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# THE VIDA S. CLEMENTS FOUNDATION AND ITS TIES TO OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

any students who have walked the grounds of Otterbein have no doubt

heard the names Clements House, Clements Hall and the Clements Recreation

& Fitness Center, but do they know of the rich history of the Clements family? Do they realize the family was one of the most generous benefactors in Otterbein's history?

The Vida S. Clements
Foundation was
established in 1966 by
Mrs. Clements, a little
more than a year before
her death. Mrs. Clements
graduated from Otterbein in 1901,
and married Frank O. Clements,
class of 1898. Mr. Clements was
a native of Westerville who lived

a native of Westerville who lived in one of the houses eventually demolished to make way for what is now the Campus Center. He went on to have a very successful career as a research chemist and businessman. Mr. Clements joined Otterbein's board of trustees in 1919 and served as its chairman for nearly 11 years. Mrs. Clements joined the board in 1945 and served until her death in 1968.

In 1939, the Clements built their personal residence on West Street which was designed to meet Mr.

Clements' specifications by architects and engineers Harley & Ellington in Detroit. *The Westerville Public Opinion* called it "one of the grandest

(houses) built in the history of the city" in a Nov. 4, 1973, article. This home, now referred to as Clements House, was offered by the Foundation to Otterbein as the residence for the 1971 incoming Otterbein president, Thomas J. Kerr IV. Dr. Kerr retired in 1984 at which time Dr. C. Brent DeVore became president. Dr. DeVore and current president, Dr. Kathy Krendl has both called

the Clements House home while serving at Otterbein.

The Clements' record of generosity during their lifetimes accounts for the women's residence hall known as Clements Hall. Situated on Home Street, this dormitory was built in 1956 and has seen well over 4,500 young women call it their home away from home.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Clements Recreation & Fitness Center was held on May 19, 2001. The \$9.5 million project was kicked off with an initial lead gift of \$3.5 million to the university from the Vida S. Clements Foundation. In addition, a core gift of \$500,000 from the Freeman family in



Vida S. Clements class of 1901

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Message from Athletic Director Dick Reynolds

Hello Alumni: This summer is going to be short. As most of you know, we will be going to the semester calendar this year and



no longer will have quarters. Classes in the fall start Aug. 29. Next year we will be out of school by the middle of May and back in session the end of August.

We wanted to recognize The Clements Foundation in this edition of our newsletter. Over the years, The Clements Foundation has assisted the Athletic Department in many ways. Facility construction has been one of those areas. The soccer field, Memorial Stadium and The Clements Recreation Center have all been supported by the Foundation. We are very appreciative.

Our Hall of Fame class will be announced soon and as always, we are excited to have the members inducted this fall. Please continue with your nominations.

The spring was successful and we look forward to the fall. Again, thanks so much for your support of the University and our department.





The Clements Recreation and Fitness Center opened in October 2002.

continued from page 1 honor and memory of Ida and Harold Freeman and John and Margaret Freeman was received. The 17-month construction project was completed and the facility was dedicated on Oct. 18, 2002.

In addition, the construction of the new Memorial Stadium in 2005 and new uniforms for the Cardinal Marching Band were made possible, in part, by donations from the Vida S. Clements Foundation.

The Clements Foundation, as it is known today, is comprised of the following individuals who serve as board members of the Foundation: H. William Troop '50 (chairman), Dr. William N. Freeman '57, Alan E. Norris '57, Dr. Bud Yoest '53, Dave Lehman '70, Bruce Bailey and most recently, the late Dubbs Roush '47. Members of the Foundation meet on a regular basis to review the needs of the University and discuss whether those needs are within keeping of the wishes of Mrs. Clements, as directed in a statement written by Mrs. Clements. In addition to reviewing capital improvements, the foundation also reviews recommendations for

The Clements Foundation helped provide new band uniforms for the marching band.

academic scholarship funding and makes academic scholarships available to many students. While the foundation has provided athletic support as evidenced above, the foundation also provides assistance to other areas of the University that are not athletic related.

Through the generous donations of the Vida S. Clements Foundation, many lives at Otterbein have been greatly enhanced. Most everyone



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#### SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

Despite an especially rainy spring in Ohio, Otterbein's spring athletic teams managed to get in all their competitions and then some.

Softball concluded a record season 23-15 capping an impressive turnaround from the team's 7-27 mark one year ago. Junior Casey Clarridge received recognition as Capital One Academic All-America Second Team.

Highlights for the 2011 baseball team include a game against Case Western at Progressive Field (the Cleveland Indians home ballpark), a 4-3 win over 3-time defending OAC Champion Heidelberg University, a victory at Division I University of Cincinnati, a third best team ERA in program history of 4.12, and the pitching staff recording the lowest number of walks (96) in a season in program history. In addition, Wes Meadows, sophomore catcher from Marion/Ridgedale was named to the ABCA All-Mideast Region Second Team.

The women's tennis team is proud to share that freshman Julie Stroyne was named OAC Player of the Year for 2011. Julie was 18-13 at No. 1 singles and 19-4 in first doubles.

The men's golf team under first year head coach, Matt Cooperrider, took the title of OAC Regular Season Champions and look forward to a strong season next spring.



**Casey Clarridge** 

Junior hurdler Samie Corbin, from Pickerington North High School, was named to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-District IV First Team. Samie was named the OAC Champion in both the 100M hurdles and 400M hurdles. She qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships where she finished 10th in the 400M hurdles and 18th in the 100M hurdles.

Junior hurdler Austin Curbow placed 10th in the 110M hurdles at the NCAA Div. III Championships with a time of 14.65.

The men's tennis season went very well

as they concluded OAC play at 7-2 and were seeded third going into tournament play. Coach Anderson bet his team they could not finish within the top three in OAC play, but lost his bet with the team and had to shave off his mustache he's had for over 20 years!



**David Cydrus** 

The men's lacrosse program continues to grow both in terms of roster size and winning percentage. With a starting roster of 50 players this year compared to 23 in its inaugural year, the program has developed more quickly than anticipated. Their winning percentages improved as well with the 2011 season, concluding with a 7-10 record for .412 winning percentage compared to the 2010 season of 4-11, .267.

The women's golf season ended with a runner-up spot in the OAC Championship Tournament. Senior Catherine Brunoehler captured medalist honors marking the third straight year an Otterbein player has won the individual crown.

#### **Senior Awards**

Clyde Lamb recipients for the 2010-11 year were seniors Nathan Edick, men's basketball, and Tara Carter, women's soccer. Both were recognized at the OAC Awards Dinner held on May 16 in Columbus.

Other senior awards given out at the senior recognition luncheon on June 6 were:

Nancy Myers Norris Scholastic Award / Tara Carter and Jenny Knox, Women's Soccer

Dr. Joanne Van Sant Leadership Award / Rayna Coleman, Volleyball

**Dr. Marilyn Day Athletic Scholarship Award /** Sarah Petraitis, Women's
Track & Field

**Dr. Jo Ann Tyler Spring Sport Award /** Catherine Brunoehler, Women's Golf

Dorothy McVay Outstanding Athlete Award / Megan Studebaker, Softball

"Deke" Elder Memorial Athletic Award / Alan Kavanaugh, Men's Basketball

Harry W. Ewing Outstanding Football
Award / Chaz Horsley

Roger K. Powell Athletics/Scholastic Award / Josh Coleman, Baseball

Norris-Elliot Scholastic/Athletic Award / Chris Fyock, Men's Track & Field/Cross Country

Augsburger-Ballenger Outstanding
Athlete / Colton Coy, Football

Royal F. Martin Outstanding Spring Sport Award / Ben Adams, Men's Golf

William "Doc" Freeman Senior Leadership / Brad Muse, Athletic Trainer Cardinal Athletics 4

# OTTERBEIN EQUESTRIAN TEAM RIDES TO TOP HONORS

#### Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Riders

Otterbein was honored to have four riders qualify for the first Zone Championship Horse Show hosted by Otterbein University. After a brief welcoming ceremony by President Krendl, Otterbein fans cheered on their riders as they competed against riders from 55 participating colleges and universities. Representing Otterbein was junior Heather Crather,



junior Tenley Struhs, sophomore Jillian Blades, and freshman Jane Sarosy. Though all put in good solid rides, only one rider was chosen to advance to the National Finals in Lexington, Kentucky. Freshman Jane Sarosy competed at nationals and received 10th place in the Novice Over Fences division.

# Intercollegiate Dressage Association Riders

After being chosen as the wildcard team from our region, Otterbein's dressage riders came in third at the IDA National Championship horse show in Florida. Four riders represented our team riding stellar tests: Junior Colleen Grant received first place, junior Emma Heald fourth, junior Annie Garrett eighth and sophomore Anna Beckman 11th.

Left: Freshman Jane Sarosy competed in Nationals and received 10th place in the Novice Over Fences division. Below: Kelsie Bricker on Lee, Lindsay Paulsen on Kat, and coach Kari Briggs at Winona Horse Trials this spring.



Anna Beckman also received fifth place in the Individual Introductory division. While attending nationals, Otterbein also was honored with the sportsmanship award. The participating riders and teams voted for the team that exemplified good sportsmanship, awarding the trophy to Otterbein.

#### **Eventing Riders**

**Spring Bay, Kentucky**-Freshman Kelsie Bricker received first place on Otterbein's Lee.

**Winona, OH-**Kelsie Bricker received a first place, junior Emma Heald received first place, freshman Lindsay Paulsen received second place, and sophomore Anna Beckman received fourth place.

**Greater Dayton, OH**-Kelsie Bricker received first place and junior Katie Kaiser received fourth place on Otterbein's Cisco.

#### **Hunters, Equitation and Jumpers**

Windfall-Freshman Hannah Gorman received first, second, third and fourth place, resulting in Reserve Champion Child/Adult Jumpers. Sophomore Mae Krause on Otterbein's Eve received first, two seconds, and third place. Sophomore Annie Hankins received second and two third-place finishes.

**Country Heir-**Annie Hankins received first place and Mae Krause received second and two third places.

**Delaware Showtime Spring Classic-**

Junior Katie Knights on Otterbein's Moose received first, second, third and fifth in the Otterbein-sponsored medal class. Senior Emily Brediger

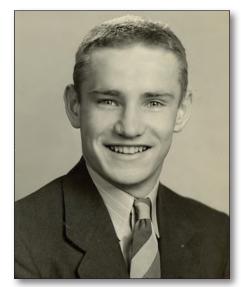
medal class. Senior Emily Brediger on Otterbein's Trip received two firsts and five seconds, resulting in two championships (hunter and equitation). Vol. 5, Issue 3 5

#### OTTERBEIN SAYS FAREWELL TO A FRIEND AND CHAMPION

Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush '47 passed away June 8, 2011. Dubbs was a beloved friend of Otterbein and touched many of its alumni.

A native of central Ohio, Dubbs grew up on a farm near Gahanna, Ohio. Following graduation from Gahanna Lincoln High School, Dubbs entered Otterbein University as a freshman in the fall of 1940 to play football under Coach Sam Selby. Dubbs and teammate Francis "Red" Bailey '43 co-captained the 1942 football team before leaving to join the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Dubbs served for three years, three months, and three days. After his honorable discharge, Dubbs married his college sweetheart, Marilou Harold '45, and re-enrolled in Otterbein. In the fall of 1946 he was the co-captain and quarterback of the football team, leading his teammates to an undefeated conference season and the conference championship, the first in Otterbein's history. Dubbs graduated from Otterbein in its Centennial Year and would spend the rest of his life promoting and serving his alma mater and Otterbein athletics.



Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47

Following one year as a professional football player in Detroit, he accepted a position at Columbus North High School to teach and coach, then returned to Gahanna to teach and coach the 1950 Franklin County championship football team.

Dubbs left his career in education in 1951 to become a successful businessman, starting with his first small store, Roush Hardware. He later added Roush Sporting Goods and Roush Honda to the Roush family of businesses.

In 1955, when former teammate Robert "Moe" Agler was named head football coach at Otterbein, Dubbs joined former co-captain Red Bailey to establish the "O" Club, an athletic boosters club, and served as its first president. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the "O" Club Foundation.

A loyal alumnus, Dubbs began serving on the Board of Trustees in 1968. During his time on the board, Dubbs served as vice-chairman and chairman and retired from the Board as a trustee emeritus. He also served as a trustee of the Vida S. Clements Foundation and as president of the Westerville Business Men's Association, the Westerville Rotary Club, and Hardware Wholesalers, Inc.

Dubbs and Marilou made the lead \$2 million gift to build Roush Hall, which was dedicated on June 12, 1993. They also were the leading private donors of the new Memorial Stadium, which was dedicated on September 17, 2005.

Otterbein awarded Dubbs the honors of an honorary doctorate of business administration degree, the Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award. He also was a member of the inaugural Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame class.

Otterbein President Kathy Krendl said, "Dubbs epitomized the culture of Otterbein. He was a caring and giving individual who made lasting friendships. His engagement with the Otterbein community, Westerville community and beyond has left us in a better place. We are grateful for having Dubbs in our lives. Our thoughts are with Marilou and the family."



Dubbs and Marilou Roush at the Roush Hall dedication in 1993.



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#### HALL OF FAME

The Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2008 by the Athletic Department to honor individuals and teams that have made significant contributions to the success of our programs, either as athletes or in supporting roles

This fall the Athletic Department will be inducting their fourth class into the Hall of Fame on Oct. 15. We are very pleased with the class of inductees thus far and continue to look for strong candidates to be considered for the future. We encourage everyone to consider nominating a worthy candidate for this year's class.

Nomination information can be found on our website at www.otterbeincardinals.com. Look for the Hall of Fame (HOF) link on the left side of the page. While you are there, take a look at the wonderful photo album from the 2011 Hall of Fame ceremony!

#### SEMESTER CONVERSION

This autumn, Otterbein will convert from a quarter to a semester system. The Semester Conversion Study Committee studied the implications of converting from a quarter system to semesters and reported findings that will positively impact our students. Among the many are:

- Important benefits for students
- Enhancement to student learning
- Expanded opportunities for students

The university will operate under two 14-week semesters and a three-week January term (J-Term). Fall semester will begin Aug. 29 and run through Dec. 15.

