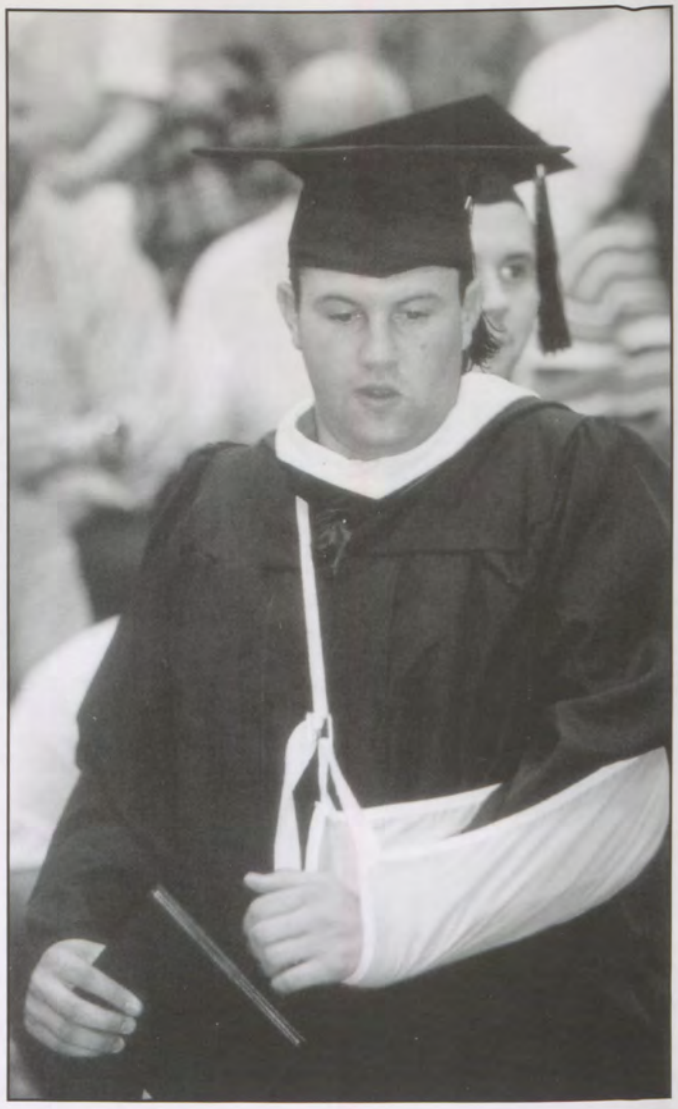

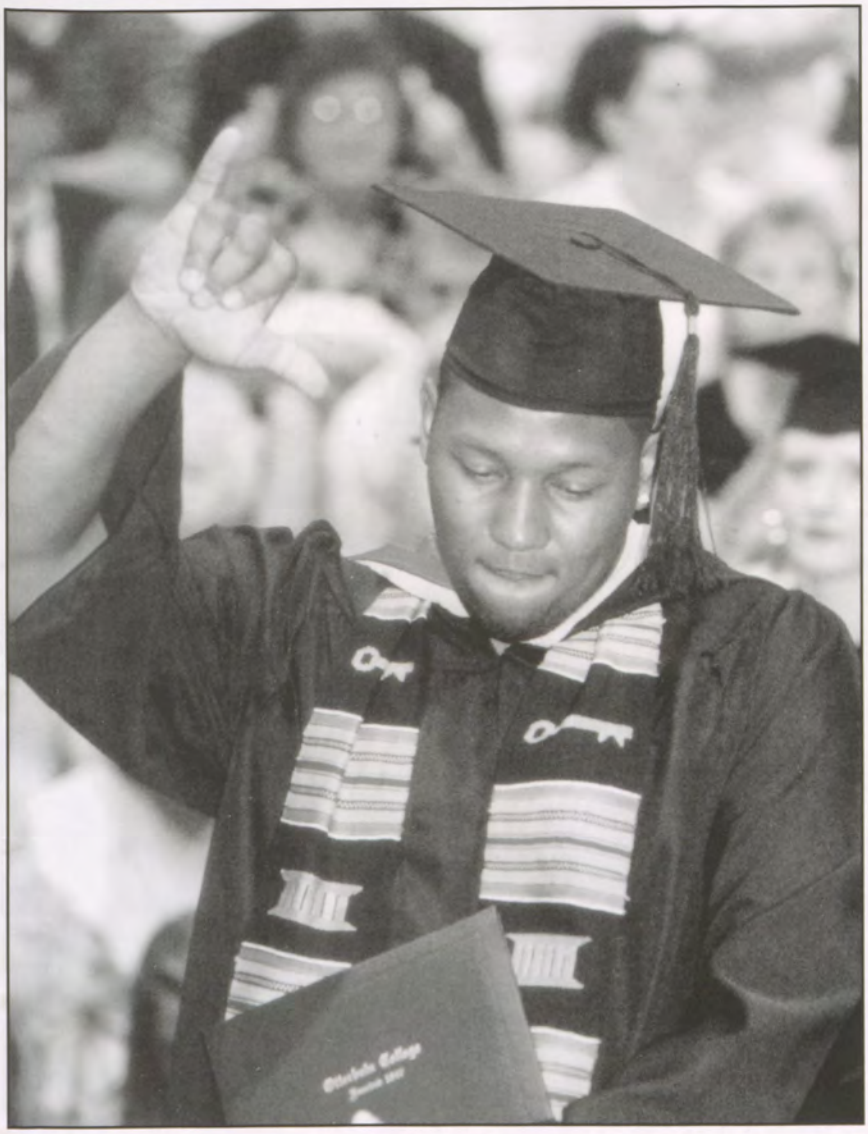

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The Staff

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Jennifer Jackson completed her two-year term editing *Sibyl* with her graduation in June 2003. While at Otterbein, she was a member of the Forensics Team, the Public Relations Student Society of America and Tau Delta sorority. She also played tennis for one year. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in public relations. She is now working in Cleveland and hopes to attend law school.

Scott Rex completed his three-year term as sports writer for *Sibyl* with his graduation in June 2003. While at Otterbein, Scott was a member of the *Tan and Cardinal* staff and worked for Otterbein's Office of Sports Information. He also was quarterback on the Otterbein football team for two years. Scott hopes to work as a sportswriter after graduation. He currently is interning in the Sports Information Department of Lafayette College (NCAA Division I) in Easton, PA.

Kelli Weiland completed her one-year term as staff writer for *Sibyl* with his graduation in June 2003. In her own words: "My four years at Otterbein have been incredible! I look forward to continuing as the Associate Event Coordinator at AmeriCheer, Inc. in Westerville. My appreciation and love go out to the sisters and alumnae of Theta Nu Sorority, the Otterbein "O" Club for their constant support of the cheerleading squad, Jonelle Streby and the rest of the Host and Tour staff, Dr. Jeff Boehm, Denise Shively and my family back in Mallet Creek. I also thank Jenny Hill and the rest of the *Sibyl* staff for their enthusiasm and immense contributions. I had a great time working on the yearbook and I encourage interested underclassmen to get involved!"

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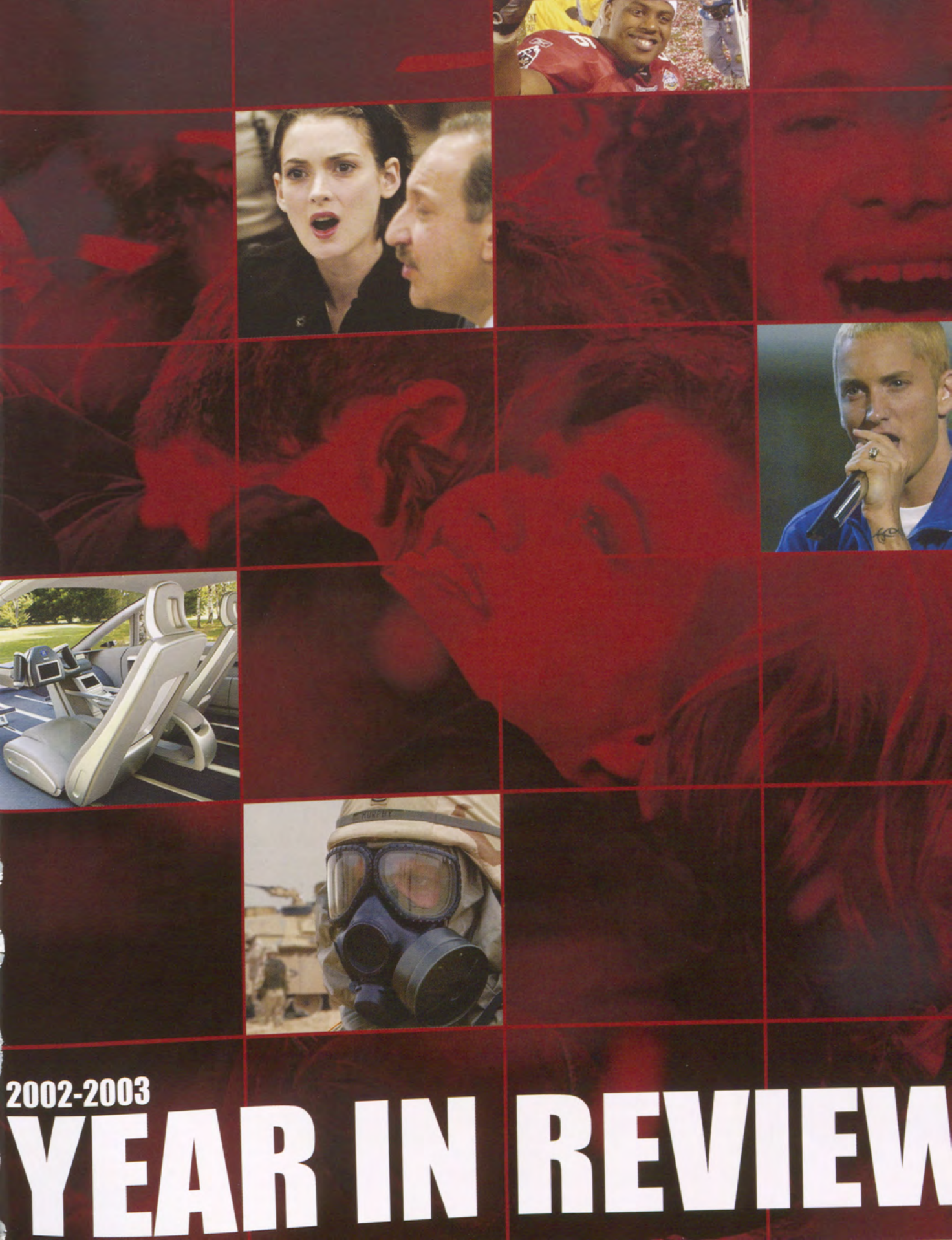

2002-2003

YEAR IN REVIEW

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.

Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

WOR

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition. ▼

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants. ▶

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AP Photo Bjoern Sigurdsoen, Pool

Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations. ▶

AP Photo

Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services. ▼

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.

AP Photo/ Mikhail Metzel

Photo by UCLA Medical Center/Getty Images

In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.

hot off the wire

Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes. ▶

Photo by Pascal Le Segretain

Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ◀

Photo by Scott Nelson/Getty Images

How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

1. Some things, but not many	66.3%
2. Every part	21.7%
3. It wouldn't	12%

LD NEWS

Photo by Chung Sung-Jun/Getty Images

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Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▲

A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ◀

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Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

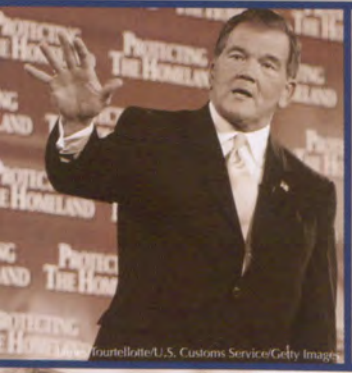
SPECIAL ON IRAQ

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.



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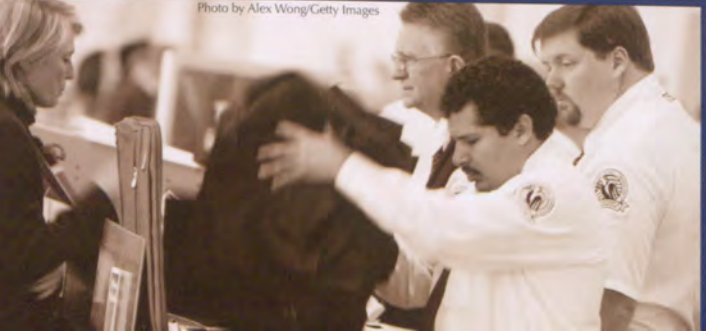

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John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶

AP Photo/Guy Wathen

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶

The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶

Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, careened into the crowd.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

AP Photo/NASA

Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼

There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.

Tim Boyle/Getty Images

The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ◀

AP Wide World Photos

AP Photo/U.S. Navy

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Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶

AP Photo/Rogelio Solis

A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲

AL NEWS

AP Photo/Danny Gardner

Sixty of Chicago's public schools received $10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.

Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

ENTERTAI

Did you watch the first season of American Idol?

a) Every week 19%
b) Once in awhile 33.1%
c) Never 48%

AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a $1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie. ◀▶

AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

David James/Miramax Films

Chicago danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated. ◀

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song, U2's *The Hands That Built America*. ▶

Mario Tursi/Miramax Films

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It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie. ▼▶

New Line Cinema

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Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelorette*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*. ▲

What was your favorite movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
2. *8 Mile*
3. *XXX*

Spiderman sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. ▲

My Big Fat Greek Wedding, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only $5 million to make and grossed more than $200 million at the box office. ▼▶

AP Photo/Reed Saxon

Celebrity Stalker For President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a $200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

Photo by Sebastian Artz/Getty Images

What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking $65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

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Nature In Swimsuits

National Geographic made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

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◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼

The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of $20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲

Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

Die Another Day became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated $47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ◀

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.

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Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶

R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶

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What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*

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It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing *433* (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than $115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

MUSIC

Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶

Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images

John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶

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Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.

Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ◀▲▶

Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images

Published by Riverhead Books, *Kurt Cobain: The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶

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Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶

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Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly

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AP Photo/Pat Vasquez-Cunningham

Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲

▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ ◀ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.

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Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▼

Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶

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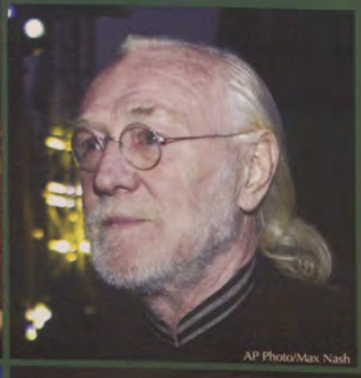

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Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶

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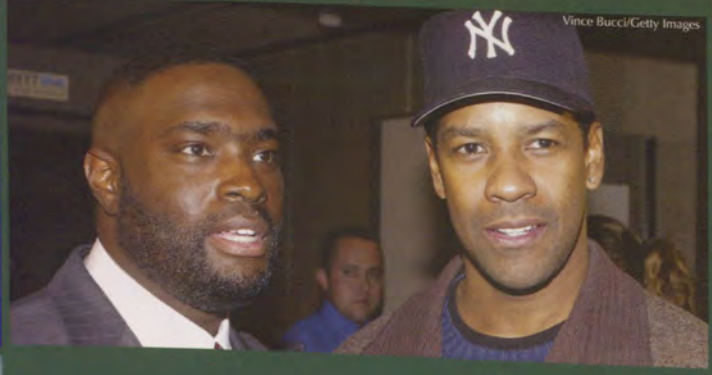
Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Disel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



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It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front – about $112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶

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Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.

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You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a $2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

Consider That Coaster Conquered

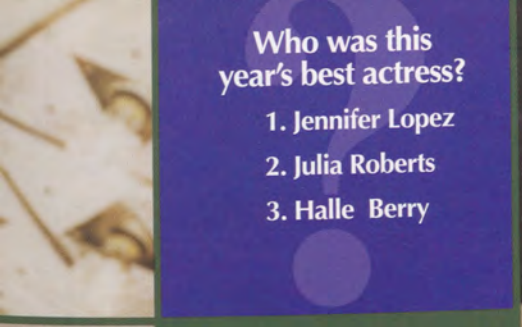
After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

Some Like It Hot

Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfboarding and while hanging upside down from a tree.

Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry



The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼

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Time magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲

PEOPLE

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than $5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying $10,000 in fines and restitution. ◀

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Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ◀

Lance Bass of 'NSync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the $20 million fare.

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Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ◀

Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.

hot off the wire

In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼

SPORTS

The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▼▶

Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ◀

What is your favorite sport to watch?

a. Football 39.9%
b. Basketball 23.8%
c. Baseball 8.4%
d. Soccer 7.6%
e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶

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Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. ◀▶

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A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

That Kid's Got Guts

Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶

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After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ◀

Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ◀

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.

AP Photo/Ron Frehm

Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division 1-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.

hot off the wire

The :-) turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient. ▼

FUN FACTS

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.

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This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones. ▶

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TECHNOL

New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries. ▶

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hot off the wire

A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.

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Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ◀

So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.

Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

No Prey? Then You May Pass

Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.

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Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about $2,200. ◀▲

OGY

Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▶

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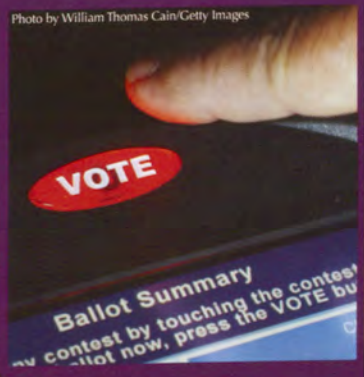
A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost $1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ◀



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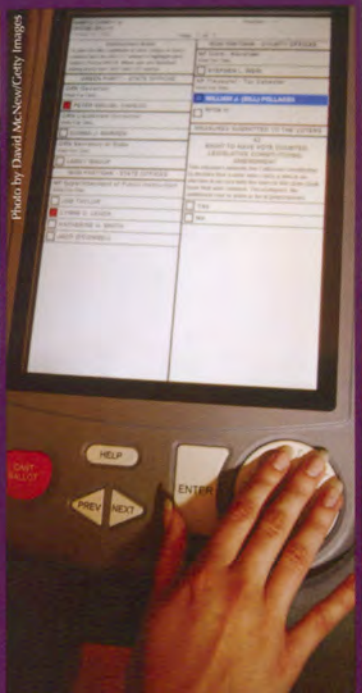

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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▲▶

midriff-baring shirts.

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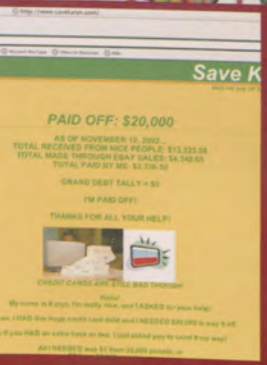

People desperate for money turned to the internet to *cyberbeg*. One woman was able to pay off her $20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.

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The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins.

McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.

TRENDS

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Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

The coolest trend at my school this year was

My favorite fashion trend was

Survey results compiled from the responses of more than 2000 students across the nation.

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