Some people may think that all there is to athletic training is ice and tape. The faculty and students in Otterbein’s nationally-accredited athletic training program know better. Otterbein’s program features a rigorous combination of classroom instruction and clinical experience. The athletic training major at Otterbein includes instruction in 12 different content areas and over 1,200 clinical skills. The content areas include Anatomy and Physiology, Kinesiology, Extremity Injury Evaluation, Therapeutic Modalities, Rehabilitation Techniques, Organization and Administration, Psychosocial issues, General Medical Conditions, Nutrition, Exercise Physiology and Strength and Conditioning Techniques.

Students gain valuable experience treating fellow students as members of our athletic training staff. The staff, which includes 70 students, five full-time certified athletic trainers, two physical therapists, and three team physicians, provides high-quality health care to Otterbein’s student athletes in our top-notch facilities. Athletic training students also can complete up to three of their six required clinical rotations off-campus through established partnerships with OhioHealth, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Wesleyan University, the Columbus Crew, ten high schools and six clinically-based settings. Each clinical opportunity provides our students with experiential learning and networking opportunities.

The athletic training program also features a yearlong research course requirement that culminates in a professional presentation. On top of those activities, our students represent the program at the national, state and local professional meetings; participate in community-service activities such as volunteering at the Ronald McDonald house; and provide medical care at the annual Columbus Marathon and Cap City Half Marathon.

Next time you are watching an athletic event at Otterbein and you see an injured athlete being treated or perhaps one returning from an injury, you can rest assured that they have received first-rate medical care at Otterbein!

Article submitted by: Dr. Joan Rocks, Athletic Training Program Director, Chair, Dept. of Health and Sport Sciences
MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
DICK REYNOLDS

Welcome to the fall edition of the Otterbein University Athletics Department newsletter.

In this issue, we are proud to feature our athletic training major in the Department of Health and Sport Science. This program was a catalyst in the creation of the Freeman Sports Medicine facility and the Clements Recreation and Fitness Center. With outstanding facilities and staff, the program has grown tremendously in reputation, student enrollment, and service, as this year we provide health-care to over 550 athletes in all sports.

We have inducted another outstanding class into the Athletic Hall of Fame for 2010, and continue to encourage you to submit your nominations for future classes. In addition, please join many others who have completed their athletic histories online, so that we can continue to compile the most accurate and up-to-date information on our alumni.

We welcome you to visit our staff and facilities when you come to campus and as always, we thank you for your support!

~ Coach Reynolds

2010 HALL OF FAME CLASS INDUCTED

On Saturday, Oct. 2, Otterbein Athletics honored the 2010 inductees into the Otterbein University Athletics Hall of Fame. Inductees and their family members were invited to attend a pre-football game brunch, hosted by the Athletics Department in the Campus Center.

The Athletic Department congratulates the members of this year’s class:

Larry Cline ‘62
Allison Hoolihan Hays ‘04
Roger Retherford ‘76
Ron Jones ‘61
Frank Truitt ‘50
Fred Martinelli ‘51
Kyle Tong accepting for his father, Curt Tong ‘56

2001-2002 Basketball Team
The family of Carol Widdoes ‘26

We encourage you to take time to visit the Hall of Fame, located in the corridor connecting the Rike Center and the Clements Recreation and Fitness Center, to view all our inductees.

For bios of all the inductees, go to: http://www.otterbeincardinals.com/hof.aspx

Nominations for the 2011 Otterbein University Athletics Department Hall of Fame can be submitted any time prior to June 1 of the induction year! Please log on to www.otterbeincardinals.com/hof.aspx to obtain the nomination form.
OTTERBEIN HIRES HEAD COACHES FOR GOLF, CROSS COUNTRY

Matt Cooperrider ’06 has been named the new head golf coach for the men’s program. Cooperrider has been a design coordinator at West-Camp Press, Inc., in Westerville since 2008. He also serves as a caddy at the Double Eagle Golf Club in Galena. As a student-athlete at Otterbein, Cooperrider earned four varsity letters in men’s golf. He was a part of four Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship teams, earning All-OAC honors three times in his career. He played in two NCAA Division III tournaments, earning All-America honors twice. Cooperrider served as assistant men’s golf coach at Otterbein from 2008 to 2009. He coached the 2009 team at the NCAA tournament, guiding five players who were making their first appearance at the NCAA’s to a 13th-place finish.

Brenda Buffington has begun her first season as head women’s cross country coach. Buffington, a 1980 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, brings over 24 years of coaching experience to her new position. Prior to coming to Otterbein, she served as head girls’ track and field coach at Olentangy Liberty High School from 2005 to 2010. Buffington, who is working on her doctorate in education, serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Health and Sports Sciences at Otterbein. She also teaches in the Departments of Biological Physical Sciences and Sport and Exercise Studies at Columbus State Community College. While at the University of Pittsburgh, Buffington ran cross country and track all four years, serving as co-captain for both teams her senior season. She held school records in the 800 and 1500. After earning her master’s degree from West Virginia University in 1987, she taught and coached at The Linsly School in Wheeling, WV, from 1987 to 2003.

Scott Alpeter ’86 has begun his first season as the head men’s cross country coach. Alpeter also serves as director of operations for Ohio Right-to-Life. As a student at Otterbein, Alpeter ran cross country and track for four years, earning All-America honors in the steeplechase in 1986. He still holds the school record in the steeplechase (9:02.41), and sits third all-time in both the 10,000 (31:07) and 5,000 (14:34.4). He won Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) titles in the outdoor 5,000 in 1984, indoor 5,000 in 1985, and steeplechase in 1986. Alpeter also earned all-conference honors three times in cross country, winning both the OAC and NCAA D-III Great Lakes Regional in 1985. Alpeter helped lead Otterbein to six OAC titles and four second-place finishes in men’s cross country while serving as an assistant (1986-95). He served as assistant girls’ cross country coach at Hilliard Darby High School from 2004 to 2007.

Chad Bucci has been named the new head golf coach for the women’s team. Bucci, a 1991 graduate of Malone University, brings over 19 years of professional golf experience to his new position, including participation in numerous tournaments. A class A-1 member of the PGA, Bucci is the general manager and director of golf at the Marion Country Club. Prior positions include: head golf professional at the NCR Country Club in Dayton (2008-2010); general manager and director of golf at the Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City (2006-08); general manager of The Medallion Club in Westerville (2001-06); and assistant golf professional at The Lakes Golf & Country Club in Westerville (2000-02). While at Malone University, Bucci was a member of the varsity golf team for four seasons, winning an NAIA district title his senior season. He was the first golfer at Malone to play in the national tournament all four years.

OTTERBEIN EQUESTRIAN NEWS

submitted by Lucy Cryan

Otterbein’s Equestrian Team is looking strong this year with many new riders on board. Over 40 members strong, the hunter riders are competing in a newly formed region this fall. Team members will travel to Miami University, Ohio University, and Ohio State University. Dressage riders hosted the first regional competition at Otterbein’s Center for Equine Studies on Nov. 6, followed by a competition at the University of Findlay on Nov. 13. Eventers will be ready to show this spring with several student-owned horses training for the 2011 season. Please check out the Otterbein Equestrian Team Facebook page for the competition calendar and photos of our horses and riders: http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=104243333655&type=ts

• Otterbein to host Hunt Seat High School Show
• IEA Hunt Seat High School Show Otterbein December 4
• IHSA February 26 and 27
2010-11 MEN AND WOMEN BASKETBALL SEASON

Ticket prices remain the same but the schedule changes! Please note that men and women will play on the same day at home on five occasions! That means one ticket for two games! Join us in the Rike Center on the following days to cheer on both teams!

Sat. Dec. 4 vs Mt. Union, Women at 5:00 PM, Men at 7:00 PM
Sat. Dec. 18 vs. John Carroll, Women at 5:00 PM, Men at 7:00 PM
Sat. Jan. 15 vs. Wilmington, Women at 5:00 PM, Men at 7:00 PM
Sat. Jan. 29 vs. Marietta, Women at 5:00 PM, Men at 7:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 12 vs. Muskingum, Women at 5:00 PM, Men at 7:00 PM

31st ANNUAL SMOKEY BALLINGER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 28 & Wednesday, Dec. 29
Men's Games for both days 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Women's Games for both days 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE WITH CANNED FOOD OR CASH DONATION!

Check out our new website at www.otterbeincardinals.com