SUMMER BUSY FOR ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

When students head home to family and summer jobs, the Athletic Department gets ready for a full season of summer camps for youth and high school students.

This year Otterbein hosted Ohio's first Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp, which brought Ohio State Head Coach Jim Tressel and almost 400 high school student-athletes to campus on June 27, raising more than $20,000 for pediatric brain tumor research.

All proceeds from the camp benefit Lauren's First and Goal Foundation, which provides financial support for brain tumor research and cancer services, offers financial and emotional support to families living with pediatric cancer and increases awareness of the disease.

“Having worked previously on the East Coast, I knew about Lauren's First and Goal, about how big it had grown and what it stood for,” said Otterbein head football coach Joe Loth. “It was a great privilege for our school and coaching staff to host this event at Otterbein.”

The one-day football camp welcomed players from 190 different high schools and nine states for a day of offensive and defensive instruction from more than 75 volunteer college coaches. In addition, Coach Tressel was the featured guest speaker. He also spent time visiting with several pediatric oncology patients from Nationwide Children's Hospital and their families.

“The community at Otterbein College, especially Coach (Joe) Loth and Coach (Allan) Moore, were tremendous and went out of their way to help make this camp a success in its first year,” said John Loose, who created Lauren's First and Goal Foundation in honor of his 13-year-old daughter Lauren, a pediatric brain tumor survivor.

The first annual camp was well attended and is projected to double in size next summer. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.laurensfirstandgoal.org.

Elementary school students also took advantage of the summer to participate in athletic camps hosted by Otterbein coaches from a variety of sports.
MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
DICK REYNOLDS

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

How things change. The quiet campus of many years ago during the summer seems to have gone by the wayside. We thought it would be of interest to you to recap what actually does go on during the summer.

In addition to the things stated in our lead article, we are constantly getting ready for the fall. This is the last year we will be on quarters, so next summer will have us hustling to get ready for the school year in late August, not mid September.

The repair of our fields, equipment organization, facility preparation and all the other things that the staff and university must do for the coming school year will be moved up on the calendar.

Once again, we would like to encourage you to identify yourself and your athletic career online for our historical records. If you know of someone from your era that should be considered for the Hall of Fame, please let us know. Our alumni groups, the "O Club" and the Athletic Department are always interested in your suggestions for better communication and programs that we might investigate.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and again, thanks so much for your support of all our athletes and programs.

~ Coach Reynolds

A four-day youth football day camp brought over 60 children to campus to learn the basic fundamentals of the game and work with Otterbein coaches and current players.

Nike Basketball Camps for boys and girls ages 8-17 broke attendance records this year, with 27 teams participating in the shoot-out and 110 children enrolling in resident camps. Other basketball shoot-outs in June and July gave local teams the opportunity to play against their competitors. College-level women also came to campus for the Toni Roush Basketball League, which hosted 12 teams with an average of 12-14 players per team.

Resident volleyball camps and one-day clinics in July gave girls the opportunity to hone their volleyball skills under college coaches and players, as well as make long-lasting friendships with fellow campers.

Fishbaugh Field brought baseball players and fans to campus in July as Otterbein hosted games as part of the Buckeye Elite Showcase Tournament. Teams from all over the Ohio participated in this four-day event.

Otterbein’s new Summer Camps program also hosted youth camps in equine riding, computer science, creative writing, theatre design tech and music and visual arts. Camps using Otterbein’s facilities this summer included music, cheerleading and choir.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Brittney Rings, senior member of the women’s tennis team, was named OAC Player of the Year. Brittney is the first woman from Otterbein to receive this honor.

Women’s Tennis surpassed the single-season record of 15 wins with an overall 2009-10 record of 19 wins.

Carly Dent, senior member of the women’s soccer team, and Brian Hiscox, senior member of the baseball team, were selected 2010 Clyde Lamb Award Recipients.

Brian Hiscox, senior member of the baseball team, earned his second consecutive Academic All-America selection.

Casey Claridge, junior member of the softball team, was awarded second team All-Region by The National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Men’s and Women’s Golf Teams both advance to the NCAA tournaments. This was the third consecutive year for the women’s team and the second consecutive appearance by the men’s team.

Catherine Brunoehler, junior member of the women’s golf team, earned third team Academic All-America honors.
OTTERBEIN EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Otterbein equestrians rounded out a successful year this spring with stellar performances at the first Delaware Show Series hunter/jumper show. In the jumper division, Lauren McDowell earned the championship ribbon on Otterbein’s Rudy. Lauren Kopas came in reserve with Otterbein’s Kenny. Results in the Otterbein sponsored medal class include Lauren Pytka, third place on Otterbein’s Devon, and Lauren McDowell, fourth place on Rudy. Katie Knights was a stand-out in the hunter division, receiving two first-place ribbons on Otterbein’s Moose.

Otterbein’s event riders performed skillfully at the Greater Dayton Horse Trials. Lauren Sweezy received a first-place ribbon on Otterbein’s Ted in the starter division; Colleen Grant earned second on her own horse, Parker, in the starter division; and Anna Beckman received third on Otterbein’s Regal in the beginner novice division.

The final schedule for the 2010-2011 show season has not yet been finalized. However, Otterbein will be hosting two IHSA horse shows on Feb. 26 and 27, 2011. Otterbein is also the host school for the 2011 IHSA Zone Championship Horse on April 9, 2011.

Sophomore Jacqueline Farrell leads Otterbein horse Ted through the new Equine Center, which opened at the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year. Ted helped Lauren Sweezy to a first place ribbon at the Greater Dayton Horse Trials.

THIRD CLASS TO BE INDUCTED INTO OTTERBEIN HALL OF FAME

Otterbein University will honor its third set of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 2. Activities for the day include brunch for inductees and special guests, the induction ceremony and VIP seating at the football game against John Carroll. This year’s inductees are:

- Larry Cline ’61
- Allison Hoolihan Hays ’04
- Ron Jones ’61
- Fred Martinelli ’51
- Roger Retherford ’76
- Ron Stewart ’83
- Curt Tong ’56
- Frank Truitt ’50
- Carroll Widdoes ’26 (posthumously)
- 2002 Men’s Basketball Team

Watch for detailed information in our fall newsletter due out in September!

The 2002 National Championship basketball team
Join us on Saturday, Oct. 23, as we welcome everyone back for Homecoming! This year our special guests will be All Americans invited back to be recognized at half-time. We will be playing Muskingum University.

Hall of Fame, October 2
Homecoming, October 23

Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni for a schedule of Homecoming events.