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## Otterbein College Athletics Newsletter

### DOUG WELSH, HEAD TRACK & FIELD COACH, RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS

**A**fter 41 years of coaching, the last 18 at Otterbein, head men's and women's track and field coach Doug Welsh hung up his track shoes for the last time in June.

But don't expect to see the former coach as a door greeter at your local Wal-Mart—although he would make a good one.

baseball coach and assistant football coach while an assistant professor in sport and movement science. He received his master's degree in physical education administration from Ball State University in 1991.

Although Welsh served as a part-time assistant in football (1975-84) and baseball (1983-84) at Otterbein, he came back to the College on a full-



"My health is good and what I would like to do is some substitute teaching especially at the junior high or elementary level," said Welsh, whose wife, Jill, is also an elementary school teacher. "And I would like to do some coaching of the younger kids," he added. The couple are parents of 9-year-old twins, Sara and Elizabeth. Welsh also has two grown children, Amy and Scott.

Welsh, a 1968 graduate of Muskingum College, taught and coached football and baseball in the Van Wert (1968-72) and Reynoldsburg (1972-85) school systems before moving onto Earlham College in 1985. At Earlham, Welsh served as head

time basis in 1991 as assistant football coach and head men's track and field coach. He took over the women's track and field program in 1999.

Over that time, Welsh, a 12-time Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Coach of the Year selection, led his men's teams to three OAC championships and five second-place finishes. In 29 of 36 conference championships that he coached, his men's teams placed in the top half of the OAC.

But it was on the women's side that Welsh excelled. Since 2001, his women's teams never finished

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## MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DICK REYNOLDS

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

Another year has come and gone, and there are a few changes at the 'Bein. We thank Doug Welsh for his long years of service to our department and the track/cross country teams. His success and contributions are numerous and greatly appreciated. We wish him the best in his retirement. We also welcome Coach Dave Lehman, a long time fixture in the cross country and track arena. He has taken the head position of Track coach and we feel very fortunate in having him full time on the staff. Graduate Assistant John Linz has assumed the duties of working with Coach Lehman and heading the Cross Country program.

Christine Steines has moved from interim softball coach to the head position and we are excited about the enthusiasm and experience she brings to that program. Joe Loth has taken the additional duty as assistant athletic director and will be working with the marketing and communications aspect of the department. His efforts to institute an alumni link to gather past and present information about our alumni will be available soon and we do hope you take advantage of it to help us develop the data base we hope to establish and maintain.

Don't forget Homecoming this year against Capital and do continue to let us know where you are and what you are doing. We look forward to 09-10 being a good year with everything a new year will bring. Enjoy the summer, and thanks for all the interest and support you give to our programs.

*Dick Reynolds*

lower than third at the OAC indoor and outdoor championships. The Cardinals brought home seven OAC championships and seven second-place finishes over the last 16 conference meets.

Despite all that success, Welsh was quick to give credit to his coaching staff.

"I know that Otterbein's coaching staff and assistants have been the

envy of quite a few schools," Welsh said. "The fact that they've all stayed with me and two of them now, Dave (Lehman) and John (Lintz), are going to continue—that's tremendous. Dave has been a mentor to me. He and Bud Yoest have been Otterbein track."

Lehman takes over the men's and women's track and field program while Lintz will head men's and women's cross country. ●

## SAAC (STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE) HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL KIDS NIGHT

On May 29 student representatives from every varsity athletic team at Otterbein College worked together to put on the first annual free "Kids Night".

In January of 2009, junior soccer player Carly Dent, junior football player Kyle Culver, and sophomore volleyball player Rayna Coleman attended the NCAA DIII leadership conference in Chicago, Ill. It was there that the idea for this free kid's night was born. The planning took place over the next few months at the Otterbein SAAC meetings and the hard work paid off. Over 80 kids grades K-5 attended



the free Friday night festivities which lasted from 6-9 p.m.

About 40 student athletes, including four coaches, helped run the clinic. The kids participated in baseball/softball, basketball, cross country/track, football, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. Each participant received an Otterbein T-shirt and got the chance to meet the Cardinal's mascot, Cardy. The idea was to give the kids exposure to different sports at an early age, and give their parents some time to relax.

Many of the participants were children of Otterbein employees, and others were members of the local community. "We wanted to say thank you to the employees here that support us, but also help some of the kids who might not be able to afford to attend sports camps," said





Carly Dent, who was in charge of the evening. "The evening was a great success and we plan to make it even better next year."

Thanks to Head Volleyball Coach, Monica McDonald, for submitting this article. ●

**It was a big night for the kids (and the parents, too) at the 1st Annual Kids Night on May 29.**



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Patrick Baker '89**, head coach of the Georgia Bulldogs women's soccer team, received his Bachelor of Arts from Otterbein as a double major in Radio & Television Broadcasting and Journalism with a minor in Public Relations. A four-year starter for the men's soccer team, Baker was named team captain as a junior and senior. He was a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) All-Academic Team from 1986-89, was a first-team All-Conference selection in 1989 and played on three OAC

photo courtesy of Georgia Sports Communication



**Patrick Baker**

Championship squads.

Baker played soccer for 11 years in England and Germany while his father was stationed overseas with the U.S. Air Force.

In 2007, Baker coached the Bulldogs to their best season in school history. Georgia posted an 18-4-2 record, finishing as the Southeastern

Conference runner-up during regular season play and reached the finals of the SEC Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala. The Dogs earned a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament,

hosting first and second round matches, and finished the year with a No. 18 national ranking.

Baker himself was also recognized for his squad's achievements, as he became the first head coach in the history of Georgia Soccer to be named the SEC Coach of the Year. He also hit a career milestone on opening night, securing his 200th career win as a head coach when the team defeated Texas Tech, 4-1, in Athens.

Baker is married to Kelly Sack-Baker, and the couple has two children, Emma Louise and Ryan Patrick. ●

**Karen Linder '80**, head coach of the Kent State Golden Flashes softball team for the past 13 years, earned her bachelor's degree in education from Otterbein College. Prior to Karen attending Otterbein, she often traveled as a young girl with her father, legendary Otterbein coach Dick Fishbaugh, and his teams to keep score or shag balls during infield. It was during those times that Linder learned and observed from her dad and eventually was able to bring that wealth of knowledge to her own impressive coaching career.

Arriving at Kent State for the 1997 season, by the year 2007 she was the winningest coach in school history.

On April 10, 2009 during a doubleheader sweep of Ohio in Mid-America Conference competition, Linder earned career victories 617 and 618 to tie and then pass her late father in career (617)

photo courtesy of Kent State Athletic Comm.



**Karen Linder**

victories. Coach Dick Fishbaugh and Karen are the only father-daughter combination in NCAA history to win 600 games as baseball and softball head coaches.

Karen and her husband, Tom, reside in Tallmadge and have two sons, Thomas and Tucker. ●

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## ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT NEW STAFF MEMBERS



**Christine Steines**

### **Christine Steines Named Head Softball Coach**

Otterbein recently named Christine Steines its new head softball coach. Steines served this past season as the interim head coach.

"The biggest asset that she has brought to the program has been her positive energy," Reynolds said. "With her philosophy, the wins should take care of themselves. The direction of the program is going in the right way, led by her enthusiasm."

"I am very excited to continue to be part of the Otterbein athletics department," said Steines. "I am fortunate to have such great support from both administrators and coaches."

Steines, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, came to Otterbein from the University of Dayton where she served as assistant softball coach since August 2007. She spent two seasons (2006 and 2007) as an assistant softball coach at her alma mater, Clarke College, before moving on to Dayton. At Clarke, Steines helped coach the Crusaders to back-to-back 20-plus win seasons.

A 2004 graduate of Clarke College, Steines earned four varsity letters and was a three-time first team All-Northern Illinois Conference selection at catcher. She served as team captain and was voted team most valuable player three times.

Steines received her master's degree in business administration from Clarke in 2006.

"I look forward to building a fundamentally sound softball program and continuing the college's tradition of excellence," added Steines. "There's a lot of talent within this area and a lot

of potential to do great things here at Otterbein."



**Dave Lehman**

### **Dave Lehman Named Track & Field Coach**

Otterbein named David Lehman its new head coach for men's and women's track and field. Lehman, who brings nearly 40 years of coaching experience—all

at Otterbein—to his new position, replaces Doug Welsh, who is retiring after 18 seasons at the helm of the Otterbein track and field program. Welsh joined Otterbein College as head men's track and field coach and assistant football coach in 1991. "Coach Lehman's long tenure here in track and field as well as cross country affords us the opportunity for continued success in both programs," Reynolds said.

Lehman, who served as Otterbein head men's cross country coach from 1970-99, has been an assistant track and field coach at his alma mater since graduation from Otterbein in 1970.

"I really like NCAA Division III because the kids are here for academic reasons and the athletics—while it's very important and we want to make it a priority—is still secondary to the academics," Lehman said.

"The things that we want to emphasize in taking this program forward are good team atmosphere and for the student-athletes to be supportive of each other," Lehman continued. "We're looking for enthusiasm, talent and putting good effort into the athletics. We want them to work hard, have big dreams, and do it."

Upon graduation from Otterbein in 1970, Lehman helped build a successful business, the Culver Art and Frame Company, and served as the company's secretary treasurer until the business was sold in 2005. Lehman remained with the company in an administrative role until 2009.

Over the course of his coaching career, Lehman led his men's cross country teams to seven Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championships (1980, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1994 and 1995), and into the NCAA Division III Championships ten times. His 1994 team finished eighth in the nation, and his 1995 squad took 17th place. He has coached five All-Americans.

Lehman is a seven-time OAC "coach of the year" selection in men's cross country, and has earned numerous awards, including the Service to Otterbein Award from the Otterbein Alumni Association in 2005. He served on the Otterbein Board of Trustees from 2003-06.



**John Lintz**

### **John Lintz Named Cross Country Coach**

Lintz, a 2005 graduate of Otterbein College, has been serving as a graduate assistant under head men's and women's track and field coach

Doug Welsh, who is retiring in June after 18 seasons at the helm of the Otterbein track and field program.

"I am glad to have John move over from graduate assistant into the head coaching position because it allows for continuity in our cross country program," Reynolds said.

“The exciting thing,” said Lintz about his new position, “is being able to lead a program with the rich tradition that Otterbein has. If you go back 30 years, Otterbein has arguably the best cross country tradition in the state of Ohio and, really, in the region.”

Lintz, who is finishing his master’s degree in education curriculum at Otterbein, has been responsible for coaching the distance runners, pole vaulters and javelin throwers; and

has helped in recruiting and meet management at Otterbein since 2006. Over that time, he’s coached one NCAA Division III champion, eight NCAA qualifiers, and nine Ohio Athletic Conference championships.

“I want to build a program that’s not only good on the conference level, but good on the national level on a consistent basis,” Lintz said about his future plans. “I would like to bring in high-caliber students, high-caliber

athletes and keep the program moving forward and match the success we’ve had in the past.

“I want our student-athletes to come out of here having a great experience in cross country and a great experience in college, and to be able to take what they’ve learned here and pass it around in their real lives,” Lintz added.

Coach Lintz and his wife, Susanne, an Otterbein graduate and former track standout, live in Columbus. ●

## SPECIAL YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS AND AWARDS

### Women’s Golf 2009

- OAC Champions 2nd year in a row.
- Won OAC championship in last six of seven years
- 2nd straight appearance at NCAA Tournament, finished 5th both years
- Coach Nate Petry, OAC Coach of the Year

### Men’s Golf 2009

- OAC Champions
- Won 13 of the last 18 OAC Tournaments
- Finished 13th at NCAA Tournament
- First year both Men’s and Women’s golf competed in the NCAA Tournament at same time
- Coach Nate Petry, OAC Coach of the Year

### Baseball 2009

- In a first for the Otterbein baseball program, junior Brian Hiscox earns All-America honors in both athletics and academics.

### Women’s Soccer 2008

- Ranked 4th in the country
- OAC regular season champions
- 4th consecutive appearance in NCAA Tournament
- Coach Brandon Koons, OAC Coach of the Year

### Football 2008

- 9-2 Overall Season
- 8-1 OAC Record
- 10th Ranked
- 1st ever post season play in college history
- Single season records:
  - Best start 8-0
  - Most wins 9
  - Most points 427
- Coach Joe Loth, OAC Head Coach of the Year
- Coach Tim Doup, OAC Assistant Coach of the Year

### Football 2009 Preseason

For the first time in recent history, the Otterbein cardinal football team has been nationally ranked to begin a season. According to rankings recently released by *Lindy’s Preseason* top 25, Otterbein ranks 11th. *The Sporting News* top 25 currently ranks Otterbein 25th going into the fall season.

### Clyde Lamb Award Honorees

- Andy Fries, Football
- Ally Tobin, Track & Field

### Senior Recognitions

**Nancy Myers Norris ’61 Scholastic Award**—Kelsey Beers and Kendy Beers

**Dr. Joanne Van Sant Leadership Award**—Cara Gale

**Dr. Marilyn Day ’53 Athletic Scholastic Award**—Lauren Rausch

**Dr. Jo Ann Tyler Spring Sport Award**—Rustie Anderson

**Dorothy McVay Outstanding Athlete Award**—Ally Tobin

**Roger K. Powell Athletic/Scholastic Award**—B.J. Wanninger

**Norris-Elliott Scholastic/Athletic Award**—Rob Rosner

**Augsburger-Ballenger Outstanding Athlete Award**—Andy Fries

**Royal F. Martin Outstanding Spring Sport Award**—Heath Trabue

**The William “Doc” Freeman Senior Leadership Award**—Erin Baumann

**Harry Ewing Award**—Brady Collins







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Look for this feature to be on our webpage soon.

And follow us on Twitter as well! Just go to:

[www.twitter.com/otterbeinsports](https://www.twitter.com/otterbeinsports).

We hope to hear from you soon!

**Athletic Alumni...Where are You?!**



## Upcoming Events

**Hall of Fame Ceremony**  
Sat., Oct. 3

**Homecoming**  
Sat., Oct. 24  
*"Connecting Otterbein Pride  
One Decade at a Time"*