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## FIRST HALL OF FAME CLASS INDUCTED

Otterbein inducted its first class into the Otterbein College Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming October 18. The ceremony took place in the Campus Center prior to the football game. Honorees and their guests enjoyed a complimentary luncheon followed by the induction ceremony. All participants who were present were then acknowledged during the pregame events.

The athletic department established the Hall of Fame earlier this year in order to honor individuals who have

Among the honorees were **Bill Freeman '57, Joanne "Dean" Van Sant 'H70, Elmer "Bud" Yoest '53, Don Carlos '80, Jeff Gibbs '02, Elaine Gonya '92, Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47, the 1933 men's basketball team and the 1946 football team.** Posthumously honored were **Vida Clements 1901, Dorothy and Maurice "Mac" McVay, Marilyn Day '53, Dick Fishbaugh '83, Robert "Moe" Agler '48 and Dwight "Smokey" Ballenger '39.**

"All those who have been inducted into the first class have contributed in some manner to the athletic history



Honorees and family members were recognized before the game at Homecoming. To read biographies and see individual photos of the honorees, go to [www.otterbein.edu/athletics](http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics).

made significant contributions to the success of the Otterbein athletic program, either as athletes or in supporting roles.

"We felt it was time to start the Hall of Fame in order to honor those who deserve recognition in a way that will be a part of the history of the College," said Director of Athletics Dick Reynolds.

of the College and the committee felt they should have the honor of being the first class to receive the highest honor from our department for making it what it is today," Reynolds said.

Plans are currently underway to showcase the Hall of Fame in the connector corridor between the Rike Center and The Clements Recreation and Fitness Center.



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## MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DICK REYNOLDS

Hello athletic alumni and welcome to the Winter '09 Athletics Department newsletter.

Our department just completed the most outstanding fall season in recent years. The induction of the first Hall of Fame class coupled with the W-Soccer team advancing to the Sweet 16 and the football team advancing for the first time in school history into the NCAA Division III playoffs brought about a flurry of activity. In addition to hosting soccer and football NCAA competition, the college also hosted the NCAA Regional Cross Country meet.

For their efforts, Head Women's Soccer Coach, Brandon Koons and Head Football Coach, Joe Loth, received OAC Coach-of-the-Year awards. Also recognized was Tim Doup who was awarded OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year.



**Brandon Koons**  
Head W-Soccer Coach



**Joe Loth**  
Head Football Coach



**Tim Doup**  
Asst. Football Coach

We look forward to hearing from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you are doing.

Don't forget to keep updated on the Athletics Department activities by visiting our website at [www.otterbein.edu/athletics](http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics).

~ Coach Reynolds

## RECAP OF GLORY DAYS REUNION

Otterbein football heroes of another era returned to campus the weekend of September 19-20. These "Glory Days" warriors from the yesteryear teams of 1959, 1960 and 1961 celebrated 23 wins in three consecutive years (7-2, 8-1, 8-1 respectively).

Under Head Coach Robert "Moe" Agler and assisted by Elmer "Bud" Yoest and Ken Zarbaugh, these superior teams and athletes did what no other era in Otterbein football history has accomplished in three consecutive seasons. Co-captains Jim Earnest and Gary Nebinger, Larry Cline and Ron Jones, Gene Kidwell and Jack Pietila led these stellar squads accompanied by many other outstanding performers.

The Glory Days Reunion weekend, which saw over 85 attendees, was co-sponsored by the Athletics Department and the "O" Club.

Activities began Friday afternoon with the group visiting the 2008 squad to challenge and encourage them to beat Muskingum the next day and continue on to a successful season. Friday evening the returnees enjoyed a catered dinner in Roush Hall's Fisher Gallery.

Otterbein President Brent DeVore, in his "25th season," extended a welcoming greeting as did Joe Loth, current Head

Football Coach. Glory Days Assistant Coaches Bud Yoest and Kenny Zarbaugh were honored and presented handcrafted, wood-carved "Glory Days" trophies created by Gary Nebinger. Master of Ceremonies Jack Pietila moderated a "Remember When - Tales from the Past" session and a Glory Days game films DVD was shown and made available to all who attended. Each attendee also received a personalized tan and cardinal T-shirt provided by the Athletics Dept. The shirts were worn on the field at Saturday's game.

The "O" Club Room was open on Saturday for fellowship all day—first for morning refreshments and then at noon for a "tailgate" barbeque. Tours of the Clements Recreation Center and the new weight room were also made available. At game time the reunion attendees formed a tunnel for the 2008 squad to enter the field.

At halftime the Glory Days team members took the field themselves and were individually introduced - and then formed another tunnel to encourage this year's team on to a successful second half. Indeed it was! Final Score: Otterbein 48, Muskingum 7! Glory Days families were given priority seating on the 50 yard line.

To close the weekend festivities, an after game "victory celebration" found Glory Days revelers enjoying a final meal and saying their goodbyes at Bravo's



Restaurant. "Let's do it again in a few years" was heard over and over. Truly a GREAT time was had by all—and the stories got better with each telling. Finally, a wood carved Fighting Cardinal memento was left in the "O" Club Room as a permanent reminder of the Glory Days weekend. This large trophy was made by Gary Nebinger.

If you are a Glory Days team member and were not able to attend, you may wish to receive a Glory Days game film

DVD - from one or all of the highlight years—'59, '60 or '61. Cost is \$30 for a single year or \$75 for the set of three. In addition, a Moe Agler DVD (offered earlier in 2006) can be purchased for \$25. Should you wish to purchase a DVD(s) simply email Rebekah Carlisle at oclub-home@columbus.rr.com or call 614.823.3555. Delivery is expected by December 24th.

Plans for the reunion began in January 2008. In addition to the

Athletic Department and the "O" Club many thanks go to The Glory Days Reunion Committee which met monthly in preparation for the fantastic weekend. Those committee members are: Co-chair Jack Pietila, Co-chair Ron Jones, Glenn Aidt, Larry Cline, Jim Earnest, Gary Fields, Gene Kidwell, Jerry Linkhorn, Gary Nebinger and Dick Scheu.

Thanks to Jack Pietila for submitting this article.

## OTTERBEIN HOSTS SEVERAL NCAA EVENTS

The month of November was very busy and saw history in the making for the Athletics Dept. at Otterbein. The College was host to several NCAA events beginning with the NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Meet held on Sat. Nov. 15th. Thirty



seven colleges were represented and over 600 athletes competed in the event. The women's team placed 7th overall and the men placed 9th. While the weather was cold and rainy, the teams ran well and the event was a success!

In addition to the XC meet, the women's soccer team participated in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament held on Clements Field at Otterbein. The women competed against Penn State Altoona and scored within the last minute of the game to



advance into the second round. Sun. Nov. 16th saw the Lady Cardinals play against Denison. Two first-half goals and a solid defense against the Denison Big Red guaranteed the Cardinals a spot in the Sweet 16 to be played in Geneva, NY. Although the Lady

Cardinals were defeated in the Sweet 16 against Amherst, they played a very hard game and should be proud of their season. Coach Brandon Koons was awarded OAC Coach-of-the-Year by his peers.

Otterbein's history making football team finished their regular season with a 9-1 record. This spectacular record earned them a spot in the NCAA Division III playoffs, a first for any team that has played at Otterbein.



On Nov. 22nd, the 10th-ranked Cardinals took the field against 18th ranked Franklin College (IN.) who were also 9-1 for their regular season. This was Franklin's second appearance in the playoffs.

The Cardinals fought a tough battle on the field but came up short as Franklin advanced to the second round of championship play. For his efforts, Coach Loth was awarded OAC Coach-of-the-Year. In addition, Coach Tim Doup was awarded OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year.

## Kathy Mazza receives Athletic Director's Award

Recruiting Coordinator Kathy Mazza was presented with the 2008 Athletic Director's Award of Distinction during the pregame activities of the Homecoming game on Saturday October 18.



This award was created over 10 years ago by Athletic Director Dick Reynolds to publically recognize an individual who often works behind the scenes and does not get the recognition they deserve.

One who prefers to stay in the background, Kathy was recognized for her dedication to the department and her efforts in assisting the athletics staff. Although her title suggests that she deals only with recruitment, she participates in a wide variety of other duties within the department.

**Save the date! Smokey Ballenger Tournament  
Sat., Dec. 27 and Sun., Dec. 28, 2008.**

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## CARDINAL ALUMNI FLYING HIGH IN EUROPE

Jeff Gibbs, Otterbein All-American and member of the 2001-02 Division III National Championship team now plays for the RATIOPHARM ULM basketball team located in Germany. Known as Mr. Incredible, Gibbs has played for the ULM since his days playing for Otterbein.

Tyler Ousley, a 2006 grad continues his playing career with the Sheffield Arrows Basketball Club. The Arrows are a member of the English Basketball League, Division I and are based in Sheffield, South Yorkshire. Ousley has contributed greatly to the success of the team and scored 33 points in his first game.

In the photo at right, Jeff Gibbs poses with his life size poster image. The posters are so popular that many of them are stolen. Kevin Shay recently visited with his old teammate when he was on leave from the National Guard. Kevin is stationed in Kuwait and provides convoy security for safe delivery of supplies throughout Iraq.

