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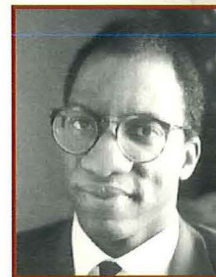
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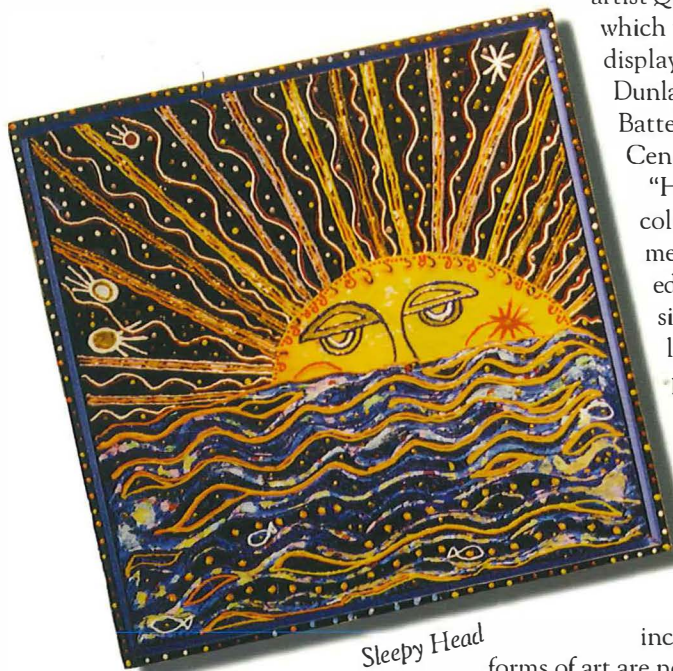
Art Exhibit Features "Hands On" Experience

What do bells, balloons and buttons have in common? They are all part of "Hands On," an art exhibit designed for the visually impaired by

artist Queen Brooks which was recently on display in Otterbein's Dunlap Gallery in the Battelle Fine Arts Center.

"Hands On" is a collection of multimedia works created to give both sighted and visually impaired people a new art experience. "I want to give visually impaired individuals the joy and gratification of being

visually impaired. Brooks explained that objects such as rope and feathers were familiar to the children, while sharper objects such as nails would be threatening.



Sleepy Head

included, since most forms of art are not made to be touched," Brooks said. "I also want the sighted to be able to experience art in a new way."

At the artist's gallery talk on Sept. 27, Brooks encouraged people to "view" her artwork in a new way. "I want everyone to touch the art," she said. "That's why I made it and that is what it's there for."

"Hands On" was in the making for several years before the final exhibit was displayed. The idea for the project was inspired seven years ago by a blind man who asked Brooks if he could touch one of her artworks at an exhibition. "After he felt the piece, he came back to me and suggested that I create more artworks that would give visually impaired individuals a chance to experience art," Brooks said.

Brooks worked with children at the Ohio School for the Blind for eight months before creating "Hands On" to research what materials would be friendly to the touch of the



Timberland

Using the suggestions and requests of the children, Brooks included wood, beads, leather, yarn and seashells, among other things. "Hands On" also uses vivid colors to appeal to visually impaired people who are not blind.

"The colors are very important to the pieces," Brooks said. "One girl even said that she could feel the colors, although she was blind. That was wonderful."

Brooks hopes that her exhibition at Otterbein will inspire other artists and museums to create and display art for the visually impaired. "So many museums take art and hide it behind glass or 'do not touch' signs. I want museums to accommodate the population of people that need contact to experience art."

"I want the exhibition to go to as many venues as possible so that museums and artists across the country will take notice," Brooks said. "But most importantly, I want to reach the visually impaired."



Mask of My Familiar

Otterbein Finds Strength in Numbers

Freshman Class Exceeds 500—Largest Ever

Otterbein College is experiencing a growth spurt, and not just in its total enrollment. Otterbein has seen many aspects of the College grow both in numbers and in strength for the 1999-2000 school year.

The total enrollment of 2,996 students surpassed the College's expectations for autumn quarter, showing an eight percent increase over last year's total enrollment of 2,785. Full-time enrollment increased seven percent to a new high of 1,786, while part-time enrollment experienced a nine percent increase to 1,210.

Entering freshman number 505 this year, which is the largest incoming class in the history of Otterbein. Thirteen percent of the students in the freshman class are of color and four percent are international students.

Otterbein also experienced record retention this year, with 93 percent of its upperclassmen returning.

With the large increase in freshman enrollment and upperclassmen retention, Otterbein has experienced an increase in demand for housing. At the start of the 1998-99 school year, Otterbein's residence halls

housed 856 students. At the start of this school year, the residence halls were home to 921 students.

Otterbein's graduate programs also show large increases for the 1999-2000 school year. Graduate enrollment totals 441, leaping 28 percent over last year's enrollment of 346 graduate students. The Master of Business Administration program shows the most growth, with 200 students enrolled, which is an increase of 84 students since 1998. The graduate education program enrollment increased by 14 for a total of 127, and the graduate nursing program enrollment totaled 114.

Otterbein Runs Strong in Columbus Marathon

Otterbein sponsored eight relay teams and 26 runners on Nov. 13 for the 20th running of the Columbus Marathon.

Otterbein was represented by six students, seven administrators/staff members, five faculty members, and five friends of the College, two alumni, and one parent.

President Brent DeVore, who ran on one of the relay teams, said, "I thought it was a great experience. It brought together the students, faculty, and alumni. It's a wonderful community-building event. It was also an opportunity for me to spend some time with the students in a different way than usual."

The goal was to enter 10 teams, according to Nancy Nikiforow, director of grants. Enough runners were assembled to complete 10 teams, but a couple of last-minute cancellations forced the school to enter eight teams. Last year, the College entered three relay teams.

The relay teams are split into 3 legs: first-leggers run 13.7 miles, second-leggers complete 9.5 miles, and the third-leggers complete the race by running the final three miles.

"We were doing it for team-building and community-building,"

Nikiforow said. "The students really appreciated the opportunity."

Added John Buckles, associate professor of Communication, "People don't run against people. It's about individual goals. We don't care where we finish in the rankings."

Students Take the Plunge

New students entering Otterbein College this fall had the opportunity to "plunge" into the community with a special service project on Sept. 11.

For the seventh year, Community Plunge was part of Otterbein's New Student Weekend, held the

weekend before classes begin. One hundred and fifty students joined 12 faculty and staff members for a day of community service.

The program, sponsored by the Community Service Learning Center, is part of an effort to get students involved in community service early in their college careers. Otterbein officials hope this early involvement will encourage students to continue their volunteer work throughout their college years.

The program was initiated by the sesquicentennial class of 1997 in the fall of 1993 and has been a part



Marathon, Man! L-R Liz Russell, Liz Allen, Dave Riepenhoff, Jaclyn Reith, Tracy Johnson, Heidi Huddleston, Stephani Mc Nemar, Matt Waddell, Mark Pfeiffer, Susan Enyart, Jeff Yoest, Anne Sillato, Jerry Gould, John Buckles, Bill Harper, Nancy Nikiforow, Tom Stein, Mark Moffitt, Jerry Whitaker, Andrea Kesterke, John Bell, Brent DeVore. Not pictured: Sue Wamsley, Debbie Halbert, Dan James, Jim Prevost.

of New Student Weekend ever since. This year, community service coordinators participated in the day's events, serving as liaisons between the service sites and the new students. The coordinators helped the program run smoothly and gave more meaning to the work that the students were doing.

Students donated their time and energy to 10 organizations in the Columbus and Westerville areas. Some of the projects included building homes and birdhouses through Habitat for Humanity, doing yard work at Indianola Middle School, sorting clothes at the Open Shelter, creating publicity materials for the Columbus Family Child's Guidance Center and cleaning up two local parks.

The 1999 Community Plunge was designed with this year's Common Book in mind. Otterbein College's Common Book is required reading for all freshman at the College. This year's selection, *There are No Children Here*, by Alex Kotlowitz, is about disadvantaged communities and youth.

Community Service Coordinator Beth Urban thinks this year's program was more successful than those in the past, mainly because of the Common Book connection. "It helped bring the idea of living without basic necessities, such as housing or clothing, alive for the students."

Continuing Studies PACE Program Expands

The Otterbein College Professional Accelerated Continuing Education (PACE) program for adult learners recently expanded, offering four new majors. A total of six majors were available beginning in the fall quarter.

The four new majors are Business Psychology, Human Resources Management, Leadership and the Liberal Arts, and Management and Leadership. The two majors that were offered previously are Business Administration and Organizational Communication.

Otterbein's PACE program has experienced a jump in enrollment with the addition of the new courses. The current enrollment in the program is 189, an increase of 103 students over last year's enrollment of 86.

The PACE program's growing popularity comes from the flexibility it offers to adult learners, many of whom have full-time jobs or families. PACE offers classes in the evenings and on weekends to accommodate adult learners and allows learners to set their own pace by taking one or two classes each quarter.

Otterbein has been educating adult learners through its day, evening and weekend programs since 1970. The Office of Continuing Studies provides a full set of services for adult learners, including evening and weekend hours, advising, financial aid processing, and simplified admission and registration.

Theatre Department Softens Your Seat

The Otterbein College Theatre Advisory Board has raised \$20,000 to improve seating in the Campus Center Theatre.

The Campus Center Theatre has been the home of the Otterbein Summer Theatre for 33 years. The Theatre Advisory Board spearheaded this campaign to make a significant improvement for patrons of Otterbein Summer Theatre. The board was established in 1987 to support Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance in a variety of ways, including fundraising.

The "Celebrate Summer and Soften Your Seat" campaign began June 24, opening night for the 1999 season. The goal was reached August 5, 1999.

The new chairs will be sturdier and will provide more cushion and back support than the current chairs. They will also fold up for greater ease in seating and passing in the aisles. They will be installed in time for the 2000 summer season. Thanks and a "sitting ovation" to all whose support provided the "cushion" for this campaign.

Music Department Looking for a Few Good Angels

Otterbein has been given the opportunity to premier the future London West End production "Napoleon." Music conductor and professor Kevin Purcell has negotiated with British composer Tim Williams and lyricist Andrew Sabiston to bring this original production to Otterbein.

To make this happen, we turn to our loyal friends to assist in sponsoring this gala event. We have a modest goal of \$4,500 to help launch this exciting production. The musical focuses on Napoleon's meteoric rise to power, his tragic romance with Josephine and his conflicts with the French statesman Talleyrand.

The grand opening, directed by Karen Eckenroth, is scheduled for March 3-5 in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. There is still time to include your name as a patron and receive program credits. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be listed on the title page as "producers."

Please become one of our "angels" with a donation to the musical "Napoleon." Checks may be made out to Otterbein College and sent to College Relations; One Otterbein College; Westerville, OH 43081.

You may also use a credit card by calling or stopping by the Development Office (131 West Park Street, 614-823-1400).



Columbus Native, Nationally Recognized Author Comes to Otterbein to Speak on Race and Poverty

by Roger Routson

Wil Haygood is a journalist who seeks to go where no journalist has gone before. What fires his passion for the written word is to tell a story or take an angle that no one else has considered doing.

"I'm a newspaper reporter," Haygood said, "but I'm not the kind that goes around sneaking peeks in people's bedrooms."

Haygood's proclivity to find an original story as yet untold has not always made him popular with his editors, but it has made him a highly respected and nationally recognized journalist.

The Columbus-born staff writer for the *Boston Globe* came to campus on October 12 and spoke about his career and the insights that have come from that career. His discussion on poverty and racism was given in the Church of the Master and related to the Common Book theme of "Building Walls, Creating Doors." As a black writer who wrote an extensive article for the *Globe* on poor whites in America, Haygood was a natural complement to Common Book author Alex Kotlowitz, a white author who wrote about poor black children in the Henry Horner housing complex in Chicago.

Haygood has won numerous awards for national and international reporting. He has been awarded an Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellowship and the James Thurber Literary Fellowship. His books include *Two on the River*, a lyrical recollection of a 2,000 mile journey down the Mississippi River; *King of the Cats: The Life and Times of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.*, cited by the *New York Times Book Review* as one of the notable books of 1993; and *The Haygoods of Columbus: A Family Memoir*, winner of the 1997 Great Lakes Book Award and the 1997 Ohio Library Award.

Haygood centered his talk around three articles that he has written: a story about trash collectors in Memphis who were to march with Martin

Luther King Jr. before he was assassinated, a story about meeting the soul singer James Brown, and the story about his sojourn into poor white America.

Haygood interspersed several readings from his articles in his talk. His lyrical prose has a way of falling into a natural poetry, unforced and clean, and vividly descriptive.

Consider this passage from "A Black Writer's Journey into Poor White America":

"I drive hard through rain and grayness, thinking about race and poverty.

"I stop in a place called Hayti, a small town crunched in the southern boot of Missouri. I don't know why, but I feel the smaller the town, the more visible the truth.

"I see a house, low to the ground, shadowy even in daylight, and I can't take my eyes off it. So I circle and come upon it a second time. It's tiny. The door's ajar. The place looks almost spooky. Hand-me-downs are piled on the porch. Three children are playing in the yard, their noises as slight as small fish slapping the water's surface."

There are many characters in Haygood's article, and some of them speak frankly about their own racism. Some examples from the article:

"I met Barb Simmons in Bar-rackville, a tiny town in northern West Virginia. I was shown a seat at the kitchen table. 'When I was raised,' Barb began, 'I was taught there were two kinds of black people: There were blacks—and there were niggers.' She said it with such calmness, such tranquility. I was a mere four hours into my journey."

And: "When I pull up in the yard, Quentin starts striding toward me. Hard strides. I wonder if there'll be a confrontation.

"Hi," he says, calming me. 'Well, Susie told me you'd be coming, that you're talking to people about race. I tell you, I used to be a racist, big time.



Wil Haygood

Then I got with her.' He glances at Susie, who's on the porch but already walking back inside.

"He's loping back over to his truck, shooin' the kids away as he walks, cursing at the barking dog.

"I ask him why he was a racist.

'To see any nigger when I was 13—that's what I called them—was to throw a rock at them. It just was.' He catches my look at the rawness of what he's just said."

One audience member asked Haygood how he coped with this openness, how he refrained from outrage. "I was there to do a story," Haygood said. "I couldn't interfere or argue with their opinions. I just had to listen."

At the end of his talk, Haygood remembered a conversation he had with author William Styron. "I've been all over the world as a journalist. I was talking to William Styron and he said, 'Race is our great wound isn't it?' And even with all of that, there is nothing like the joy, the wonder, the love, and the passion in the humanity of America. There's truly nothing like it."

Haygood is a 1976 graduate of Miami University of Ohio. In 1993 he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Ohio Dominican College. ■

There are no CHILDREN here



Common Book Author
Alex Kotlowitz

Common Book Author says the plight of our poor children is the most urgent domestic issue facing us today.

by Patti Kennedy

This year's Common Book, *There Are No Children Here: Growing Up in the Other America*, follows two years in the lives of brothers Pharoah and Lafayette Rivers as they grow up in the poverty-stricken Henry Horner housing project in downtown Chicago. The book forces readers to examine the causes of poverty, to confront America's abandonment of children and the poor, to consider the high human cost of such abandonment and to grapple with what to do about the problem now.

Author Alex Kotlowitz spoke to the campus community on Nov. 10 on "Breaking the Silence: Growing Up Poor."

Both the book and Kotlowitz's address began with an example of the division between the "two Americas." Pharoah and Lafayette were hunting for snakes along the railroad tracks with their friends one summer day when the commuter train approached. The boys ran for cover having heard that commuters would shoot at them. Inside the train, commuters moved away from the windows believing rumors that they could be shot at by youths in the neighborhood.

"I think that episode stands as a powerful metaphor for the deep and

wide chasm that separates the two Americas," Kotlowitz explained. "That gap, that chasm is indeed wide and deep; so wide and deep that the suburban commuters and the children, Lafayette and Pharoah, panic at the thought of contact. I would argue that it is that chasm, especially the state of our poor children, that is the most urgent domestic issue facing us today. These children are our future and as we walk through the streets of our central cities, it does not take great psychic powers to see what the future holds. It is not good."

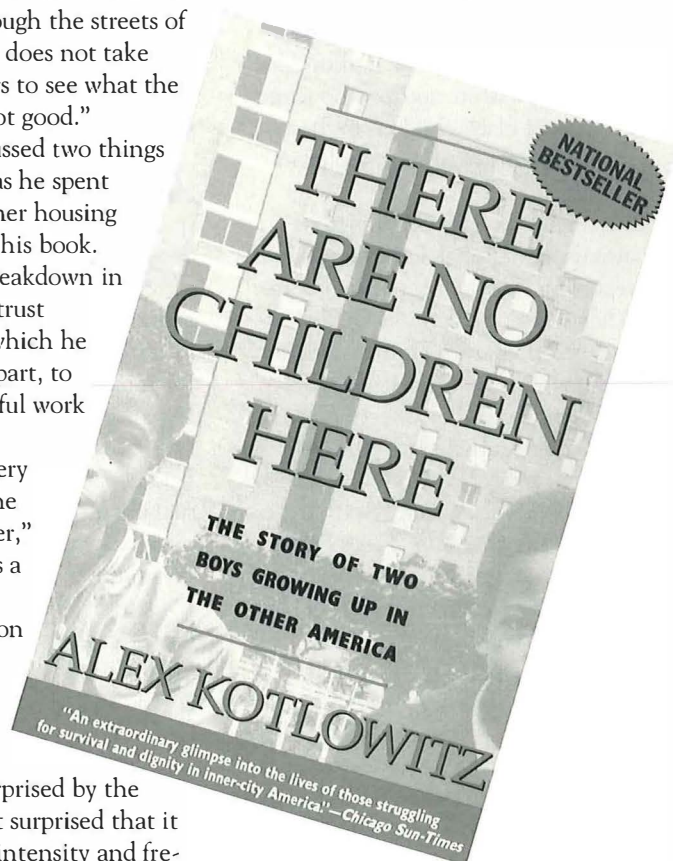
Kotlowitz discussed two things that surprised him as he spent time in Henry Horner housing project researching his book. The first was the breakdown in community and distrust among neighbors, which he attributes, in great part, to the loss of meaningful work in urban areas.

"Work is the very thread that holds the social fabric together," he said. "It provides a sense of purpose, direction, connection and identity. Without work, that thread begins to unravel."

He was also surprised by the violence. "I was not surprised that it existed, but by the intensity and fre-

quency of the violence," he said. Pharoah and Lafayette saw several friends shot and killed in the time Kotlowitz spent with them. He said the children growing up in such violent settings show the same symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder as veterans returning from war. These children are unable to build mean-

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Mary B. Thomas Leaves Special Legacy

Mary Burnham Thomas '28 died November 26 at the age of 92 at Friendship Village in Columbus. She leaves behind her a literary legacy that will benefit generations of Otterbein students.

In 1994, Thomas endowed The Thomas Academic Excellence Series in honor of her parents, Fred N. and Emma B. Thomas. It is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared academic experience for the freshmen students through the Common Book. Each year a book is selected for new students to read, discuss and use in their Integrative Studies courses. Thomas' endowment also provides funds to bring the author to campus in the fall to meet with students and give a campus-wide convocation. Often the author returns in the spring for the Integrative Studies Festival. All of this was made possible because of Thomas' love of reading and her desire to introduce students to contemporary literature.

"What is so important about this program is that we actually put books in so many students' hands and give them a chance to meet the author as a real person," says English Professor Beth Daugherty, chair of the Integrative Studies program. "And because we do give it to so many students, you just know it's going to touch some of them and be important to them. I think that is a wonderful legacy."

Associate Dean of Students Becky Smith adds, "Miss Thomas was always so gracious, generous and giving. Every time I visited with her, I knew I had been touched by a special soul. She was delighted to meet each of the Common Book authors and talk with them about their common love of reading and writing. Through the Thomas Academic Excellence Series, Miss Thomas' legacy will continue to touch every new student at Otterbein. What a special lady."

Joanne Van Sant, special consultant to Institutional Advancement and a longtime friend, points to the way Thomas helped children of all ages. "Even though Mary had no children of her own, she had many children she sponsored through a variety of organizations. Through the Children's Christian Fund and the Save the Children Foundations she sponsored children of different nationalities in several countries. Through the Student Conservation Association she helped numerous college-age students experience summer internships in national parks. She assisted students at Cumberland College where many return to the Appalachian region as doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers and business professionals."

As for her efforts at Otterbein, Van Sant says, "In establishing the Thomas Academic Excellence Series, she provided one of the greatest academic programs in the College's history."

"She did so much in a quiet unassuming way. Her knowledge was extensive and her sense of humor never left her, even in the last days of her life. I shall always be indebted to her for having taught me so much."

Thomas graduated "cum laude" from Otterbein. An English major, Thomas won the Barnes Short Story Award and several other literary prizes. While an undergraduate at Otterbein, she belonged to the Philalethean Literary Society, Sigma Alpha Tau (Owls) sorority and Quiz and Quill. She later studied journalism at the University of Wisconsin and received her master's degree in English literature from The Ohio State University in 1933. Otterbein presented her with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1981.



She was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Master, Phi Delta Gamma and the New Century Club. She served as an officer at the local, state and regional levels for the American Association of University Women, was a life member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and was a member of the Westerville Memorial Library Board. Her service to the library board included holding the office of treasurer, vice-president and president.

Formerly employed in the treasurer's office at Otterbein, Thomas was an active member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees from 1960-1979. During that time, she served as secretary of the board and as a member of the Executive Committee. In 1979, the Board passed a resolution citing her leadership and the generosity, diversity and magnitude of her service. The resolution also named her an Honorary Trustee.

In 1977, Thomas was named the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club "Woman of the Year." The award was presented to her in recognition of her "unselfish dedication and loyalty to Otterbein."

Thomas has been a donor to the College ever since the development board was formed in 1948. A member of the President's Club, she has participated in many capital campaigns over the years. She donated her house to the College when she moved to Friendship Village in 1979.

Her hobbies included photography, stamp collecting and traveling; she visited five continents. She also owned an impressive collection of postcards depicting scenes of Westerville and Otterbein. ■

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ingful relationships and have a strong foreboding that they wouldn't live into adulthood, Kotlowitz reported.

Kotlowitz cited two kinds of "silence" that allow the chasm to continue to widen between the two Americas. The first is an institutional silence in terms of schools, courts, the housing authorities, police and others who are supposed to help but fall far short in improving the lives of children living in poverty. "The inability of these institutions to respond has become an almost weekly if not daily crisis in the lives of these kids," he said.

He gave an example of an elementary school shooting in Winnetka, Ill., where counselors and psychiatrists rushed in to help students, teachers and parents deal with the aftermath. He compared that to Henry Horner where violence was a weekly occurrence yet "no adult walked into that community and said, 'I will do what I can to make sure this doesn't happen again.'"

Kotlowitz said there is also a self-imposed silence on the part of people living in communities like Henry Horner. They are unable and unwilling to talk about the poverty that surrounds their lives. Kotlowitz said he himself did not speak to friends or colleagues about what he saw in Pharoah and Lafayette's lives for fear he would not be believed. "We stopped listening; we stopped believing," he said. "I am a firm and strong believer in the power of story and the power of storytelling. We need to find ways to share our stories because by doing so we nurture tolerance and build connections. The first thing we need to do is start listening and believing, especially to the voices of children like Lafayette and Pharoah."

He also emphasized the importance of rebuilding inner city communities "both physically and spiritually," although he admitted it would require a great investment of capital and resources.

Lastly, he addressed the issue of race, which he called "the single most divisive force in this country." He said, "If we are to seriously con-

front the issue of poverty in this country, then we have got to find ways to openly and candidly address the issue of race. We cannot talk about poverty in this country without talking about race. It is no accident that a disproportionate number of blacks and Hispanics in this country are growing up poor. The playing field, simply put, is not level. And so if we are to talk about somehow eliminating poverty in this country, then somehow we have to acknowledge that race still very much matters."

However, Kotlowitz said he does still hold hope for the future. "My greatest hope still lies with the children. I found for the most part, children with a strong sense of right and wrong, a sense of what they wanted to be and didn't want to be when they got older, children who were still resourceful, questioned the world around them and had a vision, however blurred it might be at times. We somehow have to find a way to provide a childhood from which these children don't feel they need to run." ■

Character Counts at Otterbein

Otterbein College has been recognized for leadership in the field of student character development in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*, which was released Oct. 22.

Otterbein is profiled in the guide for its Senior Year Experience, a program that brings together the sum of college learning and applies it to a non-traditional topic. "The Senior Year Experience is a set of interdisciplinary, liberal arts courses, from which each senior chooses one course to take," said Otterbein senior Jessie Gordon.

The Templeton Guide is designed for high school students, parents, guidance counselors, college administrators, trustees, faculty and alumni. It contains profiles of 405 exemplary college programs, 50 college presidents who encourage character development, and 100 colleges and universities named to the Templeton Honor Roll for their record of commitment to inspiring students to lead civic-minded lives.

"Otterbein College's strong commitment to character development and the strength of its Senior Year Experience program make it a model for colleges and universities nationwide," said Arthur J. Schwartz, Ed.D., Director of Character Development Programs at the John Templeton Foundation. "With *The Templeton Guide*, we hope to help prospective college students and their parents who want to know what colleges are doing to promote the core values of honesty, self-control, respect and service to those less fortunate. *The Templeton Guide* identifies colleges that encourage students to understand the importance of personal and civic responsibility, which will help them succeed in college and beyond, Otterbein College's work in this area is most impressive."

The programs were chosen through a highly selective process that included clarity of vision and statement of purpose; institutional resources and involvement of institutional leaders; impact on students, faculty, campus and community; integration into the core curriculum or academic study; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.

Established in 1987, the John Templeton Foundation works closely with scholars in all fields to support more than 100 programs encouraging character development, an appreciation of the benefits of freedom, and research on the relationship between spirituality and health.

The foundation has a College and Character website at www.collegeandcharacter.org, that provides information on the initiative, links to the homepages of colleges selected for *The Templeton Guide*, and other features.

compiled by Patti Kennedy

1936

Dorothy Metzger Fenn and husband Robert celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 24. They live in Riverside, CA.

1944

Dr. Ray Gifford was recently inducted into the Westerville South High School Hall of Fame. Dr. Gifford has been a professor at The OSU College of Medicine, and chair of the department of Nephrology at the Cleveland Clinic, where an endowed chair in hypertension was established in his honor.

1947

Mary Cay Carlson Wells and **John Wells '48** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of **Kay Wells Landis '74**, **Gwen Wells Blair '76** and **Philip Wells '77**.

1950

Paul Craig was posthumously inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame. Craig served as chair of the Department of Economics, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and professor emeritus of Public Administration and Economics during his tenure at The Ohio State University. While continuing to teach, he also lectured, authored articles, and served as a business consultant.

Richard Whitehead was named the winner of United Way's 1998 Robert K. Agar Jr. Award. The award, presented at Berkshire United Way's 75th annual meeting, recognizes an individual who represents the spirit of community volunteerism in the Berkshire, MA, community.

1957

Robert Henn, author of *Wild Flowers of Ohio*, visited Adams County where he was available for a book signing. Henn is currently professor emeritus in the Biology Department of Sinclair Community College in Dayton. His recently published book is in demand by wildflower enthusiasts around the country. It is especially noted for its brilliant photos, many of which were taken in Adams County.

Judge Alan Norris was recently inducted into the Westerville South High School Hall of Fame. Appointed in 1976 by President Ronald Reagan, Judge Norris is currently a circuit judge for the Ohio State

Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.

1958

Nancy Whipp Grimm is retiring after 17 years as an administrative assistant at Ashland University in Ashland, OH. Her husband, Don Grimm '61, retired after teaching music education for 33 years.

1960

Beverly Easterday Krall retired after 37 years as a high school English teacher mainly in the Chicago Public Schools. She now works as a part-time consultant for the city school system, writing and implementing grant workshops and counseling student teachers.

1962

Ronald Ruble, associate professor of speech and theater in the Department of Humanities at Bowling Green State University's Firelands College, has retired. An award-winning writer, Ruble has been printed in anthologies by the National Library of Poetry, the Poet's Guild, Quill Books and Iliad Press. Ruble will continue to serve as artistic director for the Caryl Crane Children's Theatre and teach part-time. He looks forward to having more time to work on a second play, an anthology of poems and short stories now in progress. He lives in Huron, OH.

1963

Ed and Elaine Koehler Henn '63 retired to Annapolis, MD, in October after 23 years living and working in Germany. Ed spent 30 years working with welfare and recreation programs with the military in the Philippines, Vietnam and Germany. Elaine taught third grade in the Philippines. In Germany she worked at Army Education Centers as a test examiner. Retirement plans include sailing on the East Coast and

Fifty Year Celebration



Kenneth '50 and Nancy Jones

'49 Simmons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 20 at a family gathering in Pipestem, W. VA, with their children, Matt Simmons, Cindy Hine, Moly Sproles and Libby Cottee; their spouses, Lisa, Ed, Tim, Thomas; and three grandsons, Kevin Hine, Jason and Robert Sproles.

Nancy, an art and music major, was historian, secretary and vice president of Epsilon Kappa Tau (arbutus), president of Alpha Rho Tau, a member of Pi Kappa Delta, listed in *Who's Who in American University* '48, and a participant in Student Court and Modern Dance Club. Nancy met Ken, a physical education major and a member of Zeta Phi, at Otterbein College and dated for about three years before Ken, while walking along Alum Creek, surprised Nancy with a "sweetheart serenade" where Ken presented Nancy with a ring. The couple was married on August 20, 1949 at the home of her parents, Dr. Ernest F. and Ruth Jones, in Fort Custer, MI.

Ken, retired from the veterans administration, and Nancy, retired from teaching, currently reside in Hartfield, VA and are now enjoying golfing, fishing and visiting with family and friends.

working with overseas motor home tours escorting groups on European trips.

1964

Carol Leininger recently retired from her job as a biology professor at Lorain County Community College. She taught only one class in oceanography this fall and plans to teach one class of ornithology in the spring. She also volunteers as a naturalist at the Lorain County Metro Parks and plans to travel.

1965

Dave Gates retired from Sidney City Schools after teaching for 33 years, the last 16 at Bridgeview. He was selected Teacher of the Year in 1994-95 and was named a Master Teacher by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. Dave and his wife, Arlene, who is also retiring after 26 years of teaching, plan to do consulting work with school districts and travel to Europe.

1966

Darlene Garber was ordained into the ministry by the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ in Canton, OH. Darlene received a Master of Divinity from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She also taught French and English in Canton City Schools for 27 years, as well as teaching French at Otterbein. Darlene lives in Massillon, OH.

Jack Moore, Westerville North High School's athletic director since 1979, retired after 30 years of service. Jack and his wife, Charlee, a teacher in the Worthington School District, have two daughters, both talented athletes. Jack will possibly be working with his brother, Gary, in developing an adventure education course,

or his other brother, Tim, at Waterford Signs.

1967

MacCanon Brown (formerly Marilyn MacCanon) was named as one of "10 Noteworthy Milwaukeean of 1999" in a recent issue of *Milwaukee Magazine*. Brown is executive director of a homeless advocacy organization, Repairers of the Breach. The organization is seen as a national model, with 1,000 homeless or recently homeless people registered as members.

Richard Sawyer has been appointed president of Tech-Scan Corporation. Tech-Scan is an importer and distributor of Automatic Identification products.

1968

Rev. Linda McNeil Evans assisted in the production of *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of J. S. Bach: A Multimedia Musical Dramatization*. Additionally, she is completing her master's degree at Ashland Theological Seminary. Rev. Evans is also a learning disabilities teacher at Lexington High School and director of evangelism at Mai Street United Methodist Church.

Dennis Weaver was appointed chief operating officer for Defiance Metal Products. He is responsible for day-to-day operating results for DMP's Defiance locations and its subsidiaries.

1970

Dr. Dan Bremer was recently inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame. Dr. Bremer is owner of Middletown Animal Hospital where he specializes in small animal medicine. He has served on the Middletown PeeWee Football Club board

of directors as well as treasurer of the organization in addition to many other professional associations.

Rev. Delmer Dodrill, along with his wife Phyllis, have retired from teaching with a combined 67 years of service. Rev. Dodrill is also pastor of Scioto Chapel Church in South Bloomfield, OH, and will become the church's first full-time pastor in 155 years. The Dodrills plan to continue teaching in Christian education.

Jerry L. Klenke resigned from his position as superintendent of Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to become deputy executive director of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, a statewide organization of superintendents and school system leaders. Jerry and his wife, Ruth, live in Lexington, OH. They have two children, Lisa and Brian.

Catherine Worley has joined the law firm of Crabbe, Brown, Jones, Potts & Schmidt as a partner. Catherine is a trial lawyer who concentrates in domestic relations law.

1971

Paul Beeney recently joined HER Realtors in the Westerville office as a sales associate. He is a member of the Ohio and national associations of realtors and past president of the Westerville Area Realtors Association.

Dr. Don Bremer was recently inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame. Dr. Bremer is an associate professor of ophthalmology at OSU. His research has led to the publishing of 72 articles in scientific journals and two chapters in medical textbooks.

1972

Kurt Kline has been promoted to president of Apple Creek Banking Co.

Mary Marsh recently was named program director of the Village at Westerville Nursing Center's intermed sub-acute unit. Mary received her master's degree from The Ohio State University and is a licensed speech therapist.

Gwendolyn Tucker Wood-dell is a professor of education at Muskingum College in New Concord, OH. She will teach early childhood education courses. Most recently she was head of the early childhood administrative division at Cincinnati Country Day School and taught in the graduate program in counseling at Xavier University.

1973

Susan Harrison Lahoski is the new third grade teacher at York Elementary School. She previously taught for 24 years at several other schools, among them, Buckeye Valley, Anthony Wayne and Upper Sandusky. Susan and her family live in Bellevue, OH.

1974

Dr. Dav Bremer was recently inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame. He is a member of numerous professional organizations as well as a member of the AMA. He is active in the Kettering/Centerville communities, working as a coach and president of the Wee Elks football program in Kettering, OH.

Betsy Ostrander Lavric received the Educator of the Year award from the Westerville Education Association. She lives in Gahanna with

her husband Boris and their four children.

Thomas Lloyd has been appointed band director at Columbus State Community College in Columbus. He also conducted at the 68th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu (Singing Festival) in Minneapolis in September.

Kathryn Paugh was named the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year. Paugh also received a statewide honor last fall from the Ohio Association of Community Leadership. She serves in an ongoing consultant role to several other public relations, marketing and advertising agencies.

1975

Pamela Hill this fall directed the Gallery Players' production of *Cabaret* in Columbus. Last year, she directed Gallery's well-received production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

1976

John Payne recently was selected as Chillicothe High School's principal. Formerly, he served six years as principal of Western High School, and was the elementary principal for Scioto Valley Schools.

1977

Frank Dantonio has been named a Partner at Deloitte & Touche, a Big Five accounting firm. Formerly a senior tax manager with the firm, he is now a tax partner in the firm's Columbus office.

Jeanine Tressler Howell, previous owner and artistic director of Van Wert Academy of Dance, is relocating near Dayton where she will continue to teach part-time. Howell also holds a master's degree in special education.

1979

Chuck Dodrill H'79, former head of Otterbein's theater department and past president of the Westerville Rotary Club, will oversee fundraising to restore, renovate, and upgrade Alum Creek Park and amphitheater. Revitalization of Alum

Creek Park is part of the city of Westerville's Parks and Recreation Open Space 2000 plan.

Ronald Wine is president and CEO of the Miami Valley Economic Development Coalition, a privately funded nonprofit organization begun

in 1995 to retain and add jobs in the Miami Valley's core industries.

1980

Tamera Cramer is a public relations coordinator in The Ohio State University's Department of Computer and Information Science.

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PROFILE

Doctor Turned Sculptor Makes Change in the Scenery

Ken Foltz '48 has been contributing his unique artistic touch to the scenery around Westerville for decades, and has his abstract sculptures displayed at several places locally, including the Westerville Public Library, Inniswood Metro Park and St. Paul School. "Reaching for the Stars," a sculpture of 33 hands extended toward the sky, is probably his best-known work because it is located in Astronaut Grove on West Main Street in Westerville, where thousands of drivers pass by daily. He has also created colorful stained glass windows for churches throughout Ohio, including Mansfield and Akron.

Ken first became interested in art during his childhood, but medicine beckoned and after graduating from Otterbein, he went on to earn a doctorate in osteopathic medicine at the Des Moines College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

During his 36 years of practicing medicine, Ken used art as a hobby. "I enjoy medicine and art," he said. "They complement each other, since medicine is intellectual and art is based on feelings."

Since his retirement, art has become more than a hobby for Ken, although it continues to be an outlet for his feelings. "My art is spontaneous because I create it for my personal ego satisfaction and to express my feelings."

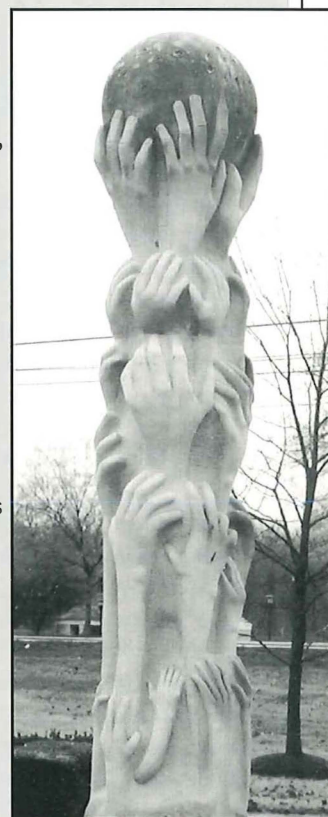
According to Ken, all art is therapeutic. That is why he not only creates visual art, but also music and poetry. He has had four of his compositions published, and Otterbein ensembles sometimes sing his song *Winter Rain*. Ken also included poetry in his "Reaching for the Stars" sculpture.

Ken's home in Westerville is a museum full of his art mixed with pieces from other artists. Even his furniture and windows are art. The beautiful stained glass windows cast light on wooden tables, chairs and even a couch carved out of wood. "Each chair is different," Ken said of his dining room set. "I'm an artist, not a carpenter, and I can never make two identical pieces."

Ken also displays sculptures in his backyard and his garden. He has a collection of sculpted faces that he has made for family members and others.

Ken enjoys the work of other artists, including abstract painter Wassily Kandinsky, but says that his art isn't inspired by anyone. "I like the work of some artists and dislike others, but I like to go my own road," he said. He even admits that he doesn't always like the art he creates. "I usually don't like my own art until I live with it for awhile, then I get used to it," he said.

Ken continues to create art at 81 years old. He sells pieces from time to time, and has taught local high school classes how to make stained glass windows. "At the end of the class they have learned something new, because people can only learn by doing," he said.



Compiled by Ed Syguda

Football Cards Turn in Best Performance Since '81

The Otterbein football team, under head coach Wally Hood, who just finished his fifth season with the Cardinals, turned in its best performance since 1981, playing to a 7-3 record and a share of third place in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC).

The Cardinals, playing sixteen seniors, rolled through the first half of their schedule, beating Mount St. Joseph, 30-15, Baldwin-Wallace, 32-12, Muskingum, 48-22, and Capital, 49-24. The lone loss, 27-24, came at John Carroll. In that game, Otterbein led 24-7 at the half.

The squad continued its winning ways over the second half of the season, defeating Heidelberg, 30-3, Hiram, 60-9, and Marietta, 37-14. Its two losses came on the road at conference powers Mount Union, 44-20, and Ohio Northern, 37-0. Mount Union, 9-0 in league play, and Ohio Northern, at 8-1, finished one, two in the OAC and advanced into the NCAA Division III Football Playoffs.

Senior quarterback Matt D'Orazio, from Westerville, and senior inside linebacker Roger Ailiff, from Pataskala, Ohio, were selected by the OAC coaches to receive the Mike Gregory and Bill Edwards Awards. The pair served as co-captains.

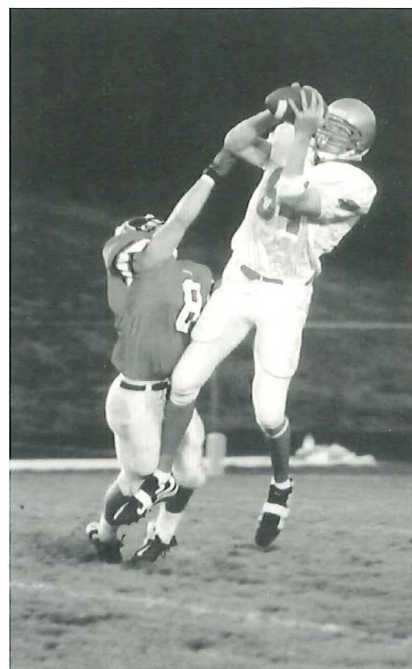
D'Orazio, who completed 189 passes for a school-record 2,798 yards and 36 touchdowns this season, will receive the Mike Gregory Award, presented to the most outstanding offensive back in the OAC. Ailiff, who tallied 110 tackles, will receive the Bill Edwards Award, presented to the most outstanding linebacker in the OAC.

Senior wide receiver Ben Streby, from Fredericktown, Ohio, was selected as one of ten finalists for the 1999 Gagliardi Trophy, presented to the NCAA Division III Football Player of the Year.

Streby made 69 receptions for 1,203 yards and 19 touchdowns. He broke several Otterbein records this season, including single-game touchdown receptions (five against Baldwin-Wallace) and receiving yardage (244 against Marietta); and single-season touchdown receptions (19), points (116) and receiving yardage (1,203).

Otterbein, 6-3 in the OAC, finished in a three-way tie for third place with John Carroll (7-3) and Baldwin-Wallace (6-4).

The Cardinals finished third in the OAC in total offense (461.6 yards a game), scoring offense (33 points a game) and turnover margin (plus-five). The squad ranked fourth in total defense (339.9 yards a game) and scoring defense (20.7 points a game).



Receiver Ben Streby set several records this past season, including single-game records with five TD receptions against Baldwin-Wallace and 244 receiving yards against Marietta.

Men's Soccer Team Wins Third Straight OAC Title

Otterbein, under eleventh-year head coach Gerry D'Arcy, made its third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament, and earned the right to host the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championship. The Cardinals received an automatic bid to the NCAA's by winning its third-straight Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Tournament. The squad, 19-1-1 overall, captured the regular-season OAC title with a perfect 8-0-0 record. Nineteen wins is a school record.

The squad, however, suffered a heart-breaker in the regional semifinals, losing to Alma in a shootout. The score stood at 2-2 at the end of regulation and at the end of two 15-minute overtime periods. Alma made all five of its penalty kicks in the

shootout. Otterbein made three of its first four attempts.

Employing a solid defense, the Cardinals won their first seven games of the season—six via shutout, including a 3-0 win over defending-national champion Ohio Wesleyan. Following a 2-1 loss to Findlay, the Cardinal offense picked up the attack as the defense held steady. Otterbein reeled off 12 consecutive wins while averaging 3.4 goals a game.

Ranked fifth in the nation and number one in the Great Lakes Region, the Cardinals headed into the NCAA Tournament riding a 12-game winning streak.

Goalkeeper Jeff Schmid, a senior from Columbus, and sweeper Brad Myers, a senior from Columbus, anchored the defense, which allowed



just ten goals and recorded 13 shutouts. Forwards Michael Mundy, a senior from Riverside, Ohio, and Stephen Wilson, a junior from Shaker Heights, Ohio, and midfielder Rod Borah, a senior from Westerville, supplied most of the scoring. Otterbein outscored its opponents 62-10.

Conference coaches selected Mundy and Myers as the best offensive and defensive players in the OAC. Mundy was named "OAC Offensive Player of the Year" a second time, and Myers was named "OAC Defensive Player of the Year" for the third straight season. D'Arcy was selected "OAC Coach of the Year" by his peers a second time.

Women's Basketball Preview

The Cardinals are playing the 1999-00 season with a good blend of experience and raw talent.

Otterbein, under ninth-year Head Coach Connie Richardson, returns three of its top four scorers from last season's 16-9 squad, which finished fourth in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) at 10-8.

The Cardinals return four starters, headed by senior forward Sarah Kuhnner (12.7 ppg., 5.8 rpg.), from Pickerington, Ohio; junior guard Kara Grishkat (13.1 ppg., 7.0 apg.), from Pickerington, Ohio; and junior guard/forward Lisa Patton (11.4 ppg., 4.0 rpg.), from Waynesfield, Ohio.

All three finished among the top 16 scorers in the OAC and each earned honorable mention All-OAC honors last season.

Kuhnner, a two-year starter, placed tenth in the OAC with a 47.5 shooting percentage. Kuhnner spent the first two seasons of her career at Allegheny, starting all 25 games her sophomore season.

Grishkat, also a two-year starter, led the OAC in assists, with 176, and placed second in steals, with 72. Grishkat, shooting 79.3 percent from the free-throw line, finished third in the conference last season.

Jill Repass (4.4 ppg., 3.3 apg.), who started all 25 games as a freshman last season, rounds out the list of returning starters. Repass, from Gahanna, Ohio, handed out 82 assists and made 42 steals.

Other letter winners back include juniors Gretchen Linscott (4.7 ppg., 3.4 rpg.), a center from Amesville, Ohio, and Mandy Simmerman (4.2 ppg., 2.6 rpg.), a forward from Westerville.

Although the Cardinals are seasoned among their returning letter winners, depth will come from a group of talented freshmen, most from winning programs.

Freshmen who could contribute this season include Brianne Gray and Jennifer Harrison, both from Pickerington, Ohio; Tai Kirk, from Frazeeburg, Ohio; and Jaimie Schoenfeld, from Cincinnati.

Men's Basketball Preview

The greatest challenge facing head coach Dick Reynolds, in his 28th season at Otterbein, could be finding leadership—both on and off the floor—with the graduation of first team All-America Kevin Weakley.

The Cardinals, fresh off a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament, return six lettermen, including three starters and the sixth man, from last season's 21-8 team which finished third in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) with a 12-6 record.

Returning starters include senior post Jason Dutcher (11.9 ppg., 6.3 rpg.), a three-year starter from Columbus; junior wing Scott Elliott (12.2 ppg., 2.9 rpg.), a two-year starter from Sunbury, Ohio; and junior point guard



Defenders couldn't hold up senior Michael Mundy, who was named "OAC Offensive Player of the Year" for a second time.

Chad Dresbach (4.5 ppg., 3.1 apg.), a two-year starter from Hillsboro, Ohio. Dutcher and Elliott earned honorable mention All-OAC honors last season.

Also returning is sixth man Jeff Gibbs, a sophomore wing from Columbus. Gibbs averaged 10.2 points and 9.5 rebounds on his way to honorable mention All-OAC honors last season as a freshman. He led the OAC in field-goal percentage (60.9) and finished second in rebounding and blocked shots (1.76 an outing).

Rounding out the list of returning lettermen are senior post Trevor Younkin, from Ashville, Ohio, who started 45 games in his three-year career at Otterbein, and sophomore wing/post Brian McMonigle, from New Richmond, Ohio, who made 19 varsity appearances last season as a freshman.

Also expected to help this season are guards Pat Noles, a junior transfer from Wooster, and Kevin Shay, a sophomore transfer from Capital. Noles, from Bexley, Ohio, averaged 7.2 points in 29 games at Wooster last season. Shay, from Stow, Ohio, lettered as a freshman at Capital in 1997-98.

Kyle Comstock, a freshman guard from Sunbury, Ohio, could also see varsity action this season. ■

Sports Briefly

Otterbein senior Troy Rathge, from Napoleon, Ohio, took individual men's honors at the Ohio Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships in Ada, Ohio, covering the 8,000-meter distance in a course-record 25:12.... The women's soccer team, under first-year head coach Brandon Koons '94, won nine games, a school record. The soccer team won five of its last six.... Otterbein leads the OAC men's all-sports standings after the conclusion of the fall season. The Cardinals have 23 points and are followed by Heidelberg (21), Ohio Northern (19) and Baldwin-Wallace (18)....



Inside the **O**

News from the "O" Club

Annual Cookout & Fundraiser a Success

Over 100 people attended the Annual "O" Club Cookout and Auctions on Sunday, October 10, at the Lakes Golf and Country Club. The lighthearted evening included silent and live auctions that raised \$5,600 for Otterbein College athletics.

The "O" Club bus, donated to the "O" Club in 1987 by Dorothy McVay and extensively renovated this past summer, was on-site and open for tours.

The evening, organized by event Chairman Bill McLoughlin '83 and "O" Club Executive Director Rebekah Carlisle, concluded with a bidding war between Bill Freeman '57 and Bud Yoest '53 for a set of golf balls imprinted with Bill Freeman's picture.

The "O" Club would like to thank the many donors as well as the bidders and buyers who made this evening such a success.

Golf Outing a Near Sellout

The Annual "O" Club Golf Outing, held Monday, October 11, at the Lakes Golf and Country Club, was almost completely sold out. One hundred and thirty-two golfers played in 33 foursomes. The beautiful fall weather showcased the clubhouse and course. Registration fees and hole sponsorships helped the "O" Club raise \$5,000 to support Otterbein College athletics.



Linsksters: At the "O" Club Golf Outing, Charles Dodrill, Jack Spicer '61, Richard Rano and Jack Pietila '62.



Athletic Director Dick Reynolds '65, Otterbein Trustee and an "O" Club Director Paul Reiner '68, and retired Athletic Director and immediate "O" Club past President Bob Agler '48 share a light moment at the "O" Club Auction.



Among the "O" Club Homecoming honorees were football All-Americans Wayne Cummerlander '80, Don Snider '80, and Ric Lainhart '80.

Like New: The "O" Club bus underwent extensive renovation this past summer.

The bus was donated to the "O" Club in 1987 by Dorothy McVay.



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Otterbein College has brought countless friends together through the years. Many of these friendships last a lifetime and produce stories full of laughter and tears. In the past, groups of Otterbein friends have kept in touch through Round Robins, letters that travel through the circle of friends sharing news about everything from new jobs and houses to births and deaths. These letters contain photographs and newspaper clippings to chronicle the lives of the Round Robin members.

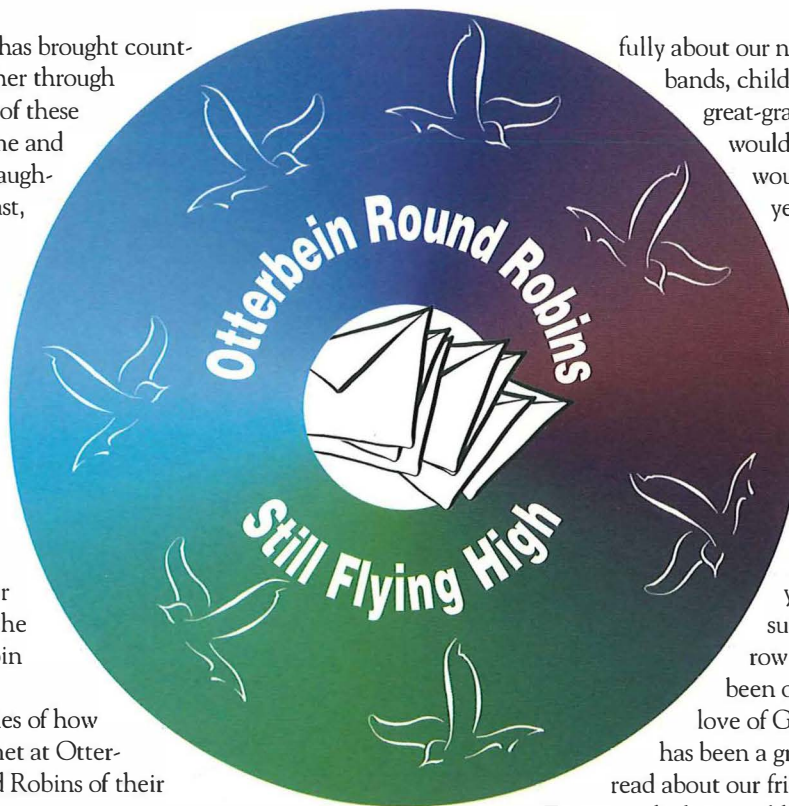
These are the stories of how four groups of friends met at Otterbein and started Round Robins of their own.

Clements Cottage Round Robin 50 Years Old

Our Round Robin is 50 years old. When we started college in 1946, there was a co-op cottage called Clements Cottage, which is where we met each other. It was located at the northwest corner of Home Street and Grove Street where the Campus Center is now located. Across the path at the end of Grove Street was the President's home for several years. Cochran Hall and Clippinger Cottage were also nearby. All of these places have been razed now and new buildings have taken their places, but we were at a good spot in those days to see a lot of the activities and events around the campus.

Church, choir, concerts, sororities, classes, studying, Williams Grill, skating down at Ducks Island on Alum Creek, the Four Mile Hike, and duties at our cottage kept us busy. We claimed Clements as our home away from home. We worked and played together to create a happy living environment through the years.

Our group was very diverse. We all had different ideas, goals and attitudes about life. Working and living together at the cottage made us a close knit group. It was a special time for all of us as we worked through problems and helped each other grow. In 1949, we graduated, scattered to the winds and started to write each other faith-



fully about our new homes, jobs, husbands, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Who would have thought that we would still be writing 50 years later?

With a solid beginning at Otterbein College that helped shape our lives and friendships, it's no wonder we had to start a Round Robin. We couldn't let all the memories just slip away. We've laughed and cried together through the years as we've dealt with successes, mishaps and sorrow. Our group has always been optimistic, with a deep love of God and our country. It has been a great association. We also read about our friends and associates in

Towers and what would we do without it? We realize how blessed we've been, to be able to attend this much-loved school in Ohio and then branch out into our own lives, homes and families. May all of you have that same blessed feeling too, as we continue through the coming years.

Submitted by June Fifer Hollman '49 • Suzanne Culp Hinger '49 † • Mary Webb Hogan '49 • Eileen Mignerey Kiriazis '49 • Mary Frail Lutz '49 • Louise Stouffer Schultz '49 • Marion Daniels Shoemaker '49 † • Anna Bale Weber '49 • Regina Arnold Wheelbarger '49 † Deceased

Epsilon Kappa Tau Robin Begins in King Hall

Our Round Robin has been flying for nearly 50 years. It began in 1947 in King Hall when eight young women became close friends as freshmen. This bond was strengthened when all eight pledged Epsilon Kappa Tau, and continued growing through our four years at Otterbein.

Following graduation we began to correspond individually until Phyl Weygandt suggested a Round Robin letter which we all heartily endorsed. Through all these years, it has been healthy and vigorous and makes the circuit two or three times a year. The fact that six of us married Otterbein men who knew each other, helped us



Members of the Clements Cottage Round Robin: Regina Arnold Wheelbarger, June Fifer Hollman, Eileen Mignerey Kiriazis, Anna Bale Weber, Louise Stouffer Schultz, Mary Webb Hogan, Mary Frail Lutz.

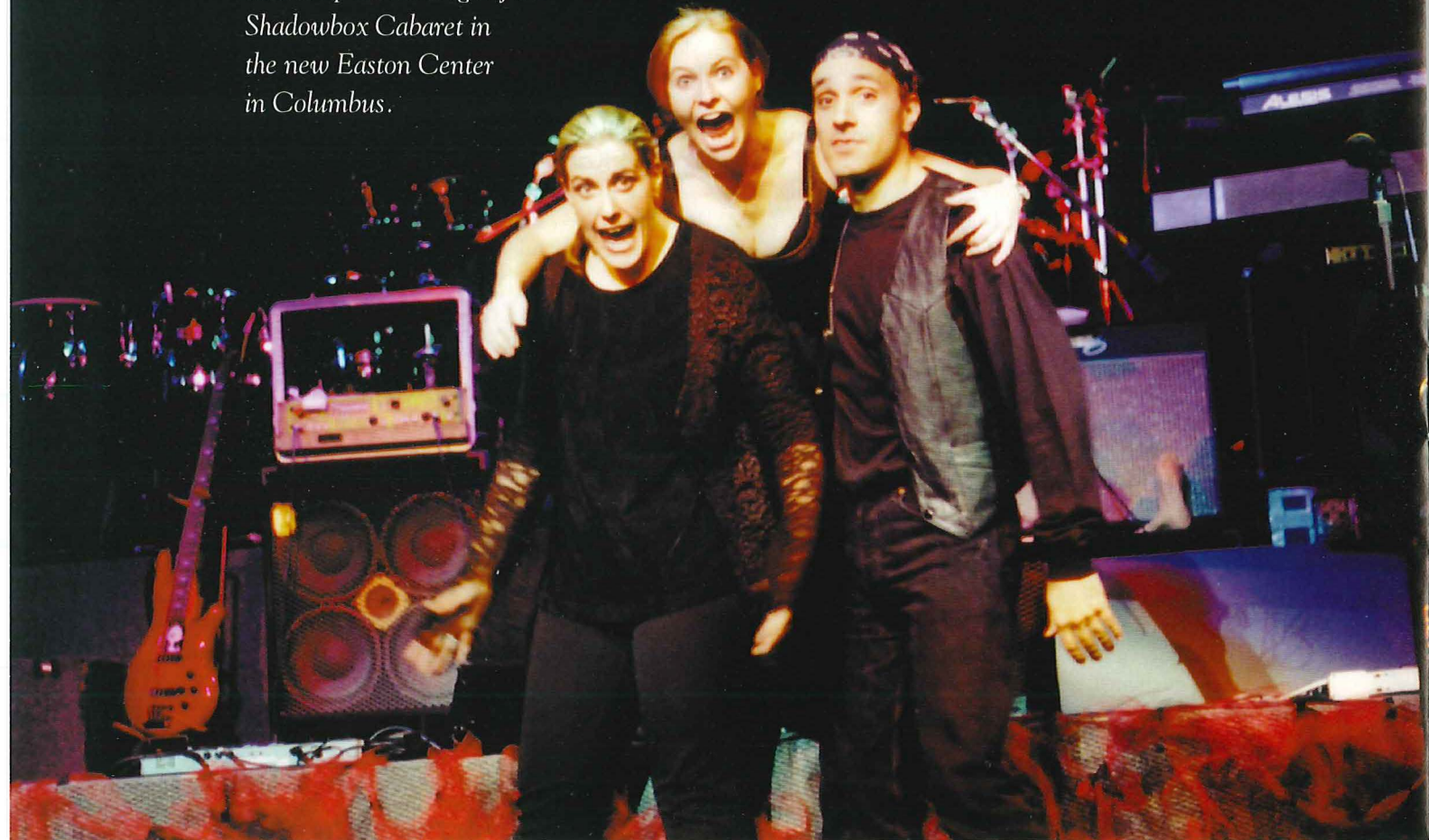
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For three Otterbein Alums,

Life is a Cabaret

^
rock'n'roll

*Mary Randle '92, Carrie McDonald '93 and Tom Cardinal '93
ham it up on the stage of the
Shadowbox Cabaret in
the new Easton Center
in Columbus.*



Into the bowels of a dim and somewhat foreboding room

we are led, our path thinly lighted by the eerie glow of neon. We are no more than seated at a round table when from our left a waiter blares out, "Hey everybody, guess what? I have four virgins at this table." I look at the table of four women and they are young but, uh, not *that* young.

Then our waitress is asking our party of three if we've ever been here before. We shake our heads no. "Hey everybody, guess what," she shouts gleefully, "I have three virgins at this table."

Such is the introduction to the Shadowbox Cabaret, a venue of food, drink, and entertainment that's part comedy, part theater, part kitsch, and very much rock'n'roll. It's trendy. It's New Yorkish. It's very hip.

The Shadowbox Cabaret, now located in the new Easton Town Center in Columbus, and rock'n'roll have been a way of life for three Otterbein alumni—Tom Cardinal '93, Carrie McDonald '93 and Mary Randle '92—since shortly after they left Otterbein.

Shadowbox always has two shows running: a tamer version for lunch hour that runs about an hour, and a spicier two-hour version for the night show. Shows run for a month or two, and then a new show is presented. For instance, "Freak Show" ran in the fall around Halloween, and "Holiday Hoopla" was presented for the holidays.

The action shifts back and forth from the band stage—where all the drums, keyboards, amps and so forth are set up—to another stage used for comedy skits and dramatic presentations. The funny stuff far outweighs the serious, but as Mary Randle says, "We like to slip the audience a little theater, and sometimes they don't even realize we've done it."

Clearly, though, the music is the glue that holds the show together. Most numbers are vintage numbers from the 60's and 70's—Santana's *Evil Ways*, *I Can See for Miles* by the Who, *Itchykoo Park* by The Small Faces.

Early in the lunch show, Mary Randle grabs the microphone and the lead vocals for a rousing version of Janis Joplin's *Piece of My Heart*. Carrie McDonald climbs the stage frequently for backup vocal or keyboard duties, and provides the lead vocals for Blue Oyster Cult's *Godzilla*. Tom Cardinal shows how Roger Daltry should have sung *I Can See for Miles*.

Later in the evening show, Cardinal will appear in a sometimes funny, sometimes disturbing skit as a lurking voyeur, with McDonald being the object of his obsession. Randle will play a group therapist—to monsters, werewolves, and other creatures of the night.

And before the show goes on, and during intermission, you may see them bustling drinks to tables. Waiters are actors at the Shadowbox Cabaret, and vice versa. You have to wear many hats in this operation.

Randle, who in addition to her musical and acting duties also serves as technical director, wouldn't have it any other way. "We are against the diva-esque attitude here," she says emphatically. "There's no room for it. Everybody is a star." Randle's team attitude is shared by the entire



Carrie McDonald belts out a number with the Bill Who? band at Shadowbox.



organization. When their previous facilities, located in downtown Columbus, were mostly destroyed by a suspicious fire, someone scrawled on an ash-covered mirror, "Can't stop us." The phrase became a slogan around which the troupe rallied to rebuild the operation at Easton.

That team attitude is probably a vital necessity for an arts company that won't behave like an arts company. Shadowbox Cabaret's roots go back to about 1988, when founder Steve Guyer gathered people together to perform rock operas. The troupe went on the road under the name ShadoArt, performing at schools and small venues. The company's third opera, *Evo*, ran for six weeks off-Broadway in New York.

When Guyer began putting the rock operas together, he first went to the Ohio Arts Council for assistance. At a meeting, he heard his organization described as a Mickey Mouse operation, and that he should seek help from rich people in the community. He was also told it wasn't feasible to fund art with patrons. "What

other business is funded without customers?" he asks. "I decided that grants funding was a form of welfare for artists, and we didn't want it."

So without funding of any kind, the small company now boasts these numbers: 1997 revenues: \$370,000. 1998 revenues: \$600,000. Projected 1999 revenues: \$933,000.

Carrie McDonald can attest to these numbers, for she serves as the bookkeeper for the company. It makes for quite a kaleidoscope of a résumé: singer, actress, comedienne, keyboard player, vocal instructor, bookkeeper. She had roles in all three ShadoArt rock operas.

"Financially, we're more like a business than a theater," she says, though she admits the early work at the company was a little less lucrative. "Everyone was a volunteer then." Now, happily, she is on salary and has "points" in the company, much like stock.

"I could go into the real world and be a marketing director or bookkeeper and probably make more money, but I love being here," she

says. "I'm always learning different things. It's my life."

Mary Randle describes her job/avocation/lifestyle as "extremely fun." And she says Shadowbox Cabaret is a good fit for her right now, as it allows her to work both sides of the stage. "I'm getting tons of experience in comedy, in singing, in the running of shows," she says. "I feel like I'm getting more experience than if I was trying to make it in New York or Chicago. Because I'm constantly working.

"We try to do something we love, and that the audience will also appreciate. We cater to our audiences, we listen to their comments. It keeps people coming back, and they bring other people with them."

Tom Cardinal echoes Randle's thoughts. "We do what we enjoy doing and it happens to be something the audience likes," he says. "We throw a lot of stuff at them." Cardinal's roles also are many and varied. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, works fulltime as a member of the recruiting team, and acts as

Opposite page: Mary Randle helps assuage bruised self-images in her monster group therapy.

Right: Tom Cardinal and the Bill Who? Band get in a groove. Many of the band's selections for Freak Show were Halloween or monster related, such as Godzilla and Werewolf in London.

Below: Shadowbox believes in rock'n'roll with style and flair, as Meghan Moore, a little sparkplug of a singer, shows.



house manager for all Shadowbox shows. He has also produced the Shadowbox video series, SBTV, which features original, underground sketch comedy.

Cardinal talked about the demands of such an unusual job. "We're here all the time," he says. "We work ten to twelve hours a day. It wouldn't be worth it if it wasn't fun."

Carrie McDonald adds, "We supposedly have Sundays and Mondays off, but if we're getting ready for a new show...."

All three alumni mention their time at Otterbein as laying the groundwork for their current undertakings. For McDonald, participation in both Opus Zero, the College's musical theatre ensemble, and Opus One, Otterbein's vocal jazz group, gave her a diverse springboard for her singing and keyboard talents.

Mary Randle served as the Theatre Department's production manager, and remembers both Ed Vaughn and Fred "Pop" Thayer as very big influences. Of Charles "Doc"

Dodrill, she says, "He was very honest with me. He told me it wasn't going to be easy, and that I'd have to work a little harder to get what I wanted."

Tom Cardinal remembers being "constantly busy" at Otterbein, and the positive influence John Buckles had on him. (Cardinal graduated with dual roles in Theatre and Communication, with a Broadcast emphasis.) And he also remembers Jeanne Augustus. "She's the one, for every Theatre major," he says. "Anything you want to know, you go to Jeanne."

All said they thought that they'd be at Shadowbox for some time, but probably not forever. There may come a time when some of the larger stages of New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles beckon, but for right now you can see this talented Otterbein trio in a corner of glitzy new Easton, singing, acting, drawing laughs, and generally enjoying life.

"We're having fun, we love what we're doing, and we're making a living doing it," Randle says. "What more can you ask for?" ■



What did you do for fun at Otterbein?



These students from the 70s really “got into” their shopping.

by Jenny Hill

As the seasons change, so do the things Otterbein students do for fun. Spring is for sports, skipping class to enjoy the warm weather and heading to the beach for spring break. In the summer, students swim, explore the outdoors and enjoy time away from school. Fall wouldn't be complete without football games, bonfires, homecoming festivities and Halloween parties. Winter is alive with sledding, snowball fights, and cozy nights in the dorms with cups of hot cocoa, close friends and good movies.

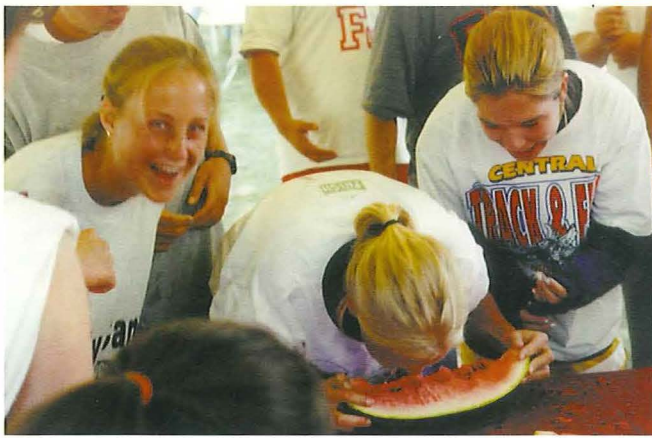
There are even some activities that survive year-round. Dancing at nightclubs, eating pizza late at night with friends, and going to the movies are just a few. But has life at Otterbein always been this way? Did students in the '40s and '50s go out to movies for fun? Where did students in the '60s and '70s hang out with their friends? What did students in the '80s do on a typical Friday night?

The definition of “fun” for Otterbein students has changed over the years. Fads have come and gone, fields of crops no longer surround Westerville, and the increasing number of cars are taking more and more students into Columbus in search of excitement. While activities might change, one thing is for certain—Otterbein students know how to have fun.

Donuts at 2 a.m.

Food is a major part of socializing for students the world over. The same is true at Otterbein. No matter how things change through the years, every student has stories of study breaks, late-night food fests and romantic dates at local restaurants.

Vic Ritter '48 was a patron at a Columbus restaurant with the best spaghetti a college student could ask for and still afford. He and his friends spent many evenings over plates of spaghetti. “Back then, the spaghetti was only 35 or 50 cents for a plate,” he says. “Times have changed.”



Above: Watermelon-eating contests and a dunk'em machine were features of the fair-like atmosphere of "First Friday," held for the first time Sept. 18, 1999. **Right:** Fun in the snow is always popular as Lizette Paul Peter '76 and an unidentified friend can attest.



Donut runs have also played a big part in the social lives of Otterbein students. Since the early '70s, Otterbein students have made Schneider's Bakery a mecca for late-night sugar cravings. David Graf '72 and his friends took late-night trips to Schneider's to get glazed donuts fresh out of the oven. "They came out about two-thirty in the morning, and we were there waiting," he says.

Mary Miller Westfall '75 and her friends had a harder time making donut runs. "Women had to be in the dorm by midnight, so girls used to sneak out of the basement windows in King Hall at one or two in the morning to go for donuts."

According to freshman Tricia Stewart, the tradition is still alive. "My friends and I love to take a study break and walk uptown to get donuts at one-thirty a.m.," she says. "It's funny, because Westerville is like a ghost town at that time of night. There isn't anybody out."

John Bullis '56 remembers when one of the first local Italian restaurants won the hearts and the stomachs of Otterbein students, making pizza an Otterbein tradition. "We used to get pizza at Anton's," he says. "I think they were the first to make pizza in this part of the world. It was just sauce and a little bit of cheese, and we loved it."

Freshman Niki Legg says pizza is another Otterbein tradition still going strong today, but delivery is the standard now. "Once a week, my friends

and I have pizza night. We have it in a different person's room each week, and it gives us a chance to get away from studying and college food."

Pizza and beer were the refreshments of choice for Westfall and her sorority sisters after their Monday night Greek meetings. Sometimes they would venture over the Westerville border to the Garden Inn to relax at the end of a long meeting.

The Garden Inn is an Otterbein tradition that dates back several decades. According to Bullis, there is a good reason for this tradition. "The GI was the first bar over the Westerville line, so a lot of Otterbein students would go there for a beer," he says.

Michelle Brown Hartsough '90 also spent time at the GI. "When I was in college, the GI had a dirt floor. It's hard to believe we actually went there," she says.

May I Have This Dance

Dancing has long been a popular activity for students, though it wasn't always allowed on campus. Vic Ritter '48 recalls the years when dancing was forbidden on campus. "It was considered to be against the rules of the church, so we held dances at the Westerville Armory," he says. "We would swing dance, jitterbug and fox-trot to the music of Tommy Dorsey and other popular musicians of that time."

According to Joanne Van Sant H'70, vice president for Student Affairs emeritus, the steps might have

changed, but the tradition has not. "Square dances were popular at one point, and everyone was swing dancing in the 1940s," she said. "I remember sock hops and kids doing 'the monkey' in the 70s."

Dancing is still popular, but now students voluntarily leave campus to dance to the music played by disk jockeys in the local clubs. Senior Jessie Gordon says that Thursday nights are popular times to go to the clubs. "My friends and I go to the Brewery District in Columbus to go dancing, and on Thursdays, we go to a piano bar to sing along with the songs."

Jed Hanawalt '91 says High Street was the place to go when he was at Otterbein. "We often went down to High Street on Thursday nights to dance at the Newport and hang out at Mustard's or Papa Joe's."

According to David Graf '72, High Street was also a tradition of the 1970s. "We would go down there to socialize with the Ohio State University students."

Go (Pick One) Cardinals/Otters

While students danced the nights away, they have always made time for Otterbein's sporting events. Football and basketball games have entered into the Otterbein memories of many former students, but some games were more exciting than others.

Dick Sanders '29 saw one Otterbein game that earned a story in one of the nation's most prestigious news-



papers. "Otterbein was playing Hiram, and it had been raining quite a bit," he says. "In the middle of the game, they put the ball on the field and it floated away. A day or two later, we were reading about it in *The New York Times*."

Sanders was also lucky enough to see Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47 make an unusual play. "I went back to see a football game, and Dubbs Roush caught his own pass when it was butted back to him by the lineman," he says. "He made ten yards."

Sandra Minser Shaffer '62 remembers when the students in the stands had a competition of their own during the game. "We would try to steal the mascot of the other team at the



This couple danced the night away in a Student Union dance from around 1949.



Left: A panty raid appears to be in full force on King Hall in 1973. **Above:** Tug-of-wars across Alum Creek were long the featured attraction of Scrap Day. We're guessing this particular contest is circa 1961.

football games and parade them up and down the field."

Going to basketball games was a favorite pastime for Jed Hanawalt '91, who remembers the success of the 1990-91 Otterbein team. In 1991, the team made it to the Final Four. "There were larger crowds at that time because it was so fun to be part of the action," he said.

Mary Westfall '75 had fun at the basketball games in the early 1970s, when the rivalry between Otterbein and Capital was at its peak. "We had some games on neutral grounds because the pranks got so out of hand."

At one game, Westfall says, Otterbein students let a chicken loose on the basketball court. "Nobody could catch it, and all the students sang 'Old MacDonald had a farm' while the officials chased the chicken."

Another time, all the Otterbein fans, students and non-students alike, brought newspapers to the game. "When the other team came out, everyone held up their newspapers and ignored them," Westfall says.

Merry Pranksters

Whether they involve sporting events or not, Otterbein students love pranks. From the infamous legend of the stu-

dents who put a cow on the fourth floor of Towers Hall in the 1930s to the fraternity hazing of years past, Otterbein students have always had a knack for mischief.

Joanne Van Sant H'70 remembers when students took all the furniture except for one chair out of English professor Robert Price's room in Towers Hall. "The joke was on them, because he just came in and sat in that one chair, while the students stood through the class."

According to Van Sant, pranks on professors did not stop there. Modern language professor LaVelle Rosselot owned a small foreign car that was easily carried by four men. "The students would move the car around the parking lot so she would have a hard time getting out," Van Sant said. "One time, she even found her car on the second or third floor of Towers Hall."

The chapel was also the object of several pranks. Vic Ritter '48 and his friends would "stack the chapel" from time to time. "Once, we set an alarm clock in the piano," he said. "Another time, we hid all the hymn books, so there was no singing that day."

Mike Christian '61 was at chapel one day when the students rigged candy corn in a net to fall on the chaplain. "It worked, and chapel was dismissed."

According to *The New York Times*, the first panty raid in the Unit-

ed States was staged at Otterbein in 1952. Approximately 150 Otterbein men raided the women's dorms. According to John Bullis '56, his parents were not happy with the news. "When my parents heard about the panty raid, they weren't too sure about me coming here."

Van Sant recalls another ill-fated panty raid. "Some boys were on a panty raid when they ran into the room of Gloria Howard (Schutz '55)," she says. "They were horrified when they realized they were in the room of the president's daughter."

Sandra Minser Shaffer '62, the victim of a panty raid, says the men used to climb in through the windows to steal the girls' panties. "When it happened, we were embarrassed and flattered at the same time."

Panty raids were still happening in the 1970s, when Mary Westfall '75 was at Otterbein. At that time, the men would stand below the windows and the women would throw panties to them.

Westfall also saw another prank become a fad in college. "Streaking was huge," she said, referring to the mid-70's practice of running naked through an open area. "There was one rally where people were streaking by on motorcycles and crutches, and even running into the Campus Center and back out again."

The popularity of streaking faded during the winter months, when Westfall says it was much more fun to steal trays from the cafeteria and sled down the hill to the Alum Creek Park.

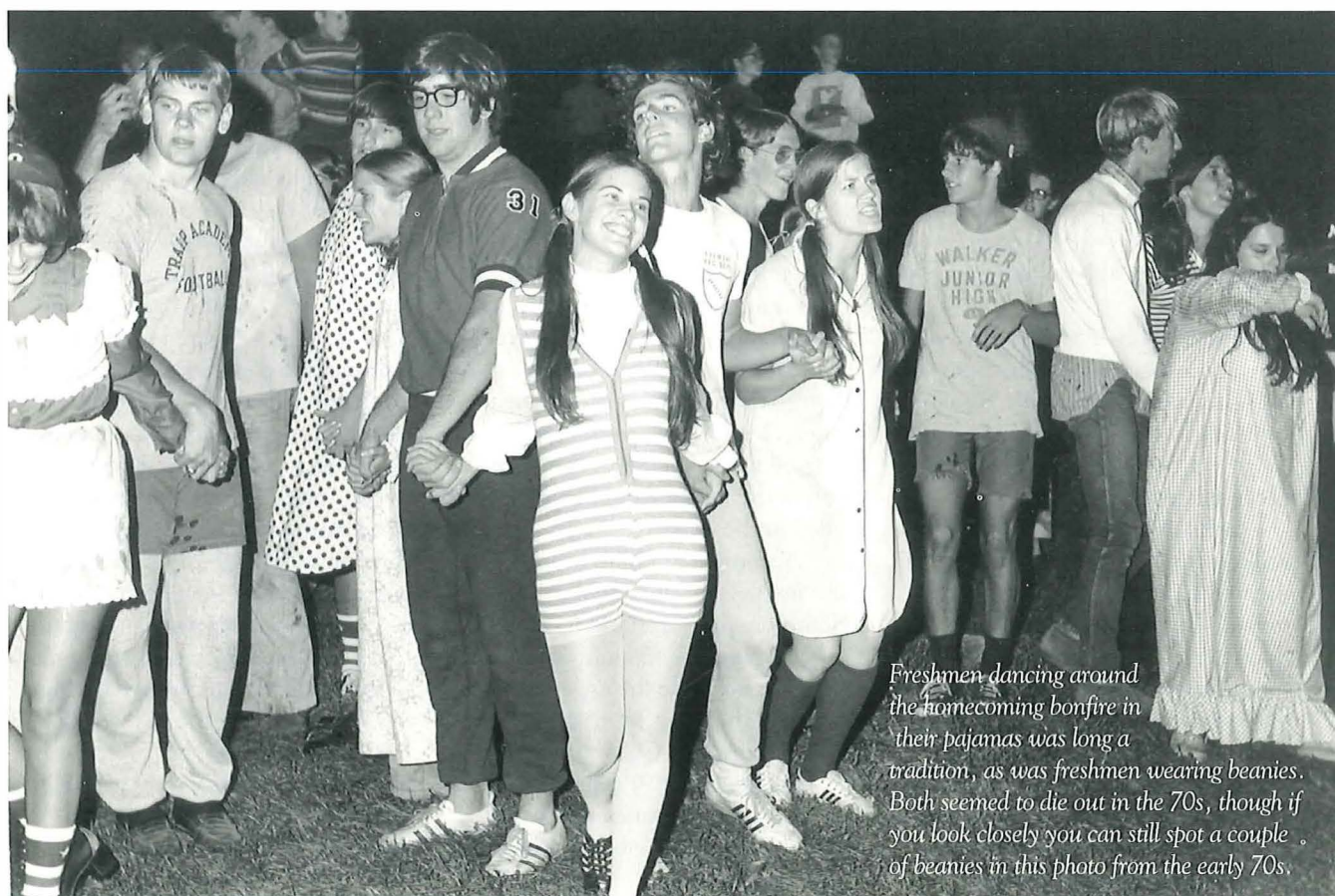
Many pranks involved fraternity men who hazed new members. Bob Knight '28 was taken by his fraternity brothers and dumped late at night in an isolated place far from campus. "I knew from the lights on the horizon where Columbus was and where Westerville was, so it wasn't so hard to find my way back."

John Bullis '56 recalls the story of one freshman who had to fish in a manhole at an intersection everyday for an hour at noon. "He had a sign

that said, 'Ask me how they're biting,'" he says. "Eventually, the police came and put a barricade around him for his own safety, but they continued to let him fish."

Even when they are not being mischievous, Otterbein students still know how to have fun. According to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs/Director of Residence Life Joyce Jadwin '89, students through the years share some common dorm activities. Euchre, intramural sports and dancing are all timeless residence hall classics. Board games and video games were also popular pastimes for Jadwin and her friends. "Backgammon was popular in the '80s, and there used to be marble sets in the Campus Center."

Senior Jessie Gordon adds that movie nights are very popular in the dorms. "Sometimes we have '80s movie nights, where we watch movies like *Crocodile Dundee* and *Mannequin* and eat snacks all night."



Freshmen dancing around the homecoming bonfire in their pajamas was long a tradition, as was freshmen wearing beanies. Both seemed to die out in the 70s, though if you look closely you can still spot a couple of beanies in this photo from the early 70s.

According to Mary Miller Westfall '75, Otterbein women were a close-knit community during the time of women's hours. "The house mothers counted the minutes that we were late. We were only allowed 15 minutes each quarter," she says. "Since we had to be in at a certain time, we spent a lot of time with the women who lived around us."

In the Name of Love

Otterbein students have also taken advantage of the natural resources that surround Otterbein through the years. Aaron Thompson '94 took long walks with his wife Anna Stanley Thompson '92 when they were both students at Otterbein. "There were many nice places to walk near the campus, and it was relaxing for us."

Gordon also uses walking to relax at school. "My friends and I have busy schedules, but we set aside 45 minutes each day to go walking to catch up on what's happening. Rollerblading is also something fun to do on campus."

Sandra Minser Shaffer '62 went off campus for outdoor dates with her husband Lewis Shaffer '59. "We went canoeing at Hoover Dam," she says. "That was fun for Lewis at least, because I paddled."

Bob Knight '28 took his dates on walks around the two-mile square, to the movies and to theatre productions. "There was a silent movie house on East Main that I liked to go to," he says. "I only ventured into Columbus once, and that was to take a date to the Ohio Theatre, which had just opened."

Dick Sanders '29 recalls a more private spot for Otterbein couples. "Many couples shared romantic moments under the 'dating steps' in Towers Hall," he says. "When people

were courting, it was a reasonably secure place to have some privacy."

Otterbein Traditions

Beginning in the early days of Otterbein, freshman students were required to wear beanies. These Otterbein hats were used as a common experience for the freshmen, who bonded as a group. Of course, they were also a source of constant teasing from upperclassmen. Needless to say, freshmen were eager to lose this "red badge of courage," as John Bullis '56 calls them.



Get your hands off my booty, mates! Yuichi Tsuda '64 at the 1963 Jump Week Dance.

Scrap Day was an Otterbein tradition, when the freshmen battled the sophomores in a day of grueling competition. According to Mike Christian '61, if the sophomores won, the freshmen had to wear their beanies until Thanksgiving. If the freshmen won, they could take their beanies off immediately.

Joanne Van Sant H'70 saw many Scrap Days during her 51 years at Otterbein. "They had sack races and they would tackle each other during them," she says. "I'm really surprised nobody was killed."

Another event at Scrap Day was the tug-of-war competition across Alum Creek. The losers were dragged into the creek. The tradition of the beanies and Scrap Day faded in the '70s.

According to Bullis, beanies were also involved in the celebration of Homecoming. "Freshmen had to dance around the fire in their beanies and pajamas while the upperclassmen watched," he says. There was even a "Beanie King and Queen" crowned.

Jed Hanawalt '91 celebrated Homecoming in a different way. "It was a great time. We built floats and my fraternity dressed in togas and danced in the parade to *Yellow Submarine*."

Homecoming kings and queens are still crowned and pass through town in the parade, but the tradition of "Beanie King and Queen" is no longer celebrated.

Van Sant recalls another popular Otterbein event, Jump Week. "For Jump Week, each fraternity chose a candidate for king, and groups of women from the sororities would campaign for one candidate," she said. "In the end, the king was chosen and the women asked the men to a big dance."

Otterbein hosted an unusual event when Mary Westfall '75 was a student. "Spring Fever Day was planned by the faculty and staff, and the students were never let in on it," she says. "The date was a secret, and when it was announced, we were let out of classes for a day of picnics, bands and activities. I still think it's amazing that they managed to keep it a secret on such a small campus."

In an event similar to Spring Fever Day, Otterbein hosted a "First Friday" event for the first time Fall Quarter 1999. This event marked the first Friday of classes and was filled with food, music and activities outside the Campus Center.

Over the years, many things have changed at Otterbein. The beanies, panty raids and daily chapel services of the past no longer exist. Cars are taking more and more students off campus to seek fun. According to David Graf '72, when Otterbein was more isolated, it invited people to find interests and pastimes on campus. Students made their own fun, and used a lot of creativity in the process.

Current students find new ways to bond and new interests to share. Road trips with friends, late nights dancing in Columbus, pizza parties and rollerblading are all common activities that bring people together today. Technology has created a new range of activities for friends to share.

Van Sant says she has seen dramatic change during her 51 years at Otterbein. She has witnessed fads of long skirts, short skirts, long hair, short hair, bobby-sockers and hippies. But as Dean Van knows, regardless of the year, fond memories are likely to be created at Otterbein. ■

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become a couples group, and formed an even stronger bond.

Not only have we kept the letter going, but we also get together yearly, and sometimes twice a year since retirement. These gatherings began with meeting in Westerville for Homecoming. Then, as offspring entered the picture, we switched to picnics in Westerville Park. These were so much fun we began to take turns hosting week-end overnights with our kids. As the children became older, we adopted a new pattern one year with kids and alternate years adults only. Then with our children grown and gone, we evolved into our present custom of meeting at resorts, state parks, etc., and occasionally our homes for at least two nights and often longer. We have met in Ohio and neighboring states, plus North Carolina, Florida and Colorado. Every fifth year we gather in Westerville for Alumni Weekend. Over the years we have filled three large photo albums and in 1991, we made a video of our first two albums.

The Round Robin offspring have referred to us as an incredible group of true friends and an inspiration to them regarding the value of friends and family. Our Round Robin has been a deeply important part of our lives and certainly has strengthened our bond to Otterbein.

Submitted by Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51 • Phyllis Weygandt Auerbach '51† • Bobbie Schutz Barr '51† • Pris Warner Berry '51 • Shirley Adams Detamore '51 • Phyl Shannon Marcotte '51 • Ruth Anne Smith Moore '51 • Miriam Wetzel Ridinger '51 • Martha Weller Shand '51 • Barbara Bartlebaugh Pyles '52† †Deceased

This Bird's Been to 16 States, 2 Foreign Countries

In 1971, eight Otterbein graduates vowed to stay in touch via a "Round Robin" letter. We became friends as freshmen, eating meals together, studying together, and

Thanks for the Memories

by Shirley Detamore '51

Thanks for memories

Of walks down by the creek, dancing cheek to cheek,
date night with that special one to last us for all week
How lovely it was...

Thanks for the memories

Maypole dances on the lawn, bonfires until dawn,
a flasher outside old King Hall causing us to sound alarm
Oh, thank-you so much...

Up every morning for chapel,

after burning the night oil for tests,
A break at the union for coffee,
to catch up on news, or get rid of our blues

And thanks for the memories

When our king and queen had won, and serenades were sung,
the Mardi Gras, tug of war and snake dances under the sun
How lovely it was...

Many a day we have gathered,

for weddings, reunions, whatever,
We talk about old times together,
and share once again, our joys without end

So, thanks for the memories

We've come a long, long way, to reach this happy day,
from college days at Otterbein to grandma and to grandpa times
Oh, thank-you so much

Our thanks for the memories

May each of us be blessed with continued happiness,
and may he see how lucky to be, married to an EKT
Oh, thank-you so much!

sharing many nights popping corn and sharing stories. We have continued to share our lives for over 25 years and stay in touch with our Round Robin letter.

It usually takes a year to make the complete cycle, and it can be hard to remember where to send the bird next. We finally included a list to avoid missing anyone. When the bird wings its way into each mailbox, it comes laden with pictures of family members, and stories of life events that have occurred since the Robin last visited.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle our Robin has had to overcome is the large number of moves our group of eight individuals has undergone. The Robin has flown to a total of 54 different locations. Throughout the 28 years, the Bird has seen more territory than any of its members, as it has flown in 16 different states and two foreign countries (China and the Phillip-

pines). We all complain about the state of our address books and the large number of changes provided by our friends. The bird was even lost at one point, but we simply began a new cycle.

The group also gets together periodically. Several picnics have been held when the "out-of-staters" visit Ohio. In 1991, six members of the group spent the weekend together in Columbus. We all shared a room at the Embassy Suites and took a "walk down memory lane" around Otterbein's campus. We reminisced about the old library and Cochran Hall, where our friendship began. A stroll down the Campus Center stairs took us back years to the times we ended our dinnertime and social time together and headed to the library for an evening of studying. We even took in a tour of Hanby House—something none of us had done while we attended Otterbein. Cowan Hall brought back memories of special guest artists, college productions, and our freshmen convocation. For our 25th reunion, six members met for lunch. Everytime we meet, we begin talking where we left off the last time we met.

The Robin has been more than a "news" note. We have shared life's joys and struggles. We have had support during times of illness, surgeries, family crises and deaths. We have rejoiced with each other over job promotions, family accomplishments, and exotic travels. We all agree that we should get together more often, but as with many other events and conflicting schedules, it is difficult to plan. We certainly are grateful for the connection we have all enjoyed through the Round Robin.

Submitted by Carol Carpenter Waugh '71 • Barbara Bibbee '71 • Francine Adams Dyer '71 • Lana Waters Liu '71 • Wilma Patterson Moore '71 • Elizabeth (Betty) Johnston Rigdon '71 • Rosemarie Wilhide '71 • Brenda Fausnaugh Zenan '71

Friends of Clarice Burton Found Ties that Bind

Our "Round Robin" story involves about a dozen Otterbein alumni and their families who are collectively known as "The Friends of Clarice Burton."

An official alumni organization, the "Friends" are members of a unique group of Otterbein men who roomed at the home of Clarice Burton, 133 N. West St. Mrs. Burton, her husband, James, and later her sister, Mabel Holmes, opened their home to Otterbein men in 1946, when housing for students, including returning war veterans, was in short supply.

Over the course of nearly 30 years, "Mrs. B," as she was known affectionately, watched over her "boys," offering motherly advice and counsel along with a batch of fresh peanut brittle or her famous homemade rolls, both made with love for the nearly 100 men who called her house their "home away from home."

After graduation, these men returned each year at Homecoming to share the stories of their new careers and families. They brought wives, then children, to a Homecoming feast of chili, rolls and all the fixings. Of the 100, nearly 30 percent became United Methodist ministers.

In 1974, a group of alumni organized "The Friends of Clarice Burton" to honor Mrs. B with a scholarship award in her name, which is now a memorial scholarship fund. Mrs. B passed away in the mid-80s. This small group continues to raise funds in Mrs. Burton's memory for the benefit of students who have little understanding of this woman's influence in the lives of so many young men.

Although the Homecoming dinners ended in 1976, the "Friends" continued to meet each year for a reunion picnic in Alliance. We have met in party centers, restaurant meeting rooms, private homes, church basements and the Student Center.

Many members of our group have been in fellow members' weddings, notably my own in July 1982. Rev. Walt Weaver was the minister, Geoff Astles was my best man, and Dave Wood was an usher. My brother, Eric Hartzell '81, was the other usher. It was at our Homecoming reunion in 1980 that I became "reacquainted" with my wife, Terry Schamber '73.

What keeps us together? Mrs. B's favorite hymn was "Blessed Be The Ties That Bind." Today, as in 1974, its melody binds our group together. We are tied to a common Otterbein experience, common values and a unique sense of community. We still sing the hymn at each reunion.

We keep in contact during the year via telephone and mail. Some have even suggested an annual newsletter which would contain features on Burton Boys who "made good," news about others who could not attend the reunion, even a recipe or two from Mrs. B's kitchen cookbook. Time will tell.

Submitted by Brian E. Hartzell '70, Executive Director • Terry Shamber '73 Hartzell • Geoffrey '70 and Janice Ciampa '72 Astles • David '72 and Gail Williams '72 Bloom • Robert '72 and Gloria Frank '72 Bloomquist • Fred '65 and Charlotte Bohse • Richard '71 and Linda Harsh • Charles '71 and Sharon Shaffer • Walt '71 and Elaine Schreckengost '71 Weaver • Dave Wood ■

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David Zeuch, O.D., has joined the staff of Eyecare Optiques with offices in Bucyrus, Galion and Crestline. He was in private practice in Crawford County from 1984-1994 and then worked at The Vision Clinic in Columbus for five years. He lives in Galion with his wife, Kerrie and their three children, Kyle, James and Mary Beth.

1981

Susan Berg has been appointed to spearhead fund raising for University College and the Honors Tutorial College by The Ohio State Uni-

versity Office of Development.

Dal Bremer was recently inducted into the Middletown High School Hall of Fame. Bremer is the director of Hoover Corp., where he heads the environmental group. He serves on the Stark County Planning Committee and as a referee for high school football games and volleyball matches.

David Wagner began a new job in October as evening news anchor for WLWT-TV in Cincinnati. He previously worked 11 years at WTSP-

TV in Tampa, FL. He has won 17 Emmy awards, plus three regional Edward R. Murrow awards and numerous Associated Press honors including "best investigative reporter."

1982

Christine Turner Pirik has been appointed as chief of staff for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. She and husband Mike have three children and live in Upper Arlington.

1984

Missouri Highway Patrol Trooper **Ronald D. Kyle** has

been promoted to the rank of corporal and transferred to Columbia. He has been designated assistant zone supervisor. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children.

1985

Jim Fippin became the Ohio Ballet's director of sales after more than nine years with the Players Guild in Canton. Jim and his wife Elaine Poole Fippin '85 live in Wadsworth, OH, with their daughter Emelie.

1986

Ron Baker was recently promoted to senior claims repre-

sentative for Farmers Insurance Group.

Tamara Lange Mosser is an administrative manager for Salter Services, Inc., a real estate development company.

1987

Martha Barnett, a second grade teacher with the Cardington-Lincoln Schools, recently was awarded a \$735 grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. She plans to use the funds for an educational program based on *The Nutcracker*. For the past 10 years, Barnett, better known to her students as "Mrs. B." has taken her class of second graders to see a live production of *The Nutcracker* ballet in Columbus. This year the grant will pay for each student ticket, a set of classroom books based on the story and materials for each student to compile a portfolio. Barnett is a 20-year patron of the ballet and also is an avid collector of wooden nutcracker dolls, which she shares with her students.

Stephanie Gerckens this fall was the scenic director for the Gallery Players' production of *Cabaret* in Columbus.

1988

Janetta Davis will be teaching theater at Ohio Wesleyan University. Davis has extensive credits as a lighting designer in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Dan Gifford and his wife, Deanna, and son, Spencer, have relocated to Westerville. Dan has joined Nationwide Insurance where he works in the Office of Finance as a special projects director.

Debra Lamp started a new job this fall as the director of student activities at the

Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH.

1989

Timothy Carlson joined the Orwell Arts Center's music faculty to provide brass instrument instruction. He is also the computer lab teacher and yearbook advisor at Grand Valley High School as well as the high school band director. Carlson maintains a busy performance schedule in addition to teaching. He lives in Orwell with his wife, **Beth Helwig Carlson '88**, a sixth grade science teacher at Grand Valley Middle School, and their five-year-old daughter, Katherine.

Artist **Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson** displayed her work at Rothschild's Market Cafe in Urbana, OH, in September. Her paintings have been exhibited in New York City and throughout the Midwest. She teaches art history at Clark State Community College and lives on a farm outside Urbana with her husband and two children.

Cynthia Heston Sievers was recently promoted to senior financial analyst at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, OH.

1990

Terry Holland of Westerville was named audit officer at the Huntington National Bank.

Chad Reynolds is now the principal at Huber Ridge Elementary in Westerville City Schools. He also assists with the Otterbein men's basketball team. His wife, **Cindy Harroun Reynolds '90** is a family and consumer science teacher, class advisor and service club advisor at Olen-tangy High School in Lewis Center, OH.

Jay Snyder joined the Fiber-glas Federal Credit Union in February as a collection officer.

1991

Bryan Knicely joined the staff of the Saint Louis Effort for AIDS (EFA) in July as chief financial officer. Prior to EFA, Knicely was the business manager at Laumeier Sculpture Park. Before moving to St. Louis, he worked in Ohio with BalletMet Columbus and The Palace Theatre in Marion.

Stephanie Morgan Lauderback was accepted into the M.Ed. program at The Ohio State University. She began classes on a full-time basis this past summer.

Joseph Loth Jr. was recently named defensive backs coach at the University of Rhode Island, which competes in Division I-AA.

1992

Jess Hanks appeared as JFK in the musical *Oh Jackie!* which was presented at the Riffe Center in Columbus in October.

Marleen Schiefer was named auditing supervisor at the accounting firm of Greene & Wallace. She has also been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Literacy Network, where she will serve as treasurer.

Vicki Pines Schmid is now the director of customer service with The Psychological Corporation in San Antonio, TX.

1993

James Byers received his doctor of chiropractic degree from The National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, IL, in April. James and his wife,

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PROFILE

'92 Alumna Follows Childhood Dream

Melissa Barber '92 has wanted to be a performer since her first audition at 10 years old for her father. Her ambition took her to New York City, where she works at a public relations agency and performs in a one-woman cabaret show. Recently, however, she went back to her roots and staged a Cleveland-style release of her first CD, *You Heard It Here First*.

Melissa grew up in Middleburg Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, where she was a typical child with a dream. "One day, when I was 10, I was singing for a friend, who suggested that I join her chorus group. My dad made me audition for him first, just to be sure I really could sing. That was the toughest audition of my life."

Over 20 years later, Cleveland became the subject of her first CD *You Heard It Here First*, for which Melissa donned the hats of producer, director, promoter and performer. "I've learned that you have to do as much as you can for yourself, because you will hear a lot of maybe's and no's, and very few yes's."

To premier her CD, Melissa took her show to Cleveland, where she sold out three performances in September at Gene Hickerson's at the Hanna. Her show featured songs by Cleveland songwriters that are featured on the CD, including one with a reference to Drew Carey and another talking about missing life in the "burbs" of Cleveland. "The CD is a variety of styles, from pop, comedy and inspirational pieces to songs from new musicals," Melissa said.

Following her childhood in Cleveland, Melissa went to Otterbein to further her career in music. "I looked at many colleges, and I was drawn to the theatre program at Otterbein," she said. "Then I found out that Otterbein had an excellent music program, too, so I majored in musical theatre and music business."

Melissa recalls her time at Otterbein as being "a huge step toward the real world." Through her performances in *Così Fan Tutte*, *Evita*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Opus Zero* and *Opus One*, she learned about professionalism and the level of competition she would be facing during her career. "I was up against some of the best theatre students around, and I really saw how strong my competition would be," Melissa said.

After college, Melissa moved to New York City. There, she performed for cabaret clubs, television, classical concerts, sporting events, and theatrical productions. Her current cabaret show is a blend of new pieces and familiar ones, including songs from Cleveland artists, such as Jim Brickman and Tracey Chapman. "I want to make it fun for the audience, so I sing some songs they know. I love to pick out people to sing and dance with me," she said.

Melissa also includes many characters in her show. "I play Melissa, but I also play Kiki, a 1920s model from a new musical, and other, more serious characters."

While Melissa enjoys New York, she is still a Cleveland girl at heart. "New York is a great place, very exciting and trendy, but sometimes I miss the backyards and the quiet of the suburbs of Cleveland," she said.

Melissa is currently booking more concerts in Ohio. Her CD can be found in stores, including the Otterbein College Bookstore. For more information about Melissa and to hear some tracks from her CD, go to melissabarber.iuma.com.



Mollie Ratliff '93, live in Waynesville, OH, where they are opening up Byers Chiropractic Center. Byers would like to send a big thank you to two of his Eta Phi Mu Fraternity brothers **Jason Privett '93** and **Ron Fielder '93** who helped paint the office building!

Melissa DeVore was appointed executive director of the Stafford County chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Genoa Township trustees appointed **Cheryl Hughes Headlee** township clerk in May. She lives in Westerville with her husband Mark and three daughters.

Sarah Martin is working in the Corporate Communications Department for Bob Evans.

Katherine Spiess Ritter was promoted to assistant cashier at the Fifth Third Bank in Batavia, OH. She is responsible for meeting the financial needs of bank employees through loans and credit cards. She is also a volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She and her husband, John, live in Batavia.

Jeff Wuerth is public relations director for the Columbus Crew soccer team.

1994

Elizabeth Gregson Chesnes is marketing director at Northland Mall in Columbus. She and her husband **Marc Chesnes '93** live in Columbus.

Michelle Pignotti Pate was the guest speaker at this year's community baccalaureate service at First Christian Church. She is a research assistant for the Liver Center at the Yale University School

of Medicine. Her husband, **Kevin Pate '93**, and daughter Kaylee live in New Haven, CT.

1995

James Sawyer has begun graduate school in chemistry at Wright State in Dayton, OH. He has a graduate assistantship in the chemistry department.

Jo-el Fernandez Suroviak is currently employed as a case manager for Reliance House,

a psychiatric rehabilitation facility. She also has begun working toward her MSW degree at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work.

1996

Todd E. Trautner is working as a development associate for Lakewood Hospital Foundation in Lakewood, OH.

1997

Heather Shannon DeRocha is store manager for Bath and

Body Works in Denver, CO, where she lives with her husband Daniel, and son Bailey.

Tammy Requardt successfully completed the state of Ohio board of nursing examination as a registered nurse. Tammy is a registered nurse at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus.

1998

Kristy Bradstock is marketing assistant at Greencrest Marketing Inc.

Sara J. Shuppert Cupp is a senior auditor for Greene & Wallace, Inc. CPAs. She passed the CPA exam in November 1998 and will become certified in January 2000.

1999

In September, **Allison Swickard** joined the public relations firm Think Communication, Inc., headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. ■

M I L E S T O N E S

compiled by Patti Kennedy

MARRIAGES

1989

Cynthia Heston to David Scott Sievers, Sept. 26, 1998.

1991

Valerie Gronlund to Steve Gross, Oct. 10, 1998.

Steven Rose to Mary Kirkpatrick, Mar. 20, 1999.

1992

Scott Joseph to Candi Jo Bartley, Oct. 4, 1997.

Jeff Kreuzer to Jennifer Ricci, Mar. 6, 1999.

1993

Marc Chesnes to **Elizabeth Gregson '94**, Feb. 1998.

1994

Jeff Seaton to Annie Hoh, Oct. 2, 1999.

1995

Marc Kirsch to Glenda Oury, Aug. 1, 1998.

1996

Becky Herbert to Eric Cheney, June 26, 1999.

Brett Stertzbach to **Jessica lamele '98**, Mar. 13, 1999.

1997

Jon Clinger to **Christine Sheaffer '97**, July 24, 1999.

Christopher Johnson to Paulette Brookover on July 3, 1999.

Shonnie A. Tripp to **George A. Grell II '97**, May 1, 1999.

1998

Heidi Betts to Scott Spiers, Oct. 16, 1999.

Lindsay Deringer to Shane Ramsey, Aug. 7, 1999.

Joseph Laureano III to **Michelle Tavenner '97**, Nov. 21, 1998.

Jeff Ressler to Cara Brubaker, June 26, 1999.

Sara J. Shupert to Phillip Cupp, Sept. 14, 1998.

Sherri Wintringer to Bruce Lancia, May 15, 1999.

1999

Jessica Beyer to **Robert Fry '99**, June 20, 1998.

ADDITIONS

1980

Connie Watts Deel and husband Steven, a boy, Jared Alexander, July 30, 1999. He joins big brother Tyler.

1983

Linda Brown Glascock and husband John, a girl, Jennifer Ashley, Mar. 14, 1999. She joins brother Jack, 3.

1984

Eric Anderson and wife Kimberly, a girl, Jessica Leigh, Oct. 8, 1999. She joins sister Rachele, 9.

Billie Jo Kennedy Yoder and husband **Rodney Yoder '88**, a boy, Jason Rodney, July 31, 1999. He joins sister Sonya Kay, 8.

1986

Tamara Lange Mosser and husband Jim, a boy, Maxton Lucas, Sept. 20, 1999.

1988

Thomas Fogel and wife Tammy, a girl Alipsa Leigh, Dec. 30, 1998.

Dan Gifford and wife Deanna, a boy, Spencer Daniel, Apr. 14, 1999. Proud relatives include grandparents **Craig Gifford '57** and **Marty Kinder Gifford '64**, and uncles **Bruce Gifford '86** and **Larry Gifford '94**.

Robin Rogers Pryfogle and husband **Scott Pryfogle '86**, a son, Zachary Scott, June 7, 1999. Proud relatives include great uncle and aunt **Jim '75** and **Kim Pryfogle Reed '75** and grandparents **Larry '64** and **Ann Cherry Pryfogle '61**.

1989

Tom Denbow and wife Michele, a boy, Nicholas Kent, June 1, 1999. He joins brothers Andrew, 10, Casey, 7, and sister Samantha, 5.

Matthew Slemmons and wife Leslie, a boy, Matthew Jacob, Aug. 17, 1999.

Tracy Miller Thayer and husband **Steven Thayer '89**, a girl, Gabrielle Grace, Sept. 21, 1999. She joins sisters Alexandria,

Janie and brother Zachary. Proud relatives include grandparents **Fred H'82** and **Donna Jean H'94 Thayer** and **Porter '65** and Pricilla Miller.

1990

Tim Bullis and wife Kelly, a son, Jackson Timothy, July 15, 1999.

Anna Stockdale Johnson and husband Joe, a girl, Maria Jean, Mar. 2, 1999. Proud relatives include grandparents **Tom Stockdale '64**, **Dora Potts Taylor '64** and aunt **Alice Stockdale Beers '91**.

Dan Lauderback and wife **Stephanie Morgan Lauderback '91**, a boy, Zackary Daniel, Oct. 28, 1998. He joins sister Corinne, 3.

1991

Alice Stockdale Beers and husband Tim, a girl, Abigail Lee, May 28, 1999. Proud relatives include grandparents **Tom Stockdale '64**, **Dora Potts Taylor '64** and aunt **Anna Stockdale Johnson '90**.

Ellen DeRhodes McCune and husband **Dave McCune '91**, a girl, Brian Vail, June 27, 1999.

Christine Whitaker Warner and husband Jay, twin girls, Sofia Rose and Josephine Belle, May 27, 1999.

1992

Shannon Rauch Bohren and husband James, a boy, Wyatt Sigfred, Sept. 17, 1999.

Darren Burkey and wife Chandra, a son, Joshua Cade, Sept. 3, 1999. He joins sister Peyton, 3.

1993

Jennifer Shanta Willis and husband Keith, a boy, Kyle Matthew, Sept. 20, 1999. He joins brother Andrew, 2 1/2.

1994

Marsha Knoll McDaniels and husband Kevin, a girl, Emma Rose, Oct. 6, 1998.

1995

Michelle Johnson-Beitzel and husband **Russell E. Beitzel III '96**, a boy, Russell Elwood Beitzel IV, Aug. 18, 1999.

1997

Heather Shannon DeRosha and husband Daniel, a boy, Bailey, Apr. 15, 1999.

DEATHS

1927

Otterbein has learned that **Ernestine W. Schmitt Griswold**, 93, passed away. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and knitting. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mayer (Bud) Griswold. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and the Urbana Garden Club.

1928

Alice Lorene Propst Hoover, 93, of Front Royal, VA, passed away September 8, 1999. As a registered dietician, she worked for the Pentagon during World War II. She received the American Diabetes Association award as the most outstanding layman in the U.S. in the field of diabetes treatment and detection. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and many civil and charitable boards and organizations. Her son, Richard W. Hoover, four grandchil-

dren and four great-grandchildren survive her.

Viola Peden Widdoes, 92, of Sandusky, OH, passed away August 14, 1999. A homemaker, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She is survived by sons Richard, James and Thomas; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

1929

Frank J. "Mink" Mraz, 92, passed away June 24, 1999. He received his master's degree from Kent State University. Mraz was the audio-visual director at Maple Heights High School from 1935 to 1972 and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 1989. He was a longtime member and elder at Maple Heights Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, **Evelyn Stair Mraz '31**; daughters, **Carol Flack '61** and Linda Stahl; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother.

1932

Otterbein has received word that **Gwendolyn E. Wagner** of Bucyrus, OH, passed away July 9, 1999.

1935

Robert E. Holmes, 88, passed away April 1, 1999 at his residence in Idyllwild, CA. Holmes was a musical performer and instructor in Los Angeles, working with the Idyllwild Community Chorale, The Orme School Festival Choir and the ISOMATA Festival choirs and orchestras at the University of Southern California Idyllwild Campus. Additionally, he was co-founder and co-conductor of the ISOMATA organization. He was former president of

the Southern California Vocal Association and the Western Division of the Music Educators National Conference. He was married to **Elaine Ashcraft Holmes '35** and they had five children.

1944

Reverend Troy Brady, 93, passed away June 25, 1999. In addition to graduating from Mountain State Business College and United Theological Seminary, Rev. Brady received his M.A. from The Ohio State University. From 1952 to 1956 he was president of Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music in Dayton, Virginia. Reverend and Mrs. Brady served pastorates in West Virginia for several years before serving in Bradenton, FL. He retired after completing 40 years of active ministry at the St. Andrew's Methodist Church in 1971. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; sons G. Marion and Howard Brady; sisters Blossom Thrash and Zylpha Perdue; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

1948

Scholar C. Stine, of San Mateo, CA, passed away on March 11, 1999. He had been retired for 12 years from Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. where he was the divisional underwriting manager in the San Francisco office overseeing 11 western states. He is survived by his wife, Natalia.

1949

Herbert "Bus" Farmer, Jr., 76, of Franklin, OH, passed away September 15, 1999. He was a Marine Corp. veteran of World War II serving on the U.S.S. Bunker

Annual Fund Goes Where Money is Needed Most

The Otterbein College Annual Fund has announced its goal for the 1999-2000 year and has begun the campaign to raise \$535,000.

The Annual Fund was established in 1947 to curb the costs of tuition through private donations. The money raised for the Annual Fund helps keep tuition low while maintaining Otterbein's level of excellence for present and future students. In its first year, the Annual Fund raised \$17,000. During the 1998-99 drive, the Annual fund raised approximately \$528,000, which exceeded its goal of \$515,000.

The money raised by the Annual Fund is used to provide for programs and projects not fully funded by tuition dollars. According to Director of Annual Giving Jennifer Beharry, some of these programs include financial aid for students, academic course development and faculty development. The Annual Fund also supports educational equipment purchases.

"The Annual Fund is unrestricted," Beharry said. "It is a general fund, so the money is used where the need is greatest, and that will vary from year to year."

Another unique aspect of the Annual Fund is that the money is available immediately, whereas some funds keep the money for a certain period of time before it is available for use.

The Otterbein Annual Fund drive runs from July 1 to June 30. All gifts received during the fiscal year will be included in the Honor Roll of Donors. For more information, contact Jennifer Beharry at (614) 823-1400, or e-mail jbeharry@otterbein.edu.

The Annual Fund is supervised by a National Volunteer Council. The Council was created for the 1998-99 drive with representatives from every constituency. The goal of the Council is to help increase the levels of participation and financial support of the Annual Fund. After a successful year, the members of the 1999-2000 Annual Fund National Volunteer Council have been named. They are profiled below.

National Chairs

Robert '56 and Annbeth Sommers '55 Wilkinson served as the President's Club Chairs on the 1998-99 National Alumni Council. After a successful year, they are gearing up for a second term as the National Chairs.

In their position, Robert and Annbeth will continue to be part of the growth they have seen at Otterbein through the years. "The town has grown a lot, and Otterbein's programs have grown with it," Annbeth said.

While Robert and Annbeth enjoy using their position to keep in touch with old friends, they also plan to make new friends among the recent Otterbein graduates. "It's important to keep the younger alumni involved with the College after they graduate," Robert said. "They are the future of the College."

Vice Chair for Reunions and Giving Clubs

When **Alan Goff '75** first came to Otterbein, he was attracted by its small size and the quality of its math department. Eventually, he would begin to appreciate the opportunities for involvement both during college and after graduation as he begins his second year as the Vice Chair for Reunions and Giving Clubs on the National Volunteer Council.

Alan, a Columbus native who now lives in Massachusetts, credits Otterbein with giving him the technical and people skills that he now uses as an engineer.

Alan also enjoys furthering the goals of the College as it prepares to meet the needs of future students. "The general liberal arts education that Otterbein offers is extremely useful," Alan said. "That kind of well-rounded education should be available to more students in the future."

Presidents Club Chair

Wendell '60 and Judith Lovejoy '58 Foote have also watched Otterbein's progress from their home in Oregon over the past few years and like what they see. "The College has grown tremendously over the years," Wendell said. "The Theatre Department has really grown, the Equestrian Science program is new, and the renovated Towers looks beautiful."

As President's Club Chairs, Wendell and Judith will help advance the College even more in the years to come. Some would think it is hard to stay connected across so many miles, but it isn't hard at all for Judith and Wendell.

Vice Chair for Constituent Groups

After moving to Ohio in 1998 to become the president and C.E.O. of Borden Chemical Inc., **Mike Ducey '75** begins his first year serving on the National Volunteer Council in the position of Vice Chair for Constituent Groups.

Mike is happy to be so involved with the College, because it was Otterbein that taught him the key to success. "In the business world, the key to success is learning how to deal with many different types of people," Mike said. "At Otterbein, the diverse education and the exposure to the arts gave me a broad base to relate to people with a variety of interests."

As a member of the National Volunteer Council, Mike hopes to give back to the school that helped him get where he is today. "I feel privileged to have the ability to give some of my time and money back to Otterbein, because Otterbein sure gave a lot to me."

Towers Club Chairs

Art '49 and Louise Stouffer '49 Schultz served as the 50th Reunion Chairs on the 1998-99 National Volunteer Council, and after a successful reunion, they are prepared to be more involved with the council this year as the Towers Club Chairs.

They say it is rewarding to see how Otterbein has grown through the years. "The College has not only grown in numbers, but also in quality," Art said. "But it still has the feeling of community that we experienced as students."

Art and Louise are happy to have the chance to share their enthusiasm for Otterbein with fellow alumni. "We realize anew how much Otterbein means to us, not only for the excellent liberal arts education we received, but also for the friendships which we made and which we still cherish," they said.

While they reminisce about the past, Art and Louise are also optimistic about the future of the College. "The next 150 years will be even greater than the last," Art said.

Hill, surviving a Kamikaze attack. At Otterbein he was co-captain of the 1948 football team. After graduation, he coached football at Steubenville High School, then became a recruiter for Otterbein and Southern Methodist University. From 1950 until his retirement in 1993, he worked at the Meeker and Meeker Insurance firm. He was a past member of the Lions Club, Rotary Club and served as president of Franklin Golf Club and board member of Brown's Run Country Club. He was also a lifelong member of the American Legion. His wife, Margie, daughter, Sally (Jimmy) Crawford, son, Fred and three granddaughters survive him.

Richard L. Galusha passed away March 22, 1999 at Kettering Hospital. He was a senior facilities officer for Bank One in Columbus. He

is survived by his wife, Barbara Rose; and children Doug and Deborlee.

1950

Elizabeth Neidig Buck, 71, passed away May 26, 1999 in Florida following a long illness. A long time resident of Westerville she formerly ran a preschool from her home. She is survived by her former husband, Frederick James Buck; son, David James (Vicki) Buck; daughter, Bettina Lynn Buck; brother, Joseph Neidig; sister, Virginia Neidig; grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth and Olivia Marie Buck.

1951

Barbara A. Harris Newton passed away on Sept. 9, 1999. Survivors are her husband, James; son, Robert; and brother, **Harold W. Harris '49**.

Marilyn E. Hotopp Wilson passed away in Woodland Hills, CA, on July 26, 1999 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Marilyn was an elementary school teacher in Dayton, OH, public schools for seven years. She was married to **Bill Wilson '51** for 48 years. Her four children and five grandchildren also survive her.

1954

Wallace E. Conard, 67, of Gahanna, OH, passed away Aug. 30, 1999. He retired from Columbus State Community College where he was a business professor. He also taught at Westerville City Schools. He received his master's degree from The Ohio State University in 1968. He was a member of the Church of the Messiah United Methodist, Neoacacia Lodge #595 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus, Aladdin Temple Shrine and the

President's Club at OSU. In 1988, he received a heart transplant. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, **Dorothy Miles Conard '54**; sons, **William T. Conard II '80**, **Edmond L. Conard '85** (**Janice Mack Conard '86**); five grandchildren; mother, Lillian Marie Conard; brother Russell Wright and sister, Jean Mize.

1956

Marjorie Jean Walker Kassner of Douglas, WY, passed away September 8, 1999. She was active in "Still Going Strong" and was given the Outstanding Woman Award by the Westerville Jaycees. She moved to Wyoming in 1970. Children, Mark Walker, Gretchen Kassner, and Russell (Connie) Kassner; brother David Walker; and stepmother, Edith Walker, survive her. ■

Otterbein Loses Special Lady with Lillian Frank's Passing

Former Art Department Chair **Lillian Frank H'68** died on Dec. 8, 1999, at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. She was 91 years old.

Lillian began working at Otterbein in 1943 and remained on the faculty until her retirement in 1972. She taught various courses, including art, philosophy and religion. As chair of the Art Department, she started a program of exhibitions and established a lending library of framed reproductions and originals. She also supported many foreign students during her years at Otterbein and following her retirement.

In 1968, Lillian was made an honorary alumna of the College, and in 1994 she received the Distinguished Service Award from Otterbein's National Alumni Association. In 1996, she was honored with the College's World Ambassador Award for her international spirit and her efforts to broaden the world views of students, colleagues and friends both inside the classroom and out. That same year, the Japan Alumni Group created the Lillian Frank Foreign Student Award in her honor.

Lillian has been an active supporter of the arts at Otterbein, establishing the Lillian and Paul Frank Endowed Artist Series Fund in 1997 and keeping in close contact with members of Otterbein's art and music community. Lillian's house, the former Salem Evangelical Church, has been given to Otterbein. The College hopes to use the house as an art gallery and a concert hall for small music events.



Compiled by Jenny Hill

Upcoming Activities

Native American Medicine to be Presented

At 6:00 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2000, Otterbein will present the Lifelong Learning program, "Native American Medicine."

Join Associate Professor of Nursing Carol Engle as she discusses Native American health concepts, including the importance of balance and harmony with the earth, the use of herbs and other natural methods of healing, and the connection between spiritual and physical health.

To register by Feb. 1, 2000, call (614) 823-1650.

Wild in Western Pennsylvania

Western Pennsylvania area alumni and friends are invited to participate in a fun and exciting afternoon on Saturday, May 6 with members of the Otterbein College extended family. Members of the planning committee have prepared an afternoon and evening of fun, food and festivity with something for everyone, including horseback riding, hiking, horseshoe-throwing, fishing and golf at Camp Allegheny.

After a great afternoon of outdoor fun, we'll enjoy an old-fashioned dinner with all the trimmings and a songfest of Otterbein favorites, including the *Otterbein Love Song*. The festivities will go on rain or shine, so bring your family to greet old friends and make new ones! (See photo on page 35.)

Campus Beautification Day

Great news for people who want to keep Otterbein beautiful into the new millennium. Following a successful first year, the second annual Campus Beautification Day has been set for Saturday, May 20, 2000. This is a chance for Otterbein alumni and friends to join together in an effort to keep Otterbein beautiful in a day of community service for a great cause. So keep your eyes open for more information, and plan to help keep Otterbein beautiful!

Learning by the Lake

Saturday, June 17, 2000, marks the date of Otterbein's Toledo Alumni Event. This seaworthy evening will offer alumni and friends the chance to have dinner and learn about life on the S.S. Willis B. Boyer, a historic ship moored at International Park in Toledo. The ship was built in 1911 and "retired" in 1980 after 69 years of service. The ship's artifacts, maintained by the Western Lake Erie Historical Society, come alive as you tour the "king of the lake freighters."

So plan to join fellow alumni and friends for an evening of food, friends and fun.

Junebug Jamboree

The 4th Annual Junebug Jamboree for Dayton area alumni and friends will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2000,

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Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar

1/22/00	Baltimore OARS Training Program
2/8/00	Lifelong Learning - Native American Medicine
2/19/00	Florida Alumni Gathering in Naples
2/20/00	Florida Alumni Gathering in Orlando
3/7/00	Lifelong Learning - Medications in the Millennium
3/18/00	Indianapolis OARS Training
4/4/00	Lifelong Learning - Creating a Safety Net for "Kids in the Middle," What Middle Schools Must Do
4/9/00	Fishbaugh Annual Alumni Baseball Game
4/15/00	Through the Artist's Eye - Cincinnati Alumni Event
5/6/00	Western Pennsylvania Alumni Gathering
5/20/00	Campus Beautification Day

at the home of **Bill '48** and **Helen Hill LeMay '47**. The 2000 festivities will include fishing, golfing, shopping, an old fashioned pig roast, and a songfest. It's guaranteed to be a day you'll never forget!

Mark your calendars and plan to join your Otterbein friends for a day of friends, food and fun.

Updates

A Flock of Cardinals

The 1999 Cardinal Migration drew a huge flock of alumni and friends to Seattle, Washington.

Seventy-five people attended the Sept. 23-26 event, participating in numerous activities focused around lifelong learning. The most popular events included the cruise to Tillicum Village for a delicious salmon dinner and the historic Pioneer Square and Seattle Underground Tour.

Special thanks to Cardinal Migration '99 Chair **Mary Ann Charles Eschbach '56**. Thanks also to **Joe Eschbach '55** and **Steve '68** and **Anna Lou Turner '68 Lorton**. (See photos on page 37.)

Dayton Otterbein Women's Club Meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, over 30 Dayton area Otterbein women met to discuss the College. Guest speaker Dr. Rick Dorman, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, addressed the group and gave an update on the present and future plans of the College.

Schooner Mary Day

It was smooth sailing for the Schooner Mary Day, which sailed Aug. 15-21, 1999, with 30 Otterbein alumni and friends on board. Without the modern intrusions of television, telephones, schedules and deadlines, attendees enjoyed visits to a quaint coastal Maine town and an uninhabited island, as well as cooking lobster over an open fire on a sandy beach. After 6 days sailing off the Coast of Maine, the schooner's passengers returned to land with photos, memories, and stories to last a lifetime.

Special thanks to **Dave '61** and **Sara Elberfeld '61 Deever** for co-hosting the 1999 event. (See photo on page 37.)

Young Alumni Chair

In her second year as Young Alumni Chair, **Denise Barton '91** has taken her position to heart, using it as a way to thank the College that taught her so much.

"Otterbein has opened up many different opportunities for me. The College not only brought me a well-rounded education for a great career, but it also brought me a life-long group of friends that I'm still very close to today," she said.

One of these friends is **Jed Hanawalt '91**, who is serving as vice-chair for Denise's second term. In his first year on the National Volunteer Council, Jed also is happy to have the chance to help out the College. "Otterbein means a lot to me and this is a great opportunity to give something back."

Faculty/Staff Chair

As the Faculty/Staff Chair for this year's National Volunteer Council, Associate Professor **David Jones** is interested in the advancement of Otterbein's academic programs, as well as the ongoing education of faculty members to prepare them for the future needs of Otterbein students and of the College itself.

David is also the Chair of Otterbein's Faculty Development Committee and is accustomed to taking an active role on Otterbein committees. Working with the National Volunteer Council, he will help advance the College as the new century begins.

Trustee Chair

In his second year on the National Volunteer Council, **John King '68** continues his excellent work as the Trustee Chair. John has been a member of Otterbein's Board of Trustees since 1995, and says that the Annual Fund is key to the continued excellence of the College.

"The Annual Fund is at the very heart of Otterbein's operating budget," he says. "By donating to the Annual Fund, I feel a part of everything that goes to make Otterbein better and better every year."

Tan and Cardinal Club Chair

Jim Heinisch '53 joined the National Volunteer Council this year as the Tan and Cardinal Club Chair. Jim has a long history of involvement with Otterbein, being involved as a student in Zeta Phi Fraternity, the History Honorary and Phi Alpha Theta.

He continues his involvement as an alumnus through alumni events, including the Cardinal Migration and a Theatre Tour for Atlanta alumni. Jim has been a loyal donor to the College throughout the years since his graduation. This past year he established a scholarship fund in memory of his first wife, Frances Heinisch, who was also a member of the class of 1953.

25th Reunion Chair

S. Kim Wells '75 was active with his class at Otterbein both during and after his days here. While he was a student, Kim was in the forensics society Pi Kappa Delta, served on the student senate, and was on the staff of *Sibyl*, *Tan and Cardinal*, and WOBN television.

As an alumnus, Kim keeps in touch with old friends as the class agent for the Class of 1975 and the 25th Reunion Chair

on the National Volunteer Council. Under Kim, the Class of 1975 should expect great things for their 25th reunion year.

50th Reunion Chair

Class agent **John Dale '50** is taking the 50th reunion by storm. As the 50th Reunion Chair for the Annual Fund National Volunteer Council and co-chair of the Golden Reunion Committee, John plans to make the Class of 1950 proud as they enter the new millennium.

John acquired his taste for Otterbein involvement during his days as a student earning his bachelor's degree in business administration. A member of Zeta Phi and former Senior Vice President at Society Bank, John will use his leadership abilities to pull together the Class of 1950 in their year of celebration. ■

New Endowed Scholarships and Endowed Awards

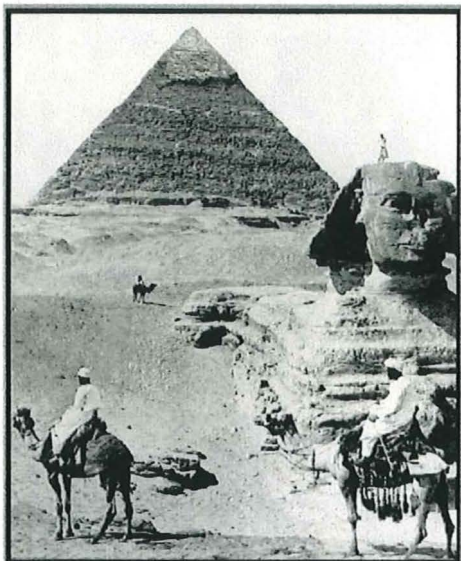
Joseph Wetherill '55 and **Mary Ann Charles '56 Eschbach** have established **The Marguerite Wetherill Eschbach Memorial Endowed Student Art Fund** to honor Joseph's mother from the class of 1924. The Art Project includes a guest art lecture and annual juried student art exhibition. The artwork will then become a part of the College's art collection.

The **Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Stobart-Eldridge-Borland Alumni Endowed Award** has been established anonymously. The Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Association wish to recognize the "balance" of academic achievement, extra-curricular activity, and fraternity leadership and involvement among the current members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. They also wish to honor college careers which demonstrated that balance in **Steven R. Stobart '93**, **W. Michael Stobart '95**, **Bradley Eldridge '95**, and **Ryan D. Borland '97**.

Maxine French Loomis '36 established an endowed scholarship in her name in 1999. Maxine valued her years at Otterbein and was the recipient of a scholarship at that time. She was very appreciative, and in turn, wants to help a student this year and years to come.

The Harold and Grace Burdge Augspurger Family Endowed Scholarship was established by husband Harold and family and friends in memory of Grace, a beloved wife, mother, alumna, patriot, career woman, and community volunteer. She touched many lives as only Gracie could. Harold and Grace's commitment to Otterbein has been stellar as they have held various roles including alumni president, trustee, members of the "O" Club, recipients of the "O" Club Outstanding Service Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award. Augspurger family members who attended Otterbein include Harold '41, Gracie '39, Richard '69 and Judy James '71 Augspurger, James '71 and Linda Ancik '71 Augspurger, Jayne Ann Augspurger McKewen '74 and Betsy Augspurger Duncan '76.

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Student Alumni Council

The Student Alumni Council has been lending a hand everywhere lately, helping out at Homecoming and selling concessions at the Ohio Athletic Conference Soccer Tournament. This student-run organization plans to become even more active with Otterbein alumni in the future, through events such as tours, fundraisers, and even a charity walk.

Special thanks to SAC president Angela Flannery for her leadership.

Tailgating Fun

Fall quarter 1999 brought football parents and tailgaters to colleges around Ohio, and the tailgate parties sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations were a huge hit with alumni and parents of Otterbein football players.

Seventy-four people attended the largest party at Ohio Northern on Oct. 30. The Muskingum College event drew 41 parents, and the Marietta College crowd totaled 51.

Special thanks to Ann Cole for her help in organizing these successful events. ■



Chowin' Down: Otterbein backers take needed sustenance for the day's cheering yet to come. This tailgate party, at Ohio Northern, drew 74 Cardinal fans.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

The 1999 Fishbaugh Annual Alumni Baseball Game (named in memory of Coach Dick Fishbaugh) would have been a victory for Otterbein's alumni team if the first inning and a half was any indication.

On Oct. 17, 1999, 21 Otterbein alumni turned out to lead the team to victory, and by the time rain ended the game halfway through the second inning, Otterbein was beating the Ohio Wesleyan University alumni team 3-0.

The date for the 2000 Fishbaugh Annual Alumni Baseball Game has been set for Sunday, April 9, at Ohio Wesleyan University's baseball field. Be sure to mark that date to come out and play or cheer the Cardinals on to victory!

Special thanks to **Greg Masters '87** for organizing the event and to new baseball head coach George Powell.

Homecoming

On Oct. 22-23, the 1999 Homecoming celebration was a huge success, full of exciting events for alumni.

The Former Alumni Presidents Continental Breakfast in Howard House brought together 18 former Otterbein National Alumni Association Presidents and their families for a wonderful discussion of Otterbein memories and news.

The *Tan and Cardinal* gatherings were new and very popular with alumni. Three events - the Deadline Mixer, the brunch, and the tour of the new **Norman Dohn '43** T&C office - were well attended by former T&C editors and staff members. Special thanks to **Beth Sanders '91** for starting a new Homecoming tradition.

Another popular event was the Otterbein Sweethearts Dinner, complete with the cutting of the Sweethearts' wedding cake.

On a historical note, we can't forget to mention the WOBN historic radio program, "Otterbein College Radio: Fifty Years of Excellence," which featured the favorite on-air memories of WOBN alumni. Thanks to **Bob Kennedy '77** for a wonderful program.

As fun as the 1999 Homecoming celebration was, the 2000 celebration will be even better, so be sure to join us next year!

What Makes This College Generation Tick?

The Nov. 9 Lifelong Learning program "What Makes this College Generation Tick?" was a great success, thanks to "GenXer" Kelley Shively, coordinator of Greek life and director of leadership development, and "Baby Boomer" Monty Bradley, chaplain.

The program addressed many questions concerning the College generation, including campus politics, entertainment, dating, technology, communication, diversity, academics, economics and future trends.

Upcoming Lifelong Learning programs include "Native American Medicine" on Feb. 8, "Medications in the Millennium" on March 7, and "Creating a Safety Net for 'Kids in the Middle': What Middle Schools Must Do" on April 4. Call the Alumni Office at (614) 823-1650 to register.



Beaten only by the rain: Participants in the 1999 Fishbaugh Annual Alumni Baseball Game were ahead of Ohio Wesleyan's alumni team 3-0, but unfortunately rain ended the game prematurely.



Left: Homecoming King Justin Smith and Queen Sasha Taylor presided over the victory against Heidelberg. Right: Tim Gleason presents the Rhine River trophy to seniors Matt D'Orazio and Roger Ailiff. At left is Coach Wally Hood.



Now You Can Hit the Links in Otterbein Style!

Through the efforts of the Otterbein National Alumni Association, special arrangements have been made with the Athletic Department and Ping, Inc. to offer our alumni and friends an opportunity to own a stand-up carry golf bag identical to those carried by our OAC Championship team. We are pleased to offer the bags at cost plus shipping charges.

You will be proud to own this bag, which symbolizes the great tradition established by our nationally recognized golf team, and your alma mater.

Cost of each bag is \$100. Club covers are also available for \$15 for a set of three. Otterbein's name and mascot are prominently displayed! For more information or to order, contact Greg Johnson at 614-823-1956.





Above: The committee for Campus Beautification Day 2000 are Lois Szudy, Gay Cathers, Barbara Brown, Becky Hoover, Charles Hoover.

Right: The crew of the Schooner Mary Day drop anchor for a beach feast of lobster. The group of 30 set sail for six days last August.



Cardinal Migration '99: About 75 Cardinals flocked to the great Northwest and Seattle this past September for the latest Cardinal Migration. Above are co-hosts Joe Eschbach '55, Anna Lou Lorton '68, Steve Lorton '68, and Mary Ann Eschbach '56.





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From the In Basket...

From Mary Jo Wood Brown '48

Dear Editor,

We greatly enjoy the wonderful *Towers* and read every word.

On August 21st, my husband and I (Jim '48 and Mary Jo Wood '48 Brown) celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Eight members of the wedding party back in 1949 were graduates.

The enclosed picture shows Rebecca Lynn Brown (15 months old) with her older sister Shelby (age 7) and her dad Thomas Wood Brown '77 with her Otterbein bib. She is our granddaughter and the great-granddaughter of Stanton '17 and Genevieve Mullin '23 Wood and Thomas B. '18 and Cleo Coppock '19 Brown—truly an Otterbein baby and hopefully a graduate of the class of 2019!

~ Mary Jo Wood Brown '48



Rebecca Lynn Brown, candidate for the class of 2019.

From Dave '56 and Joyce Shannon '58 Warner

You know who your real friends are when you have a "down-sizing" 2-day garage sale (after 35 years in the same house!) and fellow alumni volunteer to help! Such was the case at the home of Dave '56 and Joyce Shannon '58 Warner of Galloway, Ohio last August.

The best part of the two days was the fellowship and "do you remember...?" or "whatever happened to...?" Part II of the Garage Sale will probably be in the spring of 2000—sometime before the move to the condo!



Alumni to the rescue: From left, Carole Kreider Bullis '56, John Bullis '56, Joyce Warner '58, Shari Warner Pennington '88, Dave Warner '56, Mary Lou Stine Wagner '56, and Jim Wagner '56 who brought along his famous popcorn machine.

From Kenneth Shively '50

Dear Editor,

I am a graduate of Otterbein, class of 1950. I was a resident of Dayton, Ohio until this past April when we moved to Cape Coral in Florida.

My wife, Maria, and I love it down here where we can play golf, fish, boat, go shelling and play bridge. We invite any Otterbein graduate to visit us.

We would like to see a Florida Alumni Chapter started and would be glad to help in any way we can.

~ Kenneth O. Shively '50