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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

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Seasons of Love

**The 2007-08 Freshman Musical
Theatre Presentation**

Directed by Dennis Davenport

**Sunday March 16, 2008
7:00 PM**

Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center

**Admission \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students)
Please pay at the door
Refreshments will be served**



A Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space Event



Picture by Sarah Small

Jonathan Mooney Presents: **The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal**

**Join in the Celebration of the
50th Anniversary of
National Library Week!
Sunday April 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM
Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts**

- There is no charge to attend -

Jonathan is founder and President of Project Eye-To-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. With the publication of *Learning Outside The Lines* (now in its 14th printing) when he was 23, Jonathan has established himself as one of the foremost leaders in LD/ADHD, disabilities, and alternative education. His second book, *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal*, is a memoir, published by Henry Holt in June, 2007. Lauded as “a heartfelt rebuke to the rigid definitions of normality,” by Kirkus Review, the book is Jonathan’s journey across the United States, in a converted short school bus, as he seeks to celebrate cognitive and physical diversity through profiles of people who have been labeled abnormal their entire lives. His work on behalf of students with disabilities was recognized by the LD Access Foundation in 2003 when he was awarded the Golden Advocacy award. Jonathan has been featured and quoted in The New York Times, USA Today, NPR, ABC News, New York Magazine, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and numerous other local and regional papers in the cities, states, and countries where Jonathan has traveled.

The Erin McKenzie events are proudly co-sponsored by the Friends of the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library in connection with the Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space and Ohio TASH—promoting equity, opportunity, and inclusion for people with disabilities.

For more information visit: www.jonathanmooney.com

Thank You to Ohio TASH

Thank you to Ohio TASH and to Barbara McKenzie and Candee Basford for their hard work in bringing Jonathan Mooney to Otterbein College for a Friends of the Library event. Ohio TASH has co-sponsored our three Erin McKenzie virtual welcoming space events and without their help and financial support, these events could not have occurred. We appreciate their efforts.

Ohio Tash (<http://www.ohiotash.org/>) is a statewide association of members working to develop communities that value and welcome all their members. They wish to take part in building joyful, life-sharing communities that grow from the high expectations that we, as community members, have of ourselves and each other. All of Ohio's communities must grow to include or re-include some who are now missing from our towns, schools, and lives.

The Ohio TASH mission includes:

- Strengthening Voices: our own and those people whose voices have never been heard or have not been heard for a long time.
- Convening Conversations: among colleagues and fellow-citizens so that we can learn from, help, and sustain each other through the hard and focused work of community building and change.
- Reviewing and renewing what we "know so far" about helping people who desire or need it - whether for one person (individual change), or for many (systematic change); and
- Being curators and sharers of the stories of our fellow community members; of our history and collective experience as a culture.

Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space

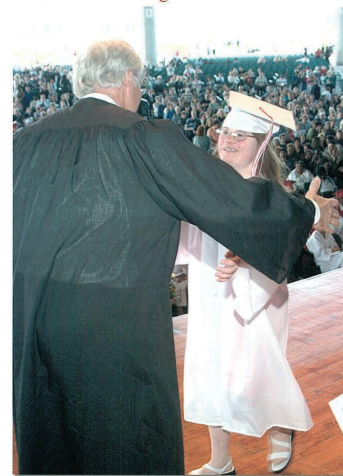
In honor of Erin McKenzie, the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library has created a virtual welcoming space on the Library homepage at the web-address: <http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/ErinMcKenzie/Index.htm> or you can access it by going to <http://library.otterbein.edu>.

The Virtual Welcoming Space is a website to promote learning, discovery, and to confirm and challenge old notions with new ones. It pulls together materials in a variety of formats, on a variety of subjects, that can be easily located and used. Links to materials purchased in Erin's memory are included. Erin McKenzie's life mirrored the lofty goals of this virtual space.

Join the conversation by adding messages to the Erin McKenzie blog.

Erin McKenzie
(August 9, 1984 -
August 24, 2004)

Westerville South High School Commencement



Class of 2004, June 5th, Germain Amphitheater

Did you Know?

Friend -- **1.** A person whom one knows, likes, and trusts. **2.** A person whom one knows; an acquaintance. **3.** A person with whom one is allied in a struggle or cause; a comrade. **4.** One who supports, sympathizes with, or patronizes a group, cause, or movement: *friends of the clean air movement.*

The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition. 2000.

Thank you for being a true Friend!

Nominations Report

The FOL Nominations Committee (Mary Pat Knight, Joanne Van Sant, Nancy J. Smith, Lois Szudy and Margaret Trent) met on January 17, 2008. The following slate will be put before the membership on March 16, 2008 (immediately following the Musical Theatre production) for a vote:

FOL Board

The Slate of Officers for 2008 - 2010 includes:

President - Margaret Trent
 Vice President - Nancy J. Smith
 Secretary - Judy Christian
 Treasurer - Lois Szudy
 At-Large Members - James Bailey & Barbara McKenzie

FOL Council

Appointments (no vote required):

Program Committee: Mary Pat Knight, Pat Kessler, Petie Dodrill and Jim Bailey
 Membership Committee: Jane Horn, Liz Allen and Gary Tirey
 Publicity Committee: Nancy J. Smith, Becky O'Neil and Barb McKenzie
 Oral History Committee: Joanne Van Sant, Stephen Grinch, Lois Szudy, Gary Tirey, and Margaret Trent

Paul Bierley honored by New Sousa Band

On February 6 during a New Sousa Band performance held at Ohio State University's Wiegel Hall, Paul Bierley was honored for his life long work researching and publishing information about John Philip Sousa. Bierley, a 81-year-old Westerville resident and member of the Friends of the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library is the world's leading expert on Sousa. He has spent the last 45 years researching the famous American military composer who lived from 1854 to 1932.

According to an front page article published in the *Westerville News and Public Opinion*, Bierley first heard Sousa when he was 10 years old and again when he was in high school. Bierley continued his fascination with Sousa and began collecting all things Sousa, including records for 5 or 10 cents from area stores. He indicates, "I thought some day somebody would write a book and tell me about these titles [such as

King Cotton and *Fairest of the Fair*] and where they came from. ... Little did I know that I was going to be the guy to do that." Bierley has published several books and articles about Sousa and is currently working on a definitive photo book of Sousa. In addition to the recognition at the New Sousa Band concert, Bierley also was honored Feb. 7 in Cincinnati by the Ohio Music Education Association. The proclamation stated that Bierley, "opened the window to the past for a new generation of band enthusiasts, performers and listeners." Bierley said it feels wonderful to be recognized for work that spans four decades, but the music itself is rewarding.

Liebendorfer, B. (2008, Feb. 20). Paul Bierley honored by New Sousa Band. *Westerville News & Public Opinion*, 140 (36): 1-2.

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 Oral History Project - Joanne Van Sant

2007-2008 Common Book Author Returns

Helena Maria Viramontes
May 8th at 7:30pm
Courtright Memorial Library

Mark your calendars now to come hear this year's Common Book author, Helena Maria Viramontes on May 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm on the 2nd floor of the Courtright Memorial Library. This annual friends event, normally held in the fall, has this year been moved to the spring term.

We hope you will come and bring your friends to listen to this fascinating speaker. It will be a great opportunity for book clubs to join us. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at this event and she is very willing to autograph her books for you.

Visit www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmhome.htm for more information about the Common Book.



Mary Ann Burnam, Kate Porubcansky & Lois Szudy

Information About the Author



Picture by Marion Ettlinger

Helena Maria Viramontes was born in 1954 in East Los Angeles, California, where her parents were migrant workers. She started writing while attending college and won numerous awards for her work. In 1981 Viramontes began her studies for the Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing program at the University of California at Irvine.

The major themes of her stories can be traced to her childhood experiences as she grew up in East Los Angeles. Also, the work of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers influenced her life and her art. In 1995 Viramontes' powerful novel, *Under the Feet of Jesus*, was

published. She dedicated this work to the memory of Cesar Chavez and her parents who met while they labored in the fields of California.

Ms. Viramontes has won a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts to collaborate on a workshop with Gabriel Garcia Marquez at the Sundance Institute. Also, her work has appeared in the anthology, *Cuentos*, and in 1985 her book, *The Moths and Other Stories*, was published. In 1993 she began to teach creative writing at Cornell University where she is presently an Assistant Professor of English.

A Farewell to Friends Lost

Helen Quackenbush

Helen, age 86, a life long resident of Westerville passed away Monday, February 25, 2008 at St. Ann's Hospital. Preceded in death by parents Louis and Nellie Quackenbush and brother Eugene. Helen is survived by her sister Charlene (Chuck) McLeod; nieces and nephews, Tom (Maria) Quackenbush, Michael (Deb) McLeod, Mark (Terry) McLeod, Victoria (George) Pettit; grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces, and great grandnephews; many close and dear friends.

Helen attended Otterbein College for the 1939-1940 academic year. She enjoyed writing (particularly poetry) and was a self taught pianist, who composed her own music. She loved playing Bridge, Scrabble and Dominoes with family and friends. Helen will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

The Columbus Dispatch (February 27, 2008)



A Modern Maiden's Prayer by Helen Quackenbush

Give me the beauty of Hedy La Marr,
The voice of the famed Alice Faye,
Give me ten fingers, possessing the strength
Rachmaninoff's prelude to play.

Give me the wealth of the Vanderbilt clan,
The power of Father Divine,
Give me the intelligence, wisdom and brains,
Make me a female Einstein.

Give me the dancing career of Miss Rand,
(Don't bother to give me the fan,)
Give me that "something" of Edward Sixth's wife,
So I, too, can capture my man.

Give me the talent of Eleanor R.,
A column as good as "My Day",
And for taking the trouble to scribble these lines,
Professor, please give me an "A".

Quiz & Quill, Spring 1940, p. 14

Love ... Or Not



A big thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful production and who attended the event on Sunday February 10th. Fun was definitely had by all!

Love ... Or Not was written by Jim Bailey and Pat Kessler; directed by Pat Kessler; and acted by Stephen Grinch (as Cupid), Petie Dodrill (as Dorothy Parker) and the cast of Jim Bailey, Candy Canzoneri, Pat Kessler, John Ludlum, Mary Pat Knight, and Carolyn Williams. Choreography by Mary Pat Knight, Light and sound by Mark Peters and Costumes by Petie Dodrill and Marcia Hain. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Library Board.





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