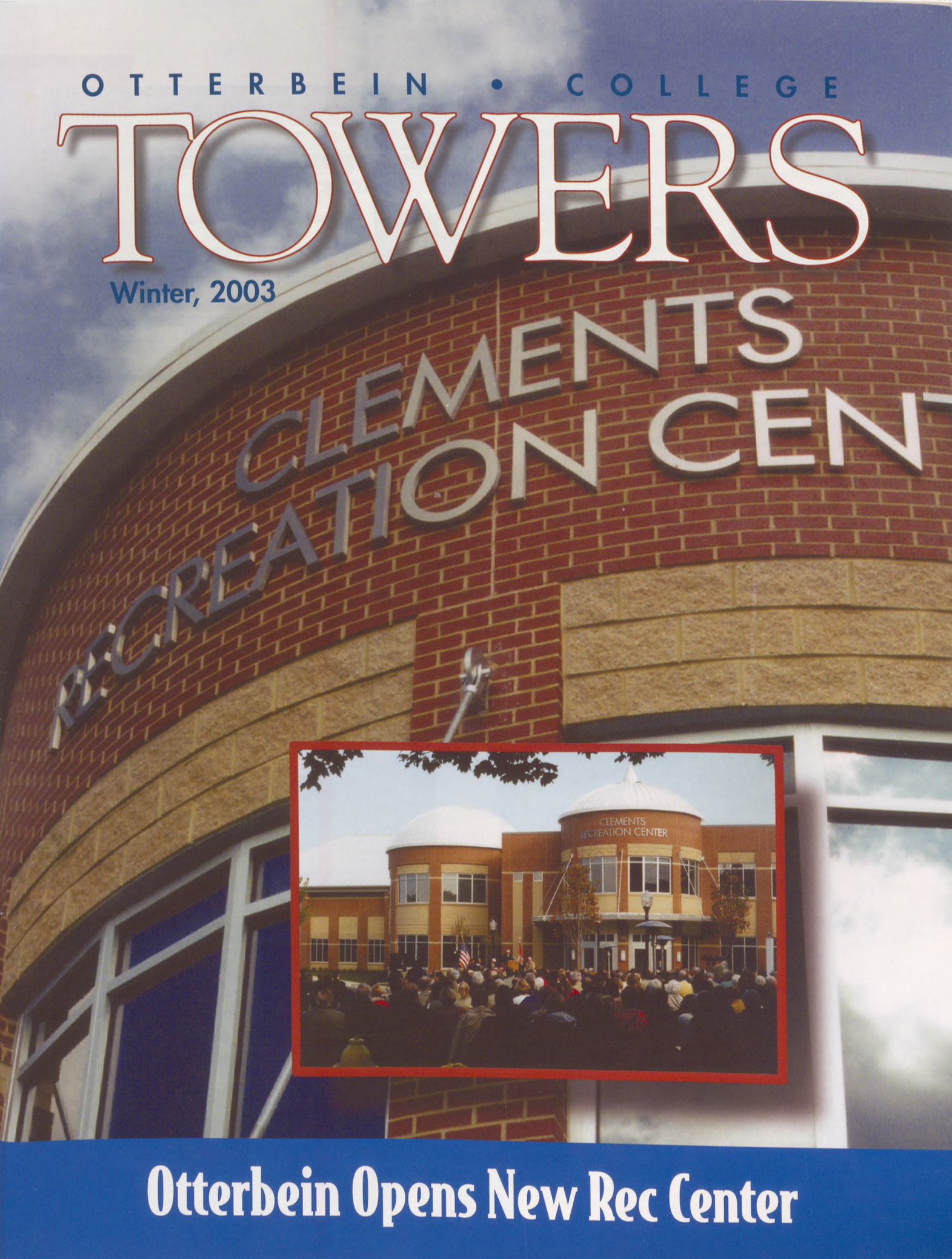


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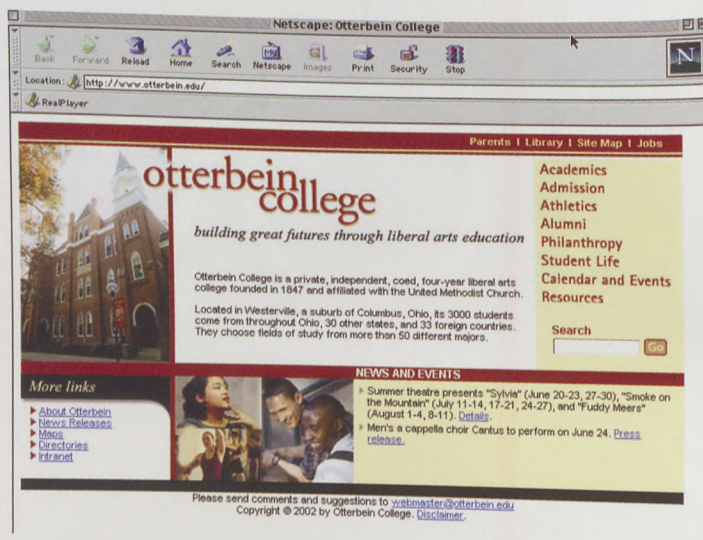
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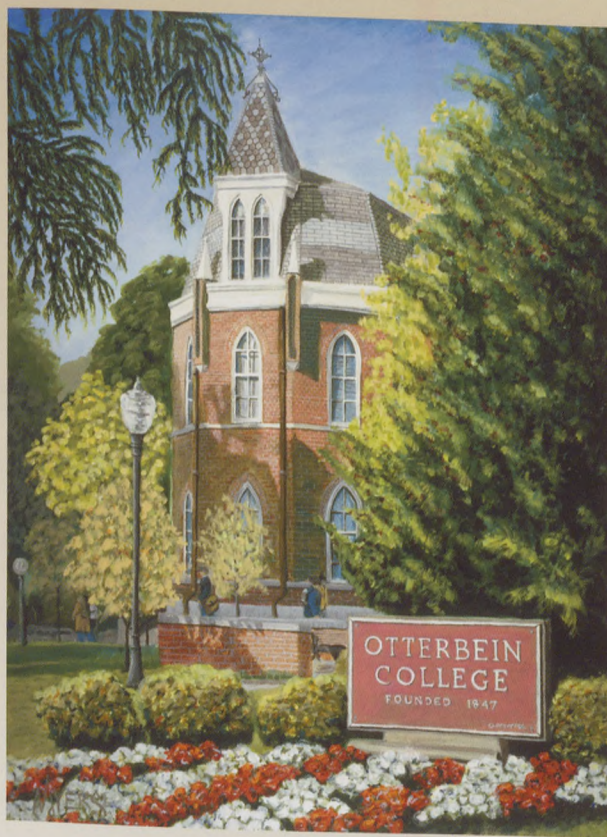
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College News

compiled by Jenny Hill



Above: Renata Wilson '03 as the Princess Puffer and Clint Carter '04 as the Chairman from *Edwin Drood*. **Right:** Ray Auxais '03 as Raggedy Andy, Kayli Tope '04 as Raggedy Ann, and Hillary Miller '04 as Babette from *Raggedy Ann and Andy*.

Otterbein College Theatre Gets Innovative

Fans of Otterbein College Theatre might notice something a little different this season. While it remains true to its tradition of featuring musicals and children's theatre, this year two of these productions have taken a unique direction, with big educational benefits for its students.

On October 17, Otterbein College Theatre opened its 2002-03 season with a mystery that even the playwright couldn't end — *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, an interactive musical mystery by Rupert Holmes, which won the 1986 Tony for best musical. Directed by **Dan Knechtges '94**, Otterbein audiences played an

active role in this mystery by voting on the solution to the mysterious whereabouts of young Edwin Drood.

This play-within-a-play begins with the Music Hall Royale, a Victorian musical troupe, performing its flamboyant rendition of an unfinished Dickens mystery. A character in the play by the name of Drood is being played by one of the members of the troupe. When Drood disappears one stormy Christmas Eve, murder is suspected.

Drood is based on the novel that Charles Dickens was writing at the time of his death. Left incomplete, who really killed Edwin Drood is anyone's guess. In this case, it was the guess of the audience each night the play was performed. The audi-

ence got to vote at three different times in the play, with the possibility for 302 different combinations of endings. The actors stepped off the stage to tally the votes before continuing the play.

Audience Services Director **Elizabeth Minnich Saltzgiver '99** explained the voting. "Votes were actually counted on three separate occasions, first to establish a detective, second to convict the murderer and third to expose the secret love affair of two cast members. It really was a different show every night."

Because of the wide variety of endings that could take place, each actor had to be prepared for anything. **Tyler TerMeer '05**, stage manager for *Drood*, said, "This show gave

them a new challenge every night. With over 302 different possible endings it was never the same show twice, but what made it magical was that the actors found out at the same time as the audience 'who dunnit.' They had to be prepared for anything and that was not just the challenge, but also what made it fun for not only the audience but the cast and crew."

Also at the ready was the chamber orchestra of strings, percussion and keyboard that provided the music for *Drood*. And for the actors, in addition to expecting the unexpected, they were faced with the challenge of playing double roles – as the characters in Dickens' play and as the British actors portraying these characters.

TerMeer also noted that the most challenging role was that of The Chairman. "It was truly up to The Chairman, played by **Clint Carter '04**, to lead the audience through 'The Drood Experience.' Clint had a large challenge in this role, because he never worked with his largest acting partner — the audience — until the opening of the show."

Saltzgeber said the attendance exceeded all expectations because of the unique nature of this play. "We had terrific audience response. Many people returned a second and a third time to try to vote for someone new," she said. "Our student attendance was also something to shout about. Almost 800 students attended *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* throughout the two week run."

The students involved in the productions realized that this opportunity provided by the College was truly a unique one. TerMeer said, "It was truly a night of theatre at its finest and an experience that these young actors may never have again. It was just an all around fun experience that we will all carry with us forever."

Drood was immediately followed by another unique theatre experience. On the stage of Cowan

Hall, America's most endearing and enduring folk dolls came to life and captured the imagination of children of all ages in the Otterbein College Children's Theatre production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy*, based on the Bobs-Merrill book. It was performed November 13-17, 2002.

Directed by Dana White, the story unfolds in a girl's bedroom on her birthday. A fancy French doll named Babette has arrived for the girl's birthday, but that very evening, Prince Leonard-the-Looney-Hearted rides up on his hobbyhorse and whisks her away to Looney-land. Raggedy Ann and Andy rush to her rescue, and along the way meet a horse with wrinkled knees, an evil witch and the crazy citizens of Looney-land. Through the antics of Raggedy Ann and her sugary sweet candy heart, the gooey Mr. Greedy, and the crazy Prince Leonard-Looney-Hearted, the Cowan Hall stage was transformed into a gigantic playground.

Otterbein's production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy* featured Emily Sellevagge interpreting each performance for the deaf. Unlike traditional interpreting for the deaf, Sellevagge became a part of the play, following the characters around the stage and expressing emotions along with the dolls.

Another unusual on-stage character was the narrator, who interacted with the audience, made sound effects in his lab on stage and directed set changes, which also took place in front of the audience.

This unconventional approach to theatre was designed as an introduction to theatre educational opportunity for pre-kindergarten through third grade children. The chance to see scenery changes and other elements that make up the "magic" of theatre is a rare opportunity.

Saltzgeber said that *Raggedy Ann and Andy* was a success with audiences. "The children loved the show. We have received many letters from area school kids singing their praises for *Raggedy Ann and Andy*." ■

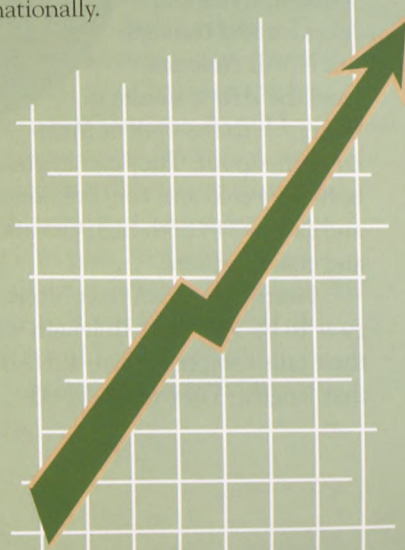
Otterbein Rated among Top Colleges Again

U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Otterbein College in the top five of comprehensive colleges in the Midwest, according to its annual survey. The rankings are used as a guide for the best college choices for 2003. Otterbein tied with Ohio Northern University, which were the only two Ohio colleges in the top 10 of comprehensive schools in the Midwest.

Otterbein has appeared in the top tier for the last decade. This year's rankings indicate that the College is second in academic excellence and in number of faculty with doctorates, and fourth in freshman retention and graduation rates.

The assessment is based on sixteen indicators that include peer assessment of academic excellence; retention rate of freshman and faculty resources, including the student/faculty ratio. Other indicators include student selectivity based on SAT or ACT scores and the number of high school seniors graduating in the top 25 percent of their class and the college's graduation rate.

The category of comprehensive colleges includes institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education. There are 324 comprehensive colleges nationally.





One of the two river otters at the Columbus Zoo recently adopted by the Friends from the Department of Communications at Otterbein College.

Friends of Otterbein Adopt North American River Otters

Friends of Otterbein have adopted two North American river otters from the Columbus Zoo. The adoption was made anonymously by "Friends of Otterbein."

According to information provided by The Columbus Zoo, North American river otters, or *Lutra canadensis*, are found in rivers and lakes located throughout North America, from the Arctic tundra in the north to the Gulf of Mexico in the south. They can tolerate both very cold and very hot climates and can live in both high elevations and coastal waters.

North American river otters grow to be 3 to 4 feet in length with their tails comprising 1 to 1.5 feet of that length. They weigh 11-33

pounds and live up to 16 years in the wild and 23 years in captivity. They have webbed feet for swimming and claws and pads for digging their dens.

River otters see equally well above and below water.

They can swim up to 7 miles per hour, dive to 35 feet and remain under water for up to two minutes. They can run up to 18 miles per hour on land.

River otters eat amphibians, fish, crayfish, other invertebrates and occasionally birds and small terrestrial mammals. The Columbus Zoo feeds the otters smelt and a prepared carnivore diet daily and clams and wax worms once a week.

River otters are social, playful animals with seemingly boundless energy. The typical social group

includes an adult female and her juvenile offspring, which depart before she gives birth again. River otters mate in March and April, and approximately 10-12 months later the female gives birth to one to five offspring on dry ground. The offspring are weaned after three or four months and leave their parents after a year.

According to The Columbus Zoo, "otters have suffered badly from habitat destruction, the use of pesticides and excessive trapping for their fur. They have been virtually eliminated throughout many parts of their range, especially around heavily populated areas in the midwestern and eastern United States."

The two otters adopted by Friends of Otterbein can be seen at the wetlands area of the North American region at The Columbus Zoo. ■



Welcome to a New-Look Towers!

You've probably noticed by now that your *Towers* magazine is sporting a new look with this first issue of 2003. And while some of you may subscribe to the "if it ain't broke don't fix it" adage (nearly 90% in a recent readership poll favorably graded the graphic look of *Towers*), we felt it was time for a change.

Any look or design eventually begins to look like, well, yesterday's news. While I love flipping through *Towers* magazines from the 50's and 60's, I don't want *Towers* in 2003 to mimic that look. As Otterbein College is a vivacious and ever-changing and evolving place of higher learning, so too should be the magazine that represents it.

One of the first things you may notice is that *Towers* is now full-color throughout. Previously, we published 16 pages in color with the remainder being in black and white. Since most issues run 36 or 40 pages (including covers), that meant that slightly more pages were black and white than in color. The reason for this was mainly one of cost. Obviously, color comes with a bit of a cost, as it's more expensive to print in color than it is to use only black ink on a page. However, we have been able to come up with a publishing plan that lets us add color throughout with only a very small cost increment. We have done this in two ways. First, by using a more economical paper. As circulation is just over 20,000 copies per issue, one of the main costs is paper. We were happy to find this quality of paper at significant savings. (If anyone thinks the quality of paper is noticeably less than in previous issues of *Towers*, please let me know.) The second adjustment was reducing the vertical size of the magazine from 11" to 10 and 7/8". (Again, if anyone really misses that 1/8 of an inch, please let me know!)

As editor, I am always gratified to hear favorable feedback from our readership. Alumni often tell me that between spouses and children and multiple/graduate degrees, many different college magazines enter their household. And that of all those publications, Otterbein's *Towers* magazine compares very favorably with the other publications, even those coming from much larger schools. This is something I want to hear for a long time to come; I hope the new look will keep *Towers* magazine looking sharp and comparing favorably to other college publications.

As well as adding color throughout, the new design also seeks to put more "air" or white space into the magazine. Sometimes we just have too much content for our own good and we would try to cram everything in, so that some issues could have the feel of an overstuffed suitcase. The new design may force us to be more judicious in selecting content for publication, but trust that we will do everything we can to fill *Towers* magazine with the same quality of content you have come to expect.

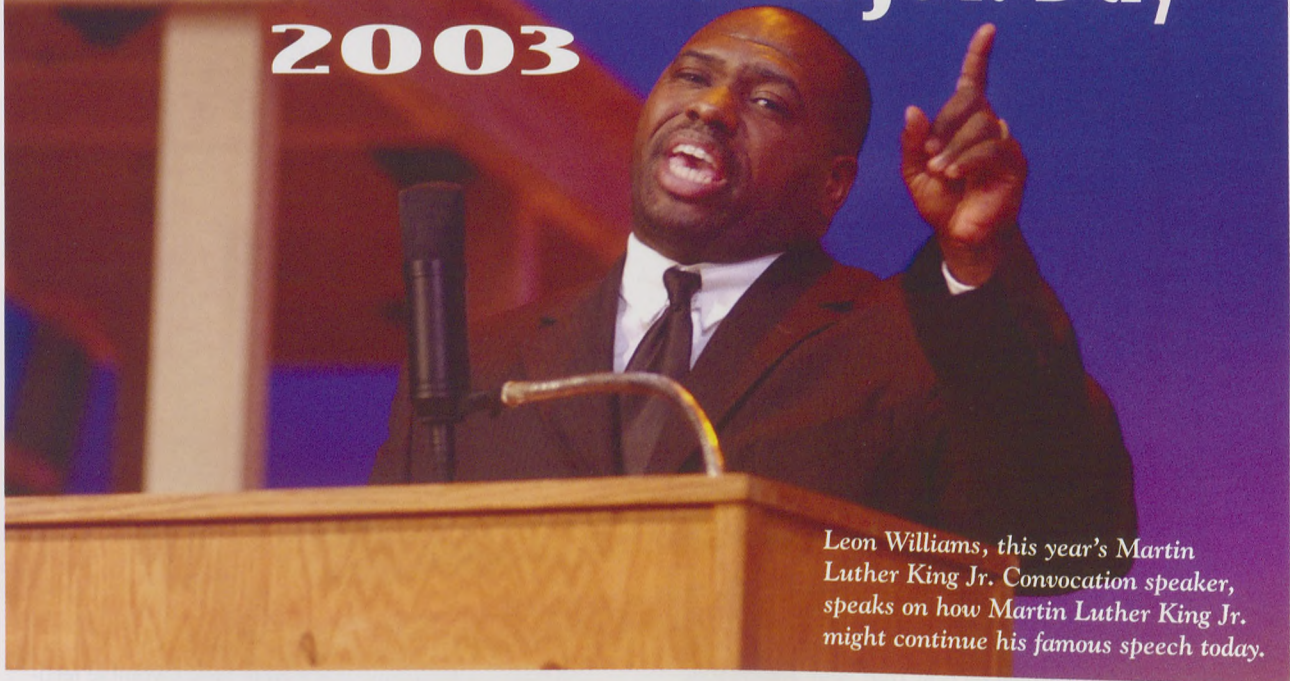
Another aspect I hope you will notice is the liberal use of school colors in *Towers*. Proud alumni have long sported the tan and cardinal of their beloved Alma Mater. Now the College magazine will be likewise decked in pride.

Adding color throughout has other, not-so-obvious benefits. The whole flow of the magazine can now be adjusted so that Classnotes and Milestones do not have to snake throughout the magazine as was done previously. Finding news of your classmates will be easier than ever!

We hope you enjoy this new look and share in our excitement in presenting it to you. As always, we welcome your feedback. Email me at rroutson@otterbein.edu or mail to: Otterbein College, Roger Routson, 141 W. Park, Westerville, OH 43081. Happy reading!

~ Roger Routson, Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2003



Leon Williams, this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation speaker, speaks on how Martin Luther King Jr. might continue his famous speech today.

Performance Piece Takes an Artistic Look at the Man and his Dream

For many Americans, the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. continue to play a major role in society. And one day a year, these Americans pay tribute to the enduring legacy of the civil rights leader. At Otterbein, this celebration took an artistic look at King's achievements.

The celebration began with Otterbein's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day speaker. This year, the College presented Leon Williams, director of Intercultural Affairs at Buena Vista University in Iowa, and his performance piece, "Shattered Dreams" on Jan. 21, 2003.

Williams' presentation focused on what King would add to his "I Have A Dream" speech if he was here to give it today. He was inclined to create his "Shattered Dreams" program based on research showing that despite the focus on diversity and increased programming related to multiculturalism, students on campuses across the country feel more divided than ever. According to statistics in *When Hope and Fear Collide* by Arthur Levine and Jeanette Cureton, diversity issues are the main cause of conflict between

students on three out of five campuses surveyed.

In "Shattered Dreams," Williams takes the sensitive issues of race, diversity and multiculturalism and injects them with humor, love and passion. His presentation began with a showing of the beginning of the film of King's "I Have A Dream" speech. After several minutes, Williams took over using King's persona. He welcomed the Otterbein community with, "I applaud you for fighting the injustice of today and tomorrow. I applaud you for being here."

He discussed the 1963 Black Forum and other civil rights events of the past, as well as current acts of injustice and terrorism, including the September 11 attacks. He said it is necessary to "rekindle the dream."

"It was just 40 years ago that Negro folk could not sit with common folk," he reminded modern students. "How long ago? Not long ago!"

He continued, "Although we eat at the same lunch counter, it does not mean we are receiving the same service. There are no more public lynchings, but there is more private choking."

Williams ended his speech with a plea for each individual to do his part to carry on King's dream.

At Buena Vista University in Iowa, Williams has talked to student groups about such issues as oppression, interracial dating, racism, discrimination, black-on-black crimes, among many other issues. He regularly presents special programming for Black History Month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He is actively involved in his community as a volunteer for a local food pantry, Habitat for Humanity, a teen theatre group and the Special Olympics. He has also written and directed several plays, coordinated racism panels and lectured in the History/Political Science Department at Ohio Northern University.

In addition to the annual speaker, a variety of other activities were held on campus, including Williams' Outside the Circle Diversity Workshop for Residence Life staff members, a candlelight vigil in the Otterbein College Chapel and a special Java Night with live entertainment from members of the campus community. ■

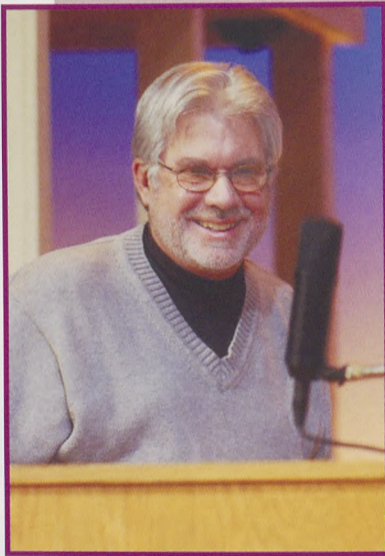
2003 MLK Peace and Justice Awards

Faculty/Staff/Administrator Winner

John Kengla

This award is given to a faculty/staff person who has demonstrated the ideas and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The recipient shows involvement in activities on and off campus; encourages like philosophies among others; promotes equality in the classroom and/or community and teaches principles of nonviolence in solving problems.

This year's recipient is John Kengla, Academic Teaching Staff. Through his work with the Linmoor-Otterbein Program and the Continuing Studies program, he inspires students of various ages to reach their dreams and goals through higher education.



John created the Linmoor-Otterbein Program above and beyond his work duties to give students with academic potential from lower income families a chance that they would normally never have. The program bestowed scholarships to students at Linmoor Middle School in Columbus that demonstrated academic distinction and leadership qualities.

One nominator wrote, "He always taught us 'if you can believe it, you can achieve it.' He always encouraged us to stay focused on our dreams, to try our best in whatever we desired to do and to help others along the way. He taught me that anyone can reach anyone and that there are people out there who really truly care."

As the director of Continuing Studies at Otterbein, John helped another segment of students by introducing the Accelerated Learning Pace Program in 1996. The Pace Program is designed to allow adult students to complete a Bachelor of Arts in just 23 months. Through John's counseling and guidance many adult students have graduated from the program.

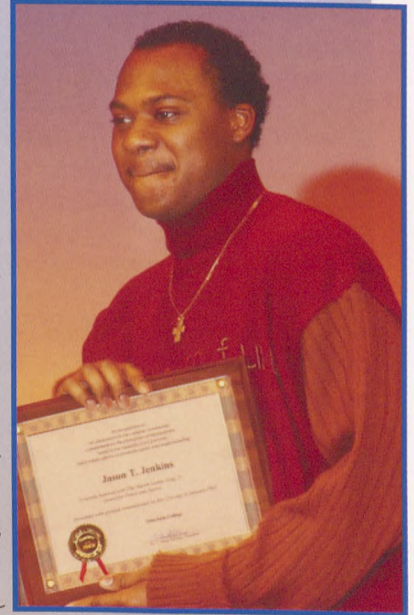
Two alumni who are former Linmoor students captured his nurturing and caring spirit the most.... "He is like our second father!"

Student Winner

Jason Tyrone Jenkins

This award is given to a student who promotes equality in the classroom and/or the community, is involved in activities on the campus or in the community which serves to balance inequities and teaches the principles of nonviolence in solving problems.

This year's student winner, Jason Tyrone Jenkins is well known in the community by students, faculty and staff. He is a young and gifted male who embraces community and community service in every sense of the words. He is well known for his tireless efforts with the Indianola Middle School Mentoring program. His commitment to this program won him the title of the 2002 DeVore Humanitarian award last year, but this student does not give of his time and heart for recognition. He does it because he cares about the future of our youth. He has not only taken this program to a new height, but personally develops close relationships with the children there.



According to one nominator, "There is no doubt in my mind that many of the young people Jason encounters at Indianola will be college graduates, for Jason has shown them that it can be done."

Jason also is active in the African American Student Union. At Homecoming 2002, he made history when he became Otterbein's first black Homecoming King.

Jason takes the time to lead by example and to bring about change. Following MLK's philosophy of nonviolence, Jason continues to press on as a leader in the Otterbein community and beyond.

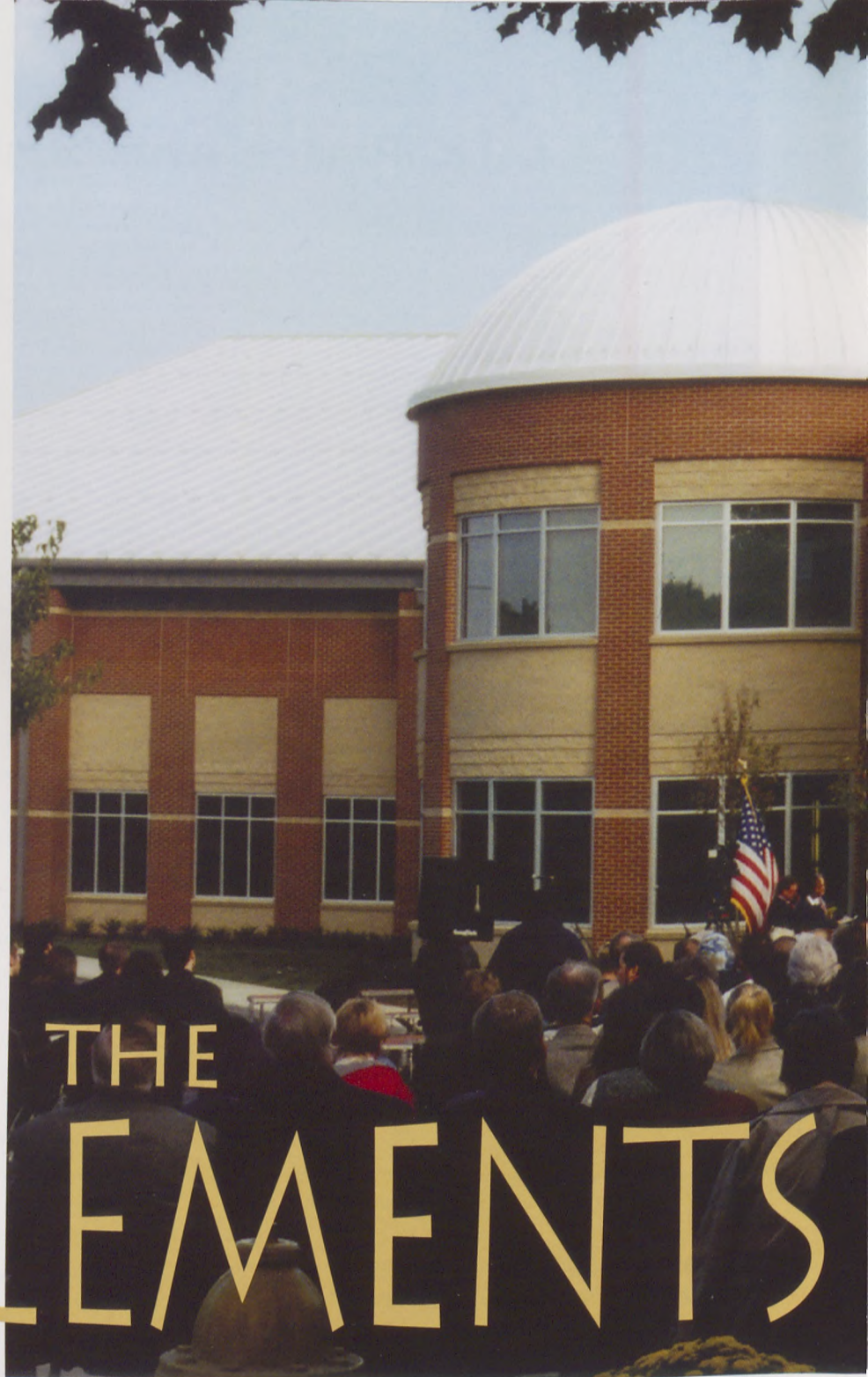
The day was cold but the sentiments were warm when the Otterbein Concert Choir opened the dedication ceremony for the new Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center on Oct. 18, 2002.

Following the spiritual sounds of the Concert Choir, President Brent DeVore recognized the efforts of many in this endeavor. "The dream began in 1993 when members of the Freeman family, many of whom are alumni and longtime supporters of the College, collectively donated \$500,000 in honor and memory of Ida and Harold Freeman and John and Margaret Freeman to create a sports medicine facility at Otterbein, now more formally named the Freeman Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Center," DeVore said. "It was from this seed of generosity that the idea for a major new recreation, wellness and fitness center grew."

He continued, "A few years later, the Board of Trustees of the Clements Foundation stepped forward with a boldly ambitious offer — to provide what was at that time the largest gift in the history of Otterbein College to fund construction of a new recreation center that would provide a new dimension of health, physical education and recreational opportunities for all of our students. That gift ultimately totaled \$3,645,000."

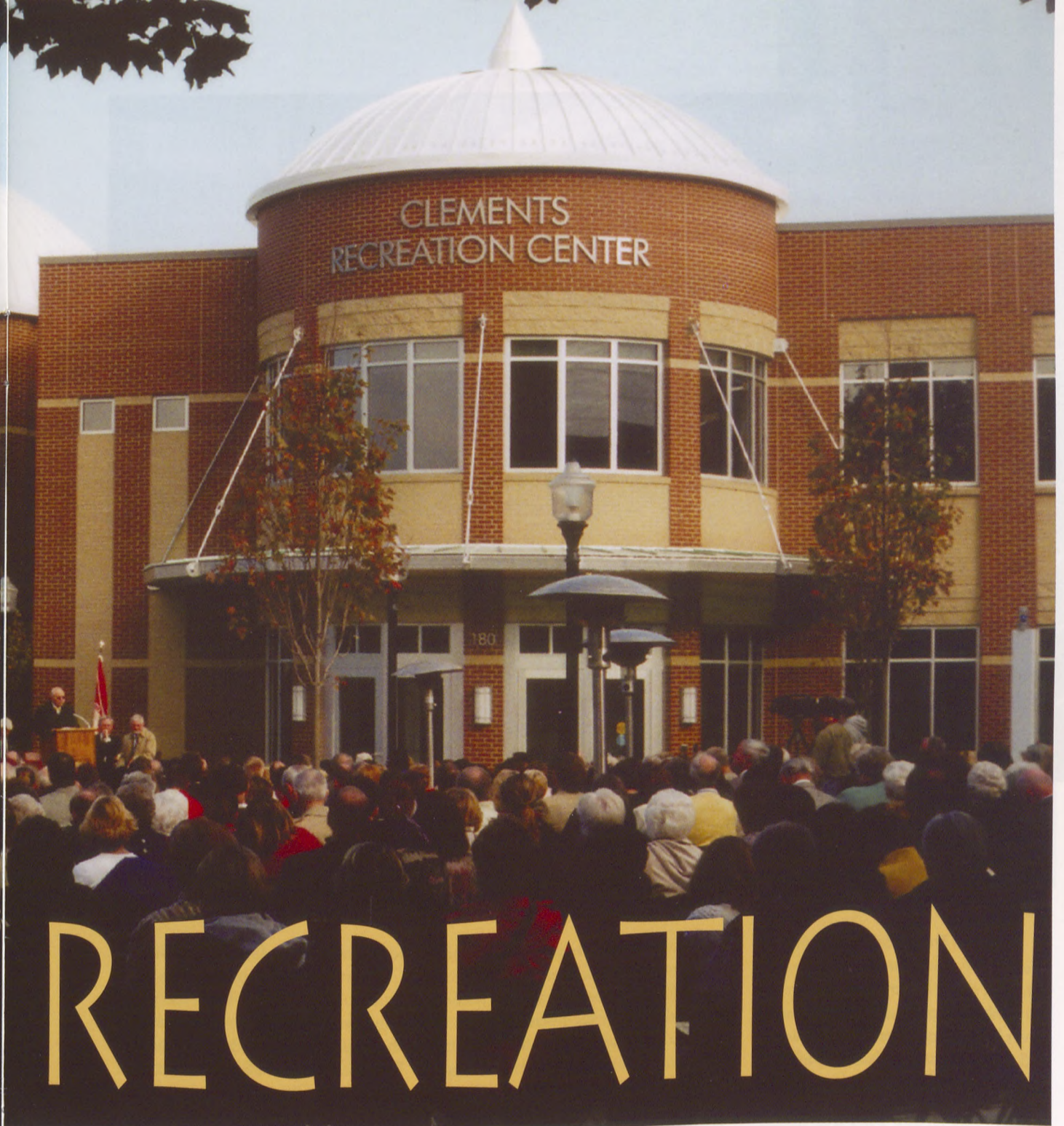
Tom Bromeley
'51, chair of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees, then spoke about the need for the center in a climate of competition between colleges. "What we see before us today not only makes us competitive with other colleges, it catapults us very much ahead of the game," he said. "It is a tremendous recruiting tool, it opens the way for new programs not otherwise practical and it permits expansion of existing programs."

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The 9.5 million center provides a new dimension of recreational opportunities for the campus community.

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RECREATION CENTER OPENS



Above: The center features an indoor track and four courts for multiple use. Opposite page, clockwise from top left: The official ribbon-cutting is performed by (l-r) John King, President DeVore, Paul Reiner, William Troop, Christina Thompson, and Tom Bromeley. Some of the equipment available for use. One of the dessert tables elegantly set up by Wood Dining Services. The Swimex Rehabilitation Pool, one of only three in the state of Ohio. A portrait of the late Coach Dick Fishbaugh is flanked by past Otterbein baseball player Dan Wilma '77 and Donna Fishbaugh, widow of Coach Fishbaugh. The office area in the center has been named in honor of the late coach.

William Troop '50, chair of the Clements Foundation Board of Trustees, spoke about the center's namesakes. "Frank and Vida Clements never had any children of their own and it was their hope that they might, through their dedication, help students through Otterbein," he said.

The center was funded in its entirety by the Fit for the Future Campaign, which raised money from over 700 individual contributors and over 100 corporate and foundation donors. Leading the campaign were co-chairs **John King '68** and **Paul Reiner '68**.

King related to the audience the story of a "tattoo" he carried with him on his knees caused by the cin-

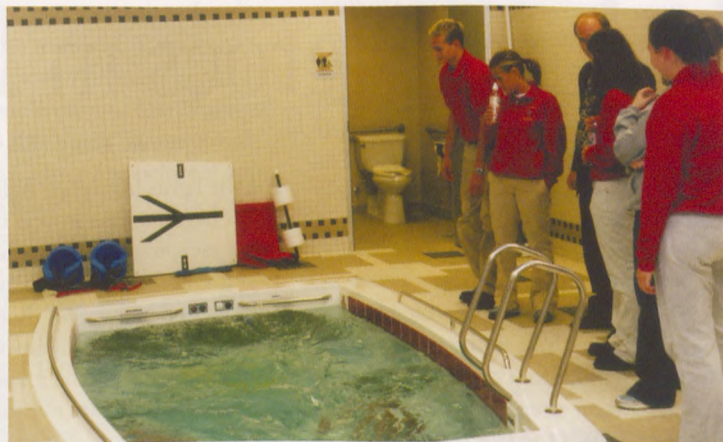
ders of the track when he was a high-jumper on the track team at Otterbein. "I imagine there are many of you with similar memories of what was and are thrilled that future 'Otters,' both athletes and students, will have this wonderful facility to use, and those that are interested in their health will have the best student athletic center that can be offered," he said.

Reiner looked to the future of the center. "It will be the center of activity. It will be the place where people form relationships. It will be a place where people will enhance body and mind."

Following the speakers, Otterbein Chaplain Rev. Monty Bradley

led a prayer of dedication and the Concert Choir led the singing of the *Otterbein Love Song*. Then the ribbon was cut and those gathered on the plaza were invited inside the Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center for tours and a reception provided by Wood Dining Service.

An additional ceremony was held later in the morning with the dedication of a specially commissioned oil portrait of Coach Dick Fishbaugh, the longest serving and winningest coach in Otterbein baseball history. He died in August 1999. The office area of the center has been named in honor of Coach Fishbaugh and his 34 years with Otter-



bein baseball thanks to the generosity of baseball alumni.

The Frank O. and Vida S. Clements Recreation Center was designed by architects from Hastings and Chivetta of St. Louis, Missouri. It was constructed by Turner Construction Company, an international company that has done most of the major construction projects at Otterbein since the transformation of the old gymnasium into the Battelle Fine Arts Center.

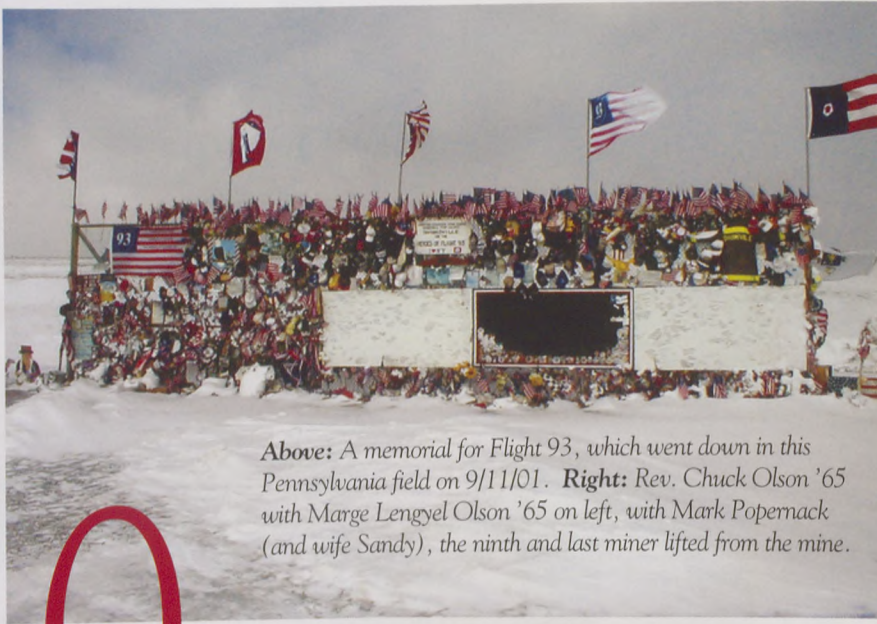
The \$9.5 million recreation center, which broke ground on May 19, 2001, contains a fieldhouse of over 70,000 square feet and a two-story connector to the existing Rike Center. The fieldhouse features a sanctioned six-lane, 200 meter indoor

track; four practice courts for multiple activities, including basketball, tennis, volleyball and badminton; pole vault, long jump and high jump pits and a shot put area; four batting cages and a spectator balcony.

The connector features a high-tech cardiovascular fitness area, a fully equipped training and rehabilitation center, an alumni lounge and trophy room, coaching offices, classrooms and a student lounge area. The athletic training center includes a doctor's exam room; a taping and treatment area; a library and conference room; and a hydrotherapy area with three whirlpools and a Swimex therapy pool. According to **Christina Thompson '04**, a sports management major who also spoke at the

ceremony, "Otterbein is the only Division III school with a Swimex rehabilitation pool, which is hard to come by in Ohio. There are only two others in the state."

Academically, the center enhances the curriculum and clinical experiences for students preparing for careers in health, fitness and athletic training. In addition, it enables the College to significantly increase the enrollments in the athletic training, sports management and health and fitness programs; increase the health, wellness and recreation programs for students, faculty and staff; enhance Otterbein's capacity to attract future students; and expand the opportunities for partnership with the wider Columbus community. ■



Above: A memorial for Flight 93, which went down in this Pennsylvania field on 9/11/01. **Right:** Rev. Chuck Olson '65 with Marge Lengyel Olson '65 on left, with Mark Popernack (and wife Sandy), the ninth and last miner lifted from the mine.



Quiet Heroes in Pennsylvania

by Jenny Hill

Some people in the world are thrown into extraordinary situations during their lives in which they must be personal heroes to others. These heroes might never know why it was their job to be there and to stand strong as a pillar for others to lean on, only that their strength was much needed. This is the story of a handful of Otterbein's heroes, living in a small rural community in Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, July 24, 2002, tragedy struck Somerset County, Pennsylvania. This quiet mining and farming community is located just southeast of Pittsburgh in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. But on that day and for days following it, nobody noticed the beauty of the land. Instead they feared for nine men trapped underneath it.

Around 9 p.m. on that Wednesday, two teams of men were working hard at the bottom of Quecreek Mine. One team of eight was bolting plates to reinforce the roof when a sudden call came through on the walkie-talkie. An urgent voice said, "We hit water – get out!" The eight men were quickly exiting the mine through low shafts follow-

ing the lights from their helmets when water began to rise around their legs. After escaping to a higher level and finally coming out the main tunnel, they started looking for their coworkers, a team of nine men, as emergency workers arrived on the scene.

The other team of nine men had been working hard digging in locations based on their maps. The map showed that a dangerous water-filled mine that had been abandoned in the 1950s was more than 300 feet away, so the miners did not use testing probes – they are not required by law for such long distances. Unfortunately, the map was wrong and the mine, which was filled with approximately 50 million gallons of water, was not 300 feet away, but rather a few feet away. Forty-one year old Mark Popernack was operating the drilling machine, which punctured the wall, causing water to pour into the mine and trap the nine men 240 feet underground.

According to Popernack's pastor, **Rev. Chuck Olson '65**, initially Mark was separated from his 8 coworkers. "They first ran for the nearest escape, and when it didn't work, they came

back and found him and all nine men managed to get to a higher level."

The area was cordoned off by military personnel as rescue workers and high-tech surveying and drilling equipment arrived to locate and free the men. Early in the rescue, nobody knew the condition of the men. But on Saturday, rescue workers completed drilling the rescue shaft into an air pocket where they found all nine men alive. A telephone was lowered to the miners and rescuers pumped warm, compressed air into the shaft to preserve the air pocket. Meanwhile, the families of the miners had gathered in the local fire hall, where updates were called to them from the site.

"It was a roller coaster ride," said Olson, who ministered to the families along with his wife **Marge Lengyel Olson '65**. "The rescuers would say that the drilling was going well, and then come back and say that the drill bit had broken. It was emotionally draining, but we tried to remain positive for the families."

The local ministers gathered with the families also tried to divert their attention away from the mine. "There

was a lot of hugging going on and we played a lot of games, especially for the children," Chuck said.

"The worst part of the ordeal before and after was dealing with the media," Olson said. "I made the mistake of giving out my cell phone number to a reporter, and she called constantly. Reporters tried to get into the fire hall, too. We had police protection there. One reporter even pretended to be a family member to get in."

Relief came early Sunday morning, when rescue workers began pulling the trapped miners to the surface. According to Olson, the miners were in better physical shape than expected, and as each miner came to the surface, their family was called to go to the hospital to be with their loved one.

The last one to emerge was 41-year-old Mark Popernack. He was brought to the surface at 2:45 a.m. to a flood of cheers and immediately gave his rescuers a thumbs-up. Seventy-seven hours after the ordeal began, all the miners were safe above ground once again.

"We were able to have our private rejoicing at the fire house, since Mark was the last to come up and all the other families had already left," Olson said.

He also recounted a story of hope from Mark's wife. "About three months before the accident, Mark's son lost a ball in a drain pipe. After the mine had flooded, Mark's wife had asked for a sign from God that Mark would live. She went home one day to change her clothes and rest for a bit, and when she pulled up to the house, the ball was sitting in the driveway."

According to Olson, ministering during a time of crisis is a long, extensive process. "I had to minister to the family to give them hope during the ordeal, and then I have been providing counseling since then about the media bombardment and other things. For instance, Mark's wife doesn't want him to go back to work in the mine, and that is something we need to sit down and talk about soon."

Olson's wife, Marge, found a verse

in the *Bible* that they used many times after the mining disaster. "Psalm 18:16 says 'He reached down from Heaven and rescued me. He drew me out of deep waters.' We used this verse a lot after it was over," Olson said.



Somerset County was previously in the news ten months before the mining disaster. On September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, was taken hostage by four terrorists and crashed at around 10:10 a.m. in a field near Somerset County's small airport. All 44 people on board – 37 passengers and seven crew members – perished in the crash.

The crash was just one link in a chain of tragic events on that day that will live in the minds of Americans forever. American Airlines Flight 11, traveling from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center just before 9 a.m.; United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center soon after 9 a.m.; and American Airlines Flight 77, heading from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles, crashed into the Pentagon. For the first time ever, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered all flights canceled nationwide.

Following the crash, information came forward that told a story of common passengers becoming heroes in an attempt to save lives. After being taken hostage, a number of passengers made calls on their cell phones to people on the ground. When they were told of the other plane crashes, plans were made to attempt to overcome the terrorists. And then the plane crashed in the now famous field in Somerset County before the eyes of local residents.

But the heroes in the sky would not be the only heroes in Pennsylvania during the tragedy. Many neighbors in this small community became involved during the aftermath, helping in any way they could. Once again,

answering the call of God's children in need, Chuck Olson responded with support.

"Right away, all the local ministers were called to the hospital to help victims," Chuck said. "We were all prepared in gowns and face masks, and then we learned there were no survivors. It was like the air had been let out of our balloons."

The crash of Flight 93 happened about one mile from Camp Allegheny, a United Methodist church camp, and about 500 yards from David Slade's home, a member of Chuck's church and the son of **Rev. Duane Slade '61** and Muriel Slade. The Rev. Duane Slade runs the church camp.

According to Duane's daughter, Terrie Houston, a current PACE student at Otterbein, the church camp provided food for volunteers on the scene. "The camp provided about 400 meals per day for about six weeks to the volunteers," she said. "They provided breakfast and lunch. They would prepare the food at the camp and then load it into the back of pickup trucks and truck it to the site."

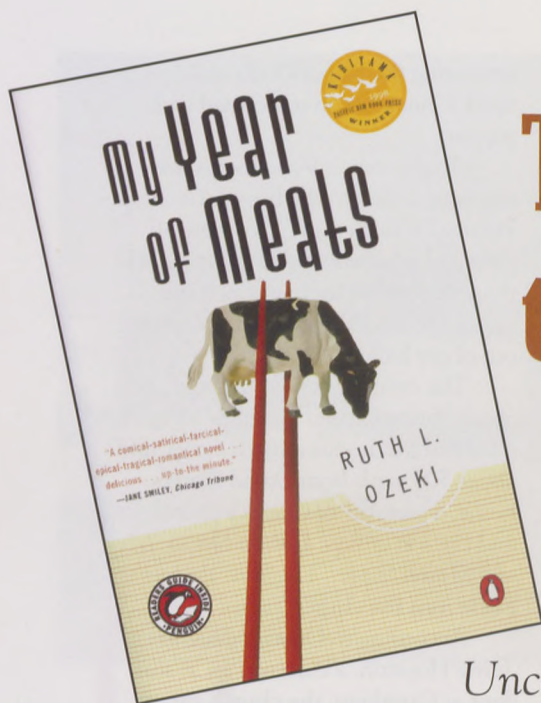
"The site was very restricted. There were state police standing every so many feet around the entire radius. Duane needed a pass just to get inside," Terrie said.

In addition to food, the camp also provided shelter and other assistance. "The local hotels had been taken by federal agents, so the camp provided shelter for the state police. Duane also was trained as a grief counselor for the volunteers. He did not have contact with the families, but he did help the volunteers," Terrie said.

Even after the volunteers had left and the investigation was concluded at the site, the crash of Flight 93 was not forgotten. At the anniversary memorial service, Chuck Olson and his wife Marge served on the National Day or Prayer Committee and drove a bus to transport people to the site. And many gathered to say thank you to the heroes on the ground and in the air.

In the bucolic hills of Somerset County, PA, quiet heroes are standing tall.





Things That Make the Heart Beat Faster

Common Book Author Says When You are Uncomfortable Something Important is Happening

by Roger Routson

After Professor of Philosophy Andrew Mills introduced Common Book author Ruth Ozeki to the Cowan Hall audience—calling her book *My Year of Meats* the rarest of books because it was an important book as well as a good read—the author strode to the podium and gazed out at the Cowan Hall audi-

ence. And continued to gaze in silence. For one minute.

If you don't think one minute of unexplained silence isn't a long time, you weren't there in Cowan Hall this past fall to experience it. Finally, after a minute, a small beep was heard from the podium, and Ozeki began to speak.

"So, that was one minute of silence," she said. "How did it make you feel? Peaceful? Serene? Anxious? Uneasy? Did it make your heart beat faster?" The author smiled. "Mine did. I'll tell you what was going through my head. 'This is insane. What was I thinking? Writers are supposed to fill silences, not



Ozeki signs books after her talk in Cowan Hall. "It's okay to be uncomfortable," she said. "Discomfort won't kill you."

create them. Is my minute up yet? Is my watch broken? They must think I'm crazy.'

"What was going through your head? 'Uh, like why isn't she saying anything? Is something wrong? Maybe she's sick. Am I supposed to understand this? She must be crazy.'"

Then Ozeki told the audience that if the silence made them uneasy, that was normal.


"Since it's the Common Book, I wanted us to share a common experience—to sit in unexplained silence," Ozeki explained. "And since the theme this year is 'Change: Not So Easy,' I thought it'd be a good idea to take a moment and feel how uneasy a minute of silence can feel."

Ozeki said her talk was entitled "Things that Make the Heart Beat Faster," an allusion to the lists in *My Year of Meats* that were taken from Sei Shonagon's *The Pillow Book*, a Japanese work from about 1000 A.D.

Speaking of Shonagon, Ozeki said, "She sat in silence and made long, detailed lists of her observations, lists such as Rare Things, Squalid Things, Things Near Yet Far... Things that Cannot be Compared. And of course, Things that Make the Heart Beat Faster."

Ozeki talked about that faster-beating heart: "When your heart is beating faster, you can be pretty sure you're alive. But there is something else. When your heart starts beating faster, you can take it as a cue that something important is happening and it's time to get real quiet and start to listen. Because it's only in silence, when we listen to our hearts, that we can enter the territory of conscience, of core truths and values. And this is where any discussion of real change must start."

My Year of Meats features Jane as the main character, who produces a TV show, entitled *My American Wife*, which is intended to promote the sale of American meat in Japan. The show features a different but ideal American family each week, and showcases recipes of beef, such as "Coca-Cola Roast," "Texas-Style



Common Book
Author Ruth Ozeki

Beefy Burritos,” and “Beef Fudge.” The show is sponsored by BEEF-EX, a lobbying group for the meat industry in the U.S.

The “star” of the show, say the producers, is the meat not the Mrs., though the “wife of the week” is also important, as she is the Meat Made Manifest: ample, robust, yet never tough or hard to digest. The producers and the lobbying group hope that through her, “Japanese housewives will feel the hearty sense of warmth, of comfort, of hearth and home—the traditional family values symbolized by the red meat in rural America.”

The novel also presents Akiko Ueno in Japan, wife of the promoter of the series, an abusive man who forces Akiko to make the recipes and to eat large amounts of the meat herself. Akiko is unable to conceive, and her husband feels the meat will increase her fertility. But in reality Akiko becomes bulimic to keep her weight down and prevent pregnancy.

As the novel progresses, Jane becomes increasingly disillusioned with the “ideal” family she is asked to present, and instead films a Mexican family, a large biracial Louisiana family, and a lesbian, interracial vegetarian couple.

Also along the way, Jane uncovers many unsavory truths about the slaughterhouse and the feedlot, including the use of chemicals such as synthetic estrogen, pesticides, and the toxicity in meats.

Ozeki said there are obvious similarities between her heroine Jane and herself. “Jane is what I wish I could be. She’s the super hero version of me. She’s taller, she’s braver, and she’s a lot smarter.”

Ozeki talked about how, as a writer, the heart beating faster was like a geiger counter to her. “It’s telling you there’s a rich vein there, under the surface, so you start to dig and stay there, even though it is uncomfortable.” The author said that many of us choose to ignore or repress that reality because it is too uncomfortable to acknowledge.

And because we live in a media-saturated world, Ozeki said we have too much coming in, and we don’t want to hear it. We want to block it out.

“To look at all the complex problems in the world is to become keenly aware of how powerless we are to change them,” she said. “To face the problems is to face our disempowerment. And this is really uncomfortable. Because we like to be in control but we can’t be. So instead of learning how to tolerate this discomfort, we retreat into denial and play dumb.”

But there’s a limit to being able to “play dumb,” according to the author. “The discomfort that comes with your intelligence will eventually catch up with you. But there is good

news. Discomfort won’t kill you.

“It’s okay to be uncomfortable. You get better at discomfort when you practice it. You get stronger, more resilient. If something feels uncomfortable, chances are it’s important. You don’t have to do anything, you just have to notice, to stay aware. And when you begin to notice, positive change can happen.”

Ozeki noted how global change starts with each and every individual; every part is connected to the whole. She told Otterbein students how important they were to the world. “Change is easy—change will happen with or without your help. The hard part is to stay active, to stay aware, to stay engaged. May your hearts continue to beat faster.” ■

Thomas Academic Excellence Series

In 1994, Mary Burnham Thomas ’28 endowed The Thomas Academic Excellence Series in honor of her parents, Fred N. and Emma B. Thomas. It is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared academic experience for the freshmen students through the Common Book. Each year a book is selected for new students to read, discuss, and use in their Integrative Studies courses.

Thomas’ endowment also provides funds to bring the author to campus in the fall to meet with students and give a campus-wide convocation. Often, the author returns in the spring for the Integrative Studies Festival. All of this was made possible because of Thomas’ love of reading and her desire to introduce students to contemporary literature.

The following are Common Books in years past:

- 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
- 2000: *After Long Silence*
Helen Fremont
- 2001: *The Sparrow*
Mary Doria Russell

The "O" Club

Members of the Otterbein men's and women's basketball teams pose around the food collected at the Otterbein "O" Club Classic, a men's and women's basketball tournament Otterbein hosts each year just after Christmas. The food was donated to a local Westerville, Ohio food pantry. Otterbein also collected \$1,065 for Coaches vs. Cancer.



The "O" Club Classic a Success On and Off Floor

The "O" Club hosted the 23rd Annual Smokey Balenger "O" Club Classic Basketball Tournament in the Rike Center on December 27-28th. Both Otterbein's men's and women's teams won their tournaments, beating Mount St. Joseph College and Kenyon College, respectively in the championship games. This is only the second time that both the men's and women's team won the tourney together since the women's division was added in 1998.

Otterbein's Heather Gepper, a freshmen, and Brianne Gray, a senior, made the All-tourney team and Danielle Holbrook, a sophomore, received MVP honors. Tony Borghese, a sophomore, made the men's all-tourney team and Aaron Minister, a junior, was MVP with a career-high 20 points.

In addition to collecting 12 large baskets of food for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry's food pantry, the "O" Club teamed up with Coaches vs. Cancer and collected \$1,065 for the Columbus Chapter of the American Cancer Society. The funds were presented to a chapter representative on February 12th.

The "O" Club also extended its hospitality to the several athletic recruits who were on campus during the tournament.

Fall Auction and Golf Outing Planned

The "O" Club encourages you to join us and the College for several events the weekend of October 11th - 13th.

On Saturday, October 11, Otterbein's football team will host cross-town rival, Capital.

On Sunday, October 12th, the "O" Club will host its annual social and auction at The Lakes Golf & Country Club, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This event has steadily grown and it's an excellent opportunity to enjoy a fun evening with old friends and other Otterbein athletic boosters and to raise money for the "O" Club. The "O" Club is the lucky recipient of many unique and desirable auction items. Perhaps you have something special to donate as well.

And finally, on Monday, October 13th, the "O" Club will host the 29th Annual "O" Club Fall Classic as at 10:00 a.m., also at The Lakes Golf & Country Club. This event, limited to 32 foursomes, is a significant fundraiser for the "O" Club. Boosters may also want to consider donating prizes for this event. There are opportunities to sponsor foursomes and holes.

Second Summer Golf Outing Planned

Last summer 72 golfers participated in the inaugural Jack Groseclose/Otterbein "O" Club Invitational, an event that raised over \$2,000 for Otterbein athletics. This year the invitational will be held on Sunday, June 29th, at 1:30 p.m., at the Legends at Locust Lane, east of Westerville on State Route 161. Watch for additional details or contact the "O" Club office.

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Sports



Above: Adam Rothermel sets up to kick the game-winning goal against Trinity in the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. Left: Otterbein celebrates after defeating Ohio Wesleyan to win the Great Lakes Regional and advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

Men's Soccer Goes All the Way to National Championship Game

by Jason Erickson

The Otterbein men's soccer team seemed to shock everyone but itself this past fall.

Otterbein finished its best season in school history—winning a school and Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) record 23 games and finishing second at the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"It was an amazing experience," said head coach Gerry D'Arcy. "Our guys fought hard all season and proved a lot of people wrong. We have kids who worked hard for one another all season. Good things happen when you have good people on your team. That is exactly what we have—good kids who have excellent character."

The road to the NCAA Championship included a couple of OAC crowns. The squad won its fifth regular-season title and sixth tournament championship in 2002, giving the team an automatic berth into NCAA play.

"That was our first goal this season," D'Arcy said of the conference

titles. "We wanted to win the OAC and get back to the NCAA Tournament."

Making its fifth appearance at the NCAA Tournament, Otterbein tallied five straight wins before ending up in the championship game against Messiah. The Cardinals hosted their first-round matchup and then took four straight on the road.

With the home crowd cheering them on, Otterbein defeated Westminster (PA) 2-0 on Nov. 13 in the first round. The win sent Otterbein to the Great Lakes Regional at Ohio Wesleyan, where the team defeated Carnegie Mellon 1-0 in single-overtime and Ohio Wesleyan 6-5 on penalty kicks after the game ended in a 1-1 tie in double-overtime. The victory over Ohio Wesleyan gave the Cardinals their first-ever regional championship. The team had made it to the regional championship game just one time before, in 1998, but fell to Ohio Wesleyan 2-1.

The squad traveled to Illinois to face Wheaton on Nov. 23 in the quar-

terfinals. The Cardinals picked up the win over the Thunder 2-1 in single overtime. Otterbein, trailing 1-0 at halftime, tied the score in the 66th minute after Angelo Manzo, from Pickerington, Ohio, drilled a shot from the middle of the box that got past Wheaton goalkeeper Pat King. Senior Mark Welp, from Dayton, Ohio, assisted the goal. The Cardinals secured the victory in the second minute of overtime after an Otterbein corner kick by Dennis Duryea, a senior from West Deer, Pa., deflected off a Wheaton player and into the goal.

It was then off to the Final Four in Canton, New York to face Trinity (TX) on Nov. 29. The team got past Trinity 3-2 in a snowy blizzard, capturing the spot in the championship game. The Cardinals, who trailed 1-0 after 14 minutes of play, tied the score in the 34th minute when senior midfielder Jesse Rose, from Westerville, Ohio, broke loose and pounded a misplayed direct kick into the top half of the net. Manzo was credited with the assist.

Manzo scored in the 52nd minute, giving the Cards a 2-1 advantage. Manzo's goal came off a Mike Lochner, from Bexley, Ohio, throw-in, which sailed through three Tiger defenders before finding Manzo free in the box. Manzo then kicked the ball into the right side of the net.

The Tigers attacked again in the 65th minute to knot the score at two. Trinity's Mike Marino scored after finding a cross shot headed his way. Marino, who had just checked into the game for the first time, drilled a shot into the center of the net, giving the Tigers the goal and the tie.

It wasn't until the 80th minute that Otterbein was able to get another scoring opportunity. Manzo set up freshman Adam Rothermel, from Columbus, Ohio, for a one-on-one against Trinity goalkeeper Joshua

Rosenblum. Rothermel beat Rosenblum to the far right side of the net to score off Manzo's assist.

The Cardinal victory set the stage for the NCAA title game on Nov. 30 against Messiah. Messiah's Troy Sauer attacked in the 18th minute on a direct kick that sailed around a three-man Otterbein wall and into the near side of the net. The kick was awarded because of an Otterbein foul on the far side of the field. The goal proved costly to the Cardinals, who had opportunities to score, but were never able to find the net.

"It was a long road," D'Arcy said. "I am just so impressed with how our players handled themselves in each game. It's tough to play on the road, and in the snow it is even tougher."

"I know I'll never forget this," said Duryea. "We had no idea that we would

make it as far as we did this season."

The Cardinals won in the classroom as well. Three Otterbein players were named to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-America team and six Cardinals were named Academic All-OAC.

Lochner was selected Academic All-America of the Year in the college division in addition to first team Academic All-America honors. Lochner was a first team selection in 2001 as well. The senior defender was also selected second team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Coach D'Arcy didn't go unrecognized for his efforts this season. The 14th-year head coach was selected Great Lakes Region Men's Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Otterbein Alumnus Named Football Coach



Joe Loth '91 has been named new head football coach at Otterbein.

Loth served as head football coach at Kean University, Union, N.J., the last three seasons.

"We are pleased to have Joe Loth take over our football program," said Otterbein director of athletics Dick Reynolds. "He was an outstanding player at Otterbein and brings extensive coaching experience at the NCAA Division III level.

"He has shown success in organizing, administrating and recruiting at our level," he continued. "We look forward to our program developing into a competitive, well-balanced Division III experience for our student-athletes."

The Painesville, Ohio native has taken part in rebuilding programs throughout his 12-year coaching career.

Kean University compiled records of 1-9, 1-9 and 0-9 the three years before Loth took over the NCAA Division III program in 2000. This past season, Kean turned in its best record in eight years, going 4-6. More importantly, Loth brought 100 players (a conference-imposed limit), with 20 on the waiting list, into camp. Kean had finished the 1999 season with about 30 players left on its roster.

Loth began his football career as a graduate assistant at Southern Methodist University (1991-93). He served as defensive coordinator at NCAA Division III schools Western Connecticut State University (1993-97) and Capital University (1997-98). Loth spent two seasons as defensive secondary coach at the University of Rhode Island (1998-00) before accepting his first head coaching job at Kean in Feb. 2000.

Loth was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at defensive back as an undergraduate at Otterbein. He earned second team All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors his senior year in 1990 and still holds the Otterbein career record of 13 interceptions. He received his bachelor's degree in business.

He and his wife, Keri, have two sons, Zachary, 2, and Tyler, six months.

'99 Grad Named Golf Coach

Three-time All-America **Matt Smith '99** has been named head men's golf coach at Otterbein College.

"With his past playing history, and technical knowledge," said director of athletics Dick Reynolds, "Matt should be able to take this program even further than it is now."

Smith, 27, serves as assistant golf professional at The Willows Golf Club in Groveport, Ohio.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be leading a program of this quality," Smith said. "With my background and experience, I believe I can be a good teacher as well as a good coach."

Smith qualified and played in the 1999 U.S. Amateur, and in 2001, was the Southern Ohio Apprentice Player of the Year.

His collegiate career began at Ohio State where he played one season before transferring to Otterbein. Smith earned All-America honors three times and helped lead Otterbein to three top-four finishes in the NCAA Division III Tournament. His best finish, a four-round even-par 288, earned him first team All-America honors as his team finished second in the nation in 1998.

Class Notes

compiled by Mindy Harsha

1931

Margaret Anderson Telian

was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by Corning Community College in Corning, NY. She was honored for her contributions to the greater education community of the area. In 1954 she arranged for Dr. Dwayne Orton to visit Corning, and that visit resulted in the school board appointing a study of the possibility of a Corning Community College. Margaret reports she is now 95 and in good health.

1949

Nancy Jones Simmons and her husband, **Kenneth '50**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 20, 2002 with their children, Matt, Cindy, Molly, and Libby; their children's spouses and three grandsons at a family gathering in Pipestem, WV. They currently reside in Hartfield, VA and enjoy golfing, fishing and visiting with friends.

Arthur Schultz celebrated fifty years in Christian ministry in June, with a reception held at Church of the Messiah in Westerville. Arthur's career highlights include college presidencies at Albright College, PA and

Ashland University, OH. In addition, he served as an administrator at Otterbein College and held various pastoral positions in Pittsburgh and Westerville. Arthur is still active in Rotary, after serving as charter member and first president of the Westerville Rotary Club in 1959-60. Arthur and his wife, **Louise Stauffer Schultz '49** reside in Westerville.

1950

Glenna Gooding Zarbaugh and her husband, **Kenneth '50**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2002, with a reception at the Lewis Center United Methodist Church.

1954

Allen Zagray has been elected to a second term as chair of the Board of Directors of Seminario De Gracia in Raleigh, NC. Seminario is a newly planted theological school training leaders for American Hispanic congregations. Zagray has also been recently elected to serve as president of the Board of Trustees of the Lakeside Association, Ohio's Chautauqua on Lake Erie. Zagray is continuing a

consulting ministry with a focus on assisting churches to develop spiritual/strategic plans.

1955

David Davis serves as minister of Congregational Care (part-time) at the Heritage United Methodist Church in Clearwater, FL. David and his wife, **Barbara Redinger Davis '54**, celebrated their 50th anniversary on December 19, 2002.

1959

James Miller was given the honor of being the first to ring Morrow County's bicentennial bell at a patriotic ceremony Aug. 28, 2002. Miller was chosen for his efforts to preserve the county's history as a thirty-one year teacher and during his twelve-year tenure as president of the local historical society.

1962

Ronald Ruble had his play *My Father's Father* produced and performed by Harlequins, Inc., Sept. 2002. He was selected a "Poet Laureate" for his poem "The Power of Trickle," and a "Prose Laureate" for his piece "Night Magic!" by

Verses magazine independent judges. *Verses* is the official journal of the National Authors' Registry.

1964

Virginia "Ginny" Walker

was named a 2001-2002 teacher of excellence at Thomas Downey High School in Modesto, CA. She is in her thirty-fifth year of teaching physical education at Thomas Downey High School.

1969

Fritz Caudle was the guest speaker at Sugarwoods Banquet Center for the opening day of school for Johnstown-Monroe High School, Johnstown, OH. He is a graduate of Johnstown-Monroe High School and also was a teacher and coach at his alma mater. He told district staff members to "make an impact on children."

Jim Goldhart has been named to the World Waterpark Association's Hall of Fame. He is vice president of sales for Sevylor USA, in Scottsdale, AZ, which supplies inflatable water recreational products to the sporting goods, marine, and swimming pool retail trade of America.

1970

Rev. Michael Swanton began at Trinity United Methodist Church in Spencerville, OH on June 30, 2002. He previously served the last five years at New Hope United Methodist in Proctorville, OH.

Profile

Alumnus Still Running for the Lord

J. Jamison "Jamie" Brunk '76 has lived a life close to the Lord and in the service of others. Since his days serving the campus through Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Crusade for Christ at Otterbein to his current role as a United Methodist pastor and home missionary, Jamie has always followed his calling.

When Jamie was 15, his family moved from western Kentucky to Mansfield, Ohio, where he found Christianity and running, both of which would play major roles in his life. "Because I found both around the same time, they became linked. I learned about faith from my running and vice versa. I learned a lot about perseverance, because I was not a great runner, but I was a hard working runner."

Jamie continued both his faith and his running at Otterbein, where he was a member of the track team and cross country team, for which he was co-captain his junior year.

In addition to running, he also participated in Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Phi Eta Sigma and College Senate. His time at Otterbein helped him grow spiritually. "I was challenged in my faith both in and out of the classroom."

When he was a junior at Otterbein, Jamie realized his call to become a reverend. "I became a Christian when I was 15, but my call to being a pastor and missionary grew gradually. When I was a junior in college, I had just finished a run and sat down by a creek to pray and ask the Lord what to do. Then for the first time, I thought, 'Jamie, you would not be happy doing anything other than Christian work.'"

After graduating from Otterbein in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in history, Jamie went to Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, where he completed his Master's of Divinity degree in 1980. While at the seminary, he took some time off to serve as an interim pastor at Middle Fork and Stony Fork, two communities within the Red Bird Missionary Conference, best described as "A Witness for Christ in the Heart of Appalachia." It was during this time that he met his future wife, when she attended one of his services. They were married the same month that he graduated from seminary, May of 1980.

Together, they returned to the Red Bird Missionary Conference, where Jamie has been serving communities as a pastor ever since. He is currently the pastor to the United Methodist churches of Booneville, Clifty and Warren's Chapel.

Jamie has made great strides with these churches. Under him, Booneville has grown from 45 to 85 people, and the church recently bought land to build a new church since they have outgrown their current space. Jamie describes Warren's Chapel as the "classic rural family congregation."

Jamie is especially proud of his third church, Clifty. The building and congregation are 111 years old, and five years ago, the aging

congregation had dwindled to one. Now they have between 15-20 people at Sunday services and have built a new fellowship hall, with two indoor restrooms to replace the former outhouses.

While serving these communities, Jamie also helped establish a fourth church in Anvil. He will soon preach at the church's 10th anniversary. He has served as his area's Red Bird Missionary Conference Chair to the Board of Ordained Ministry for 10 years, and as Secretary of the Owsley County Ministerial Assoc. He also is the PA announcer for all the Owsley County High School home basketball games.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Jamie has been coaching cross country at Owsley High School for 12 years, and started the school's track team. In that time, he was named "Area 9 Cross Country Coach of the Year" four times. In true "making lemonade out of lemons" fashion, Jamie trains the students at the trackless school on a driveway with chalked lanes. The students also run on a gravel road around the local cemetery, prompting Jamie's sense of humor: "Students are 'dying' to run for me!" Despite their lack of facilities, student runners from Owsley qualify for the state championships every year.

In 2001, he received the Red Bird Conference Harry Denman Evangelism Award honoring his years of dedicated service.

With his wife Sue and their two sons, John and Joe, Jamie has made a fulfilling life – not only for himself but also for all those he serves. He summed up his life in one modest statement: "I'm just a small town pastor of three small churches in eastern Kentucky who loves the Lord and loves what he does."



1971

Linda Ancik Augspurger, former vice chairman, has become chairman of the board at Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC). She has been a volunteer and a member of PDHC board of directors since 1986. Several years ago she developed pregnancy center software for PDHC and now makes it available for pregnancy centers internationally.

1972

Marilyn Swisher Clowson was named the 2001-2002 Educator of the Year by the Columbus Council of the Parent-Teachers Association. She teaches at Leawood Elementary School in Columbus.

Suellen Schmidt Fitzwater was named Etna Road Elementary School's new principal in Whitehall, OH. She previously was principal at Ben Franklin Elementary School in Newark, OH.

Lenn Moritz Turner has retired from education after thirty years. Twenty years of that was as an elementary principal in Southwestern and Worthington School Districts in central OH. Lenn and her husband, Jeffrey, have moved to Bald Head Island, N.C.

1973

Mark Leopold has joined LaCrosse Footwear, Inc. as executive vice president-chief operating officer. In the newly created position, Mark will have full operating responsibility for LaCrosse-Retail and

LaCrosse-Rainfair, which are industrial divisions of the company.

Rebecca Holford Miller has joined SportsOhio as marketing and advertising director.

1976

Conrad Williams received an MBA from Hawaii Pacific University in 2002.

1978

Mark Thresher has been named new senior vice president and chief financial officer for Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. He has served as senior vice president of finance since 1999.

1979

Ann Hash Overholt and husband Larry, missionaries with World Gospel Mission to Honduras, spoke at East Canton Church of God, East Canton, OH on Oct. 27, 2002. They have served with World Gospel Missionaries in Honduras for 22 years. They will return to Choluteca, Honduras after a period of deputation ministries.

1980

Janet Gillman Bremer was named Certified Educator of the Year for the North Canton City School District in OH. She was the first elementary level teacher to win the award; her field of instruction is physical education.

James Denison is living in Idaho and working as a psychometrist, assessing brain injury patients. He is living

in the 'burbs and will be going to Italy this fall to visit Tuscany and Rome. He continues to look for fellow classmate notes, and looks forward to hearing from folks soon.

1981

Sandra Martin Hudgins was welcomed by Savannah College of Art and Design as a media and performing arts professor. She has been a professional actress for 20 years and taught acting for over 12 years.

1982

Jeff Kessler of the commercial real estate department at Fifth Third Bank recently was named vice president.

1983

Mark Kemerer, respiratory expert, has been added to GOODCARE by CPCI. He will assist clinician Linda George performing in-home follow-ups on clinical patients throughout Southeastern OH.

1984

Debbie Brennan Haptonstall was named the new principal at Nicholas Drive Elementary School in the Circleville City School District, OH.

1985

Martha Trudeau recently became the assistant director of the new Philadelphia VA center for health equity research and promotion. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Hugh Carter Donahue, and her children, Andy, 11 and Rose, 9. Martha is also a

founder and the vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Green Woods Charter School (GWCS), which opened to students in Sept., 2002. GWCS is funded by the Philadelphia Board of Education and is located at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, a 500-acre nature laboratory in Philadelphia.

1986

Rhonda LeRoy Studenmund is teaching fourth grade in Bellville, OH. She has been teaching for fifteen years and comes to Clear Fork School District from Columbus City Schools.

1987

Lori Povisil completed her second master's degree from the University of Dayton in the field of school guidance and counseling in Aug. of 2001. Her first masters was from The Ohio State University in health education in 1991. She is currently teaching seventh and eighth grade health at Perry Middle School in Worthington, OH.

1990

Bronwyn Wilson Ginty is taking a break as a licensed social worker for Catholic Social Services to care for her children, Spencer, 5, and Maeve, 1. Spencer is in Kindergarten and has **Amy Mussett '00** as a teacher.

Sara Tobey Roseberry is a Guidance Counselor at North Middle & Junior High.

Profile

Love of Music, Children Puts Song in her Heart

Amy Doan Chivington '69 has a song in her heart, which she shares with any student who cares to hear it. Most specifically, as a choral director and associate professor, she shares her talent and her heart with the children of Kinderchor and the students of Otterbein College.

A native of Miamisburg, Ohio, Amy came to Otterbein in 1965, following in the footsteps of her older brother **Edward Doan '67**. "Otterbein was a different place back then," she said. "We wore beanies and girls had to win the right to wear slacks to class when it was too cold outside. It was a tight-knit community. It really meant a lot to me."

Otterbein meant a lot to Amy for another reason, as well. While earning her bachelor's degree in piano and music education, she met her husband-to-be, **Brenton Chivington '69**, in the a Cappella Choir during their junior year. "When we toured, Brent drove a college car for extra singers and equipment, and we took turns riding with him to keep him company."

A member of Tau Delta, Amy was looking for a date to the sorority formal to avoid the \$50 fine that would be imposed if she missed the formal. "I asked Brent, and later he reciprocated by asking me to go canoeing with him on Spring Fling Day." After that, the couple spent nearly every day together, going to Dairy Queen and taking walks. On a choir tour in Switzerland, Brent proposed, and they were married on 1969.

After graduating from Otterbein, Amy taught for a variety of central Ohio schools, including Gahanna. After a family move to Beloit, Wisconsin, and a return to Ohio, Amy worked for the Columbus City Schools and went on to earn her master's degree from The Ohio State University in 1986 and her doctorate, also from Ohio State, in 1990.

In 1989, she "fell into" her career with the music faculty at Otterbein. She had called Associate Professor Patricia Ryan for career advice and was told about the position. She was interviewed in late-summer and hired as a one-year appointment. She has been on the music faculty ever since.

Soon after beginning her one-year appointment, Amy became the founding artistic director of Kinderchor at Otterbein College, a children's choir program in residence at the College that includes four ensembles and has 150 singers aged 8 to 16. It is an educational outreach program sponsored by the Department of Music that emphasizes the development of music and

performance skills and provides a special learning environment both for the children and the Otterbein students who have the opportunity to work with them.

"Kinderchor was the outgrowth of two things – my dissertation and the welcoming speech given by President DeVore to the new faculty in 1989." In that welcome, Amy said he stressed the need for community outreach. She immediately thought of Kinderchor.

Amy is proud of all that Kinderchor has accomplished under her direction. The highlights include the performance of "Footprints for a Healing Time" at the 2002 Central Division American Choral Director's Association Convention in Chicago; a tour to London in 2000 and a performance at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, in 1997. In June 2003, the choir will travel to Italy and Austria, beginning the tour at the Basilica in Rome.

So why is Amy so devoted to these children? "I take away a sense of joy in seeing how they love music." She said a colleague once told her that the students clearly loved her, and her reply was "I love them."

"Many still communicate with me and invite me to their performances. I know I've had a positive effect on them," Amy said.

In turn, Kinderchor has had a tremendous effect on Otterbein. Beyond the positive community exposure, Amy said "over 24 students from Kinderchor families have come to Otterbein over the years."

Amy also serves on the Arts Standards Writing Team co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Board of Regents. She is published in *The Choral Journal*, *Music Educators Journal*, and *Triad*. She is an active choral conductor, clinician and consultant internationally. She has two grown children, Eric and Emily, and resides in Gahanna with her husband Brent.



1991

Clark Becker is in his second year as choir director at Columbus South High School.

Amee Buehler McKim has been named assistant dean for professional development at the Michael E. Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. She resides near Johnstown, OH with her husband, Robert, and three sons.

Joe Rinehart and co-worker Mike Smith received first place in the "Small Market Best Continuing Coverage" category at the Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters 2002 awards ceremony, for their coverage of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Joe is the station manager for Clear Channel Radio's Mt. Vernon location and program director for 93 Q. Joe also served as honorary chairperson for the 2002 March of Dimes Walk America in Licking County. Joe, wife Marcy, and 4-year-old daughter Rachel reside in Mt. Vernon.

1992

Jess Hanks will be joining the Columbus School for Girls middle school as the new drama teacher.

Steve Large has joined the *Times-Gazette* staff in Hillsboro, OH. He will be joining the newspaper's sports department as a reporter.

1993

Carol Bennett Shell recently moved to Indianapolis to take a position at the American Red Cross of

Greater Indianapolis. She recently became engaged to Pete Greeley of Indianapolis and plans to marry in Oct. 2003.

1994

Elizabeth Erba received a master's of library and information science degree from Kent State University in Aug. 2002. She began her career in librarianship at a public library in Oxford, OH.

1995

Carolyn Kaufman graduated from Wright State University with her doctorate of psychology on July 21, 2002. She completed her internship at the University of Pittsburgh, and relocated to Denver, CO with her husband, Brandt, in Nov. 2002.

1996

Becky Herbert Cheney is working for Beavercreek City Schools as a school psychologist/proficiency advisor. Becky and her husband, Eric, reside in Fairborn, OH.

Angela Cramer received her master of arts in education from Otterbein in Aug. 2002.

John Csokmay III graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Csokmay received a medical degree and was commissioned to the rank of captain. He will be completing an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI.

Julie Laureano recently left her position as box office supervisor at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, IL to more seriously pursue her acting career. Julie recently completed her first summer season with the Bristol Renaissance Faire and she currently is playing in *The All Night Strut* at Apple Holler Showplace in Sturtevant, WI.

Chad Myers has been named assistant coach of the Ohio State men's and women's cross country team.

Lynn Harroun Tosi is the middle school guidance counselor in the New Albany-Plain Local School District.

1997

Robert Kramer won a musical theater scholarship to Otterbein College. He is a professional trainer and owner of Robert Kramer Personal Fitness in Madeira, OH. He has also donated many hours to schools for fundraising and also has collected hundreds of holiday gifts from clients for St. John's Social Services in Over-the-Rhine.

Cara Caskey Reising is teaching third grade at Maddux Elementary School, Forest Hills Local, Cincinnati, OH.

1998

Aminda Banning received her BSN in May 2001 from Otterbein College and is an emergency room nurse in Cincinnati.

Elizabeth Ciampa is taking over as artistic director of the Ashland Symphonic Youth Chorus, Ashland, OH.

Joshua Funk has just completed two years of ministry at Fredericktown United Methodist Church as its youth pastor. Joshua and his wife, Kara, celebrated their third year of marriage on Sept. 11, 2002. They bought their first house in Dec. of 2001 and love living in their country dream home.

Kyle Miller is currently teaching an ECLIPSE class (self-contained gifted/talented) in Columbus Public Schools at Gables Elementary School. The 2002-2003 school year marks his fifth year in Columbus Schools. He has purchased a home in the Northland area.

David Tyree has recently been promoted to the director of university call centers at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. This position entails both inbound and outbound service as well as telecounseling calls to students and prospective students.

1999

Scott Bowe was selected for an artist's residency in Dresden, Germany for 2003. The residency will last three months and focuses on artistic development and excellence. Bowe was chosen based on his artistic merit and is sponsored by the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

David Firth completed the Otterbein MBA program in the summer of 2002. He is a project engineer working for Ni Source Inc. and a specialist in data acquisition and measurement instrumentation for the natural gas industry. He resides in Westerville.

Jeremy Lahman was named Gahanna-Lincoln High School's vocal music director. He previously was director of eight chorale groups at Westland High School from 1999-2002. Lahman has also been employed as a singer with Opera Columbus since 1998 and performed in Mozart's *Magic Flute*, Opera Columbus' fall production.

Jason Plant graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA.

Halley Galambos Soukup is working part-time as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit, Cleveland, OH.

2000

Holly Fulton became engaged to Ralph Hicks and is planning a Sept. 2003 wedding. She works as a public speaker for The Bradford School in Columbus.

Jennifer Lennox Greenawalt has just released her first solo album entitled *No Regrets*. She has been featured in *Friction Magazine* and recognized as one of mp3.com's top 1000 female artists. She is currently playing throughout

the state of Ohio with her band, which includes **Eric Van Wagner '97**. You may purchase her album at www.amazon.com and check her touring schedule at www.jennifergreeawalt.com.

Jeremy Stanford was in charge of a watershed program set up by the Mad River Committee, a steering committee of a group of landowners, volunteers, community leaders, government officials and others from Champaign and Logan counties. This committee received the Clean Water Act EPA grant to fund the Upper Mad River Watershed Protection Project. Jeremy is now working in the OSU Extension office at the Champaign County Community Center.

2001

Merja Isola Hollenbach was hired as a ninth and twelfth grade English teacher at Westland High

School, South-Western City Schools, Columbus.

Nicole Kaitsa is engaged to Kent Carleton, a current MBA student at Carnegie Mellon University. They are planning a wedding for Sept. 13, 2003.

Cynthia Boutet Leppert is the high school French teacher at New Albany-Plain Local School District in New Albany, OH.

Leah Mason has completed her rotary ambassadorial scholarship year (2000-2001) in Heidelberg, Germany, and has accepted an English language teaching assistantship in the Austrian public schools through a joint grant from the Austrian Fulbright Commission and the Austrian Ministry of Education. There she will be assisting with students ages 11-16.

Angela Styers received her masters of science in recre-

ation and sport science from Ohio University in June, 2002.

Army Reserve Spec. **Derek Carter** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Holly Robertson has received a teaching award. The Newark Ohio *Advocate* sponsored a new award, the Advocate's Classroom Excellence (ACE) award in Sept. 2002.

2002

Jerry Tackett is the middle school wellness teacher in the New Albany-Plain Local School District in New Albany, OH.

Friends

Joel Baer has retired from being a Methodist minister after forty-one years. He says he is ready to pursue other things, such as coaching and teaching. ■

All the great Otterbein musical traditions on one CD!



Under the direction of Professors Gary Tirey and Jeffrey Boehm, the CD showcases many of the College's historic pieces, such as Kris Lehman's and Paul Shartle's arrangement of "The Otterbein Love Song," Glenn Grabill's "Fight Song," arranged by both Lehman and Tirey, as well as many other favorites. In addition, the CD features spoken commentaries by several of the composers and arrangers represented on the recording, including Anthony Zilincik, Jim Shackson and Grammy Award winner Marvin Hamlisch. An added attraction is a complete history of the Otterbein College bands written by music alumnus and College archivist Stephen Grinch.

CDs are available for \$20 each. Proceeds beyond the costs of the recording will benefit the Band's March Tour to England and Wales.

To purchase, call Professor Tirey at 614-823-1608 or email him at gtirey@otterbein.edu.

Milestones

compiled by Mindy Harsha

Marriages

1987

Lynda Runyon to Robert Snellman, Jr., July 20, 2002.

1988

D. Scott Snyder to Jill Quilter Aug. 31, 2002.

1993

Jennifer Hagquist to Jeff Ladd, April 6, 2002.

Elizabeth Rufener to Jon Hickman, July 4, 2002.

1995

Linda Marlette to John Varos, Dec. 15, 2001.

Leah Osborn to Todd Korogi, April 29, 2002.

1996

Brian Biemesderfer to **Rochelle McKiethan '98**, May 18, 2002.

Angela Cramer to John Cox, June 18, 2002.

Seth Gilbert to Stacey Wojciechowski, Aug. 3, 2002.

1997

Amy Jordan to Troy Hildebrand.

Mark Nagel to **Amy Swan '02**, July 26, 2002.

1998

Aminda Banning to Alex Seymour, Sept. 1, 2001.

Michael Deringer to Christina Stolar, Aug. 31, 2002.

1999

Amy Giera to Todd Pierce, Oct. 26, 2002.

Nellie Hough to **Chris Mundhenk '00**, Oct. 12, 2002.

Jeremy Lahman to **Sara Steel '00**, Oct. 5, 2002.

Valerie Miller to Travis Anthony, Sept. 10, 2002.

Deborah Patton to **Eric Joreski '99**, Aug. 3, 2002.

Brooke Preston to **Brian Moore '00**, Aug. 16, 2002.

2000

Amber Brusco to Jonathon Gibbs, Sept. 21, 2002.

Brendon Hrabusa to **Tina Mohn '01**, Oct. 12, 2002.

Dan Largent to **April Bowyer '01**, July 27, 2002.

Erica Shimko to Joseph Benes, April 5, 2002.

Kathleen Johnson to Jeffrey Kieselbach, Sept. 14, 2002.

John Rutherford to **Sharon Edminson '02**, Aug. 24, 2002.

Chad Friece to **Alison Bell '03**, Aug. 3, 2002.

Additions

1988

Amy Weiskircher Wallenfelsz and husband **David '88**, a girl, Sarah Ann, March 6, 2002.

1990

Bronwyn Ginty and husband Mark, a girl, Maeve Evelyn, Oct. 2, 2001. She joins older brother Spencer.

1991

Clark Becker and wife Marla, a boy, Aidan Michael, June 8, 2000.

Dineen Dabson Cochran

and husband Douglas, a girl, Rosaleen Luella, Aug. 16, 2002. She joins brother Sean, 4.

1992

Shannon Rauch Bohren

and husband James, a girl, Shelby Noelle, Aug. 16, 2002. She joins brother Wyatt Sigfred, 3.

Laura Marker Johnson and

husband, Gregory, a girl, Leila Joelle, Oct. 10, 2002. She joins brother Todd.

Peggy Murton Lehman

and husband Robert, a boy, Aaron Christopher, Sept. 3, 2002. He joins brother Isaac, 2.

Christine Molosky Sutton

and husband **Matthew '92**, a boy, Gage Gregory, Oct. 19, 2002.

Michele Frank Thompson

and husband Tim, a girl, Bridget Marie, Sept. 4, 2002.

1993

Melissa DeVore Bruney

and husband Jim, a boy, Hunter James, Sept. 25, 2002.

Kerry Lynch Gastineau

and husband **Jeffrey '91**, a girl, Lauren Elizabeth, June 9, 2002.

Rebecca Hook Queener

and husband Keith, a boy, Alex Carr, Aug. 18, 2002. He joins brother Matt and twin brothers Josh and Mike.

Lynn Burman Ritchey and

husband Rob, a girl, Elena Marie, Aug. 22, 2002. She joins brother Bryan, 3.

1994

Amy Holzapfel Gutman and husband **Matthew '93**, a boy, Luke Allen, June 3, 2002. He joins brother Michael Evan, 2. Proud relatives are **Brenda Evans Holzapfel '62**, **Claude Holzapfel '60**, **Nick Gutman '94** and wife **Misty Kinkead Gutman '98**.

Jerry McSwords and wife Julie, a girl, Grace Emily, March 21, 2002. Proud relatives include **Joe McSwords '94** and wife **Sara Cornett McSwords '95**.

Nicole Keller Stover and husband Mark, a girl, Gracyn Louise, Oct. 2, 2002. She joins sister Michaela, 5, and sister Kinsey, 2.

Rodney Wilson and wife Holly, a boy, Samuel Ortiz, June 19, 2002. He joins sister Hannah Mariah, 2.

1995

Stephanie Shipman Andrian and husband **David '93**, a boy, Camden Thomas, Apr. 9, 2002.

Sara Cornett McSwords and husband **Joe '94**, a boy, Logan Joseph, May 21, 2002. He joins twin sisters Kayla and Shelby, 3. A proud relative is **Jerry McSwords '94**.

Megan Stephens Truax and husband Ron, a girl, Gabriella Marie, Sept. 7, 2001. Megan and Ron also had a girl, Isabella Regan, Oct. 1, 2002. Proud relatives include **Matthew Stephens '92** and wife **Kathryn Felsenthal Stephens '97**.

Valerie Bunsold Wallace and husband Tad, a girl, Gracie Ann, June 9, 2002. She joins brother Coleman, 2.

1996

Stacie Lingle Emerson and husband Jamie, a boy, Braeden James, Jan. 14, 2002.

1997

Elisabeth Getter Middleton and husband Jeffery, a boy, Grant Jeffery, Feb. 7, 2002. He joins brother Blake, 3 and sister Brenna, 1.

1998

Liberty Tipton Huther and husband **Brian '98**, a boy, Justin Michael, May 29, 2002. He joins sister Rachel Marie, 2.

Michele Hite Kovacs and husband Jaron, a boy, Jonas Jaron, Aug. 7, 2002. A proud relative includes **Mandy Hite '03**.

1999

Halley Galambos Soukup and husband Ken, a boy, Kameron, Apr. 27, 2002. He joins brother, Kendall.

2000

Brooke Halley Cain and husband Greg, a boy, Randy Michael, Aug. 12, 2002.

Deaths

1926

Marian Snaveley passed away June 25, 2002 at Friendship Village of Columbus. She was a member of the Church of the Master and the Westerville Historical Society. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen Snaveley; brother, **Robert '27**; sister Virginia; and niece, Gretchen Snaveley Doherty. She is survived by niece, Pamela Ashley; great-nephews, Brett Ashley, Todd Ashley, and Wick Ashley; great-niece, Kimberly Plath; and great-great nieces.

1927

Otterbein has learned that **Elizabeth Trost Kindle** passed away March 4, 2002.

1931

Paul Hughes passed away July 22, 2002. He was a retired YMCA official and former Presbyterian church leader. He is survived by sons, Mark and Bruce Hughes; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

1932

Martha Thuma Hubbert passed away Nov. 28, 2001. She taught math, Latin and English at Johnsville High School and math at Mount Gilead High School, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Morrow County retired Teachers Association, Senior Progress Club, Bluebell Twig, Delta Kappa Gamma and Green Pairs Garden Club. She was preceded in death by husband, Joseph Hubbert; sisters, Mary Thuma, Betty Teeney and Phyllis Boone. She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Hubbert; grandchildren, Christopher Hubbert and Abigail Behrens, Laura and

David DiCarlo, two great-grandchildren, John and Samuel; nieces and nephews.

1933

Alma Dieter Andrews passed away Aug. 15, 2001. She was preceded in death by husband **Samuel Andrews '33**. She is survived by daughter Cynthia Jennings, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all whom live in Sacramento, CA. She was a member of Epsilon Kappa Tau and an English teacher for 22 years in Kettering, OH. She was also an active member in the Oakwood Methodist Church before moving to Sacramento in 1994.

Otterbein has learned that **Forrest Supinger** passed away Sept. 20, 2002.

1934

Zelma Shauck Shaffer passed away Sept. 24, 2002 at St. Ann's Hospital. Preceded in death by husband, **Rev. Glen C. Shaffer '32**. She is survived by sons, **Lewis Shaffer '59**, **Glen Shaffer '70**, and **Alan Shaffer '73**; grandchildren, Steve, David, Tim, Michael, and Eryn Shaffer; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Dylan, Nathaniel, and Jonathon Shaffer.

Martha Dipert Wood passed away July 9, 2002. She was a retired school teacher from the Columbus School System. She was a member of Central College United Presbyterian Church and the Westerville Woman's Club. Her husband, **Burdette Wood '34** and grandson,

David Wood, preceded her in death. She is survived by son, William Wood; daughters, Rebecca Wood Ribbings and Deborah Wood; brother, James Dipert; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1935

Otterbein has learned that **Louis Simmermacher** passed away Aug. 4, 2002. He is survived by a son, **Louis**, '71.

1936

Otterbein has received word that **Ruth Coblentz Brady** passed away Nov. 8, 2002.

1938

Otterbein has learned that **True Gehman Bower** passed away Aug. 28, 2002.

Otterbein has learned that **Alice McCloy Shumaker** passed away Feb. 10, 2002. She is survived by her husband, **John** '37.

1939

Otterbein has learned that **Dennis Marlowe** passed away Oct. 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane.

1940

Otterbein has learned that **Ella Shiesl Reames** passed away Aug. 15, 2002.

1943

George Garrison passed away Aug. 8, 2002. He served in the US Army as a Captain in the medical corp. during World War II. He received an award by

the Medical Society for his fifty years of practicing in Dayton. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marylee and Dorothy; and brother, Warren. He is survived by his wife, **Gwen Blum Garrison** '46; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and wife Mary Jane Garrison and Tom and wife Sandi Jones Garrison; daughter, **Nancy Garrison Howley** '73 and son-in-law, Robert Howley; and five grandchildren.

Otterbein has learned that **William Holford** passed away Apr. 30, 2001. Preceded in death by his wife, **Joy Johnston Holford** '45. Survived by daughters **Marilou Holford Cook** '66, **Rebecca Holford Miller** '73, and **Jane Holford** '71.

Otterbein has learned that **Margaret Wheelbarger Lindee** passed away Dec. 5, 2001.

Otterbein has learned that **Mildred Fisher Tepe** passed away Jan. 16, 2001.

1945

Otterbein has received word that **Miriam McIntosh** passed away June 21, 2002.

Otterbein has learned that **George Yano** passed away Sept. 2, 2002.

1946

Mary Jeannette Pugh Gardner passed away Oct. 6, 2002. She was an elementary school teacher for twenty-five years and retired after twenty years with Canal Winchester School System. She was a member of the D.A.R., American

Legion Auxiliary and David's United Church of Christ. She is survived by daughter, Mary Jeanne Gardner-Wegman; son, John Pugh Gardner; four grandchildren, Alexandra and George Hoskins, Gabriel and George Gardner; and good friend and world traveler Charles Leiner.

Ray Good passed away Feb. 20, 2002. He is survived by wife Marjorie and sisters, **Lora Good McGraw** '38 and **Martha Good Reece** '47.

1947

Otterbein has learned that **Elizabeth Speckman** passed away in Oct. 2002.

1955

Otterbein has learned that **Darl Blauser** passed away July 4, 2002.

Otterbein has learned that **Roy Neal Jr.** passed away Jan. 13, 2002.

Otterbein has learned that **Mary Myers Wilburn** passed away Feb. 23, 2001.

1959

Otterbein has learned that **Charles Howell** passed away Dec. 1, 2001.

1961

Juris Klavins passed away Aug. 6, 2002. He taught in the Danville Schools for thirty-six years, retiring in 1997 after serving twenty-two years as a principal. He was a member of the Danville United Methodist Church, Danville Merchants Golf League, Danville 200 Club, Ohio Retired Teachers

Association and Knox-County Retired Teachers Association. He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Julie Beard and Jennifer Egan; granddaughters, Chelsey and Mallory Egan and Lauren Beard; brother, Maris Klavins; and sister, Gina Flaks.

Otterbein has learned that **Ellen Busler Queen** past away July 7, 2002.

1963

Otterbein has learned that **Donald Shumaker** passed away May 3, 2002. He is survived by his wife, **Nancy Volz Shumaker** '64.

1967

James Gooding passed away June 12, 2002. Jim was an educator serving as teacher and Superintendent of Mt. Gilead Exempted Village Schools. He was a teacher, Dean of Students and Unit Principal at Worthington High School. He was a principal for Granville Exempted Schools, Dublin City, and Superintendent at Patrick Henry School. He is survived by wife Vicki; son, **James Scott Gooding II** '95; daughter, **Amy Gooding** '98; brother, Robert; and parents-in-law, Lowell and Maxine Ashbrook.

1971

Otterbein has learned that **Jan Johnston** passed away Sept. 27, 2002.

1983

Jeffrey Henderson passed away Sept. 1, 2002. He coached Lakewood Youth Girls Softball and was

employed at Owens Corning Fiberglas. He was a member of Newark Church of Christ and GMP 244. He is survived by his wife, Shannon; father, Mark; mother and step-father Vera and Phil Skidmore; grandmothers, Ollie Gibson and Audrey Henderson; step-daughter, Kiah Smith; brother, Bryan Henderson; sisters, Tonya Henderson and Lorenda Coakley; father and mother-in-law, William and Gerri Smith; and several nieces and nephews.

2000

Sheral Ferguson passed away Aug. 14, 2002. She was a teacher for 18 years in the Worthington School District. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, Scott; daughter, Kacie; son, Sean; parents, Arthur and Leota Wilson; sister, Carol Nelson; brothers, Bret Wilson and Craig Wilson; and eight nieces and nephews.

Friends

Rear Admiral **G. Chester Heffner** passed away Nov. 30, 2001. He served on many ships and stations around the world and was among the first to sail into Japan at the end of World War II. He was the first military officer to serve as President of the United Way of Franklin County. He also served on the Otterbein Board of Trustees for many years. He is survived by his wife, Jane; daughter, Jann Heffner Osterkamp, and granddaughter, Casey Osterkamp; son, Grayson Heffner; and nephews, Gary and Bill Heffner.

Robert Miner passed away July 2, 2002. He spent twenty-six years employed by Ohio Education Association. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Westerville Art League and Westerville Library Board. He is survived by wife, Emily; daughter, Janet Rarey; sons, James and Robert; grandchildren, Kelly Hoffman, Michael, Matthew, Christopher and Eric Miner; one brother-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Donald Mullin passed away Feb. 18, 2002. He was preceded in death my wife Joann L. Mullin. He is survived by sons, **Brad Mullin '84** and **Kerry Mullin '96**; and grandchildren, Linda, Brent, and Maria Mullin.

Charles Redmond passed away Sept. 7, 2002. Before pursuing his law practice, Charles was owner and operator of Tabco, and a distributor for Gulf Oil. For years he was a member of Miller Ave. E.U.B. Church and Trinity United Methodist Church, since 1970. He was preceded in death by his father, John; mother, Hazel; stepmother, Grace; wife, Pearle Mae; son, Paul Redmond; brothers John, Earl and Paul Redmond. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Sisson; daughter-in-law, Astrid Redmond; sister Hazel Harper; brother, George Redmond; grandchildren, Mark Redmond and Missy Redmond Guay; great-grandchildren, Astrid, Billy and Caroline Guay; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marcia and Rex Ogle. ■

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Courtright Library Preserves Legacy

Dear Mr. Routson:

Thank you for the excellent article by Jenny Hill on the Courtright Memorial Library (*Towers*, Fall 2002). Our father, A. Monroe Courtright, would be pleased to see the advances made to provide educational growth to Otterbein from his initial contribution. We were unaware of much of the history of the library. Ms. Hill's article gave us insight into the past, present and future of this campus landmark through her writing.

The significance of the donation Dad made in 1979 was made more apparent to us when our own children (**Aminda Banning Seymour '98** and **Kathryn Burrows Buchtel '01**) enrolled at Otterbein. Through the personal interest of the library's directors over the years, the wonderful legacy he left for our family and the college has been preserved and enhanced. Current Director Lois Szudy, and the Friends of the Library, have made a significant difference in establishing the library as a prominent part of the campus.

We appreciate the continuing efforts to make the Courtright Library into a multi-purpose facility. We have no doubt Dad is still supporting the library and its advancements from his "great editorial room in the sky."

Sincerely,
Karla Courtright Banning '70
Kristy Courtright '68

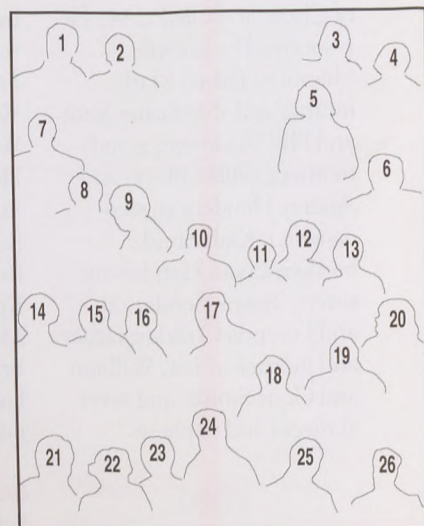
P h i l a n t h r o p y



John King '68, co-chair of the Fit for the Future Campaign, with sister Sally King Clevenger '59, in front of the Leadership Giving Wall, just inside the new Clements Recreation Center entrance. The wall recognizes major donors to the \$9.5 million project.



The Freeman family poses in the Freeman Family Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Center within the Clements Recreation Center.



Right: Scenes from the Recognition Dinner.


- 1) Ken Holm 2) Beatrice Ulrich Holm '52 3) Richard Borg '53 4) Patty Borg 5) Ellen Capwell 6) Mark Coldiron '45 7) Moe Agler '48 8) Bill LeMay '48 9) Bert Horn '49 10) Ed Henn '63 11) Elaine Koehler Henn '63 12) Ken Jackson '71 13) Cynthia Rowles Jackson '69 14) Paula Harper 15) Bill Harper 16) Bud Yoest '53 17) Jim Heinisch '53 18) Olivetta McCoy Yohn '51 19) David Yohn '51 20) Joanne Mikesell Gatto '52 21) Dick Sanders '29 22) Charlotte Sanders H'91 23) Jane Witt '75 24) T. Kent Witt '75 25) Michael Huston '86 26) Lisa Collins Huston '88

The Frances Henry Heinisch '53 Endowed Scholarship Established for First-Generation Students

The Frances Henry Heinisch '53 Endowed Scholarship was established in the memory of Frances Henry Heinisch, an Honors student from the class of '53, by her husband James Heinisch '53, Sara Heinisch Salmers, Becky Heinisch Ducharme, Lynn Heinisch, Lisa

Heinisch Turney, Wayne and Hazel Heinisch and Margaret B. Heinisch. Fran was the first college graduate in her family. Fran and Jim attended another institution, got married after their freshman year, and came to Otterbein in their junior year. Both worked their way

through school with the help of academic scholarships and graduated with honors. The scholarship is available to any full time student who is a first generation attendee, who has a financial need, and who demonstrates potential.



2002 Recognition Dinner

The beautiful Winding Hollow Country Club was the setting on Oct. 18 for Otterbein's Recognition Dinner honoring over 150 members of the Heritage Club, Presidents Club and Towers Club. Following a delicious New York strip steak dinner, guests enjoyed messages from Board President Tom Bromeley and College President Brent DeVore. The evening program also included musical selections by faculty member Karen Eckenroth, pianist; students Alyson Blazey, harpist; and vocalists Valerie Accetta and Wes Coulter. The evening concluded with the singing of the Otterbein Love Song.

Alumni Notes

compiled by Jenny Hill

Do your part to

Make Otterbein Beautiful!



May 17 Will be 5th Annual Campus Beautification Day

Do you ever wonder what you can do to give back to Otterbein? One simple answer to this question is "Come out for Campus Beautification Day 2003!" We need your help on Saturday, May 17 to make the Fifth Annual Campus Beautification Day yet another success!

Coffee, tea and pastries will start the day at 8 a.m. and work will begin soon after. Refreshments will be provided throughout the morning and a free lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. to finish the day of service. Gloves and equipment also will be provided to all workers.

This one-day beautification project gives volunteers the chance to make the campus a place to be admired. Participants will perform basic cleaning and gardening tasks to make the campus beautiful for summer guests, graduation ceremonies and Alumni Weekend. This year's alumnae hosts are **Jennifer Sullivan '98** and **Dana Minnear Dietz '98**.

RSVP to Greg Johnson, director of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650.

Mark June 13-15 on Your Calendar for Alumni Weekend!

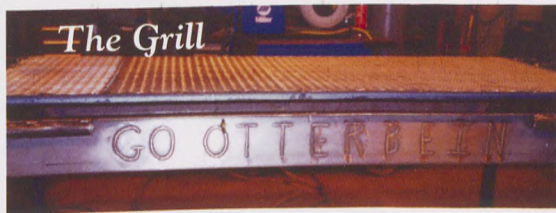
This year's Alumni Weekend is bound to be the best ever. Full of new and exciting events and activities, all alumni from the class years of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1978, along with honored alumni from pre-1953 classes, emeriti and Alumni Award Winners, will want to come out in full force to participate in the College's annual reunion weekend! This year's special interest group, Music, Band, Choir and Orchestra Alumni, will have plenty to sing about!

New features this year will be lectures by Otterbein's finest faculty and outstanding alumni; guided walking tours

of campus with a self-guided tour map and descriptions available; campus and Uptown Westerville caboose tours. In addition, the weekend will feature a reunion "Rise & Shine Fitness Gathering" at the new Clements Recreation and Fitness Center and a parade of classes, emeriti and honored alumni. Continuous transportation will be available throughout the weekend on six-passenger golf carts.

So be sure to return to campus from Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15 to enjoy all that Otterbein has planned for you!

Tailgatin'!



at Baldwin-Wallace



vs. Marietta



at Mt. Union



at Mt. Union

Tailgating was once again in season for football. Featuring a brand new grill with "Go Otterbein!" etched into its side, approximately 170 alumni, parents and friends showed up to tailgate at all five home games and three of the season's away games. The parties were a success thanks to our parent hosts, along with Steve Canfield, who donated the hamburgers, and Linda and Brad Hamilton, who supplied the hot dogs. The four pre-game basketball gatherings were also a success at home games this season. Held in the brand new Clements Recreation and Fitness Center, these events brought out about 35 people to each party. Special thanks go to **Ellen Trout Reynolds '68** for her support and leadership.

Ft. Myers Gathering in March

Alumni, family and friends of Otterbein in the Ft. Myers area are invited to attend The Otterbein College Alumni Association Luncheon with President DeVore. This event begins at noon on Sunday, March 2 in the Gulfwaters Club House, 17500 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Along with alumni hosts Sheila and **Bill Freeman '57**, **Edwin '47** and **Marilou '45 Roush** and **Bud Yoest '53**, attendees will enjoy a delicious lunch and an afternoon of fellowship! Call 614-823-1650 for reservations. For more information, call Bill Freeman at 239-466-5684 or 614-530-4226.



Twelve parents and alumni gathered at Albion College in Michigan on November 22 and 23 to cheer on Cardinals basketball and enjoy the Otterbein spirit at a lunch reception.

Cardinal Migration Going to Monterey!

Plans are underway to make the next Cardinal Migration the best yet. Plan to attend this exciting event in Monterey, California from March 18-21, 2004.



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Pi Kappa Phi Reunion



On Sept. 23-26, 2002, twenty Country Club fraternity alumni and spouses from the 50's met in Ashville, NC, for their seventh annual reunion. Glenn '52 and Sara Lawton '54 Winston served as area coordinators for the four-day celebration. Pictured are front row: Phil Kornblum, Ross Morris, Bob Arledge, Al Leonard, Myron Williams, Stan Kagel, Paul Greene. Second row: Lou Wehrmann, Jim Yost, Jerry Neff, Bob Fowler, Jay Welliver, Bill Cole, Glenn Winston, Max Fisher, Dave Carlson, Ken Hanes, Max Mickey, Bob Laib, Lowell Foote. (photo by Jay Welliver)