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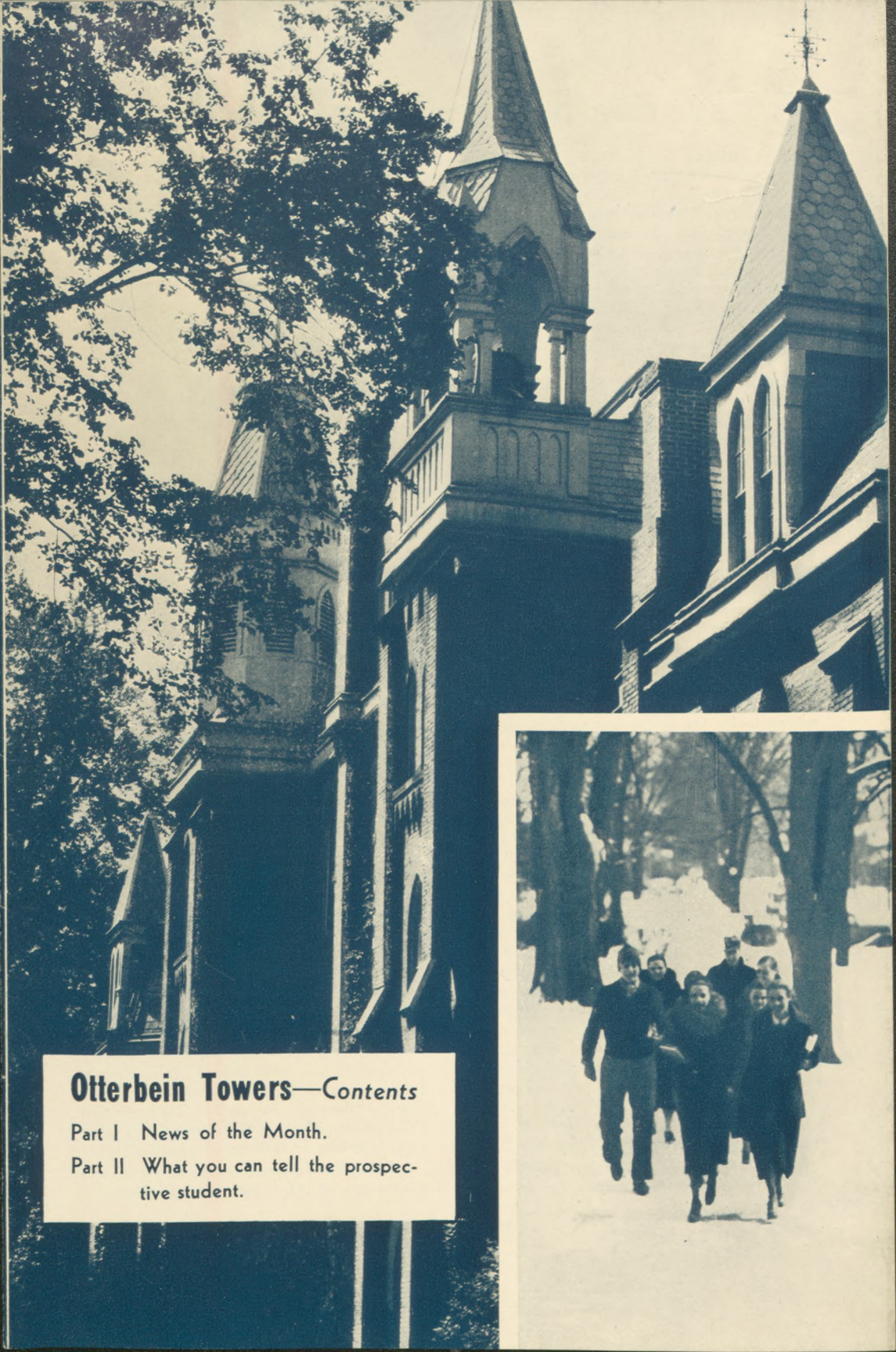
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## Otterbein Towers—*Contents*

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# A Favorite Son of Otterbein Retires

AT a meeting of the American Chemical Society in August, 1899, a young chemist asked Charles B. Dudley, chief chemist of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for a job in his laboratory at Altoona. Dr. Dudley's discouraging response was that never had he hired anyone from a school west of the Ohio River. However, a few weeks later the applicant received a letter asking him to come to Altoona as assistant chemist. And thus began the 40 year career in industry of Frank Orville Clements.

Mr. Clements had just that year received the degree of master of science from Ohio State University. He had previously attended Otterbein College where he received an A.B. degree in 1896, and an M.A. degree in 1898. (Otterbein also awarded Mr. Clements a Doctor of Science degree in 1930.) At Ohio State he had been assistant in freshman chemistry, and had in his class one Charles F. Kettering.

After three years in Altoona, Mr. Clements moved to Omaha as assistant chemist in the laboratory of the Union Pacific Railroad.

In 1905 the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio, decided to establish a chemical laboratory, and Charles F. Kettering suggested that his former teacher be considered for the place. Mr. Clements thus moved to Dayton and began working under John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Company. The laboratory had been established six months before Mr. Patterson paid his first visit to the new department. When at last he did, his new chemist locked the door and pulled down the windows. "What are you doing that for?" demanded Mr. Patterson. "Well, I have been here six months now, and I don't want you to leave this laboratory until you see something of what has been done thus far, and until you tell us what you want done further." This audacity pleased Mr. Patterson and the new chemist took an unusually high place in his esteem. Men in charge of technical operations were suspicious of such ideas as applying chemistry to their jobs, and the industrial chemist needed diplomacy. But Mr. Clements was a diplomat and made sure that all credit for improvements realized through his efforts went to the supervisor of the department concerned.

In 1916, Charles F. Kettering decided to found a laboratory in which to do pioneer-



FRANK ORVILLE CLEMENTS

ing research, and he invited Frank O. Clements to become the organizer and director of the new institution. This invitation was accepted, and the new laboratory, called the Research Division of the Dayton Metal Products Company, began its work. In 1920 this laboratory with all its staff was taken over by General Motors Corporation and became the research laboratory now located in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Clements continued as technical director of this institution until his retirement in September, 1939.

Through college, Y.M.C.A. and technical society, Mr. Clements has been very active in helping to foster the education and advancement of young people. Dr. Clements has long been a trustee of Otterbein College and in his retirement he has settled here to found a nonprofit industry through which young people may help themselves through college.

This story gives in sketchy fashion the career of an unusually useful man who went into industrial chemistry when the place for the chemist was small indeed. It was partly because such capable chemists as Frank Orville Clements did go into industry that the opportunities for the chemist and other technical men as well have expanded.

Otterbein takes great pride in the accomplishments of this outstanding graduate.

# News of the Month

Richard Allaman, '33, was general chairman of the Dayton Hobby Fair committee which held its annual hobby event at the Y.M.C.A. on March 8, 9, and 10. Over 100 exhibitors were to be entered in this show.

P. H. Rogers, '12, recently accepted the position of District Manager of Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky for the Delta Tool Company.

A. W. Elliott, '23, was one of three youth leaders to receive the silver beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood, given by the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Elliott, a teacher at West Junior High School in Columbus, was scoutmaster of Troop 45 of that school, and before that served as scoutmaster in Westerville.

Lawrence H. Marsh, '31, is working on his Master's Degree in Y. M. C. A. work at George Williams College in Chicago. He is also doing settlement work for the Methodist Church, while his wife, Leah St. Johns Marsh, is working at the Y.M.C.A. Hotel.

Word has come to us that Donald Howard, '25, has an article in the February issue of the Atlantic Monthly. Our congratulations, Don!

We are proud to hear that Lou Rutter and Sam Loucks, both of the class of '37, helped the Delco Brake team of Dayton, Ohio, win the Industrial League championship crown in basketball.

Over the radio on March 2, Roger Garrett, organist at one of Columbus, Ohio's, largest theatres, played "Gratitude" which was written by Glenn Grant Grabill, 1900. The number was dedicated to Rev. M. H. Lichliter, pastor of First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, where Professor Grabill is organist and Director of Music.

## DISCOVERY

LOUISE GLEIM, '41

Many flashing comets had I seen  
Strike their glittering crescents on the  
sky  
And watching breathlessly from far  
below,  
Had seen their temporal fire and glory  
die;

Then, in patience, waiting for a light  
Whose brilliant, sweeping course  
might never cease,  
I saw, by chance, one still, serene blue  
star  
Magnetic to my heart, and shedding  
peace.

And though the sky still rained vain-  
glorious sparks  
Across the quiet star-scape, high and  
far,  
Beyond those fev-rish flames my eyes  
were fixed  
Forever clear, on one serene, bright  
star.

A group of ten girls of the class of '34 have found each others' friendship so worthwhile that they have held a reunion on the 4th of July every year since graduation. This past summer nine of the ten gathered at the home of Mrs. Louise Holman Onderdonk in Cleveland, Ohio. The following enjoyed the week-end: Mrs. Sara Heestand Swallen, Mrs. Eleanor Heck Newman, Mrs. Zelma Shauck Shaffer, Mrs. Helen VanSickle Slack, Mrs. Ruth Donaldson Miller, Miss Margaret Bird, Mrs. Martha Dipert Wood, and Miss Gladys Riegel. Miss Helen Ruth Henry, the tenth member, was on a trip to Yellowstone National Park. Is your group having a reunion this year? Why not write them and suggest it? We'll supply the addresses.

We wish to send a word of appreciation to Miss Nettie Lee Roth, '15, for sending us the clippings from Dayton papers which carry news of Otterbein students. We should appreciate this helpful service from other alumni as well.

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## NEWS OF THE MONTH (Continued)

The College Library would like to have a complete file of Sibyls. The missing numbers are for the years 1907, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, and 1927. Any alumnus wishing to send these copies to the library will receive our heartiest thanks and appreciation.

Marie Harmelink, '36, is teaching music in Beaver Center Consolidated School, Beaver Center, Pennsylvania. Miss Sarah Peters, '35, is the assistant principal of the same school.

Tom Cook, '39, made a straight four-point in graduate work in Psychology at Ohio State. Congratulations!

Robert Knight, '28, as program secretary of the Columbus Y.M.C.A., acts as adviser, supervisor, detail man, date fixer for 34 different kinds of groups. He keeps an eye on the hiking, camera, and travel clubs; the choral society and art league. He cooperates with groups sponsoring lectures, and with those who are planning various parties. He arranges skating parties and square dances, mixers and sings. It is truly an interesting profession, and we are proud of Bob's achievements in the field.

Otterbein is eagerly anticipating the visit of the A Cappella Choir of 70 voices and the Girls' Glee Club of 60 voices, from Steele High School in Dayton, Ohio. Under the direction of Robert Holmes, '35, these two organizations, along with five other musical groups from Steele High, have won their way into the State musical finals to be held at Ohio State University on April 19. The choir and glee club will be our guests on that same day and will render a program in the college chapel. Otterbein is proud of the fine work which Bob is doing, and welcomes him and his group to the campus.

### LATE FLASH

Edgar Bagley, '30, is seeking the Republican nomination for representative from Delaware County to the Ohio General Assembly. Mr. Bagley is in the insurance business at Galena, Ohio.

## WE SALUTE . . .

MR. CHESTER G. WISE of Akron, Ohio, one of Ohio's outstanding lawyers and a graduate of Otterbein with the class of 1904. Mr. Wise continued his studies after leaving Otterbein, and several years later received the degree of Bachelor of Law. Besides being a leading citizen in his community, consistent reports establish him as one of the outstanding trial lawyers of the State. Otterbein wishes to salute this graduate, one of her favorite sons in the legal professions.

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MR. F. O. VAN SICKLE, '06, former alumni president of the College, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative to the General Assembly from Morrow County. Mr. Van Sickle is vice-president and district sales manager for the North Central States of the Shenandoah Manufacturing Company of Harrisburg, W. Va. He is active in church and civic affairs in Cardington, Ohio, and was the first president of the Cardington Rotary Club. Mr. Van Sickle is chairman of the Morrow County Republican Central Committee.

## T. E. NEWELL, '23, HEADS "HAVE YOU A JOB COMMITTEE?"

We received notice after your February Towers had gone to press that Mr. Thomas E. Newell of Dayton, Ohio, has been appointed to head up the job-providing movement of the alumni council. Already, Mr. Newell is hard at work and is eagerly awaiting information from you as to where he might place Otterbein students next summer. The possibility of some young persons returning to Otterbein next fall may depend on you. Please direct all of your suggestions and information to:

Dr. Thomas E. Newell,  
1156 Amhurst Ave.  
Dayton, Ohio

or to the "Have You a Job Committee" in care of your alumni office.

## TEACHING VACANCIES

Alumni may assist the Otterbein Placement Bureau by reporting vacancies in high schools to F. J. Vance, Director of the Placement Bureau. The following form may be used, although Mr. Vance will appreciate a letter describing the vacancy in detail.

Name of school .....

Address of school .....

Position open .....

When election will be made .....

Applicant should contact .....

Special qualifications necessary .....

Name of person reporting .....

May applicant use your name .....

## DECEASED . . .

Charles S. Bash, '97, recently passed away in University Hospital at Columbus, Ohio. When in college, Mr. Bash was a member of the varsity football team. He began his career in the newspaper field as a reporter on *The Dispatch*, later becoming financial editor. He retired from this post several years ago.

The Reverend Dr. John L. Shively died of a heart attack February 11 at his home in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dr. Shively was a graduate of the former Chambersburg Academy, of Otterbein College, in 1901, and of Yale Divinity College. Following his graduation he served various pastorates in the New England States.

Dr. Richard L. Swain, religious leader, lecturer and author of several books, passed away at the home of his son in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on March 28. Dr. Swain was awarded his doctorate of philosophy by Otterbein in 1899 and served several years as our college pastor. He spent fifteen years in the lecture field, traveling throughout the United States.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Dr. and Mrs. E. Mowbray Tate (nee Josephine Albert, '25) on the loss of their four-year old daughter, Mary Carolyn, who died of pneumonia on February 9.

## STORK NEWS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. George Walter of Detroit (nee Betty Marsh, '26) announce the arrival of James Richard on January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland welcomed Robert Benjamin on February 17. Mr. Copeland is a graduate of the class of '32, and Virginia Brewbaker Copeland graduated in 1930.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Mowbray Tate (nee Josephine Albert, '25) of Bangkok, Siam, announce the arrival of a daughter, Louise Genevieve, on January 3.

George R. Brooks, '38, writes that Dorothy Marilyn was born on March 15, and she is a good prospect for the class of 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Smock (nee Floretta Peters, '35) are happy to announce the birth of Philip Emerson last June 24, 1939.

Entered as second class matter at post office in Westerville, Ohio, under act of August 24, 1912.

## SCHOLARSHIP DAY, APRIL 27

### Twelve Scholarships—\$1800—To Be Awarded

Otterbein College will hold a series of examinations at the college on Saturday, April 27, for recognition of attainment in general scholarship and in the field of music. There will be three awards of \$200 and three awards of \$100 in each of the fields of general scholarship and of music.

The general examination will include English and one other subject chosen from the following:

Biology	Mathematics
Chemistry	Physics
French	U. S. History and Civics

The contests are open to high school seniors and other students who have graduated within the period of the last one or two years and who have not attended college. Contestants must be recommended as to scholastic ability and character by their principal or superintendent.

The examinations in music will be private and will be given by a School of Music Committee. Those students wishing to participate in the Oberlin contests on April 27 can make arrangements to be heard by the Otterbein committee on Friday, April 26, by writing to Miss Hetzler. Contestants should prepare two contrasting numbers of classical music of their own selection. Contests will be held in vocal, piano, violin or other instrument. Points considered are: Talent, Accuracy, Technical Proficiency, Expression and Style. No student is eligible who has taken advanced work in music since graduation from high school. A student may enter any one or all three of the music contests, but will be awarded only one scholarship. Contestants must be recommended by their Director of Music.

Every high school in Ohio and many in surrounding states as well as every church in the nine United Brethren conferences supporting Otterbein College has been mailed a poster advertising these contests. We ask your additional support in bringing this day to the attention of qualified students of your community.

Announcement of winners will be made at a later date and each contestant will be notified of his rank.



## For Your Information .

**D**EEP sea fishing in Florida and California sunshine have hindered the completion of the plans for the new women's dormitory. At least it was the decision of the special committee to proceed more deliberately than was originally intended since a number of those most interested in the project are now vacationing in the South or in California and cannot be reached at the present.

This committee tentatively composed of Mr. Henry Ochs of Dayton, Mr. Homer Lambert of Anderson, Indiana, Mr. Philip Garver of Strasburg, Mr. E. F. Crites of Barberton, Mr. Frank Resler of Columbus, Mr. Vance Cribbs of Middletown, Mr. E. N. Funkhouser of Hagerstown, Maryland, and Mrs. Nora Wills Porter, Dr. W. G. Clippinger, and Mr. Wesley O. Clark of Westerville, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees voted that no building should be started until the full amount needed had been raised. No



## . . . Concerning the Proposed New Dormitory

special campaign will be launched to secure the necessary funds, but definite steps are being taken to solicit donors who will be willing to sponsor such a project.

Some of the most interesting features of the new dormitory are given in this brief summary. The new building will accommodate 82 women students. The dining room will seat approximately 125 girls, with the majority of the tables seating four women. A recreation room is being planned, and lounges are to be included on every floor. The bathrooms will have both tub and shower facilities, and a number of single rooms will be available. A laundry having modern equipment will be included for the use of the girls.

The various rooms on each floor are listed as follows:

*Basement:* Dining room, kitchen, dish washing and storage room, storage pantry, storage room, trunk storage, laundry, bathroom, recreation room.

*First floor:* Vestibule, 3 parlors, lounge, office, 14 sleeping rooms (28 girls), 2 bathrooms.

*Second floor:* Lounge-study, 14 double sleeping rooms (28 girls), 2 single sleeping rooms (2 girls), 2 bathrooms.

*Third floor:* Lounge, 10 double sleeping rooms (20 girls), 4 single sleeping rooms (4 girls), 2 bathrooms.

The possibility of having the new dormitory ready for next fall now seems remote.

In the meantime arrangements are being made for the coming year to accommodate the growing housing needs of the student body by using the present dormitory facilities. Only 14 of the girls living in the dorms are seniors, and if present indications for a large freshman class materialize, housing will be an acute problem next fall. It is possible that King Hall may be temporarily designated for the new women with arrangements for the men students to be housed out in town.





## "You Also Are a Field Representative . . . You Are the Living Otterbein"

The life blood of Otterbein College is not in the building of her campus nor in the dollars and cents with which she operates, but rather can be found coursing through the veins of the sons and daughters she has given to the world. Just as surely as we were given life by parents, so in a smaller way we have been given life by her. She lives only in us. To the world we are Otterbein. When her alumni cease to live in her, Otterbein shall perish.

The life-blood which has been taken from our college must be returned. New students must enter her halls or she cannot fulfill her destiny. Believing in ourselves as the "Living Otterbein" it is our privilege to direct those students to her.

The information contained within the next few pages has been prepared for you, to help you to tell to some young person the story of the college you love. Space permits only the presentation of a limited amount of technical information. We are trusting you can draw from your own memory those words of color which will beautify your picture of the little college "in a quiet peaceful village."



# PRESENTING FACTS AND FIGURES

The history of Otterbein College covers a period of ninety-three years of educational service. The sturdy pioneers of her early days believed in scholarship and character coupled with honesty, industry and service to society. These standards remain unaltered today.

## *Personalized Attentions*

A warm personal interest characterizes the attitude of Otterbein toward all students. No one can fully appreciate this unless he has heard the friendly faculty discussions of various students and their problems. No one need feel alone or neglected at Otterbein, where every one in authority, from the president and the deans on down to the janitor, feels it part of his or her duty to make the student comfortable and at home. The personal element is important, not only to the faculty, but to the students themselves, who exert themselves to promote a spirit of friendliness on the campus. There are no social or economic distinctions on the campus.

Otterbein is interested in every phase of the student's life. Typical of her efforts is the student health program. Tell the prospective student about our hospital and its staff of a professional doctor, two graduate registered nurses, and an assistant nurse.

As shown in the book "To College in Ohio," published by the Ohio College Association, Otterbein along with Antioch, has the smallest ratio of professor to student of any co-educational college or university in Ohio. We have one professor for every nine students, thus providing individual attention from the professor.

## *Courses of Study Offered*

Our college has and continues to emphasize a broad cultural training developed through a liberal arts curriculum. Splendid training is offered in the fields of science, music, art, business administration, home economics, social service, teacher training and physical education.

Thorough preliminary preparation is offered by our departments to those who wish to study further in the universities which train for law, medicine, dentistry, engineering, business, theology, dietetics, social service, civil service, or public administration.

## *Accreditation*

Otterbein's educational standards are of the highest. Credits from our school can be transferred to any college or university in the country, many graduate schools giving our students a preference. In scholarship, endowment and equipment Otterbein is recognized by all important agencies including:

- Ohio College Association
- North Central Association
- American Association of University Women
- Association of American Universities
- State Departments of Education
- Association of American Colleges

## *Degrees Offered*

- A.B. —Bachelor of Arts
- B.S. —Bachelor of Science
- B. Mus. Ed.—Bachelor of Music Education
- B. Mus. —Bachelor of Music
- B.F.A. —Bachelor of Fine Arts

The School of Music also confers a diploma upon those persons who complete a course of study in some major field of applied music, without extensive theoretical and academic requirements.

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in a plug for  
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Won't you  
please  
do the  
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# FOR OTTERBEIN STUDENT PROSPECTS

## *After Class Hours:*

Extra-curricular activities at Otterbein are numerous and varied, providing interests and amusements for people of widely differing talents.

For those who love music, there are the men's and women's Glee Clubs, the String Choir, the Vested Choir, and the excellent college band.

In the field of sports, for men there are Varsity teams in football, basketball, baseball, track, and tennis. There are also intramural teams in many sports. The girls have intramural sports, and also organize under the Women's Athletic Association.

Literary organizations rank high at Otterbein, the leading groups being those of Quiz and Quill, devoted to creative writing, and Chaucer Club, primarily interested in contemporary literature.

Student publications, for those interested in journalism and writing, consist of the college newspaper, the Tan and Cardinal, the yearbook, the Sibyl and the Quiz and Quill magazine which appears around Christmas time.

There are branches of national honorary societies in Science, Languages, Drama, and Debate at Otterbein, and the chapters meet regularly on the campus, often sending delegations to national conventions.

There are active Men's and Women's Christian Associations, whose parties and projects cover campus interests thoroughly. For those interested in devoting their lives to religious service there is a group known as the Life Work Recruits.

A Peace Study Group has recently been formed, and there is the long-established International Relations Club for those with an interest in world affairs.

Part of the social life at Otterbein is centered around the sororities and fraternities, which are purely local in character. There are six sororities and five fraternities, the latter being located in their respective houses near the campus. No pressure is brought to bear upon those not desiring membership in such social groups.

## *Higher Education at Low Cost:*

It is often claimed that Mary S.— went to Paducah State because it was so much cheaper, although she would have much rather gone to Stillwater College, where the expenses were high.

No matter where people go to college, board and room run approximately at the same level.

At Otterbein, the dormitory rooms for men range from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per week; for women the range is from \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Board for the year in either dining hall is \$180.00. There is a cooperative house for women students where the cost of living is lower. Information upon the cooperative house will be furnished upon request.

Tuition is \$100 each semester, with a registration fee of \$1 and an incidental fee of \$16, which covers subscription to the school paper, home athletic events, and health service.

Thus, a year's expenses run from an average of \$462 to \$514.50. This means a student is taking full part in the life of the campus and enjoying all its possibilities.

Only a few state-supported institutions with nominal tuitions can offer a year's training for less money, and in these cases the difference is not large. In fact in many instances, larger fees and higher living expenses will more than make up for this difference in tuition. In almost all cases if the student at the state-supported institution joins a national fraternity or sorority in order to participate in the normal college program on that campus, he will have spent more money at the end of the year than if he had come to Otterbein.

## *Requirements for Admission:*

Graduates of first-grade high schools who rank in the upper two-thirds of their classes are admitted to freshman standing on presentation of the certificate of graduation. A limited number of students ranking in the lowest third of their class is admitted.

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# Otterbein Towers

## Otterbein College

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### Opportunities For Self Help

This is the Student Aid Program of Otterbein College as laid out by Miss Virginia Hetzler, Director of Admissions. All requests for applications should be mailed to her.

1. SCHOLARSHIPS to those who are outstanding scholastically or who have attained special achievements in some particular field.

2. NYA GRANTS from the United States Federal Government. These, of course, depend each year upon whether or not the Government renews the NYA program.

3. SERVICE GRANTS such as stenographic work in the college offices; assistants to professors; laboratory assistants; library work; desk work, waiting tables, and janitor work in the dormitories; janitorial service in the buildings and on the grounds; and various other types of work in which the student

might participate. This work tends to be both creative and practical.

4. LOAN FUND. Loans are made to juniors and seniors upon request and upon the approval of the Committee on Admissions. Occasionally short-time loans are made to under-classmen. The College also has access to outside loan funds.

5. THE CLEMENTS PROJECT. A shop has been established on the campus which provides work for the students in making house and street signs, garden decorations, and other decorative signs.

6. CO-OP COTTAGE. This Cottage houses eighteen girls who do their own cooking on a cooperative plan. This affords a saving of approximately \$100 a year on room and board.

7. PRIVATE HOMES. A number of students work for their room or board or both in private homes or in local business concerns out in town. Many students are on call for small odd jobs from time to time.

All awards for student aid are based upon financial need, scholastic ability, special talents or achievements, and recommendations as to character and personality.

### Applications for Admission:

All applications should be sent to our Director of Admissions, Miss Virginia Hetzler. Prospective students will find a preliminary blank in the back of each college catalog. Students should be urged to apply in the immediate future as we hope and expect to close registrations early this year.

### SEND A STUDENT TO OTTERBEIN

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:

I recommend the following students to Otterbein:

Name	Address	High School	Graduates In
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Signed..... Class.....