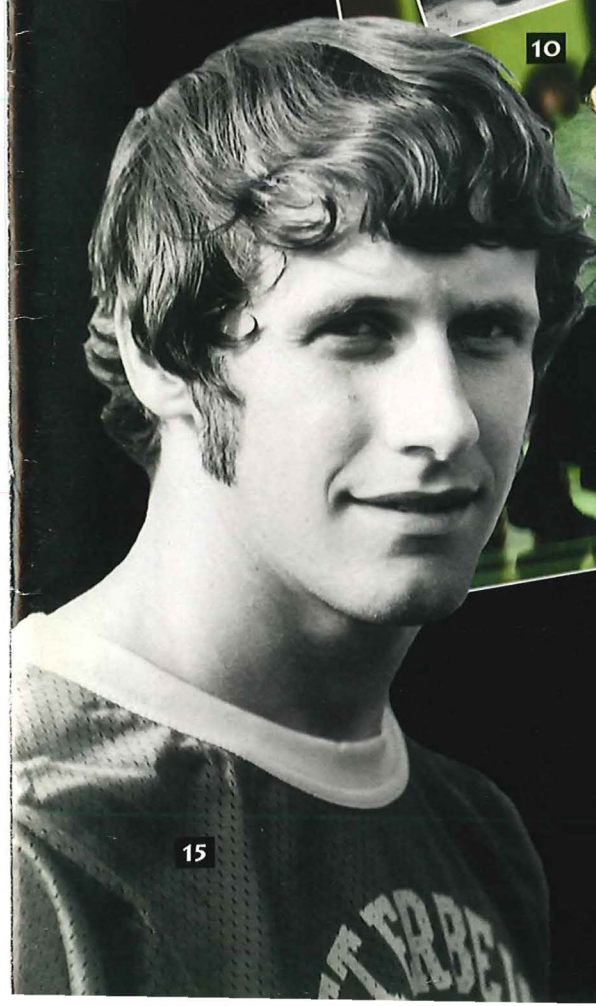
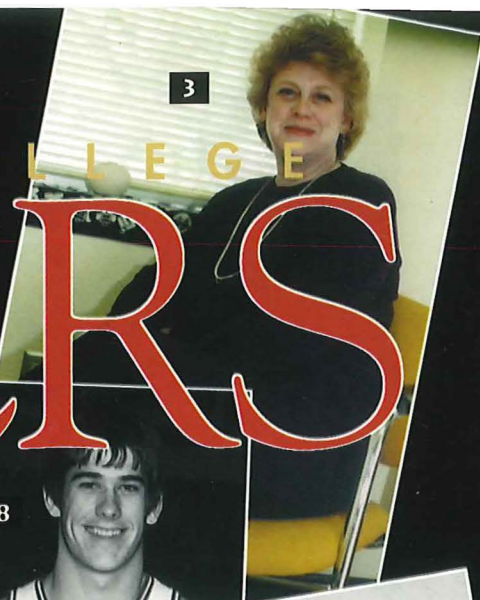
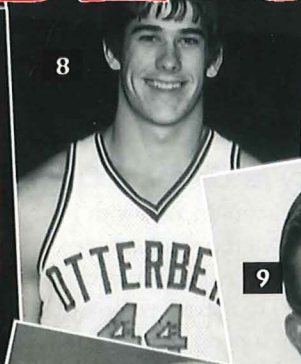


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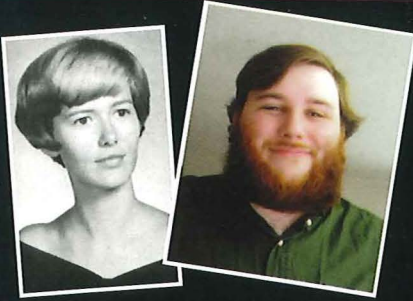
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Japanese Woodcuts Displayed in Fisher Gallery

Otterbein College decorated the walls of Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall with eighteen of the most intricate Japanese woodcuts in the College collection for the exhibit Impressions – Japanese Woodcuts, which ran Sept. 9, 2000 - Jan. 3, 2001.

The 19th century woodcuts on display were designed with elements of a 17th century school of art called ukiyo-e, or “the floating world.” Artists in this school created images that dealt with the pleasures of the common man. The images first appeared as illustrations in books before being presented in album form. The artworks were black and white until techniques were developed to add color to the prints, including those in the Otterbein collection.

The woodcuts were highly edited pieces of art. The artist of the piece composed the block design, which would be presented to a group of artists, known as publishers. The publishers would criticize the piece and advise changes to be made. After changes were made at this level, the engraver who carved the artist’s design into a wood block would make changes of his own. Eventually, the block would go to a printer, who



A Japanese Woodcut by Hokusai from the series “Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji.”

would use a special printing process to put the image onto a canvas of fine paper, often rice paper. The end result was a beautiful and delicate masterpiece.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Shively '05 and his wife, Mary Grace Ressler Shively '06, gave the collection of Japanese woodcuts to Otterbein in 1944. These pieces represent only a portion of the collection the Shivelys

acquired while living in Japan for 30 years. There, Dr. Shively was a professor of religious education at Doshisha University and Mrs. Shively taught kindergarten teachers, as well as lessons in piano and English. Otterbein honored Dr. Shively with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1922.

Otterbein’s collection of Japanese woodcuts features works by Hokusai, Hiroshige, Kuniyoshi and Utamaro.



Natalie Arnold (sophomore), Julia Moss (sophomore), and Kate Sanders (freshman) from Charlotte’s Web.

Otterbein College Theatre Creates

A Web of Friendship

Otterbein Children’s Theatre brought together an audience of 1,000 students from disadvantaged Columbus-area schools on Nov. 14, 2000, for a special presentation of the children’s classic *Charlotte’s Web*, written by E.B. White and adapted by Joseph Robinette.

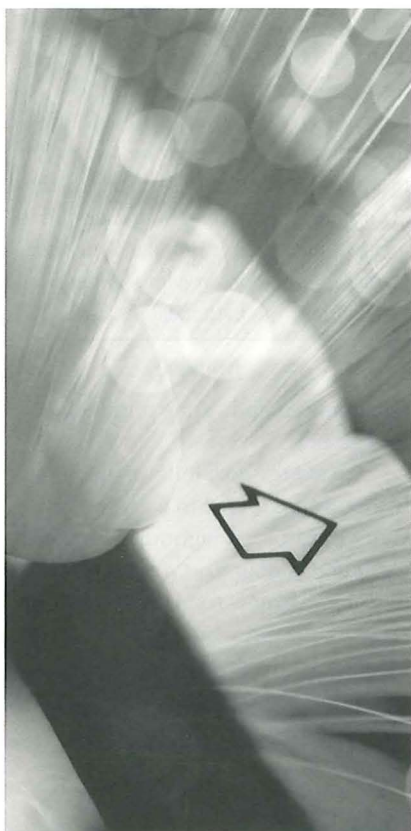
Thanks to grants from the Paul G. Duke Foundation (administered by the Columbus Foundation) and Target Stores, Otterbein offered the special school performance free of charge to 1,000 local students. The program

offered ticket subsidies for disadvantaged children from four Columbus schools, including the Teresa A. Dowd School for the Homeless, Sullivant Elementary, West Broad Street Elementary and Oakmont Elementary.

Project Director and Otterbein College Audience Services Director Elizabeth Minnich said the Theatre Department was excited to receive the grants and to host the students. “These grants have allowed us to take our program to a new level by reaching out to

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Online Opinion Poll Generating Lots of Feedback



www.otterbein.edu

The alumni online community has been up and running for nearly two years. In that time hundreds of alumni and friends have registered. Many have been posting their own Class Notes; some have received a free email address and others have connected with a long-lost friend. A new opinion poll has been posted to assess usage and satisfaction of the site. So far, nearly 400 respondents have completed the questionnaire.

"I am overwhelmed and gratified at the response," said Patricia Kessler, executive director of College Relations and Webmaster of the site. "It's going to take a long time to fully analyze the results, but hopefully not as long as it took to count the votes in Florida," she joked.

Kessler said she appreciates how quickly alumni have responded to the poll; the valuable input is uncovering areas that need to become more user-friendly. She hopes to have a full accounting of problems and suggestions soon, at which time she will explain some of the more confusing

areas to registrants and explore suggested improvements.

"All in all, it has been a good, serviceable site," she said, "but there is still some tweaking to be done."

One issue that seems to need clarification, according to the poll results, is how to find alumni. In the simple search, one needs to click the "registered" button along with class year and the first initial of the person's last name to refine a search. That way, only a specific class year and a last name beginning with a specific letter will pop up. With an "advanced" search, the first and last names are entered. Further refinements can be made from the pull-down menus such as class year, middle name, etc.

If the person's name cannot be found, it means they have not registered on the site but most likely can be found with the "unregistered names." However, just the name of the person will appear, and there is no way to contact them except through the Alumni Office.

Another feature of the site is the ability to pay for an event or donate online. Most people indicate they don't do this for security reasons. However, the site is secure for taking money by credit card. That's why a password is required to enter the site.

A full report of the survey results will be made available in February. At present, people are still filling in the questionnaire and Kessler wants to make sure "every vote or in this case, opinion, counts."

At present there are 1,290 registrants on the site and the figure climbs a little every day. To register go to www.otterbein.edu and click on alumni. For security purposes you will be asked your name and ID number. The number can be found on any mailing label received from the Alumni Office. If you have not been receiving alumni mailings, the office will provide your number for you.

Further questions? Contact Kessler through the Webmaster email on Otterbein's home page.

Grandmother's Journals Become Art at Otterbein

Artist and papermaker Ann Corley Silverman mourned her grandmother's death in a unique way — she used her grandmother's shredded journals to create The Journal Project, an exhibition of paper art. Presented in conjunction with the 2000 Common Book *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont, the exhibition was displayed fall quarter in Courtright Memorial Library.

Silverman's grandmother, Ann Eliza Hatton Lewis, died at the age of 93, leaving behind 80 years' worth of journals and orders for them to be destroyed without being read. Born in 1903, in Clinton, South Carolina, Lewis was a college graduate, a school teacher, the wife of a banker, the mother of five children and an avid writer and traveler. During her life, she founded a small weekly newspaper, a library, *Georgia Magazine* and a quarterly called *Georgia Life*.

Despite these accomplishments, Silverman said her grandmother "always wanted more." She describes her grandmother as having feelings of "resentment, unhappiness and bitterness." Lewis expressed these feelings in her journals.

"That the journals were painful to her was clear," Silverman said of her grandmother. "She was very conflicted about the stories she wanted to preserve and the turmoil she wanted to conceal."

Following Lewis' death, Silverman was determined to make sure that these journals, although destroyed, would not be lost. Therefore, she created The Journal Project, a collection of handmade sculptures, wall hangings and artistic pieces created using the shredded remains of Lewis' journal.

The exhibition was one event planned by the College to emphasize the Common Book theme, "Selves and Stories, Disguises and Disclosure."

Common Book Wall Honors Mary B. Thomas

Otterbein College unveiled its latest tribute to learning, the Common Book Wall, on Oct. 24, 2000. The wall features the pictures of each common book author along with their book cover and signature, with a photo of the late alumna Mary B. Thomas '28 and her parents at the top of the wall. It is located on the second floor of Courtright Memorial Library.

Otterbein's Common Book Author Wall has been created to honor Thomas, who established the Thomas Academic Excellence Series in 1995 in honor of her parents, Fred N. and Emma B. Thomas. This endowment supports Otterbein's Common Book, which is selected yearly as required reading for all freshmen at the College to create a shared learning experience for new students and faculty at Otterbein. The endowment provides the funds to give each new student a copy of the book and to bring the author to campus in the fall to meet with students and give a campus-wide convocation.

Thomas studied English at Otterbein, graduating cum laude in 1928. While at Otterbein, she won the Barnes Short Story Award, along with several other literary prizes. She belonged to the Philalethean Literary Society, Sigma Alpha Tau (Owls) sorority and Quiz and Quill. She went on to study 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.

Formerly employed in the Treasurer's Office at Otterbein, Thomas was an active member of the Otter-

bein Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1979, when she was named an Honorary Trustee. In 1977, she was named the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club "Woman of the Year." She was

also active in the Westerville community, holding offices in the American Association of University Women and the Westerville Memorial Library Board.

Otterbein College is in its sixth year of the Common Book program.

After Long Silence by Helen Fremont

is the 2000-2001 Common

Book. The book is Fremont's memoir of being an American woman raised Catholic, who discovers her family's history as German Jews hiding to escape the Holocaust. The story sets

the foundation for the theme, "Selves and Stories, Disguises and Disclosure." Throughout the academic year, students will participate in activities related to the Common Book theme, including the lecture presented by Fremont and community service projects.

(For more information on the Common Book, turn to page 8 of this issue. For further information on Mary Thomas, see *Philanthropy at Otterbein* on page 33.)

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communities and young minds of all backgrounds."

Charlotte's Web follows the unlikely friendships forged in a quaint barnyard. It features delightful characters, including Wilbur, the young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher; Fern, the girl who understands the language of the animals; and Charlotte, the talented spider who proves the strength and emotion of true friendship.

Otterbein Children's Theatre was established in 1962 with the staging of *The Emperor's New Clothes*. Since then, Children's Theatre has performed over 40 children's classics, from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* and *The Wizard of Oz* to *Aladdin* and *Pinocchio*.



Photo of Mary B. Thomas from the Common Book Wall

Otterbein Earns National Recognition for Excellence

In the U.S. News and World Report's 2000 Guide to America's Best Colleges, Otterbein College ranked first in academic reputation in Ohio, and second in academic reputation out of 136 midwestern liberal arts colleges. Otterbein was fifth overall when considering 16 categories (up from seventh last year) and was the highest ranked college in Ohio.

"We are especially pleased that our peer institutions have recognized Otterbein for our commitment to academic excellence. Such an accomplishment is the result of a campus-wide effort to provide the best possible environment for teaching and learning," said Otterbein President Brent DeVore.

Otterbein competed with colleges from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri for this top honor. The rankings are based on 16 measures of "academic excellence," which fall into seven categories with academic reputation being most important. Other important categories include retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performances and alumni giving rates.

compiled by Sandy Ritchie

Alumni, Please Note:

There is roughly a 2-month gap between deadline for Classnotes and the actual publication of the magazine. If your submission was done in the last two months, you may not see it until the next issue. All information posted on Otterbein's Online Alumni Site will be included in Towers, but there may be some delay. We appreciate your understanding of our deadlines. To visit Otterbein's Online Alumni Site, go to www.Otterbein.edu and click on alumni. Email: PKessler@Otterbein.edu

1925

Myron Pittman celebrated his 100th birthday at Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Bucyrus, OH. Over 200 guests attended, including daughters **Barbara Pittman Quaintance '55**, **Mary Pittman Gast '51**, foster son **Willard Stamper '70** and grandson **Thomas Dunipace '72**.

1931

Margaret Anderson Telian was responsible for starting Corning Community College in 1957. She invited Dr. Dwayne Orton, Editor of *Think Magazine* to come to speak on "How to Start a College in your Hometown." CCC is considered one of the outstanding community colleges in NY state and the U.S.

1942

The Kettering Civic Band, founded and conducted by **Paul Shartle**, has celebrated its 40th anniversary. The

band performs more than 25 concerts a year and serves as a goodwill ambassador for Kettering with overseas performances for Kettering's Sister Cities in Steyr, Austria and Kettering, England. The band has also played for audiences in Wales, Scotland, Germany, Italy and Canada.

1944

Albert Bartlett was invited to lecture in the Distinguished Lecture Series to 350 engineering cadets at the US Military Academy at West Point. His talk, "Arithmetic, Population, and Energy" has been given 1,378 times in 31 years and in 48 states, Canada and a couple of times overseas. While at West Point, he gave an engineering colloquium and held discussion sessions in two engineering classes.

1946

Elizabeth McConnell Wolfe has a hobby collecting information and pictures of one-room schools in Knox County, OH – early 1800's through 1939.

1947

Edwin (Dubbs) Roush and his wife, **Mary Lou Harold Roush '45**, were selected by the Rotary Club of Westerville to be the grand marshals for this year's Fourth of July Parade.

1948

Esther Wilson Buehler and her husband, Roger, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren.

She and her husband reside in Albuquerque, NM.

1951

Warren Costick retired in June 1989, after 40 years as a minister in Ohio East Conference UMC Church and Central Penn Conference.

Olivetta McCoy Yohn and husband **David '51**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2000.

1953

Mary Lou Poorman Flanagan, since retiring from teaching eight years ago, has been an active volunteer with Mission Possible's office in Ft. Pierce, FL. She has made eleven trips to Haiti on short-term missions (three to four weeks duration). Mission Possible operates schools and provides hot lunches in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Mary Lou is on the Associate Board of the mission.

Dr. Oliver Lugibihl was honored on October 8, 2000 at a special reception for 40 years of service to the community of Pandora. He received his medical degree at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He has delivered well over 2,000 babies, and has indicated that November 30th was to be his last delivery.

1954

Beverly Richards Talbert recently retired from the Tiffin City School District.

1957

Dr. William Freeman of Westerville, team physician for the athletic department, received the distinguished service award from the Otterbein College National Alumni Association. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Dean Roush retired July 1, 2000, after 40 years of ministry in United Methodist Churches in the East Ohio Conference.

Gay Fravert Spears retired from Garland Independent School District in Texas, after teaching in Ohio, New Mexico and New Hampshire. She is now involved with teaching senior adults at Senior Net of Dallas, a computer education organization.

1958

Rev. Thomas Dipko, Ph.D., executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries (1992-2000), United Church of Christ, has retired from active ministry. He also served as conference minister of the Ohio Conference from 1984-1992, and for 21 years as a pastor of local churches in Massachusetts & Pennsylvania. He continues ecumenical work for the United Church of Christ. He and his wife, Sandra, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 2000. They reside in Berea, OH.

1959

Francine Thompson Buckingham was nominated by

Sells Middle School for the Golden Shamrock Award which was presented by the Dublin City School's school board in June, 1999. This award is given for excellence in teaching.

Nancy Lucks is a contemporary artist. She paints in acrylics; their fluid flexibility enables her to create beautiful seascapes and landscapes. She majored in Fine Arts at Otterbein, Industrial Design at the Columbus College of Art and Design, and completed

her studies at the New York School of Interior Design. Over the years she has had art shows in England, France, New York, Ohio and Virginia.

ly awarded the Gold Heart Award by the American Heart Association. He received the award, AHA's highest honor, for service, contributions and accomplishments to advance the AHA's mission to fight heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. He is one of only three individuals in the nation to receive this award in 2000.

1963

Martha Slack Kinkead retired from the Westerville

Hunter Community United Methodist Church in Franklin Township, Franklin, OH. For the last nine years he has been the pastor at the Zion United Church of Christ in Prospect, OH, and since 1989, he has been a chemical dependency counselor in Delaware, OH.

Charles Easter was recently presented the Columbus Division of Fire's Badge No. 1 for most seniority. He celebrated his 34th year with the division in May of 2000.

1967

David Hogg is celebrating his 30th year in the ministry. He is the senior pastor at Church of the Master United Methodist in Westerville, OH.

James (Jim) McElroy retired October 13, 2000 after 30 years of dedicated service to the Wayne Trace Local School District.

Susan Wrhen retired from teaching after 33 years. She taught in the South-Western City School District.

For this issue's alumni profiles, see the feature entitled "Alumni-Employees" which starts on page 15.

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1960

Rev. James Bray retired after 42 years in the ministry with 25 years at Dravosburg UMC in Dravosburg, PA.

Phillip Harbarger retired from the American Red Cross, Armed Forces Emergency Services December 1, 1999, after 35 years. He spent 120 days at an air base in Saudi Arabia, from May through September, working alongside the Air Force providing service.

Dr. Carl Wiley, although retired, works as a part-time counselor in residence at Reynoldsburg UM Church. He also continues to fly his Piper Colt airplane.

1962

Dr. Hugh Allen was recent-

City Schools in June, 1998, after 33 years of teaching.

1964

Thomas Barnes, along with brothers **Paul '71**, and **Robert '73**, are farming together in Pickaway County. They have built an 18-hole golf course on their farm called Crown Hill, a beautiful and challenging country course that is due to open in spring of 2001.

Sandra Williams Bennett started a new career in 2000 with The McGraw-Hill Companies in Columbus doing editorial work with reading materials. In 1999, she completed 27 years with Ohio Nurses Association, as director of Communications.

Regina Fehrens Poulard retired after 33 years of teaching English at Chicago State University.

1965

Rev. Robert (Bob) Airhart II is the new pastor at the

He is currently a dispatch training officer with the Fire Alarm Office, and has also received two Battalion Chief's Commendation Awards for his service and dedication.

Jerry Gray is district superintendent of the Erie-Meadville District Western Pennsylvania Conference of United Methodist Church.

Marjory Drew Rhoades was awarded the Ohio Teacher of the Year Award by the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children. She was presented the award at the OAEYC Annual State Conference held in Columbus, OH. She is the itinerant special needs preschool teacher in Knox County.

Don Scott sold his business, Sun-Up Environment, and will serve a six-year term as township supervisor/roadmaster of Mt. Pleasant TWP.

1968

Karen Nixon Heaberlin retired from Springboro Community Schools in June, 1998. She is currently working at Lebanon Raceway. She has also been a board member of the Humane Association of Warren County for the past 27 years, serving as treasurer for the last 17 years.

Holly Puterbaugh entered into civil union with Lois Farnham on July 1, 2000. The couple was one of three couples who sued Vermont for the right to same gender marriage. July 1 was the day the recently passed law—which created a system parallel to marriage, civil union for same gender couples—went into effect.

1969

John Baffa received the 2000 White House Presidential Meritorious Award for outstanding service in Senior Executive Service, as deputy assistant secretary for Security and Law Enforcement. He oversees 2400 federal police officers for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Fritz Caudle retired as principal of Galion High School in July, 1999. He is currently employed as an educational/administrative consultant for Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield, OH.

Barbara Cochrane Palombo retired in June, 1999, after 30 years of teaching with the Canton City Schools.

Rev. Saranne Price is in her tenth year as pastor of the South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist Church in Cleveland, Ohio's east side.

Rebecca Ruple retired after 30 years with the Huber Heights City School system.

1970

Linda Zimmerman Funk is completing her third year as director of development at Brownell-Talbot School in Omaha, NE.

Karen Beiner McCall is currently a senior human resources consultant for Laboratory Corporation of America in Burlington, NC. Her younger son is a junior at NC State University, and her daughter is a senior in high school. Her older son graduated from UNC Chapel Hill.

Janet Wendland Rieck recently recorded a CD of piano music, which is selling locally. She is continuing piano studies with Dr. Nicole Narboni at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is in her 22nd year teaching students with visual impairment.

Major General Glen Shaffer is currently Director of

Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance for HQ, US Air Force in Washington D.C. He and his wife Kathryn have two children: Michael, 12, and Eryn, 7.

1971

Sharon Weber Palmer has been named the new principal of East Elementary in Greenville, OH. She has more than 25 years of teaching experience and has two master's degrees – one in gifted education from Wright State and one in educational leadership from Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Joyce Bradford Riepenhoff was awarded the Leona Glenn Award for Outstanding High School Foreign Language Teacher at the Ohio Foreign Language Association's annual convention held in Toledo in March 2000. She teaches Spanish at Wheelersburg High School, Wheelersburg, OH.

1972

Kim Wilson was voted 1999 U.S. Chemical & Plastics employee of the year by his peers.

1973

Patricia Shahan Bosse and husband, **Charles '71**, recently joined the Gahanna office of HER Realtors as new associates.

Steve Graves has joined Battelle as executive speechwriter.

Lt. Col. Alan Shaffer retired from active duty in the U.S. Air Force, August 1999. He is now employed as an assistant professor of

chemistry at East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA.

Thomas Weakland is territory sales manager for Seal-Rite Doors. **Shannon McGhee Weakland '72**, is a part-time customer service representative at Gooseberry Patch. Their daughter Jenna is in her final year at BGSU in Music Ed., and was married in December. Son Nate is a sophomore at College of Wooster; daughter Deanna is a junior at Delaware Hayes High School; daughter Kit is a 7th grader at Dempsey Middle School, and son Ned is a 5th grader at Willis Middle School. Tom & Shannon and their five children still reside in Delaware, OH.

1974

Diana Barger Kauffman is the owner of DLK Ceramics since March, 1996.

1975

Patti Pifer Carlisle recently accepted the position of wellness coordinator for Alexander Local Schools. She will be responsible for coordinating & conducting various health screenings for over 1700 students and staff.

Susan DeLay is writing a regular newspaper column entitled "DeLayed Reaction." This column will be syndicated early in 2001.

Brad Fackler is the executive director of Institutional Sales at Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Glen Horner has been promoted to senior vice president, dealer finance, with National City Bank.

Sharon Smith Kuhn's son Matthew is in the Army National Guard. He has completed his basic training and is now in AIT Training working on jet engines. At the end of his six months, he will receive 100% tuition paid to the college of his choice. He is also a National Ski Patrolman.

Cynthia Manuel Lemmerman is assistant superintendent for the Lakewood City Schools. She received a leadership award from the National Association of State & Federal Program Administrators.

Jefferson Liston has been appointed by Gov. Bob Taft to the task force on investigation and prosecution of child abuse. The task force will make recommendations to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service to reduce trauma for victims and families and to find better ways to resolve civil and criminal proceedings in child abuse cases.

Ruth Ruggles Malick was recently promoted to senior finance manager for Customer Service & Revenue Management for Marriott Vacation Club International, Orlando, FL.

Mike Shannon has been named vice president of Union Savings Bank. He is also a member of the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, BIA, Columbus Board of Realtors and Worthington Hills Country Club.

Deborah Grove Shuey has been appointed to be director of research projects for the Nucleic Acid Facility in

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OUR MANY IDENTITIES

Common Book Author Says We Are in a Continual Condition of Becoming

by Roger Routson

Helen Fremont was raised Catholic. But in adulthood, Fremont uncovered the real truth about her family: that her parents were Jewish. Further, her parents were survivors of the Holocaust who had invented new names, new lives, and altered histories.

Fremont came to campus this past fall as the sixth annual Common Book author. *After Long Silence* is her non-fiction work that reads like a novel, chronicling her parents' lives that includes Siberian Gulags, treacherous escapes from the Nazis, and adopted identities.

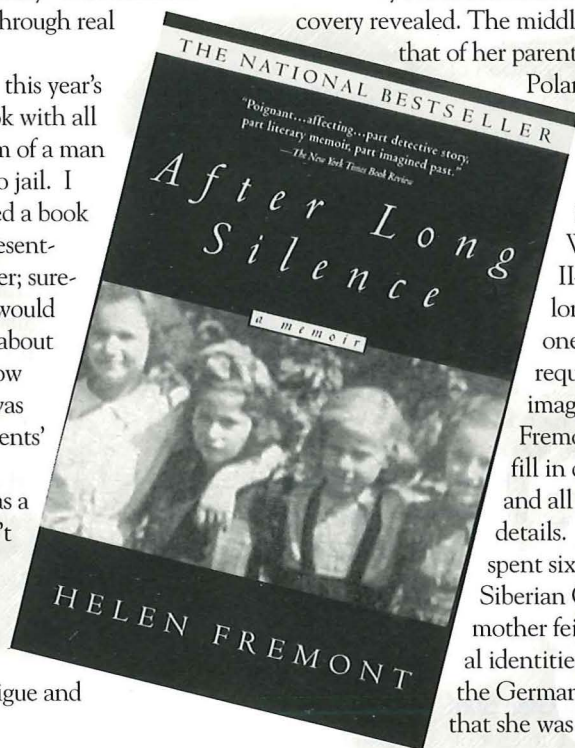
When Rebecca Bowman, associate professor of English, introduced the author to the audience assembled for the Common Book Convocation,

Bowman said she is often asked how the Common Book is chosen. Without getting into specific criteria, Bowman said, "this book captures a moment in history. The moment comes to life through real people."

I came to this year's Common Book with all the enthusiasm of a man being led off to jail. I had anticipated a book full of angst, resentment and anger; surely the author would go on and on about her life and how messed up it was due to her parents' deceptions. What I got was a book I couldn't put down, robust as a Tolstoy novel, full of romance, intrigue and gusto.

After Long Silence is separated into three parts: Fremont's discovery of her family's past, the story of her parents' survival of the Holocaust, and finally the family's reaction to having the discovery revealed. The middle part—that of her parents' plight in Poland in the

years leading up to and including World War II—is the longest part, one that required much imagining on Fremont's part to fill in dialogue and all the missing details. Her father spent six years in a Siberian Gulag; her mother feigned several identities to keep the Germans ignorant that she was Jewish, and



spent several months in an Italian prison. They lost almost all of their families to the genocide—parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, all gone and unaccounted for.

Throughout the book, the author is remarkably free of rancor or accusation over her parents' deception. When I asked Ms. Fremont about this, she said simply, "After what they had been through, I didn't feel I had any right to question them." This sentiment is pointedly shared by Fremont's parents, who did not take well to their daughter's digging and subsequent publishing of the book. Her mother will not discuss the book, while her father feels betrayed that stories he privately told his youngest daughter are now available for public consumption.

Oh the pain of family secrets.

Not surprisingly, Fremont chose to talk to the Otterbein community about identities—how we go about determining who we are, and why it matters.

"Each one of us is unique," Fremont said, "a constellation of attributes." The Common Book author related some of her own identities from her past. "As an eight-year-old girl, I saw myself as a Cherokee warrior, a male Cherokee warrior."

Part of what goes into an identity is trying on new ideas. "A name is a label," Fremont said. She talked about how many immigrants changed their names at Ellis Island for purposes of assimilation, or that we may change our name because of marriage or divorce, a conversion to a different religion, or that we may change it just because we don't like the name.

Fremont said we can change so much about who we are. We can change what we like and dislike. We can change friends, or politics. We can change our hair color. If we're fat we can exercise and go on a diet, get liposuction, etc. If we have buck teeth we can fix it with orthodontics.

"But there are some things you can't change," the author said. "You can't change your age (though you can change your appearance and lie). And you can't change your history or the events that formed you."

Fremont reminded us that we resent in others what we are ashamed of in ourselves. The more accepting we are of ourselves, the less we are apt to pass judgment on others.

"Throughout my childhood," Fremont remembered, "I had nothing but disdain for girls. Girls were weak, were clearly inferior. I prided myself on being one of the first chosen for the roughest games and competition. But at age 12, my body betrayed me. My breasts grew. I hung posters from floor to ceiling of Bobby Sherman and David Cassidy and all the other mushy teenage-heartthrob singers. I became a full-fledged girl."

But she didn't lose her drive to excel. "In high school I wanted to excel at everything—grades, sports, music, everything." She left for college early.

"I went to college not to learn but to achieve.

"My need for acceptance was immense."

Fremont spent four years at an all-woman's college and "didn't know at the time that I was a lesbian.

The Thomas Academic Excellence Series

Alumna and loyal supporter of Otterbein, Mary B. Thomas '28 created an endowment for The Thomas Academic Excellence Series in 1995. The Series, of which the Common Book is a part, is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared experience for many.

Past Common Books include:

1995 *Fires in the Mirror*
Anna Deavere Smith

1996 *China Boy*
Gus Lee

1997 *A Paradise of Bombs*
Scott Russell Sanders

1998 *She Walks These Hills*
Sharyn McCrumb

1999 *There Are No Children Here*
Alex Kotlowitz

Imagine the enormity of my lost opportunity!"

The Common Book author stated that we don't have any one identity, but many. We are in a continual condition of becoming. We have to be open to possibilities and all our possible paths. Judging, stereotyping others as well as our own possibilities cuts us off from those possibilities.

"I didn't want to be limited by my gayness," she said. "So after I determined at around age 25 that I was indeed gay, the first thing I did was go out and get a boyfriend. I wanted to be bisexual because I imagined it to be the most open thing you could be.

"You can't choose everything," she added. "You have to give yourself room to just be."

She talked of the courage it takes at times to reverse your course. She gave an example of a self-proclaimed and crusading lesbian feminist in college, a woman who later fell in love with a man.

When Fremont discovered that she was Jewish eight years ago, she considered her possibilities. Grad studies in Judaism? Go live in a kabbutz? Eventually she found a rabbi with which to study. Because all the Jewish traditional wisdom said that the main function of a Jewish woman was to be a good wife to a Jewish man, she wondered if being a lesbian would prevent her from being Jewish. The rabbi assured her that she could be Jewish and a lesbian as long as she didn't act on being lesbian—in other words, if she didn't actually sleep with women. She was assured by the rabbi that she would eventually fall in love and marry a Jewish man. "On a scale of one to ten of that happening, I figured it was about a minus three," she said.

"Each of us is far more complicated than a single tag. We elude simple definition. Question everything," she admonished the Cowan Hall audience, "including everything that I say.

"Be gentle with yourself. Be inquisitive. Don't dismiss someone as wrong because of a difference in opinion. Be willing to exist in a state of confusion. Keep becoming who you are." ■

(See page 4 for related story.)

Down 24-0
midway through
the third quarter,
the Cardinals come
roaring back to
send Coach Hood
out a winner.



Coach Hood addresses his players after his last game. The miraculous, come-from-behind victory evened the coach's career record at 112-112-8.

Clock Runs Out on Coach's Career

by Bob Kennedy '87

Pretend you're Wally Hood. It's midway through the third quarter of the last game of the season. Your team is behind 24-0. You've watched your opponent dominate the game all day long.

Consciously, your mind plots strategy to make a comeback. Subconsciously, you're lining up a three-foot putt on a golf course in Arizona.

Your conscious mind takes over. You see your team make one of the most miraculous turnarounds in school history and win the game. You exhale and decide you've had enough.

After 43 years in the coaching profession, November 11, 2000 was Hood's fireworks-filled finale. His Otterbein Cardinals scored 30 unanswered points in a quarter and a half to upend Muskingum 30-26. Two days later, he retired.

Actually, the decision was made well before then.

"Midway through the season, I just thought about it and I thought,

'Boy, you know, it's getting to be hard work. It's getting tougher,'" he said. "It just seemed like this year, I had a harder time wanting to sit down, get on the telephone and sit there for two hours a night calling kids (recruiting).

"The OAC (Ohio Athletic Conference) is a grind because you're trying to take a program and develop it. There are some schools in the upper echelon like Mount Union that you may never catch.

"And there's always that pressure of recruiting and the grind of getting your kids ready to play and how good they've got to play to win in this league."

Hood, 65, believes it's a testament to how the game has evolved since he began his career at Olmsted Falls High School in 1959.

"I think the biggest change that I've seen in the 43 years is not so much with the X's and O's. I think kids have changed to some degree. They're obviously more skilled than

they've ever been. High school coaches now have more camps and more tournaments and off-season things that they can do that, when I was in high school coaching, it was illegal to do.

"I think the other thing is, particularly at the Division III level, the recruiting has really changed. The tremendous amount of phone calls and letters that is happening within Division III is just phenomenal."

Someone who is experiencing that first-hand is Lee Hood, 41, Wally's eldest son and head men's basketball coach at Mount Union. Although their sports are different, the approach is the same.

"Certainly, I think being around coaches as much as I am...you understand the importance of discipline and fundamentals," Lee said. "Whether it's football or basketball, it doesn't matter.

"The games are simple, and it's a matter of having good technique, getting kids to play hard and having a

real passion for the game. There's no question that...it still rubbed off in a very positive way."

As it did on his younger brothers. Jeff Hood, 38, is head football coach at Van Wert High School. His team came within two points of winning the Division III high school football championship in Ohio this season.

Jay Hood, 36, is defensive coordinator at Millikin University. His team went 9-2 this year, losing to Ohio Northern 47-21 in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Ironically, Ohio Northern was his dad's first head coaching job on the collegiate level. The Polar Bears had gone winless for two seasons before Wally arrived in 1974. That year, they went 2-7. They would have only one more losing season after that. In all, the team went 48-39-4 in 10 years under his tutelage.

Hood earned his first coach-of-the-year plaque in 1982, leading ONU to a 6-3-1 mark and a Red Division title in the OAC. His second honor came in 1988 at Fairmont State, an NAIA Division I school.

That year, the Falcons were 7-2-2, earned a share of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and made the playoffs. The team was 42-35-4 in five seasons with Hood at the helm.

This season, despite a 4-6 record with Otterbein, Hood added another piece of wood to the wall with his third award as coach of the year. He would like to think it was given because of how competitive he feels his team was, not as a going-away present.

"I was very surprised," he admits. "I think part of it was the fact that, after 43 years, I decided to retire. I hope it was a little bit of respect for what I'd done."

"We played hard. We didn't back off of anybody. I thought we played everybody in the league pretty tough."

"A lot of coaches, I think, feel maybe I should have won it last year (1999). We had a

great year and we really played well enough. Maybe they were just making up for it, I don't know."

Maybe a more important thing that Hood will be making up for in his retirement is time. Time spent in locker rooms, on bus rides, and watching film (videotape nowadays). Time spent away from quiet evenings at home, going out to dinner, playing golf, relaxing with his grandchildren.

His wife, however, believes she knew what she was getting into. It was, as it turns out, kismet.

"Our first date was at a football game," Irma Hood said. "He was a football coach when I first met him. I had never lived with coaches. I had no experience with coaching. But I had seen what he was doing and I thought, 'This is great. I like this.'"

"We had a wonderful beginning. We met on August 30, had our first date October 12 and were married January 1."

"I think I adjusted pretty well. I'm an independent person who does a lot of things on my own. I'm quite capable of doing a lot of things. So I took over a lot of the management of the household and so forth, and just learned to be a good cheerleader and go along with the flow."

Son Lee talks about the camaraderie he feels with his dad, with both being in the coaching profession.

"(Both of us being) at Division III schools in the same conference, obviously there's a lot of recruiting situa-

tions. We'll share a lot of stories and situations that you get into. You know, how different each school works."

"He's always calling a school to find out, 'How does your financial aid deal with this?' Or I'm calling him asking, 'How do your people do this?' You always try to find better ways to do things and learn from other people."

Although Hood may not miss the hassle of recruiting, he's going to miss the coaching.

"Going out on the field. Getting your team ready for practice. Planning a practice with the coaches. Watching film. That never got to be a grind. I still would enjoy that." In fact, if he had it to do over again, he would've done the same thing.

"I never thought of anything else in all my life," he said. "My high school coach was a guy that I practically worshipped. I wasn't a very good football player and he took me under his arm and kind of nursed me along."

"It was just something that happened. I never wanted to do anything else. When I said, 'I think I want to be a football coach,' I just decided I wanted to be like him."

Hood will conclude the academic year as part of the health and physical education faculty at Otterbein before making the transition to retirement. He says he has no regrets but concedes some old habits may be hard to break at first.



"I think when it really sinks in is going to be in August," he projected, "when it's normally time to forget everything and sit down and start planning for football. August one was always the date, the magic date where the coaches (on the team) met and we got ready for the season.

"I'm sure the first time I go to a game, it's going to be different sitting in the stands. I'm sure there's going to be moments when I'm going to think,

'Geez, would I do that?' Or, 'What would I do in that case?'"

Still, there's a sense of relief for the Hoods in the aftermath of the decision, even though it's inevitable to feel a sense of incompleteness. Hood talked about that senior class you always want to finish with.

"Maybe I ought to take them (the seniors) and finish (with) them," he said. "Then my son Lee said, 'You know what, you finish them and then

there's going to be another group and you'll want to finish them. And then there's another group and you'll want to finish them.

"Pretty soon, you're 70-some-years old and maybe you're going to be to the point where you're not going to enjoy retirement.' So there comes a point where I finally said, 'Hey, it's time. I'm going to do it,' there was a sense of relief. It was over." ■

S P O R T S

Compiled by Ed Syguda

Rannebarger Becomes All-Time Rushing Leader

Senior tailback Shane Rannebarger, from Delaware, Ohio, provided the offensive spark for the 2000 football Cardinals.

Rannebarger rushed for 1,013 yards and 12 touchdowns on 229 carries to become the school's all-time leader in rushing yards (2,607), scoring (186), touchdowns (31) and rushing touchdowns (29).

The tailback rambled for 252 yards and two touchdowns in the final game of the season, leading Otterbein back from a 24-0 third-quarter deficit to a 30-26 win over Muskingum.

Senior punter Brett Dorsett, from Gahanna, Ohio, set an Otterbein career mark for best punting average, 40.5 yards a kick. He punted the ball 149 times

for 6,040 yards over his three seasons as a punter.

Although finishing 4-6 overall and tied for sixth place in the OAC at 3-6, the Cardinals came oh-so-close to a winning season, losing by three at Capital, by six in overtime at Baldwin-Wallace,

and by seven to John Carroll at home. The squad took host Wilmington down to the wire—knotted at 14-14—before the Quakers tallied a field goal (three minutes to play) and a touchdown (37 seconds left in the game).

Otterbein won three of its last four games of the season.

Koons Named OAC Coach of the Year in Women's Soccer

Brandon Koons, head women's soccer coach, has been selected Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Coach of the Year in women's soccer.

Koons led Otterbein to a school-record ten wins in his second season as head coach. The Cardinals recorded a 10-6-1 record and shared fifth place with Heidelberg, each 5-3-1 in the OAC.

Koons, a 1994 graduate of Otterbein, led the Cardinals to a then-school record nine wins in his first season at the helm in 1999. His two-year record is 19-14-2.

Pelz Sets Scoring Mark in Soccer

Forward Haley Pelz, a senior from Cincinnati, set Otterbein career records for goals (28) and points (63) over her three seasons in a Cardinals' uniform.

Pelz, who became the first women's soccer player from Otterbein to earn all-region honors, tallied 12 goals and one assist in 1999. She was named to the third team All-Mideast.

Borland Named OAC Coach of the Year in Men's Cross Country

Ryan Borland, in his first year as head coach, was named OAC Coach of the Year in men's cross country.

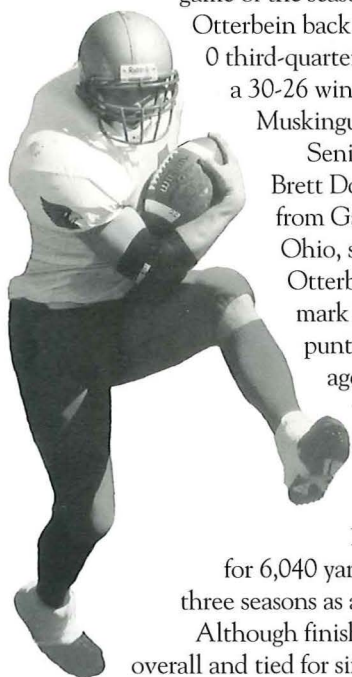
Borland took a team consisting of five freshmen and two juniors and molded a conference contender. The Cardinals finished second to Heidelberg at the OAC Championships held Oct. 28 at Otterbein, and placed fourth at the 31-team NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional held Nov. 11 in Hanover, IN.

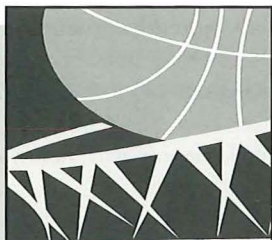
Borland, a 1997 graduate of Otterbein, also coaches the women's cross country team, and serves as an assistant in track and field.

He guided the women's cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the OAC Championships and to a 13th-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional.

Sports Briefly

Junior volleyball player Mandy Simmerman, from Westerville, was named to the 2000 Verizon Academic All-District IV Team ... She carries a 3.94 grade-point average in health and physical education ... The volleyball team finished 16-16, and shared sixth place with John Carroll, each 3-6 in the OAC ... The men's soccer team, 13-5 overall, captured fifth place with a 6-3 OAC record ... ■





Inside the **O**

News from the "O" Club

Cold Weather Doesn't Hamper Annual Cookout and Golf Outing

The "O" Club hosted its annual cookout, fund-raiser, and golf outing this past October, at The Lakes Golf & Country Club, raising over \$10,000 for Otterbein College athletics. These events were open to all persons interested in supporting Otterbein College athletics and were attended by capacity crowds.

Unseasonably cold weather forced the annual cookout to be moved from the large outdoor tent into the clubhouse. Over 150 people, the largest turnout in recent years, crowded into the available space for the buffet dinner, short program and silent & live auctions.

The cold weather continued the next day during the golf outing but almost all registered golfers braved the elements to play 18 holes. The day concluded with a hot buffet and awards program.

The "O" Club would like to thank all the individuals who attended these events and/or provided monetary or in-kind support. Thank you!

Homecoming October 21, 2000

The "O" Club was pleased to honor the following individuals at this past Homecoming. John and Virginia Rowland received the Outstanding Service Award. Pam Verne received the Athletic Director's Award of Distinction. Dave Lehman received the Excel Award. And Dr. Bill Freeman received special recognition. These individuals represent decades of outstanding service and support to Otterbein College athletics.

21th Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic

The "O" Club hosted the 21st Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic on December 27-28. The women won their 3rd consecutive championship since their division was added in 1998, defeating Ohio Wesleyan University. The men were defeated in the championship game against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Other visiting teams included women's teams from the University of Dubuque (IA) and Grove City College (PA) and men's teams from Benedictine University (IL) and Ohio Wesleyan University. The "O" Club raised over \$780 in cash donations, and collected 15 large baskets of food for Paul's Pantry, a local food pantry serving needy families in the Westerville City School District. This tourney was billed as a community event and was well attended.

Addresses Needed

Have you received recent mailings from the "O" Club? If not, and you would like to be included in future mailings, please contact our office to provide current mailing information.

"O" Club Board

President: Don A. Carlos, Sr. '67 ♣ Vice President: Paul S. Reiner '68 ♣ Immediate Past President: Oscar L. Lord, Jr. H'90 ♣ Treasurer: William J. McLoughlin '83 ♣ Secretary: Jeffrey P. Yoest '77 ♣ Directors: Christopher J Carlisle '80, Ronald W. Jones '60, David E. Lehman '70, David L. Widder '68 ♣ Ex Officio: Richard E. Reynolds '65

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2001 Calendar of Events

Senior Picnic	June 5, 6 p.m.	Rike Center
Annual Cookout & Auctions	Oct. 7, 5 p.m.	The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Annual Golf Classic	Oct. 8, 10 a.m.	The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Homecoming	Oct. 27	
Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic	Dec. 29-30	Rike Center



Otterbein basketball players pose with food donated at this year's Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic.

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the Life Science Consortium at Pennsylvania State University.

John Vickers has recently relocated to the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul) to a new medical practice. He is enjoying exploring the area and it's many activities. If there are any Otterbein alumni in the area, let him know!

1976

Matt Arnold has been named the new assistant principal at Ankeney Middle School in the Beaver-creek School District.

Col. Kenneth Jewett has been named defense and air attache, U.S. Embassy Algiers, Algeria. He is currently in language training and assumes his new duties in July 2001. He will be the senior U.S. military member in Algeria, and will also serve as the U.S. defense representative to the Algerian government.

Barbara Stoops completed her master's in social work at the University of Pittsburgh in December, 1999.

1977

Timothy Chapman has been promoted to bank officer at Huntington National Bank. He is the sales and service manager at the Westland Banking Office.

Thomas Comery has begun a new job as vice president of National Sales & Marketing for Sierra Pine Ltd. in Roseville, CA. He and his wife, **Elaine Clarke Comery '76**, and their two children, Alex & Lizzie, will be living in Granite Bay, CA.

Carol Corbin Wilcox is a benefits counselor for State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio. Her husband, Roger, is a firefighter-paramedic for the city of Delaware, OH. They reside in Powell, OH.

Roger Duff received the highest ranking of course director from the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) on September 1, 2000.

Cheryl Garges Reynolds recently joined the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, headquartered in Dallas, TX, as the manager of External Foundation Relations.

1978

Juergen Tossman is approaching his tenth year as producing artistic director of Bunbury Theatre in Louisville, KY. This is a small professional theatre off Main Street. This past season he produced his own play, *Salvage Yard*, which met with rave reviews. Members of the National Theatre Critics Association, in town for their annual conference, responded to the play with standing ovations. **Kim Butterweck '93** was delightful as "Mary Beth" and has been an audience favorite in a number of Bunbury plays. Providing wonderful audience support as faithful subscribers are **Bob '49** and **Evelyn Bender Vance '51**, **Jim '66** and **Judy Ackerman Montgomery '70**, and **Rita Harmon Bell '60**. Working behind the scenes in various facets are **Kit Johnson Tossman '81** and daughter Aubrie, 14. Fall 2000 begins the fifteenth season

of Bunbury Theatre and will feature the premiere of Juergen's next play, *Garage Sale*.

1979

Suzanne Stilson Edgar sold Epro Tile and is now a distributor. Her new company's name is Surface Styles.

Michael Lollo has been hired as the principal at Miller High School. He graduated from Ashland University in 1992 with an MA in Educational Administration. He taught for 14 years in the public schools with six years public school administrative experience. He and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of two sons.

Gregg Steger has accepted a promotion with AEP as Human Resources manager, AEP-Oklahoma. He resides in the Tulsa area with his wife, **Jackie Krueger Steger '79**, and daughter Kim, who is a seventh grader. Their other daughter, Katie, is a junior at Miami University-Ohio, and is presently studying in Luxembourg.

1980

Michael Echols is in his fifth season as Officer Lowen on the TV show *NYPD Blue*.

David Fahrback is the owner of Alumni Lids, which is a specialized baseball cap business. He is also a high school football and basketball official.

Mark Hartman has been named the new principal at GlenOak High School in Canton, OH.

Lisa Rosenbaum Robinson is a music specialist for the Catholic Diocese of Colum-

bus, currently serving both Holy Spirit and Christ the King schools on Columbus's east side. She resides in Pickerington with her three sons.

Susan Ott Rodberg is currently in her fourth year at U.B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary School of the Arts. She teaches strings and orchestra to pre-K through 5th grade.

Suzanne Carter Smith is teaching at Adrian College in the areas of dance and theatre. She is currently working to establish a program in musical theatre at the college. She has the distinction of winning the top award for choreography at the In Celebration theatre competition in Dublin, OH for her work on *How To Succeed in Business*. She also has the distinction of directing only the fourth worldwide high school production of *Blood Brothers*.

1982

Carol Addy, M.D., started a fellowship in Endocrinology and Metabolism at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA in July of 2000.

Carol Schumacher assumed the position of Monroe County health commissioner effective May 1, 2000. She has 22 years of clinical experience as a registered nurse, primarily in emergency nursing, nursing management and nursing education. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Columbus State Community College since 1985 in the Emergency Services Division and a clinical supervisor for Otterbein College of Nursing.

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Alumni—



Carol Sockel Taylor '66,
Coordinator, Administrative
Computing, Information Technology
(photo from 1966 Sibyl)



David Stichweh '67, Director,
Instructional Support Services
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Employees

by Jenny Hill and Roger Routson

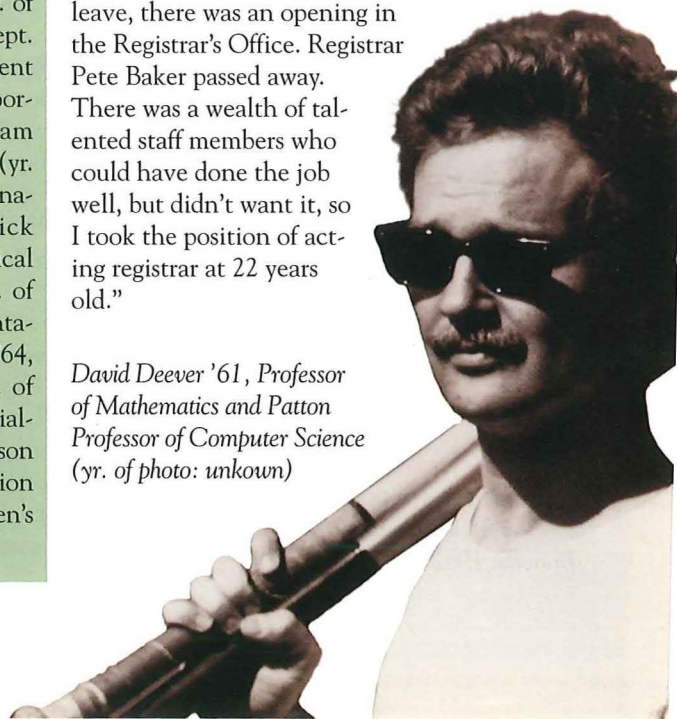
They are professors; they are coaches. They are plant superintendents, deans and secretaries. They are mathematicians, actors and computer specialists. Some loan money; some raise it. They are all part of the group of 65 individuals who couldn't get their fill of Otterbein as students, and who now work for their Alma Mater.

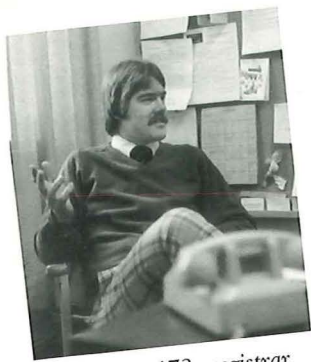
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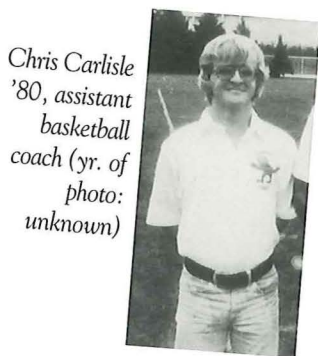
Some never even left. **Dan Thompson '78**, now associate dean of Academic Affairs and director of Institutional Research, planned on moving back to his home state of Pennsylvania upon graduation. "Right when I was about to leave, there was an opening in the Registrar's Office. Registrar Pete Baker passed away. There was a wealth of talented staff members who could have done the job well, but didn't want it, so I took the position of acting registrar at 22 years old."

David Deeever '61, Professor of Mathematics and Patton Professor of Computer Science (yr. of photo: unknown)





Don Foster '73, registrar
(yr. of photo: 1977)



Chris Carlisle
'80, assistant
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Joy Kiger '67, asso-
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Health and Physical
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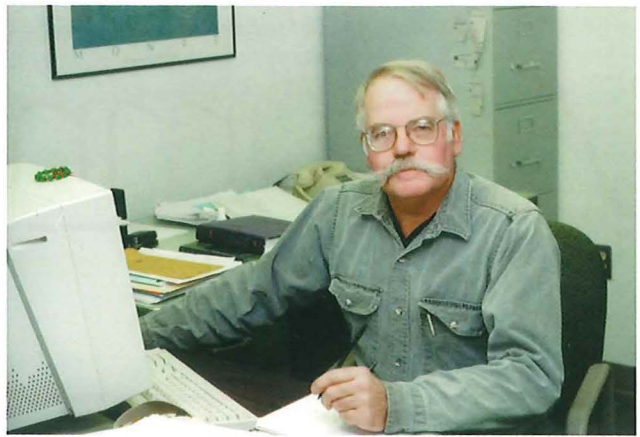
Jack Pietila '62, executive
director of development (photo
from the 1962 Sibyl)

Though Thompson feels the transition went well, it was not without some discomfort. "It was hard to suddenly tell my buddies they were flunking a class. But I've been in the exact place the students are, so when they come in with new ideas I can respect that, even if they are off-base or misguided. I see myself and old friends in new students. I like seeing students finally 'get it' as juniors and seniors. I can remember when I finally understood why I took the courses I did."

Otterbein's current registrar is also an alumnus. **Don Foster '73**, also stayed after graduation, first becoming an admission counselor. "I really enjoyed my experience here as a student, and I wanted to give something back," said Foster. In 1976, he became the director of Financial Aid. But in 1981, ready to try something else, he left the College. He worked in the insurance industry and was also self-employed in home improvement.

But he missed the people, and in 1992 the College once again called him home to become the registrar, a position he has held ever since. "I can understand the pressure of going through school here and trying to pay for it. I know what it's like to be a student at a small college," Foster said.

Another one who didn't get too far away was recent graduate **Elizabeth Minnich '99**. This past summer she became the Audience Services Director for the Theatre Department. Minnich says work-



David Holl '66, senior lecturer, Mathematics Department.

ing for the College "was not something I expected to do. I was looking for a new position and I was hoping for something in the Columbus area. I applied to Otterbein on a whim."

Minnich said she was attracted to the position because she liked the idea of having three roles in one position: box office and house management, public relations and marketing, and business management. "I was very excited to be offered the job and I accepted...and then I had my doubts. I was concerned about how people would accept me as a professional rather than a student."

But Minnich also saw a very distinct dividing line. "My professional career is very separate from my student career," she said. "It is a real honor to have my former professors as colleagues. Now we learn from each other, not just me learning from them."

While some grads have never really left or have come back quickly, others have taken nearly 30 years to return to their alma mater. Such was the case with **David Holl '66**, senior lecturer for the

Mathematics Department who teaches three classes per quarter. Holl taught for nearly 30 years at Worthington High School (now Thomas Worthington), and upon retirement went to work in construction, an undertaking that Holl said "wasn't enough mentally."

In 1994, he began teaching at Otterbein part-time as an adjunct professor. Holl admits to having a little trepidation in coming to teach on the college level after so many years at the high school level. But what he found was that the caring and supportive atmosphere of Otterbein he'd known as a student hadn't changed.

"Everybody in the department just took me under their wing," Holl said. "It was such a positive experience, just like when I was a student. It was like coming back home."

Another grad was away for 21 years and became a major in the U.S. Air Force before returning to work at his alma mater. **Jack Pietila '62**, executive director of Development, served in southeast Asia, England, Germany and in many

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"Nurse Ann" Makes Students Feel at Home

by Sandy Spieker '01

Many students miss the magic healing touch of a parent when they head off to college. But not students at Otterbein.

They still get that warm comforting touch from **Ann Cherry Pryfogle '61**, better known as "Nurse Ann."

Ann came to Westerville in 1958 looking for a place where she could work her way through college. She was already a licensed nurse, having graduated from the Altoona (PA) Hospital School of Nursing. She worked part-time at the Otterbein College Hirsch Health Center as she earned her bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology.

As a student, Ann was a member of the Theta Nu sorority and was selected as attendant to the Winter Homecoming Princess in 1959 and Maid of Honor to the May Day Queen in 1960. She played violin in Otterbein's orchestra and was a member of the touring string quartet.

During her summers, Ann continued to work. Her most memorable summer was spent filling in for nurses at Espanola Hospital in New Mexico.

A dedicated student, she received the prestigious Paula Peters award in 1961. The award was established in memory of Paula Peters, a student who died of a brain tumor in 1959 during her senior year at Otterbein. "Paula Peters had been a member of my sorority, so it was really special for me," said Ann.

While at Otterbein, Ann met her husband, **Lawrence "Larry" Pryfogle '64** in Dr. Robert Price's English class. This began a family tradition of Otterbein romances, including those of their son **Scott Pryfogle '86** and his wife **Robin Rogers Pryfogle '88**, and Larry's sister **Kim Pryfogle Reed '75** and her husband **James Reed '75**.

After graduation, Ann returned to her native Altoona where she and Larry were married. After Larry finished his time in the service, the couple returned to Ohio. Ann worked at Riverside Hospital for a year and a half before coming back to Otterbein in 1963.

"At that time, Otterbein had an infirmary where students could stay overnight," said Ann. "Sometimes they just needed to



"Nurse Ann" checks the blood pressure of junior Kahelah Sellers.

get away from things. After a good night's sleep, they would feel much better."

From 1975-1985, the building that is now the Otterbein Health Center was a public urgent care center for Grant Hospital. It was open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. with doctors always on duty. At the center, patients would be stabilized before being moved to Grant Hospital.

"The center was a prototype," said Ann. "People would come to observe how we worked, and it must have been a success, because now there are urgent care centers everywhere."

While the center was beneficial to the students and the community, it created a lot of stress for the staff. "In a way, it was better for the students because there was a doctor here all the time," said Ann. "But it was difficult to shift gears from treating someone who had been in a car crash to a student with a sore throat."

When St. Ann's Hospital was built, the urgent care center once again became a health center to avoid conflicts with the new hospital. The center was staffed with a family practice doctor. During this time, Ann worked for another family practice physician while maintaining ties with the center.

In 1987, the family practice doctor left Otterbein's health center and Ann returned full-time. She's been in the practice of mothering Otterbein students ever since.

While Ann creates pleasant memories for the students at Otterbein, she has fond memories of her own. She recalls basketball games at the old gym, card games at the old student union, eating good meals and socializing in the dining hall, and sorority life in Clements Hall, where she lived. "There were no sorority houses at that time, but each sorority had a room in the basement of Clements. That's where we held our meetings."

Ann also recalls the school spirit that came with the closeness of a small campus. "There was a lot of spirit among the students. They really got involved," she said. "The bonfire was a big event."

Chapel was an important part of student life. "We had daily chapel at that time, and they counted attendance," said Ann. "**Mike Christian '61** was my chapel buddy. I sat next to him every day at chapel for three years."

Another tradition that Ann was sad to see end was the Christmas open houses. "Our schedules kept us on campus much closer to Christmas, and the faculty would open their homes to the students," said Ann. "It was nice to see the professors in a different setting."

A long-time member of the Otterbein community, Ann said it is "a great place to live, work and raise a family." She added, "It's been wonderful. I've had the best of both worlds. I enjoy working with the staff and I enjoy working with the students."

How Well Do You Know

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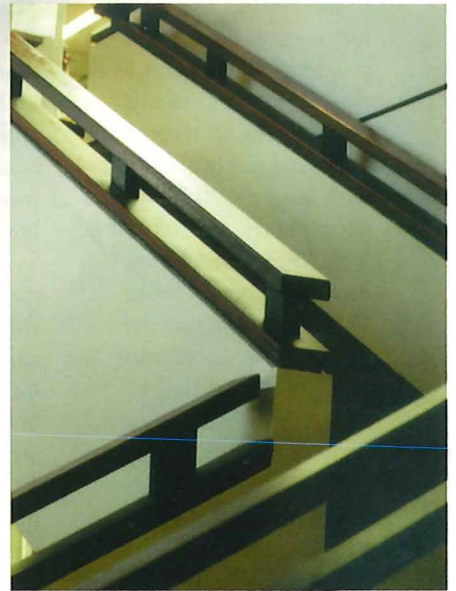
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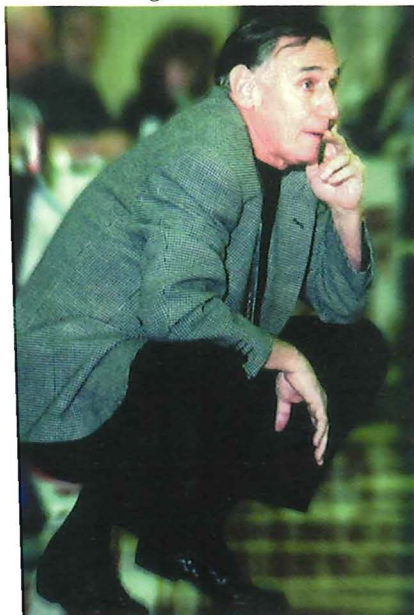


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Cynthia Jones '98, associate director, Continuing Studies

>>> from page 16 states throughout the United States in his military career. He remembers pondering retirement from the Air Force to take a position at Otterbein in 1983 and talking about it with his wife. "I remember sitting at the kitchen table with Mary Jean (**Mary Jean Barnhard Pietila '61**) and discussing the pros and cons of retiring and going to work for Otterbein. She asked me, 'Where do you want our girls to have their high school memories—Las Vegas or Westerville?'"



Dick Reynolds '65, athletics director and men's head basketball coach.

That's when he decided to return to the College.

And even though he had been away for 21 years, he still felt a little intimidated in coming back to work with former professors and deans. "The Grissingers, Hassenpflugs, Coulters and VanSants were still so strong on campus that I may have felt a little intimidated. But with Otterbein being the nurturing community that it is, I was accepted immediately."

Pietila continued, "The Otterbein connection is really helpful, particularly in my position. I speak to a lot of alumni, and we can always find a common ground, for instance a professor we both had."

Pietila looks back with great satisfaction on many things that have happened since 1983. "The greatest satisfaction I have had is helping the endowment grow from \$3 million in 1983 to over \$70 million now. It's been very satisfying to see Roush Hall go up, Towers Hall renewed, King Hall restored...and seeing the school grow, both in size and academic reputation, has been great, especially with the addition of programs like the master's degrees, weekend college and distance learning."

Some alumni were employees of the College long before they earned their degrees and in fact accomplished their graduation while working at Otterbein. **Jeanne Augustus '96**, executive assistant in the Theatre Department, is a classic case of that. "It took me 19 years to earn my



Brandon Koons '94, head women's soccer coach

degree," she said. "The classes were difficult, but I loved them. I would (still) sit in class everyday if only I didn't have to take the exams!"

As a student for 19 years, Augustus had a very personal and front-row seat to a subtle shifting of attitudes in the classroom. "At first the college-age students gave me the cold shoulder, but that changed over the years as more adult Continuing Studies students were taking classes."

Augustus earned her B.A. in Speech Communication. "It gave me a feeling of self-motivation and self-worth that comes from within. It expanded my horizons."

And Augustus feels the college experience has benefitted her work experience. "I think I can communicate with the students better now. I can relate. The students appreciate me and I appreciate their experiences more. It has enhanced my work experience."

Mark Ewing '99, maintenance superintendent in the Service Department, was "philosophical" about his degree earned at Otterbein, his second bachelor's degree.

"I really wasn't going for a degree, I was just taking classes that I would enjoy, but I got so close to finishing that I decided to get the degree. I like philosophy and with the tuition benefit, it was easy to take classes." Ewing's B.A. in Philosophy followed his B.A. in Christian Education earned in 1980 from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College.

Unlike a lot of Continuing Studies students, Ewing took very few evening classes. "I took most of my classes on my lunch break. The College was very supportive in me doing this. It's mainly a continuing education thing for me, but in the long run, hopefully I'll be able to do something with philosophy."



Stephen Grinch '98, archivist, Library.

Otterbein has two Continuing Studies graduates who now work for the College in the (guess where?) Continuing Studies Department: **Allison deNijs '96** and **Cynthia Jones '98**. Jones, associate director of Continuing Studies, balanced school with family and two jobs. "I was taking classes slowly, but then I stepped up my pace because my son was approaching graduation

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'81 Alumna Helps Students Plan Their First Day...and Their Last

Rebbecca "Becky" Fickel Smith '81 has led a life full of personal, professional and spiritual achievements that has included Otterbein nearly every step of the way, from leaving home through her marriage and career. She is currently the associate dean of students and director of the Campus Center.

Becky came to Otterbein from her hometown of Logan, Ohio, in 1977 under very difficult circumstances. Her father died six months before school started and she had doubts about leaving home. Her mother urged her to go, and at the advice of the former Chairperson of the Department of Health and Physical Education Dr. **Marilyn Day '53**, her mother did not let her come home for the first five weeks.

During her first two years, Smith admits she was very quiet. However, it was during this time that she first laid eyes on her future husband, **Richard "Dick" Smith '79**, an event they both recall. "He was a junior and I was a freshman. We passed each other and when we were 20 feet away, we were both looking back at each other," she said.

Despite this encounter, they did not meet formally until after Dick graduated. "He was coaching track at Otterbein and I was a student trainer when we were introduced," she said.

Becky became active on campus during her junior year, soon after she began working for Marilyn Day and emeritus Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs **Joanne "Dean Van" Van Sant H'70**. Becky says these women were great influences on her life. "I know these angels came into my life for a reason," she said.

During her junior and senior years, Becky was involved with residence life at Otterbein, working first as a resident assistant and then as a student hall director in Clements Hall. "The opportunity allowed me to release my skills and find out who I was, and that has continued ever since," she said.

In addition to working in the residence halls, Becky was an assistant editor

of the *Sibyl*, a student athletic trainer, chairperson of the Alcohol Consciousness Team and a Freshman Orientation coordinator, among many other activities.

Originally, Becky planned to attend graduate school after graduation, but her "angel" Dean Van offered her a position at Otterbein. August 1, 1981 was Becky's "hire date," as well as her wedding day.

Becky began her career at Otterbein as the assistant director of Residence Life. One year later, she became the coordinator of Student Activities, a position she held from 1982-1989. In 1984, she received her master's degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University.

Becky says her memories of Otterbein are based on the family and friends she has made here. "Otterbein is my second family," she said, adding that even the students are her friends. "I think it helps keep me young."

Part of Becky's job is to plan the first and last day of college for many Otterbein students. "The most unique thing about my job is that I bring students in at orientation, then I help them graduate at commencement, which is exciting," she said. "I take a lot of pride in that."

Becky also takes pride in her role in the establishment of the Common Book, which is selected yearly as required reading for all freshmen at the college to create a shared learning experience. The program was originally the idea of Becky and Professor of English Beth Rigel Daugherty. After presenting their idea to Joanne VanSant, another angel came into Becky's life — **Mary B. Thomas '28**.

When Dean Van contacted Mary Thomas (1907-1999) with the idea, she agreed to establish the Thomas Academic Excellence Series in 1995 to support the Common Book. Through the development of the program, Becky formed a personal friendship with Mary, who became an important influence in Becky's life.

Because of her close relationship with Mary, Becky takes a special interest in the Common Book program. "I take it as my personal responsibility to uphold



the Common Book program for Mary B. Thomas."

One of Becky's favorite events is the emeriti luncheon, which she organizes monthly to bring former professors and staff members back to campus. "These are the professors who have molded me into what I am today," she said. "They really do care and I can be part of that, which is why I am still here."

Becky is as active off campus as she is in the Otterbein community. She has held several offices, including president of the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA). She also is a member of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and the Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA). She has written several articles and made presentations on various topics in her field.

She has received many awards, including the Otterbein College Bread & Roses Award, the ACPA Outstanding State Division Leader Award, the Westerville Chamber of Commerce President Award and the OPCA Gerald Sadlemire Mentor Award, among others. She was also chosen by the Otterbein senior class to speak at the baccalaureate ceremony in 1991.

He's a Computer Whiz...but He'd Rather Be Strumming or Writing

Aaron Thompson '94 is the kind of alumnus colleges dream about — he is a talented writer, philosopher and computer expert who has won many awards for his achievements. Now he is using his skills as a PC support coordinator to benefit his employer, Otterbein College.

A Columbus-area native, Aaron was born in Westerville, but moved to Dublin, Ohio as a child. He graduated from high school in 1987 and attended The Ohio State University, where he majored in aeronautical engineering. He planned to become a missionary pilot overseas.

During his first quarter at OSU, doctors discovered that Aaron had a benign brain tumor pressing on his balance nerve. Following the procedure to remove the tumor, his surgeon told him that a career in aviation would not be possible, so Aaron turned to his second love — writing.

Aaron came to Otterbein based on the experience of a friend who enjoyed his first year at the College. He decided to major in English and philosophy and never regretted his decision to transfer. "Looking back," Aaron said, "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

With some experience in writing in high school, Aaron knew he preferred creative writing to news writing, which led him to become editor of *Quiz and Quill* at Otterbein. "There is a lot more elbow room in writing fiction," he said.

Aaron's creative writing skills earned him national recognition. In 1992, he won first place in a short story fiction contest sponsored by the East Central Colleges Association for a fictional piece based on real life events he witnessed in high school sports. He also was selected to participate in the Whetstone Park 1993 Summer Poetry Series.

His greatest writing honor came in the spring of 1993, when Aaron won second place in the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest. The contest was sponsored by 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, who survived two concentration camps to become a writer and champion of Jewish causes.

After learning about the contest, Aaron submitted an essay he had written for a composition class at Otterbein about his search for faith through his experience with the brain tumor. As the second place winner in the national contest, he was flown to New York in April 1993 to meet Wiesel.



Aaron later received honorable mention in the *USA Today* "All USA College Academic Team" in 1994 and became a charter member of the Otterbein Gallery of Scholars in 1995.

Otterbein not only provided Aaron with an outlet for successful writing, but also provided him with the opportunity to meet his wife, **Anna Stanley Thompson '92**, and the chance to work at the College.

Aaron's work with Otterbein started as a necessity in 1990. "I needed money, so I went to John Schar, who was the entire IT Department (which stood for Institutional Technology at the time)," he said. "I told him I had no experience with computers, but I was eager to learn."

John agreed to train Aaron. He worked there as a student until he completed his coursework and was offered a full-time position, despite his lack of a

formal education in computers.

Working for Otterbein has allowed Aaron to give something back to the College that afforded him so many opportunities. "I am contributing to my alma mater, which is important because I had such a great experience as a student," he said.

However, keeping Otterbein's computers running efficiently is one of the most important and demanding jobs on campus. "I like computers," Aaron said, "But since 1997, computers have become more unstable. I get frustrated with modern computers, because there are so many bugs and updates necessary to keep them running properly."

Aaron also said it is important to keep technology in perspective. "Students need to realize that although technology is wonderful, it's just another tool and human interaction is always more important."

Outside the fast-paced atmosphere of Institutional Technology at Otterbein, Aaron stays active on a more relaxed level. With a knack for carpentry and woodworking and a large collection of tools, Aaron enjoys working with Habitat for Humanity. He also continues to write. He currently is working on several projects he hopes to have published, including a book of poetry he started as a senior project and another work that "may or may not become a novel someday."

In addition to writing words, Aaron also writes music. He is an avid guitarist who composes his own music. He is influenced by modern guitarists such as Michael Hedges and Phil Keaggy, who he had the good fortune to meet and play with at a guitar seminar in Illinois.

"Following the seminar, Phil came over to me and asked to play my guitar," Aaron said. "He has been an influence of mine for 15 years, so it was really special."

Aaron is currently compiling music to record for his family.

Although he is skilled with computers, Aaron strongly believes in the "human" aspect to life. "I hope my efforts with Habitat and getting to know people is what they remember about me, not my ability to fix computers."

from high school and I didn't want two of us to be in college at the same time."

Jones was atypical of the Continuing Education student in that she got very involved in campus organizations. "I was a member of Mortar Board and Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-med fraternity." She also said she built relationships with both traditional and other Continuing Studies students. "I enjoyed the relationships I built with the traditional students in my day classes. They were a wealth of information. I also enjoyed meeting the adult students in my evening and weekend classes. People used the opportunity to make career connections and friends, and that was great."

In coming back to her Alma Mater, Jones said, "this is where my heart is. I enjoy the atmosphere and I enjoy working with students...the student is really the one who wins, because I know where they are coming from."

deNijs has been working since 1997 as the corporate relations representative for the Continuing Studies program. "I work to build relationships with companies in the Central Ohio area to increase awareness for our programs," deNijs said. She also seeks out opportunities for on-site undergraduate courses, such as in leadership. McGraw-Hill, Nationwide Insurance and McDonalds are corporations that have taken advantage of Otterbein's customized on-site education.

deNijs has no problem in believing in the programs she promotes. "I am a living, breathing testimo-

ny that the program works. I can personally attest to the quality of an Otterbein education."

She mentioned convenience as "tremendously

valuable to me as a student. I think it's important that Otterbein continue its tradition of supporting adult students by making registration, pay-

ment, financial aid and other services easy to accomplish."

Some alumni-employees have been here so long and are so interwoven into

Otterbein's Hard-working Alumni-Employees...

Jeanne Metzger Augustus '96, Executive Assistant, Theatre Department • Lyle Barkhymer '64, Professor and Integrative Studies Chairperson, Music Department • Margarette Clark Barkhymer '68, Director, Career Development Services • David Bell '74, Plant Superintendent, Service Department • Jeffrey Boehm '82, Associate Professor, Music Department • Annette Harting Boose '94, Academic Secretary, Rike Center • Ryan Borland '97, Head Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach • Philip Bovenizer '79, Associate Director, Financial Aid • Beth Burrier-Bradstreet '89, Lecturer, Music Department • Chris Carlisle '80, Assistant Basketball Coach, Rike Center • Amy Doan Chivington '69, Associate Professor, Music Department • Judy Pohner Christian '61, Lab Supervisor, Science Department • Michael Christian '61, Director of Church/Constituency Relations, College Relations • Lucy Henderson Cryan '86, Director, Equine Science Department • David Deever '61, Professor of Mathematics and Patton Professor of Computer Science • Allison deNijs '96, Corporate Relations Representative, Continuing Studies • Marlene Lansman Deringer '69, Associate Professor, Education Department • Jennifer Williams Dutcher '00, Administrative Assistant, Rike Center • Karen Stoltenberg Eckelbarger '93, Administrative Assistant, Registrar Office • Mark Ewing '99, Maintenance Superintendent, Service Department • George Ford Jr. '80, Facilities Supervisor/Equipment Administrator, Rike Center • Donald Foster '73, Registrar, Registrar Office • Mary Kay Milligan Freshour '96, Assistant Director, Financial Aid • Stephen Grinch '98, Archivist, Library • Holly Herron-Meader '80, Lecturer, Nursing Department • David Holl '66, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics Department • Michael Holmes '85, Storekeeper, Service Department • Cynthia Rowles Jackson '69, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Health and Physical Education • Joyce Jadwin '89, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs • Thomas James '68, Professor, Mathematics Department • Deborah Jamieson '82, Secretary/Receptionist, Admission • Holly Baker Jedlicka '97, Assistant Director, Equine Science Department • Cynthia Jones '98, Associate Director, Continuing Studies • Joy Kiger '67, Associate Professor Health and Physical Education • Kaeri King '99, Cheerleader Advisor • Brandon Koons '94, Head Women's Soccer Coach • David Lehman '70, Assistant Men's & Women's Cross Country Coach, Rike Center • Jon McClintock '88, Administrative System Manager, Information Technology • William McLoughlin '83, lecturer, Business, Accounting, and Economics Department • Elizabeth Minnich '99, Audience Service Director, Theatre/Dance Department • Suzanne Neal '61, Secretary, Academic Affairs • Mary Blanchard Neels '90, Student Loan Specialist, Financial Aid • John Orr '79, Assistant Band Director, Music Department • Mark Pfeiffer '95, Television Production Coordinator, Instructional Support Services • Craig Pickerill '90, Assistant Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach • Jack Pietila '62, Executive Director of Development • Ann Cherry Pryfogle '61, Director, Student Health Services • Rebecca Raeske '96, Library Assistant • Jim Recob '50, Lecturer, Foreign Languages Department • Richard Reynolds '65, Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education; Head Coach, Men's Basketball; Athletics Director • Dennis Romer '71, Associate Professor and Artistic Director, Theatre/Dance Department • Debbie Besst Rowland '81, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Business Affairs • Hilary Seif '95, Admission Data Specialist, Admission Office • Rebecca Fickel Smith '81, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Campus Center • Philip Sprecher '59, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics Department • David Stichweh '67, Director, Instructional Support Services • Joanne Miller Stichweh '67, Associate Professor, Art Department • Lois Szudy '99, Associate Professor and Director, Library • Carol Sockel Taylor '66, Coordinator, Administrative Computing, Information Technology • Aaron Thompson '94, PC support coordinator, Information Technology • Daniel Thompson '78, Associate Dean and Director, Institutional Research, Academic Affairs • William "Ed" Vaughan '71, Professor, Theatre/Dance Department • Mary Weaver '00, Part-time Academic Advisor, Continuing Studies • Janet Foster Wieland '86, Senior Assistant Registrar for Transfer Services, Registrar Office • Roger Wiley '52, Administrative Systems Analyst, Information Technology.



Rebecca Raeske '96, library assistant
(photo from 1996 Sibyl)



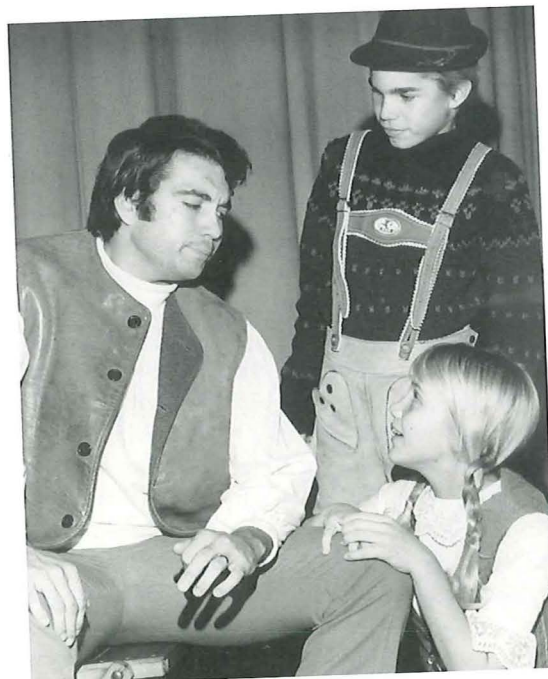
John Orr '79 (left), assistant band
director (yr. of photo: unknown)



Philip Bovenizer '79, associ-
ate director, Financial Aid
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Beth Burrier-Bradstreet '89,
lecturer, Music Department
(yr. of photo: unknown)



Dennis Romer '71 (left), associate professor and artistic
director, Theatre/Dance Department (photo from
Otterbein's 1970 production of Heidi)

the fabric that makes up Otterbein, they might be considered "institutions" in and of themselves. **David Deever '61** comes to mind. The professor of Mathematics and Patton Professor of Computer Science has been here since 1971. He has been very active in National Alumni Council and various other activities involving the College. Sadly, this is his last year as he will be retiring at the end of the academic year.

The venerable professor is currently writing Otterbein memories for the web. Delightful stories such as "The Day It Rained In Chapel," "A Special Football Victory," and "The (S)Inner(S) Sanctum" can be found at www.otterbein.edu/home/fac/DVLDLVR/stories/index.html.

Another who has become something of an icon at Otterbein is Coach **Dick Reynolds '65**. Entering his 29th season as head

coach of the men's basketball team, Reynolds' legacy at Otterbein is unparalleled. He ranks first among Ohio Athletic Conference coaches on the all-time career victory list with 488. He has taken the Cardinals to the NCAA tournament twelve times and reached the Final Four twice. He has taken the team to at least a share of the OAC championship ten times and been named OAC Coach of the year eight times.

In addition to his head coaching duties, Reynolds is also the athletic director for both the men's and women's athletic programs and serves as an associate professor in the Health and Physical Education Department.

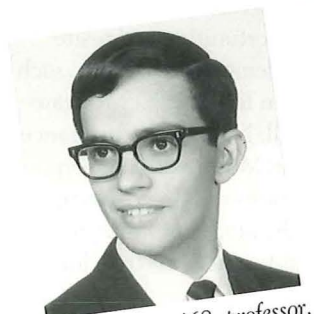
"Coaching to me is not necessarily wins and losses," Reynolds said. "Yes, you like the wins, but I've stayed at Otterbein because I like the situation. I like the people. It's

not just a job, it's a lifestyle."

For some alumni-employees, it's a family thing. **Lyle '64** and **Margarette "Meg" Clark Barkhymer '68** are an Otterbein alumni-employee couple. Lyle, professor of Music and Integrative Studies chairperson, has been with the College and an integral part of the Department of Music since 1967. Wife Meg is director of Career Development Services as well as being active in teaching string methods for the Department of Music and performing for many of Otterbein's musicals. Of her work in the Career Center, Meg says that "every day is different. It used to be that career centers were placement offices only. Now it's in more of a networking phase. You need to be an educator, a counselor, an advocate."

She said she was very impressed with Otterbein's alumni in working with

Michael Christian '61,
Director of Church/Con-
stituency Relations
(photo from 1961 Sibyl)



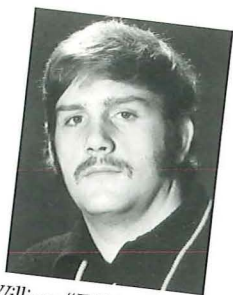
Thomas James '68, professor,
Mathematics Department
(photo from 1968 Sibyl)

her in her efforts to identify job opportunities. "Alumni are so willing to help others. They are really giving of their time and resources."

Another alumni-employee married couple is **Mike '61 and Judy Pohner Christian '61**. Mike is director of Church/Constituency Relations, meaning he is the main liason between the College and the Methodist Church. Judy works as a Life Sciences lab supervisor. Mike and Judy are mainstays at many Otterbein functions such as plays, musical events, and basketball games. Judy also serves as secretary/treasurer for Torch and Key.

So many alumni-employees. Sixty-five in all if we counted right, and it's likely we might be missing one or two. What brings so many back, or keeps them here? We heard it said in many different ways.

Joanne Miller Stichweh '67, associate professor in the Art Department, said that "I knew since I was a child I wanted to teach college. My experience as a student was so wonderful—professors, the education, the atmosphere—I always



William "Ed" Vaughn '71, professor, Theatre/Dance Dept. (photo from Spring '72 Towers)

hoped I would come back to teach."

Registrar **Don Foster '73** said that from being a student "I feel partial ownership in Otterbein. I have an interest in seeing it be the best it can be."

And **Amy Doan Chivington '69**, associate professor in the Music Department and director of Kinderchor, talks about the 'Otterbein Way.' "There's an Otterbein Way and someday I'm going to write a book about it," she said. "You get to know everyone. You have to get out of your office. All of us are part of an Otterbein community and we all operate in that. It's academic excellence, it's service learning...all together, it's the Otterbein Way."

To so many we talked to, coming to work for Otterbein was simply a matter of coming home. ■

Photo Quiz Answers: 1. From the painted bookshelves, first floor, Towers Hall. 2. Towers Hall, first floor, light fixture and wood. 3. Just outside the Roost in the Campus Center. 4. Inside Courtright Library, 2nd floor, above the main stairwell. 5. From the donor tree in Roush Hall, first floor, north hallway. 6. An armrest of a bench from the Towers plaza. 7. A section of door from Cowan Hall. 8. Rear of Towers Hall, a window reflecting another part of Towers. 9. From the south entrance to the Science Building. 10. Stairway leading to the Archives and the third floor of the Library. 11. The four original Commons Apartment buildings are all numbered. 12. From the grandfather clock on the ground floor of Towers Hall given to the College by the Support Staff Council.

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1984

Judy Campbell started a new position as education consultant for NuEdge System in September, 2000.

Richard Fite has been promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, **Kathleen Neff Fite '85**, have two boys Ben, 9, and Bret, 6. They reside in Hawaii. Kathleen teaches PE at Iroquois Point Elementary School and Rich is still flying the P-3 Orion aircraft. They welcome all Otterbein graduates to come visit the land of Aloha!

1985

Merry Harnett Ryan-Cole is raising her beautiful 12-year-old daughter Rena, along with two dogs, Honey & Trixie, one hissing land turtle named Harry and two beta fish, Shogun and Chi.

Susan Speese Spalding is currently working in the recovery room of Frederick Hospital. She is also a CPR instructor.

William "Red" Wilson, Jr. currently resides in Boulder City, NV with his 7-year-old son, Jacob. He has been a firefighter/paramedic for 10 years, and runs the Public Education Program for the Boulder City Fire Department.

1986

Carl Bates joined the Pediatrics Department as an assistant professor at OSU in July, 1999. He is a pediatric nephrologist, and performs both clinical and basic science research activities. His wife, Erin, works as a nurse at Children's Hospital. He resides in

Hilliard, OH with his wife and two children, Helena, 3 and Carl James (C.J.) 1.

Patrick Bennett is the finance controller at Verizon Wireless. He recently received the Golden Touch Manager's Award at Air-touch Cellular. His departmental staff nominated him for this award.

John Compton has joined the management team of First Federal Savings of Newark. His primary responsibilities will include management of First Federal's customer service personnel and branch offices. He will also focus on loan origination, serve on First Federal's loan committee, and be responsible for the company's property management. He is also a member of the Licking County Board of Realtors and the Building Industry Association.

Kathryn Holder Danzeisen is a family practitioner, and a Major in the United States Air Force. She is stationed at Travis Air Force Base and is on the teaching staff of the Family Practice Residency at David Grant Medical Center in Fairfield, CA.

Sherri Puderbaugh Sutter teaches singing at Wright State University's Theatre Arts Department. She also directs the children and youth choirs at Fairview United Methodist Church in Dayton, OH.

1987

Steve Brown owns three independent insurance agencies in Westerville, Sunbury and Marengo, OH.

Robert Gagnon has been promoted to director of

Merchandising for Victoria's Secret Catalog.

Denise Watkins Martin is enjoying her fourth year of teaching math at Clay High School in the South Bend Community School Corporation. She is convinced that the Holy Spirit led her to Otterbein, and by his hand and Otterbein's nurturing, she is honoring the Lord in her work.

Rebecca Parr received her master of science degree in engineering management from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. She is employed at the Brady Company in Milwaukee, WI.

1988

Susan Bodell Miller, LSW, resident services coordinator at Wapakoneta Manor, was presented an Award for Personal Excellence by the Ohio Health Care Association during its annual convention in May, 2000. She is a licensed social worker and has been the resident services coordinator for nearly 12 years. She is married to Todd Miller and has two children, Erica, 8, and Austin, 6.

Tracey Tier has been appointed systems officer for Nationwide Insurance. She will support the existing systems of the agency, and will work to develop and implement new technology solutions. One primary focus will be the implementation of the National Platform for Agency.

1989

Karen Hennon Blanchong has been named the new executive director of Hospice of Fayette County. She

is a licensed social worker and licensed nursing home administrator. She resides in Washington Court House with her husband, Tim, and 2-year-old daughter, Alexa Leigh.

Peter Klipa recently accepted a promotion to manager, budgets and business analysis for Columbia Gas of Ohio in Columbus.

Leslie Scott Salamony earned her master's in education degree in February of 2000.

Kellie Little Wolfe is the Human Resources director at Pickaway County Community Action Organization. She and her husband, **Kyle '90**, have a 4-year-old daughter, Madison.

1990

Volkan "Turk" Berksoy founded a manufacturer's representative and wholesaler company, Mediterry Bathrobes & Towels, Inc. His company provides Turkish bathrobes and towels to the hospitality and retail industry.

Debbie Goslin teaches 7th & 8th grade math at Vinton County Junior High School. She also performed with the Odyssey Flute Choir and the All Ohio Flute Choir for the National Flute Convention in August, 2000.

Kelly Bundy Hart is married to a future Ohio State Highway Patrolman. She has two children, Corinne, 6, and Michael, 2. She is a muralist and a graphic designer.

Stacey Paxson McMenemy celebrated her 10-year wed-

ding anniversary with husband **John '89**. Son Joshua is now 6 and daughter Mandy is 4. Stacey teaches 6th grade math at Hudson Middle School, Hudson, NC.

Jennifer Panek is working as a trainer at Safeguard Properties, Inc. in Brooklyn Hts., OH. She was recently engaged with a wedding date of August, 2002.

Kimberly Rosen teaches high school Spanish at Green High School and was named Teacher of the Year there for the 1999-2000 year. She is engaged to be married to Paul Matisak on June 9, 2001.

Kyle Wolfe is in his second year as assistant principal at Groveport Madison High School.

1991

Anne Weston Henry recently joined The Limited companies managing all in-store marketing promotions and gift with purchase programs for Lane Bryant. She and her husband, Bryan, reside in Reynoldsburg with their two sons, Nicholas, 3, and Justin, 1.

Kerry Tucker Holton is a senior software consultant for a company in Charlotte, NC, where she and husband Russ reside. They are proud to welcome their first addition to the family, a sheltie pup named Nicky.

1992

Amy Hunnicutt Anglin is currently teaching 7th grade language arts at Heritage Middle School. She was nominated for Educator of the Year. She coached the 7th grade volleyball team to first place in the Westerville

Invitational. She has also been involved with the following extracurriculars: choreographer – *Annie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*; editor/advisor of *Husky Horizon*; and coach of the volleyball and swimming teams. Her brother **Chris Hunnicutt '00** is starting medical school at the University of Cincinnati. Her youngest brother David is currently a student at Otterbein and hopes to attend medical school as well.

Todd Cordisco has recently accepted the position of coordinator of Alumni Relations at the Columbus Academy. In addition to his duties in the Alumni/Development Office, he is also a middle school assistant football coach at Academy. He and his wife, Carmen, live near New Albany.

Craig Kisner has been hired full-time as a firefighter/paramedic for the Buter Township Fire department, just north of Dayton.

1993

Erin Meinberg Barrett teaches 2nd grade in the Hilliard School District.

Paige Tirey Bellamy has been appointed executive director of the Westerville Civic Symphony.

Melissa DeVore Bruney has recently accepted a position with the Chapparral Council of Girl Scouts of America headquartered in Albuquerque, NM. She will be the council's program manager of product sales and will be responsible for the training, budgeting, goal-setting and strategic

planning of the council's fundraising events, including the annual cookie sale.

Jeri Malmsberry Close has been named vice president, director of training for Sky Bank. She is pursuing a master's degree in business from Youngstown State University.

David Dove and his wife, Christy, are expecting their second child in March 2001. He has just built a new house in Johnstown where he resides with his wife and 3-year-old daughter, Willow.

Kathleen Miner Kisner is continuing her work as pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering, OH.

Kevin Pate is doing a post-doctorate in the chemistry department at Kansas State University after successfully defending his Ph.D. thesis at Yale University in June, 2000.

1994

Yesenia (Jessie) Jimenez Captain received her master's of education in 1998, and is currently teaching multi-handicap students at Colerain Elementary in Columbus, OH. She and her husband, James, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on May 27, 2000.

Larry Gifford has been hired by the Fox Sports Radio Network to do sports updates. He was also recently honored by the Associated Press with the award for the Best Sports-cast in Pennsylvania. "Smokey," as he's called on the radio, is now living in

Los Angeles with his wife, Rebecca.

Jeffrey Jones has recently accepted a teaching position with Dublin Scioto High School. He is teaching biology and chemistry and is the offensive coordinator for the football team. He and his wife, Christy, are settling into their new home in Dublin, built within the past year and a half.

Sara Nichols is a news anchor with Clear Channel Columbus. She can be heard on 610 WTVN and 1230 FYI in Columbus, 1370 WSPD in Toledo, and 1150 WIMA in Lima. She also reports traffic on WTVN on a fill-in basis and does free-lance voice-over work throughout the midwest.

Michelle Pignotti Pate is a research assistant in a biology lab at Kansas State University.

Venetta (Tacci) Smith is currently the assistant director of Student Activities and Orientation at Capital University. Her e-mail address is tsmith2@capital.edu.

1995

Michelle Johnson-Beitzel is employed as a public relations manager at the Ohio Department of Education. She oversees the department's internal and external publications and web site.

Kristin Camac has accepted a job as a school liaison for Delaware County Juvenile Court in July. She will be working as a liaison between the court and Delaware City schools on truancy prevention.

Alicia Caudill is the assistant director of the First Year Experience and Academic Advising Office at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

Melissa Crohen is currently employed by TRECA, an organization that teaches teachers how to use/integrate computers into the curriculum. She bought her first home in Delaware, OH in September, 1999. She is engaged to be married in 2001 to John Payne of Tiffin, OH.

Rebecca Dixon Eschmeyer is teaching kindergarten in the new Monroe Local School District. She is currently finishing her master's degree at Miami University.

J. D. Heddleson received the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine on June 3, 2000. He has begun a fast-track, three-year internship-residency in Internal Medicine at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

William Housel is currently associate program director at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX.

Jennifer Noll Lebold earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Indianapolis this summer. She is teaching sixth grade math at Creston Middle School.

Kristi Matson will appear with Opera Columbus as Barbarina in their production of *Le Nozze di Figaro* in February of 2001. She is

married to Brad Blackburn, a pianist, who regularly performs with the Pittsburgh Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Connie Haines McCoy has been elected assistant chief resident at Ohio State University, Family Medicine Department.

John McCoy has been promoted to vice president of Operations for America Plastics Extruding, Inc.

Karlie Mossman is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and can be seen in four upcoming films: *Serendipity* with John Cusack & Kate Beckinsale, *Animal Husbandry* with Ashley Judd & Greg Kinnear, *The Untitled Todd Solondz Project* with James Van DerBeek, and *Riding in Cars with Boys* directed by Penny Marshall and starring Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn and Brittany Murphy.

Carolyn Kaufman Pangburn is completing her doctoral training at Wright State School of Professional Psychology, and currently works for Matrix Psychological Services in Gahanna, OH.

Jenny Stratton Rollit is the billing supervisor for the law firm of Keener, Doucher, Curley & Patterson. She and her husband, Ivan, reside in Hilliard with their son, Ivan III.

Evonne Segall is the new advertising & marketing specialist for Fiesta Salons, Inc.

Misti Fox Spires is a senior engineer, Network Planning at Verizon Wireless in Dublin, OH.

Jo-el Fernandez Suroviak is working for the state of Connecticut, Department of Children and Families as a social worker (child protective services). She is also pursuing an MSW at the University of Connecticut. She lives with husband, Joe, and 5-year-old son Brendan.

Andy Wilson is a 5th and 6th grade PE teacher in the Mason City School District, and is also the high school volleyball coach. He is engaged to be married to Shawna Mary in June, 2001.

Michelle Workman is a teacher at Second Avenue Elementary – the first year-round school in Columbus. She completed her National Board Certification in Education.

Todd Zets graduated in August, 2000 from the University of Akron Graduate Anesthesia Program with an MSN. He is currently working in Barberton, OH, as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

1996

Becky Herbert Cheney resides in Fairborn, OH with her husband, Eric. They recently built a new home, and she is the director of Special Education and school psychologist for New Lebanon Local Schools.

Cherie Sturtz Colopy received her master of science in education from the University of Dayton in educational administration. She is currently teaching

2nd grade at Wright Elementary in Fairborn, OH.

Angelia Vanperson Goff is currently employed at Ashland Chemical in Dublin, OH, as a customer service representative.

Elyse Stratton is currently a student of Johns Hopkins University-School for Advanced International Studies, pursuing a master's degree in international relations. She has spent the past two years working in Washington D.C. for a biotechnology trade association in business development. She will spend the first year of the two-year program at their European campus in Bologna, Italy.

1997

Ted Busch has accepted a job to teach math and coach football/baseball at Buckeye Valley High School in Delaware, OH.

Alisha Conn is working at Worthington Steel in Columbus, OH, as coordinator of customer service training. She recently bought a home in Westerville.

Darcie Gribler D'Ascenzo has taken a new position as the special events coordinator for the Ohio Arts Council.

Rocco D'Ascenzo is pursuing his juris doctorate at Capital University in their evening program while working full-time as the scheduling/production manager for The Media Group.

Robert Kramer is owner and founder of Robert Kramer Personal Fitness

Studio in Maderia, KY. He received his certification from the American College of Sports Medicine, The American Council of Exercise and The American Strength and Conditioning Association. He was with World Gym before opening his own studio.

Denise Gruber Miller is attending Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kevin Riley, who has lived in Columbus for the past eight years, has been hired as the English teacher at Miller High School.

1998

Joshua Funk is the director of youth ministries for the Fredericktown United Methodist Church, Fredericktown, OH.

Stacie Oliver completed her M.A.Ed. at the College of William and Mary in July of 2000. She currently resides in Silver Spring, MD, and works as the student programs director for the World Federalist Association in Washington, DC. Her main projects include the campaign to end genocide and global studies education.

Melissa Knaul Tay is an administrative assistant at Lewis Electronic Assembly in Dublin, OH. While at Otterbein she was a member of Tau Delta sorority. Her husband, Abdullatif, is finishing his Ph.D. at Ohio State University.

1999

Jessica Coriale is teaching first grade in the Highland Local School District.

Bryan Hatfield is currently employed by Watson Wyatt Worldwide as an actuarial consultant in Cleveland, OH.

Timothy Morrison is currently working with The Wilmington Church in Wilmington, MA, to develop youth ministries and a contemporary worship service.

Jason Nettle returned to Hilliard Davidson High School in a one-man show called "Sports or Soaps?" on October 18, 2000. The show was a benefit for Davidson's music and theatre departments.

Roger Poulard has been director of programs at WIMS in Michigan City, IN, since December, 1999. He also has a talk show entitled "The Breakfast Club" that airs every morning from 6-9 a.m.

Allison Swickard has joined USA Rugby as the media and public relations coordinator. She will be responsible for coordinating both national and regional public and media relations initiatives on behalf of the organization. She will also produce all printed materials, develop news releases and coordinate the communications efforts of the national organization. She currently resides in Colorado Springs, CO.

K. Brent Tomer will make his first acting debut on October 26, 2000, at LaMama Theatre Club in New York. The musical is entitled *Frankenstein the Rock Musical*, directed by William Black, who is a

three-time Emmy Award winner and also the director of *Sesame Street*.

2000

Cheryl Carr received a master's of science in nursing along with an Adult Nurse Practitioner degree. She has been selected facilitator of a pain management program sponsored by the City of Hope in Durante, CA.; facilitator for care of

the cancer patient with neutropenia sponsored by Amgen Pharmaceuticals; and was selected for presentation at the National Council of Family Relations in Minneapolis in November. She will also represent the society in the Ambassador to Ambassador trip to China.

Lindy Sarlls O'Brien is the CEO and owner of O'Brien

& Roof Executive Search, Indian Springs Distribution Company and the Chicken Store & More. She runs each of her three Columbus businesses with a like passion and determination, finding a common bond between all of them. Her first entrepreneurial project, in 1991, was O'Brien & Roof, an executive search firm.

Matt Russell is currently attending medical school at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, OH.

Laurie Beeson Starr, a registered nurse, has been named employee of the month at Doctors Hospital of Nelsonville. An employee since 1986, she works primarily in the emergency room. ■

M I L E S T O N E S

compiled by Sandy Ritchie

MARRIAGES

1947

John Shiffler to Anne Obenshain Beacham, Apr. 2, 2000.

1961

Robert King to Claudine Heldt, Oct. 2, 1999.

1968

Holly Puterbaugh to Lois Farnham, July 1, 2000.

1977

Carol Corbin to Robert Wilcox, Sept. 30, 2000.

1981

Melissa Carey to Steve Marovich, July 29, 2000.

1986

Paul Collier to Christine Nguyen, July 9, 2000.

1991

Kerry Tucker to Russ Holton, Apr. 29, 2000.

Mark Von Lehmden to Stephanie Fagin, Aug. 5, 2000.

1993

Melissa DeVore to James Brune, June 3, 2000.

Monika Hempel to Anthony Mormile, July 9, 2000.

Erin Meinberg to Dean Barrett, July 24, 1999.

1994

Candace Dickerson to Ken Carr, Oct. 22, 2000.

Karen Justin to Steven Jaffe, Sept. 3, 2000.

Patti Knoop to Michael Miller, Oct. 23, 1999.

1995

Lynn Dowell to Anthony Myers, Sept. 16, 2000.

Misti Fox to Todd Spires, June 18, 1999.

Shawna Goebel to Jeff Hansen, Dec. 27, 1995.

Connie Haines to John McCoy '95, June 19, 1999.

Carolyn Kaufman to Brandt Pangburn, Aug. 12, 2000.

Lauretta Matthews to Malcolm Ross, Nov. 13, 1999.

Stephanie Shipman to David Andrian '93, May 29, 1999.

Brent Walters to Shannon, Nov. 28, 1998.

1996

Cristi Colagross to Jeremy Laukhuf, July 22, 2000.

Cheryl Crane to Brandon Huth '96, July 22, 2000.

Kristen Thomas to Kevin Harvey, June 24, 2000.

Angelia Vanperson to Bryan Goff, May 13, 2000.

1997

Susan Ashley to Randall Crawford, Sept. 2, 2000.

Denise Gruber to Andy Miller, Sept. 2, 2000.

1998

Stephanie "Stevie" Bell to Tedd Saunders, Aug. 19, 2000.

Joshua Funk to Kara, Sept. 11, 1999.

Jennifer Keeler to Jeff Wheeler, June 3, 2000.

Jason Pattee to Karen Novak, Oct. 14, 2000.

Rebekah Wolf to Justin Doak, Sept. 30, 2000.

1999

Brian Hatfield to Kerry Hoisington, May 27, 2000.

April Soult to James Rudo, June 3, 2000.

2000

Amber Allensworth to Andrew Moss, Oct. 1, 2000.

Sarah Hankinson to Craig Travis '00, June 17, 2000.

Jennifer Williams to Jason Dutcher '00, July 8, 2000.

ADDITIONS

1978

Mary Bricker and husband Robert Smith, adopted a girl, Sarah Ann Bricker Smith, born Mar. 27, 2000. They adopted her in Vietnam on Aug. 14, 2000.

James Oman and wife Jill, a girl, Brooke Mechele,

Mar. 28, 1997. She joins older brother Hunter, 6.

1979

Cynthia Day Slocum and husband Thomas, a boy, Samuel Everest, Jan. 7, 2000.

1980

Wayne Cummerlander and wife Marie, a girl, Angela Renee, Aug. 23, 2000. She joins older siblings Lauren, 10, and Anthony, 7.

Susan Ott Rodberg and husband Eric, a boy, Karl Eric, Sept. 9, 1999.

1983

Mark Holm and wife Becky, adopted a boy, Matthew Blaine. He was born Oct. 29, 2000.

Judith Hurst Smith and husband Mark, a boy, Joseph William, Feb. 17, 2000.

1984

Traci Rowe Caple and husband James, a girl, Alicia Brittany, June 27, 1999.

1985

Devonie Verne Bennett and husband **Patrick '86**, a boy, Jansen Patrick, Oct. 17, 1999. He joins older brothers Jordon, 10, Dustin, 9 and Andy, 5. Proud relatives are grandparents Pam Verne (Rike Center Admin. Sec.) and husband Dave; uncle **Michael Verne '92** and wife Beth; aunt **Teresa Verne Nebraska '87** and husband Dave.

Robert Hartman and wife Kimberly, a girl, Sydney Still, May 5, 2000.

Susan Speese Spalding and husband Alex, a boy, Michael, June 5, 1998.

1986

Dr. Amy Cedargren and husband Steven Sokoloski, a girl, Sophia Caroline, Jan. 8, 2000. She joins older sister Elena, 3.

Kathryn Holder Danzeisen and husband David, a girl, Sophia Kui-lan, July 28, 2000.

1987

Steve Brown and wife Ivy, a girl, Diana Elizabeth, Sept. 14, 1999. She joins older sisters Alexa, 6, Erika, 4 and Julia, 18 months.

Stacie Gilg Noel and husband Brian, a boy, Grant Michael, May 31, 2000. He joins older sister Lauren, 4.

Scott Rush and wife Anne, a girl, Grace Kathleen, Sept. 25, 2000. She joins older sister Hannah, 5, and older brother Andrew, 3. Proud relatives are **Sharon Rush Comstock '80** and husband **Steve '79**; **Susan Rush Huddle '80** and husband **Steve '84**. Adopted aunt & uncle are **Becky Fickel Smith '81** and husband **Dick '79**.

1988

Beth Helwig Carlson and husband **Tim '89**, a girl, Erica Lynne, May 28, 2000. She joins older sister Katherine, 6.

Dianne Guthrie Overmyer and husband Greg, a girl, Meghan Simone. She joins older sisters Hannah and Sarah.

1990

Chris Carey and wife Dorie, a girl, Haley Marie, May 4, 2000.

Rhonda Ashley King and husband Jeremy, a boy, Alexander, May 5, 2000.

Cynthia Sund Klingensmith and husband **Scott '91**, a girl, Anna Elise, June 1, 2000.

Julie Hetzel Miller and husband **Shannon '88**, a boy, Ethan Sumner, Aug. 14, 2000. He joins older sister Alyssa, 3. Proud grandmother is **Ruth Reker Hetzel '94**, and proud aunt **Susan Hetzel Gray '87**.

Vicki Sherer Trapp and husband **Joe '90**, a boy, Jason Scott, Feb. 19, 2000. He joins older brother Jeremy Michael, 2.

Beth-Anne Chandler Ware and husband Bryan, a boy, Nathan Matthew, Apr. 8, 2000.

Carrie Heibel White and husband **Ben '88**, a boy, Joel Michael, July 17, 2000.

1991

Dave Henn and wife Kristin, twin boys, Erik Charles and Kyle William, May 22, 2000.

Ginette Boyer Wright and husband Ken, a boy, Ethan William, June 3, 2000. He joins older siblings Aaron, 8, Rebekah, 6 and Hadasah, 3.

1992

Amy Hunnicutt Anglin and husband Bob, a boy, R. Mack, July 5, 2000.

Connie Kester, a boy, Seth Alexander, Oct. 9, 2000.

Elizabeth Kidwell Lanning and husband **Scott '93**, a boy, Matthew Thomas, May 16, 2000.

Margaret "Peggy" Murton Lehman and husband Robert, a boy, Isaac Harrison, June 5, 2000.

Tamara Thompson Martin and husband Greg, a boy, Graden Allen, July 10, 2000.

Tammy Hogg Sheridan and husband Doug, a boy, Andrew Thomas, Mar. 23, 2000. He joins older brother Joshua, 3.

Julie North Welch and husband Fred, a girl, Brianna Marie, Oct. 20, 1999.

1993

Paige Tirey Bellamy and husband Jon, a girl, Rachael Elizabeth, Sept. 22, 1999.

Mollie Ratliff Byers and husband **James Byers '93**, a boy, John Matthew, June 28, 2000.

Gwen Swigart Nichols and husband **Brian '93**, a boy, Carson Elliott, Dec. 17, 1999. He is welcomed by grandfather **Richard Swigart '62**, uncles/aunts **Kirk Nichols '95**, **Ellen Swigart '96**, Christopher and **Sara Jobe Nichols '97**. He is a great-nephew of **Ford Swigart '51** and **Kay Lautsenhizer Swigart '56**. His great-grandfather Ford Swigart, Sr., attended Otterbein in 1918.

1994

Tonya Brown Define and husband **Gregory '92**, a

girl, Olivia Faith, Aug. 18, 2000.

Brenda Farrell Kaffenbarger and husband Greg, a boy, Grant Lloyd, Feb. 17, 2000.

Marsha Knoll McDaniels and husband Kevin, a boy, Joshua Nathaniel, Feb. 3, 2000. He joins older sister Emma Rose, 2.

1995

Lisa Chapman Allen and husband Randy, a girl, Rachel Nicole, July 31, 2000.

Shawna Goebel Hansen and husband, Jeff, a boy, Zachary, Nov. 22, 1997; a girl Kaiya, Jan. 13, 2000.

Andrea Marinello Hess and husband **Andrew '95**, a girl, Alexa Marinello, Oct. 6, 2000.

Jason Hughes and wife Anna, a boy, Garrett Michael, May 21, 2000.

Melanie Dowden Kerckmar and husband, Michael, a girl, Macie Monell, Apr. 14, 2000.

Julie Bailey Meyers and husband **Todd '92**, a girl, Morgan Bailey, July 7, 2000.

Susan Fink Reinbolt and husband **Robert '95**, a boy, Cameron Andrew, Aug. 31, 2000.

Julie Leigh Sharp and husband **Douglas '86**, a son, Daniel Douglas, July 27, 2000.

Misti Fox Spires and husband Todd, a girl, Kirsten Dawn, Oct. 14, 1999.

Brent Walters and wife Shannon, a boy, Jack Christopher, Aug. 25, 1999.

1996

Kimberly Hinson Bales and husband Robert, a boy, Casey Jamison, Aug. 28, 2000.

Cynthia Buenning Whitaker and husband Michael, a boy, William Matthew, July 2, 2000.

1998

Brian Huther and wife Liberty, a girl, Rachel Marie, June 23, 2000.

Jessica Hall Plotner and husband Ryan, a girl, Grayson Taylor, Mar. 14, 2000. She joins older brother Michael, 3.

DEATHS

1924

Blanche Meyers Schwarzkopf passed away Aug. 13, 2000 at Manor Care, Westerville, OH. She was a former school teacher and retired chief chemist for State of Ohio Health Laboratories. She was a member of Church of the Master U. M. She was preceded in death by husband **Roy (Jerry) Schwarzkopf '27**. She is survived by son Jerry and daughter Carol; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

1925

Otterbein has learned that **John Furbay** passed away on June 15, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Melodie.

1927

Otterbein has learned that **Mae Mickey Stookey**

passed away on May 5, 2000. She was a member of the Townhill United Methodist Church, and a member of the Pennsylvania Retired Teachers Association. She was preceded in death by husband Byron and sisters Gladys Hennigan and **Enid Mickey Mamula '31**. She is survived by her sister **Jeanne Mickey Brubaker '44** and brother Wesley Mickey.

1930

Hugh Steckman passed away on May 1, 2000 in Everett, PA. He was a civilian Air Force contracting officer until his retirement in 1983. He also wrote and published a book entitled *Dear Folks*. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, **Gwendolyn Steckman Weber '57** and **Elizabeth Steckman '67**; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

1931

Otterbein has learned that **Enid Mickey Mamula** passed away on Apr. 26, 1999. She was preceded in death by sisters Gladys Hennigan. She was survived by sisters **Mae Mickey Stookey '27** and **Jeanne Mickey Brubaker '44** and brother Wesley Mickey.

1933

Arthur Brubaker passed away Oct. 2, 2000. He retired as the executive director of the downtown YMCA, Cleveland. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, where he played the piano and sang in the choir. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and a

member of the YMCA Retired Directors Organization. He is survived by son **David Brubaker '64** and daughter **Karen Brubaker Dobbins '66**, three grandsons and three great grandchildren.

1933

Otterbein has learned that **Dorothy Zimmerman** passed away on Apr. 19, 2000.

1936

Otterbein has learned that **Maxine French Loomis** passed away on Sept. 20, 1999.

Samuel Ziegler passed away July 31, 2000. He is survived by wife **Isabel Howe Ziegler '40**; two sons, **Samuel '64** and Norman; and one daughter, **Julia Ziegler Langille '72**. He resided in Espanola, NM.

1937

Ardis Geraldine Steffani Holliger passed away Nov. 4, 2000. She was a piano student of master teacher Leo Podolsky and taught piano lessons in Huron for many years. She was a faculty member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and a member of the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. She also served on the Huron Public Library Board of Trustees, and was past regent of the Martha Pitkin chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by one son, Rev. John C. Holliger; three granddaughters; and several nephews and other relatives.

Ruth Lloyd Wolcott passed away on July 1, 2000. She is survived by 10 children, 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

1939

Otterbein has learned that **Lloyd Houser** passed away on June 28, 2000. He is survived by a daughter, **Ann Houser '71**.

1942

Anthony Ruble passed away on Mar. 25, 2000. He is survived by his daughter, Dorothy Hudson.

1943

Otterbein has learned that **Beverly Loesch Blakeley** passed away Aug. 31, 2000.

Beatrice Blatter Crawford passed away on Apr. 17, 2000. She is survived by husband Clyde; and two daughters, Sara and Mary.

Ernestine Althoff Myers passed away on May 30, 2000. She is survived by her husband Robert.

1944

Mary Arika Shiba passed away May 23, 2000 at United Medical Center-West, Cheyenne, WY. She was an elementary school music teacher in the Cheyenne School System for 21 years. She was instrumental in starting the Suzuki String Program in the district. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Chapter C.P.E.O., Retired Teachers Association, United Methodist Women and the National Music Educators Association. She is survived by husband

Harry Shiba; sons Bill and Bob; daughter Marilyn; brothers Harry, Joe and Sam Arika; sister Yosh Varney; and six grandchildren.

1945

Forrest Cheek passed away June 23, 2000. He is survived by wife **Eileen Hoff Cheek '45**; four daughters, Carol, Margaret, Janet and Brenda; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and two sisters.

1949

Jack Groseclose passed away on Oct. 15, 2000. He was a former principal and coach in Westerville schools and former member of Big Walnut Board of Education. He was owner of Cardinal Travel and Groseclose Insurance in Westerville. He was a member of the Varsity "O" Club and a charter member of the Otterbein "O" Club Foundation. He was also a member of Harlem Road United Methodist Church, Westerville Rotary Club, Caledonia Lodge 416 F & AM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, Aladdin Shrine Temple and Achbar Grotto Club, American Legion Young-Budd Post 171. He is survived by his wife Amy; sons **Jeffrey '81**, Michael, Dennis, Jack G.; and several grandchildren.

1950

Margaret Pratt passed away Nov. 11, 1999. She is survived by husband George and sons James, Roy and George.

1951

Marcia Roehrig McCoy passed away on Oct. 6,

2000. She is survived by husband Ted, daughter Melissa, and son Michael.

Jean Young of Shelby, OH passed away Sept. 8, 2000. She had been a teacher in Medina at Weymouth Elementary and Central School in Shelby, retiring in 1982. She was a member of First United Church of Christ, Women's Church Guild and the CCL II Mother's Club. She is survived by husband **George '51**; sons **David '78**, and Timothy; twin sister **Joan Young Hicks '51**; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Beth Young.

1952

R. Jane Scott passed away Aug. 4, 2000. She is survived by daughter Peggy Billing and two granddaughters, Valerie and Pamela Billing.

1964

Otterbein has learned that **Gary Nixon** passed away Aug. 1, 2000.

1968

Dave Hoernemann passed away Oct. 8, 2000. He was a member of the "O" Club. He is survived by sons Eric and Scott Hoernemann.

Roger Holt of Scottsdale, AZ passed away May 29, 2000, while hiking in the Fossil Creek area near Strawberry, AZ. He was employed by Motorola as a technical writer. A skilled astrophotographer, he traveled the globe—Indonesia, Africa, and Mexico, among other places—chasing eclipses. In 1986, he and his wife traveled to Australia,

mostly to have a better view of Halley's comet. Holt won an award in 1990 for his script for *The Vulture's Gold*, a short documentary film about the famed Vulture mine near Wickenburg. While at Otterbein he played guitar for the Marlins, a local rock band. He is survived by wife Betty, daughters Jessica and Leslie, sister Alice, parents William and Caroline Holt, and two grandchildren.

1972

Becky Wright passed away Oct. 29, 2000. She was the founder of Exactly Write!, a writing and editing company that she operated for five years. She was the managing editor at the Ohio Public Library Information Network. She is survived by her mother Rosemary Wright Sisco, sister Peggy Keer, aunts Bessie Curtis and Ann Whitford, two nieces and one nephew.

Friend

Nancy Lee Snapp Yoest of Westerville passed away Nov. 4, 2000. She was a retired school nurse for Westerville Schools, and a member of Central Ohio Retired Nurses Association. She was a member of the Westerville Education Association and Delta Zeta Sorority. She was also a member of the Otterbein "O" Club. She received her nursing degree from Ohio State University in 1953. Preceded in death by parents Herbert and Vergie Snapp. She is survived by her husband Dr. **E. W. "Bud" Yoest '53**; children **Jeffrey '77** and **Kyle '80**, grandchildren and cousins. ■

compiled by Jenny Hill

Thomas Honors College with Largest Gift Ever

Mary Burnham Thomas '28 (1907-1999) was an influential figure at Otterbein both during her life and after her death. As the benefactress of the Thomas Academic Excellence Series which supports the Common Book program, she established one of Otterbein's most successful education programs. Now, over a year after she passed away, Miss Thomas has honored the College once again with a \$6.3 million estate gift, the largest gift in Otterbein's history.

According to President Brent DeVore, this gift is a defining moment in the College's history. "What Mary B. Thomas has done for Otterbein through her immensely generous bequest will yield significant enhancement to Otterbein's future," DeVore said. He noted that the bequest was undesignated and it will be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to ultimately decide how it is to be most usefully applied.

Miss Thomas was actively involved at Otterbein both as a student and an alumna. She began her college career at Denison where she studied for one year before transferring to Otterbein. A member of the Philalethean Literary Society and Quiz and Quill, she was very passionate about literature and won the Barnes Short Story Award and several other literary prizes. She also belonged to the Sigma Alpha Tau (Owls) sorority and was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Master and Phi Delta Gamma.

Mary graduated cum laude from Otterbein and 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.

As an alumna, she maintained close ties to her alma mater. According to Joanne Van Sant H'70, special consultant to Institutional Advancement and a longtime friend, Mary lived only two houses away from Clippinger Hall (the Carnegie Library currently housing the Admission offices) and often had Otterbein students help with her yard work.

"Mary was a very quiet, very bright woman who loved Otterbein," Van Sant said. "That was the center of her life in many ways. She was always very interested in what was happening here."

Formerly employed in the Treasurer's Office at Otterbein, she was an active member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees from 1960-1979. During that time, Miss Thomas 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 pre-

sented to her in recognition of her "unselfish dedication and loyalty to Otterbein."

In addition to her activities with the College, Mary was a member of the New Century Club, the National Federation of Music Clubs and the Westerville Memorial Library Board, in which she held the offices of treasurer, vice-president and president. She also served as an officer at the local, state and regional levels for the American Association of University Women.

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 participated in many capital campaigns over the years. She donated her house to the College when she moved to Friendship Village in 1979.

In 1994, Thomas made possible the creation of The Thomas Academic Excellence Series in honor of her parents, Fred N. and

Emma B. Thomas. It is intended to create intellectual excitement and to strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared academic experience for 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 to meet with students and speak at 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, former chair of the Integrative Studies program. "And because we do give the Common Book 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."

Miss Thomas saw the effect the program had on Otterbein students first-hand. When she attended the first Common Book Convocation in 1994, students approached her to thank her and tell her what a wonderful thing she did in creating this endowment.

In addition to her establishment of the Thomas Academic Excellence Series, Mary also supported a variety of scholarships and endowments, as well as the Cornerstone Campaign and the Towers Hall renovation.

While she will not see the results of her final gift, Otterbein will honor her memory through its use, which will be designated by the Board of Trustees. Mary B. Thomas will live on at Otterbein in the hearts of the students who benefit from her support.



Mary B. Thomas

SSL, Encryption Make On-Line Giving Safe and Easy

A recent on-line survey of Otterbein alumni has indicated that many alumni are apprehensive about giving on-line. However, this method of supporting your alma mater from the comfort of your own home is not only easy, but also completely safe.

Gifts to Otterbein are made on a secured site. That means when you make a gift on-line, the secure server software (SSL) encrypts all information you input before it is sent to the College. Web browsers use encryption to keep data secure. The browser will 'scramble' the conversation between your computer and the web site that you are using. A computer that is not part of the encrypted conversation will see "garbage" — useless numbers.

There are ways to determine if the browser is using secure, encrypted communication. At the top of the page, https: appears at the beginning of the web address. Additionally, in Netscape, the clasp is closed on the lock in the lower left corner and in Internet Explorer, a small lock appears in the lower right corner.

To give on-line, all you need is a computer, Internet access, a credit card and a desire to support Otterbein students.

Access the Otterbein College Online Community at www.otterbein.edu or www.otterbein.onlinecommunity.com.

To enter the Online Community, you will need your ID number, which is printed above your address on mailing labels of Otterbein's publications, including this issue of *Towers*. If you have questions relating to the Annual Fund, call Jennifer Beharry at (614) 823-1400. If you have questions about the Online Community, contact Pat Kessler at (614) 823-1600.

If you are not yet comfortable with the idea of giving on-line, you also can make a gift through the mail to Otterbein Annual Fund, Office of Development, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081-2006, or by telephone at (614) 823-1400. Mailed gifts can be paid by credit card, money order, check or stock. Gifts made over the phone require a credit card.

According to Director of Annual Giving Jennifer Beharry, every gift is important, no matter how it is made. "There are many ways to make a contribution to the Annual Fund. It doesn't matter which way you choose, it is just important that you remember every gift counts." ■

From the Recognition Dinner...



Miriam Woodford King '47, Betty Ballenger, Wendell King '48, Mary Cay Carlson Wells '47 and John Wells '48.



Marilou Harold Roush '45, Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47, President Brent DeVore
Center photo: Chairman of the Board Thomas Bromeley welcomes attendees.



Harold Augspurger '41, Don Myers '52, Mary Wagner Myers '56, Dick Borg '53.



Debbie Scott Thresher '77, Sonya Stauffer Evans '56, Bill Evans '56, and newly appointed Trustee Mark Thresher '78.

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Reunions

Special Events, Otterbein Victory Highlight Homecoming 2000

Cardinals flocked to campus to show their Otterbein pride for homecoming 2000 on October 19-21! Over 700 alumni, family and friends returned to campus to cheer Otterbein's 2000 football team on to a 21-17 victory over Marietta.

The weekend was full of special events for visiting alumni, including the dinner for all reunion classes at the Elephant Bar and Grill, which drew more than 65 people. Another highlight event was the Former Alumni Presidents' Gathering, which featured an update on National Alumni Association activities by current President **Dave Lehman '70**, Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman.

The Class of 1991 got an early start on plans for their 10-year reunion at Homecoming 2000 with a planning meeting on Saturday morning. Special thanks go to **Tricia Davis '91** and class agents **Jed Hanawalt '91** and **Denise Burton '91** for their support in planning the Class of 1991 reunion. Homecoming 2001 is scheduled for Oct. 27.

Alumni Weekend 2001

Reminisce about your days at Otterbein at Alumni Weekend 2001 on June 8-10! This year's event will honor the Reunion Classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971, as well as emeriti professors, National Alumni Award winners and this year's Alumni Special Interest Group, Greeks who graduated between 1924 and 1971. You can nominate potential award winners online at the alumni site, www.otterbein.edu. Last year's event was a huge success, drawing over 500 people to campus!

Information will be coming soon, so plan to make this weekend special by coming home to Otterbein!



Vice President Mike Duckworth '63 and Secretary Carolyn Royer '60 represented the National Alumni Association in the Homecoming Parade. President Dave Lehman '70 was out of town on school business.



Members of the Class of 1990 share a table and some old memories at the reunion class dinner at the Elephant Bar and Grill.



Former National Alumni Association presidents gathered for an update on alumni activities at Homecoming.

Regional Events

Spirit in the Air

For the second year, spirits ran high at the parent tailgate parties sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations. Thanks to the support of the parents of Otterbein's football players across Ohio, tailgating is quickly becoming an Otterbein tradition.

Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pezo, the parents of Otterbein junior Mark Pezo, for hosting the event at Baldwin-Wallace and to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Foos, the parents of junior Brian Foos, for hosting the event at Heidelberg.

If you would like to host a tailgate party next season, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson at (614) 823-1650 or gjohnson@otterbein.edu.



Cardinal boosters flock to Baldwin-Wallace to root on the football team.

Dayton Otterbein Women's Club Dinner Features College Archivist

The Dayton Otterbein Women's Club held their annual program on September 19, 2000. This year's program featured Otterbein College Archivist Stephen Grinch discussing Otterbein's archives and some of the interesting stories kept there, including former President Calvin Coolidge's visit to the Otterbein campus in 1922 for the rededication of the plaque honoring Otterbein's alumni who served in the Civil War.

Also attending the dinner was former archivist Alberta Engle Messmer '40. Over 20 people attended this event. Thanks go to the Dayton Otterbein Women's Club for organizing another great event!



Dayton Otterbein Women's Club dinner. (L-R) Ann Hovermale Farnlacher '45, Edna Smith Zech '33, Stephen Grinch '98, Alberta Engle Messmer '40, Judith Graham Gebhart '61.

Basketball on the Road

The 2000 Otterbein men's and women's basketball teams recently took to the road for their annual out-of-state games. The men's team took their talent to the

alumni and friends of Otterbein in Maryland, while the women played for Cardinals in Florida. Both tours took place Nov. 25-28, 2000. The men won two games while dropping one, and the women won one and lost two.

Jonda Celebrates 75th and Some of Their Prominent Alumni

Etu Phi Mu (Jonda) fraternity, like Otterbein College, takes great pride in the achievements of our alumni. Jonda has just celebrated a 75th anniversary and is in the process of developing a fraternity history. In this process, there has evolved a new awareness of the many extraordinary brothers who have grown through the Otterbein and Jonda experience to renowned achievement and recognition in their chosen professions. Many have been honored by Otterbein with distinguished service awards, special achievement awards, and distinguished alumni awards.

Jonda has many alumni who served their country in distinguished military service. Among these are four brothers who have achieved general officer rank. Lieutenant General Lance Lord '69 is one of only 35 lieutenant generals and Major General Glen Shaffer '70 is one of only 87 major generals. General Charles Donnelly '50 (four stars) was one of only 17 Air Force generals at his retirement. Brigadier General Robert Wright '56 was one of only 50 Air Force Reserve brigadier generals among a total Reserve force of over 80,000 members.

~ submitted by Brigadier General Robert Wright '56

Lifelong Learning

Cardinals Migrate to Colorado in 2001

Otterbein's Cardinal Migration is exploring the boundless beauty of Colorado with a September 19-23 trip to Colorado Springs, a city known for cool slopes and hot springs, mixed with a style all its own.

Otterbein's Colorado alumni are planning a wonderful weekend in this haven of natural beauty and we hope you will be part of it!

Right: Colorado Migration Committee are (L-R) John Wray, Patricia Weigand Bale '58, William Bale '57, Judith Edworthy Wray '50, Bud Warner '56, Pat Arnold and Darlene Arnold.



SAC

International Students Learn American Football

Cardinal football coaches, players and cheerleaders gave Otterbein's international students a warm welcome to the game of American football on September 13, 2000, before the season's first home game. These new fans were treated to a banquet on the front lawn of Howard House featuring Head Coach Wally Hood and current players in uniform teaching American football basics. The event was organized by Otterbein's Student Alumni Council.



Football Coach Wally Hood and the Otterbein cheerleaders were among the folks helping to teach the rules of American football to international students.

Alumni Office: 614-823-1956

Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar

(dates subject to change)

2/10	Alumni Gathering: Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg, FL	5/19	Campus Beautification Day
2/11	Alumni Gathering: Ft. Myers, FL	6/8-10	Alumni Weekend 2001
3/18	Alumni Gathering: Austin, TX (band tour)	7/27-29	Alumni College 2001
3/19	Alumni Gathering: Dallas/Ft. Worth (band tour)	8/13-17	Schooner Mary Day
4/21	Alumni Gathering: Phoenix/Tucson, AZ	8/23	"Violence in the Streets" Lifelong Learning
4/28	Alumni Gathering: Columbus, OH (Statehouse Atrium)	9/19-23	Cardinal Migration, Colorado Springs, CO
5/12	Alumni Gathering: Akron/Canton	10/27	Homecoming 2001

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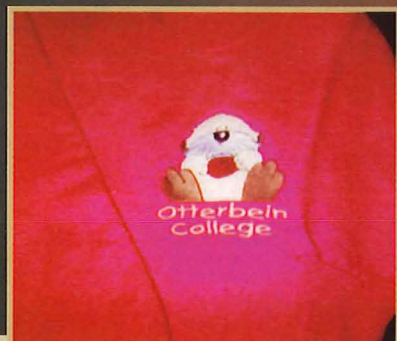


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