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## OTTERBEIN ATHLETICS AND THE "O" CLUB

**W**e are happy to include recognition of the Otterbein Athletic Department "O" Club in this newsletter.

The 1955 formation of the "O" Club by several prominent business people was the beginning of a relationship between Otterbein Athletics and

their own vehicles, help coaches with buying equipment, host cookouts for athletes, help administratively with home contests and contributed anyway they could to make the programs better.

As the finances grew and the membership increased, the club assisted with travel vehicles, equipment, formation of the Christmas basketball tournament, stadium rehabilitation, parent participation, banquets, Rike office space and even field construction (the present soccer field).

The aim of the club has always been to assist athletics and the "O" Club has worked behind the scenes to assist all sports. The construction of the football stadium/track area, the construction of the Clements Recreation & Fitness Center, the purchase of the cross country course

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Edwin "Dubbs" Roush (left) and Smokey Ballenger were instrumental in the founding of The "O" Club.

supporters who wanted to assist the programs with contributions of time, effort in projects, finances and recruitment of athletes.

Over the years the club has grown tremendously and the scope of the club has expanded. Club members would drive athletes to contests in

### Interesting "O" Club Facts:

- Established in 1955
- Founded by Edwin "Dubbs" Roush and Francis "Red" Bailey
- Mission: To aid and assist Otterbein College Athletics Dept.
- Membership is open to all persons and businesses who wish to support Otterbein College Athletics



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## MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DICK REYNOLDS

Hello athletic alumni and welcome to the Winter 2010 Athletics Department newsletter.

Happy New Year to all our Athletic Alumni! The fall season has finished with some outstanding success by our teams. Once again, women's soccer and football enjoyed great seasons. Volleyball played their best season in school history and several other sports were successful. We congratulate all of them for their efforts.

As we enter the winter season, we would like to remind you to submit your nominations for our Hall of Fame as soon as you can. Simply go to [www.otterbein.edu/athletics](http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics) and click on Hall of Fame. It is there you will find the nomination forms. While at our site, why not update your personal information for our records by clicking on Alumni Survey. Many have done this and we hope many more of you will complete the online information form. Also, if you have any information relative to the success of some of our alumni, or something for "Where they are now" section of our newsletter, please let us know.

The "O" Club Classic on December 28th and 29th with Capital, Denison and Hanover participating in the men's classic and Denison, Rose-Hulman and Hanover competing in the women's classic went very well. The men won both of their match-ups while the women split.

January will begin our indoor track season with the first meet to be held on Jan. 16 at Capital.

Thank you so much for your continued support and do stop and visit with us when you are back to campus.

- Coach Reynolds

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land and the Rike weight room are all projects that have benefited many of our programs and athletes and have been possible due to strong involvement of "O" Club members.

Appreciation should be given to those who have served on the board for many years. They have done so and continue to do so, with no financial gain and no demand of recognition.

Their time and energies and donations have all been for the benefit of our programs. From those who first established the club—Dubbs Roush, Smokey Ballenger, and Red Bailey being a few—to those who served for so many years in so many capacities, to those who presently work to assist the Athletic Dept., we would like to say thanks. ~ Coach Reynolds



The "O" Club Room in Memorial Stadium is a popular gathering spot for "O" Club members and current and past Otterbein athletes, especially at home football games.

## SMOKEY BALLENGER CLASSIC WRAP-UP

The 30th Annual Smokey Ballenger Classic this past December brought in generous crowds as donations of canned goods were up over last year as were the cash donations benefiting the NCAA sponsored Coaches vs. Cancer program.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.) accepted our donation of 997 pounds of food which will feed 15 families for one week, totaling 1,080 meals! In the past 11 years, our donations to W.A.R. M. have exceeded 13,400 pounds of food.

Total cash donations going to The American Cancer Society this year totaled \$419, bringing our grand total over the past 11 years to over \$8,700. Thank you to all who supported not only our teams but our causes!



Point guard and leading scorer Shea McCoy with Head Coach Connie Richardson



## FALL SPORTS RECAP

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team missed out on the OAC tournament by just one game for the second straight season. Senior forward Matt Beckett finished tied for ninth in the conference with 17 points. Earlier in the season, he earned OAC Player of the Week honors for scoring four goals in a victory over Urbana. The team played in multiple close games this season, as only six of the team's 18 contests were decided by more than one goal.



**Auggie Fisher**

Capital in a thrilling five-game match, OC fell to top-seeded Heidelberg in the semifinals. Sophomore libero Lindsey Russell led the OAC in digs, tallying 780 on the season for an average of 6.7 per game. Both marks set Otterbein single-season records. In addition, Russell and freshman Ally Nagle were selected to the All-OAC second team, and Nagle garnered conference "Freshman of the Year" honors.



**Rayna Coleman**

from junior Andie Pautsch. Her time of 22:31.35 was good enough for first team All-OAC. Senior Nicole Reese and sophomore Nicole Elliot ran their way to a second-team All-OAC finish. At Regionals, the group finished 11<sup>th</sup> behind a 34<sup>th</sup>-place finish from Pautsch, who also earned All-Region honors.

### Football

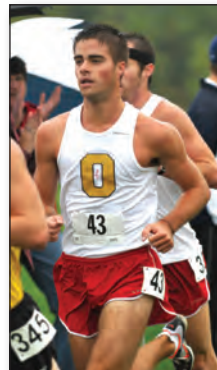
While the Otterbein football team didn't receive a bid to the playoffs this season, the team still tied a school record for wins in a regular season, playing to an 8-2 record. Junior Colton Coy became just the second player in school history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. In addition, Coy, defensive back Chad Woodfork, and wide receiver/return specialist Dan Gendron were all named to the All-OAC first team for the second year in a row.



**Austin Schlosser**

### Men's Cross Country

This fall, the Otterbein men's cross country team ran its way to a fourth-place finish at the OAC Championships, with junior Matt Dixon grabbing second-team All-OAC honors with a 17<sup>th</sup>-place finish. The Cardinals then took eighth at the Regional meet. Junior Chris Fyock and sophomore Tim Williard earned spots on the All-Region team with finishes of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup>, respectively.



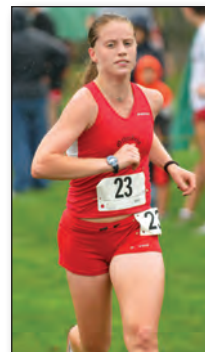
**Tim Williard**

### Volleyball

Picked to finish ninth in the OAC's preseason poll, the volleyball team instead played to the best season in school history, going 24-9 and earning the #4 seed in the league tournament. After defeating cross-town rival;

### Women's Cross Country

Just like the men's cross country team, the Otterbein women's squad also finished fourth at the OAC Championships, led by a sixth place finish



**Andie Pautsch**

## BETH FITZGERALD RECEIVES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S AWARD



Receptionist/Transportation Coordinator, Beth Fitzgerald was presented with the 2009 Athletic Director's Award of Distinction during the pregame activities of the Homecoming game on Saturday, October 24.

This award was created over 11 years ago by Athletic Director Dick Reynolds to publically recognize an individual who often works behind the scene and does not get the recognition they deserve.

Beth was recognized for her dedication to the department and her efforts in coordinating the transportation needs of all sports. In addition Beth provides a smiling face to all visitors and staff alike.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER EARNS FIFTH NCAA APPEARANCE

Clements soccer field saw post-season play once again as the Otterbein College women's soccer team won the title of regular season champions with a win over Capital 3-2. Although the team was missing a couple key players to injury and illness, the team completed a comeback from two goals down that included a tying goal with 1:41 seconds left in regulation and a game-winner with 1:56 left in the second period of overtime.

After beating Capital again four days later in the OAC Semi-Final, the OAC Championship was decided by a match-up between Ohio Northern and the Lady Cardinals. Otterbein led the entire game and won with a score of 2-0. The score matched the 2-0 win over Ohio Northern in the 2008 OAC Final.

For the fifth time in the last six years, the team was awarded a bid to participate in the NCAA Tournament. Otterbein hosted the first and second rounds of the tournament on Sat., Nov. 14 and Sun., Nov. 15th. Saturday, the Cardinals took on Frostburg State University and won with a score of 1-0. Sunday brought on Denison University, and once again the Cardinals proved too much for the Big Red as they won that game 1-0 as well.

The team then traveled to John Hopkins University where they met the top-ranked women of Messiah College in the Sectionals of the NCAA Tournament. Taking on the team that won the 2008 National Championship and averages 26 shots a game while only allowing three shots, the Lady Cards had their work cut out for them. At halftime the game was tied at 0-0 with Messiah only leading in the shot column 3-2. The team took confidence from proving they could play with the number-one team in the country. They created a couple solid scoring opportunities, including one effort that beat the Messiah goalkeeper,

but couldn't get past a defender who cleared the ball off the goal line. After regulation time ended, the teams were still tied at 0-0. It was Amanda Naehrer, however, the DIII Player of the Year, who found a way to break through and end the Otterbein run in the fifth minute of the second overtime period.

The team ended the season tying the OAC best mark of 20 wins set by the 2005 Otterbein team and setting an OAC record of 18 shutouts. The record is five more than any other OAC women's program, four better than the '03, '06, and '08 Otterbein teams and two better than the OAC men's record (set in 1997 and matched in 2002 by the Otterbein men).

The September 23<sup>rd</sup> win over Ohio Wesleyan marked the program's 179<sup>th</sup>

win taking the all-time program record to 179-178-23. For the first time since women's soccer began at Otterbein in 1987, the program had an overall winning record. In 1998 the record stood at 35-134-7 and now stands at 192-179-24. The current Otterbein team has gone 38-4-3 over the past two seasons. The game-winner at Baldwin-Wallace in a 1-0 win also proved to be the program's 600<sup>th</sup> all-time goal.

Academically, Otterbein players have brought home four OAC Academic Awards, three Academic All Region Awards, and two Academic All America Awards. The team has also earned eight All-OAC Awards with All-Ohio, All-Region and All-America still to be announced.



Junior All-OAC midfielder Cristen Herold looks upfield during a contest vs. Mount Union.

Want more sports? [www.otterbein.edu/athletics](http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics)  
Suggestions? [KMazza@otterbein.edu](mailto:KMazza@otterbein.edu)



## EQUESTRIAN TEAM OFF TO GREAT START

Otterbein's Hunt Seat Team is off to a great start this year. Seven riders have already qualified for the Regional Championship horse show, Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>. This year Otterbein will have the home team advantage. Finally, after 20+ years of participating in Regionals, we get to ride our own horses!

### Congratulations Regional Qualifiers:

Walk, Trot, Canter Division: Polina Krasnovsky, Lauren Pytko

Novice Flat Division: Kelsey Barker, Heather Crather, Catherine Mueller, Tenley Struhs

Novice Fences: Rebecca Gross



Above: Otterbein College Hunt Seat Team displays their ribbons after a Wilmington College IHSA horse show. Left: Sophomore Annie Garrett competes on an Otterbein school horse, Rudy.

## IHSA Winter Schedule 2010

### • University of Findlay IHSA

University of Findlay  
Sunday, February 14 at 8:00am

### • Otterbein IHSA Horse Shows

Otterbein College  
Saturday, February 27 at 9:00am

### • IHSA Zone 6 Region 3 Regional Championship

Otterbein College  
Saturday, March 13 at 8:00am

### • Zone 6 Championship Horse Show

TBA  
Sunday, April 11 at 8:00am

### • ANRC Championships

Sweet Briar College  
Friday, April 16 at 7:00am

## IDA Winter/Spring Schedule 2010

### • University of Findlay

Saturday, February 20

### • University of Kentucky

Sunday, February 28

### • Otterbein College

TBA

### • IDA National; Saint Andrews Presbyterian College

April 24-25

## CONDOLENCES

Todd D. Pontius, class of 1986 and former member of the 1982-83 baseball team, passed away suddenly Friday, November 13.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.



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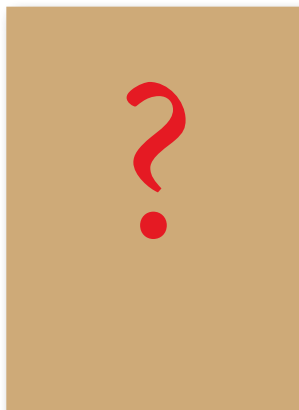
With the second class of the Otterbein Hall of Fame just inducted this past fall, we are looking forward to inducting our third class. Please submit your nominations by going to [www.otterbein.edu/athletics](http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics) and clicking on "Hall of Fame."



Elaine Gonya '92  
Inaugural Class of 2008



Harold Augspurger '41  
Class of 2009



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Class of 2010

