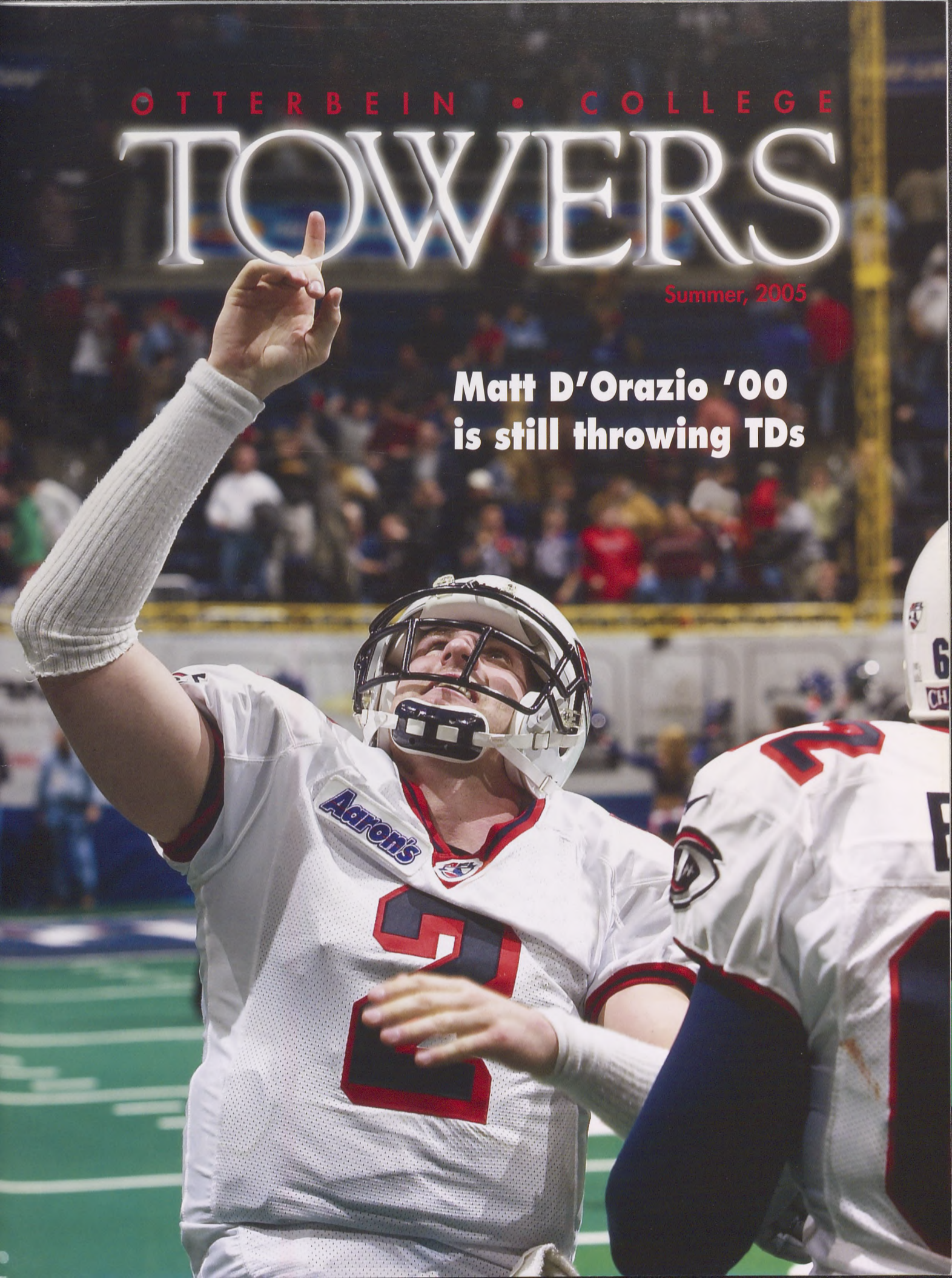
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Date: ca. 1830
Medium: Woodblock print on paper
Donors: Professor Benjamin and Mary Grace Shively

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College News

compiled by Jenny Hill

Nevalyn Nevil, a lead donor and board chair of the Friends of the Theatre, cuts the ribbon on the newly renovated Cowan Hall. She is flanked by Otterbein President Brent DeVore, left, and Westerville Mayor Mike Heyeck.

The "New" Cowan Hall Reopens

Otterbein College celebrated the dedication of the newly renovated Cowan Hall at a ceremony held May 19, 2005.

A group of 65 lead donors and special guests arrived on campus for the afternoon ribbon-cutting by Nevalyn Nevil, a lead donor herself and board chair of the Friends of the Theatre. Also in attendance were Westerville Mayor Mike Heyeck, Otterbein President Brent DeVore, and Broadway actress **Dee Hoty '74**.

After the ribbon-cutting, the guests were invited into the newly renovated lobby, which is dedicated in memory of Dr. Charles W. Dodrill, who taught in the Theatre Department for around 30 years and was instrumental in shaping the Otterbein Theatre Program into the nationally renowned program it is today. As part of the dedication ceremony, Dodrill's widow Petie (Ruth) Dodrill and son Brad unveiled donor plaques decorating the north wall of the lobby.

"The lobby is great. It's handsome, intimate and will be very inviting for the audiences attending the show," Petie said. "Chuck would have loved it."

The guests then gathered at a reception at the home of President DeVore before returning to Cowan Hall for the opening night performance of Jesus Christ Superstar. Prior to the show, the audience heard remarks by President DeVore, Nevalyn Nevil, Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance John Stefano and Professor Dennis Romer, who directed the production.

A $1 million donation from **Ernest Fritsche '38** and generous gifts from nearly 100 donors helped renovate Cowan Hall. Because of the strong support from the Otterbein community through the students, faculty and theatre supporters, Stefano said, "This renovation is creating a theatre that for the first time matches the quality of the work done on stage."

According to Stefano, the geometry of the theatre wasn't ideal. The angles of the walls and the ceiling caused the sound to be reflected to the back corners of the theatre rather than the middle of the house. Even with audio equipment, this problem could not be corrected.

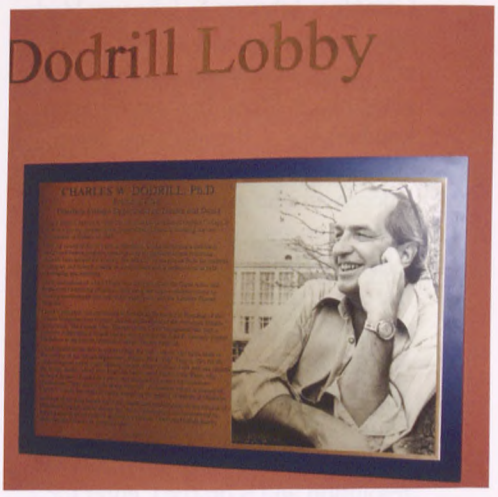
In the mid 1990s Larry Kirkegaard from Chicago was invited to spend a few days looking at Cowan Hall and developed some preliminary ideas on how to fix the problems, but nothing came of these ideas because there wasn't enough funding. It wasn't until two years ago when Vice President of Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman asked Stefano what he would like to see done to make Cowan Hall a better place to perform.

A majority of the money went toward fixing the acoustics in the theatre. The ceiling in front of the proscenium arch all the way to the balcony was removed and replaced with a wall-to-wall curved ceiling, and two side wings were built which cover the old exits to the street. This creates a megaphone effect, enhancing audibility and reflecting sound back into the center of the space.

As part of the renovation of Cowan Hall, the faculty of Theatre and Dance voted to rename the scene shop in honor of Emeritus Professor Fred J. Thayer. The official name, marked by a plaque, will be "The Fred J. Thayer Scenic Studio," but informally it will be called forevermore, "Pop's Shop."

Renovations were also made to the heating, air conditioning, audio system, speakers and amplifiers. Other renovations included improving the comfort and aesthetics of the theatre by painting the walls, replacing all the seats and the carpet as well as renovating a new lobby.

Seats in Cowan Hall are still available for purchase. Interested individuals can donate $250 and receive a plate with their name on a seat in the newly renovated theatre. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn Williams at 614-823-1454 or via e-mail at cwilliams@otterbein.edu.



Top: *The new Charles W. Dodrill Lobby in renovated Cowan Hall.* ***Middle left:*** *A shot from the balcony.* ***Middle Right:*** *Petie Dodrill unveils the plaque (bottom) of Charles "Chuck" Dodrill. Petie said of the lobby, "Chuck would have loved it."*

Otterbein Board of Trustees Elects New Chair

On May 14, 2005, Otterbein College's Board of Trustees experienced a changing of the guard as **Thomas C. Morrison '63** was elected to replace **Thomas R. Bromeley '51** as chair of the Board.

Thomas C. Morrison

Thomas Morrison is nationally renowned as a trial and appellate attorney, author and lecturer in the field of trademarks, false advertising and unfair competition. A partner of the firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler for over 28 years, he has tried over 60 cases in federal courts throughout the United States and regularly represents major pharmaceutical and consumer products companies in Lanham Act litigation. He is also co-chair of the New York City firm's Appellate Practice Group and has argued more than 35 appeals in the various United States Courts of Appeal.

He has handled numerous trademark cases that have resulted in landmark decisions, including Procter & Gamble v. Johnson & Johnson; Harlequin Enterprises, Ltd. v. Gulf & Western Corp.; Thompson Medical Company, Inc. v. Pfizer, Inc.; and Warner-Lambert Co. v. BreathAsure, Inc.

Morrison has authored more than a dozen articles and presented over 15 lectures on trademark, trade dress and false advertising law. He also serves as the editor of Patterson Belknap's *IP On Trial and On Appeal* newsletters and is a frequent lecturer at New York and New Jersey Continuing Legal Education events. He has recently become active in alternative dispute resolution and is on the Center for Professional Responsibility Panel of Distinguished Neutrals for trademarks and false advertising disputes.

He is listed in Euromoney Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Trademark Law Practitioners (2004)*.

Morrison earned his bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 1963 and his law degree in 1966 from the New York University School of Law, Order of the Coif, Moot Court Board. He began his legal career with the Judge Advocate General's Corps. of the U.S. Air Force.

Morrison was recommended by the College's Governance Committee and elected by the Board, which consists of 30 members including the president, two each from the West Ohio conference, East Ohio conference and Western Pennsylvania conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as two full-time faculty, two full-time students, one representative from the Alumni Association, and 18 at-large members. The chair is elected annually and serves as an ex-officio member of all Board committees. Board members currently serve four-year renewable terms.

Thomas R. Bromeley

Outgoing chair Thomas Bromeley served the Board as chair for 10 years and has been a member for 30 years. He is a publisher, manufacturer and financier whose business interests have involved newspaper publishing, radio broadcasting, stainless steel fabrication and utilization and information technology.

Bromeley has led a long and diverse career that led him to become CEO and chairman of Top Line Corporation and Allegheny Bradford Corporation, which specializes in stainless steel products. In addition, he has owned newspaper publishing interests in Pennsylvania and Illinois and radio broadcasting interests in Pennsylvania and New York City. He also served as president of MIS Computer Service Bureau.

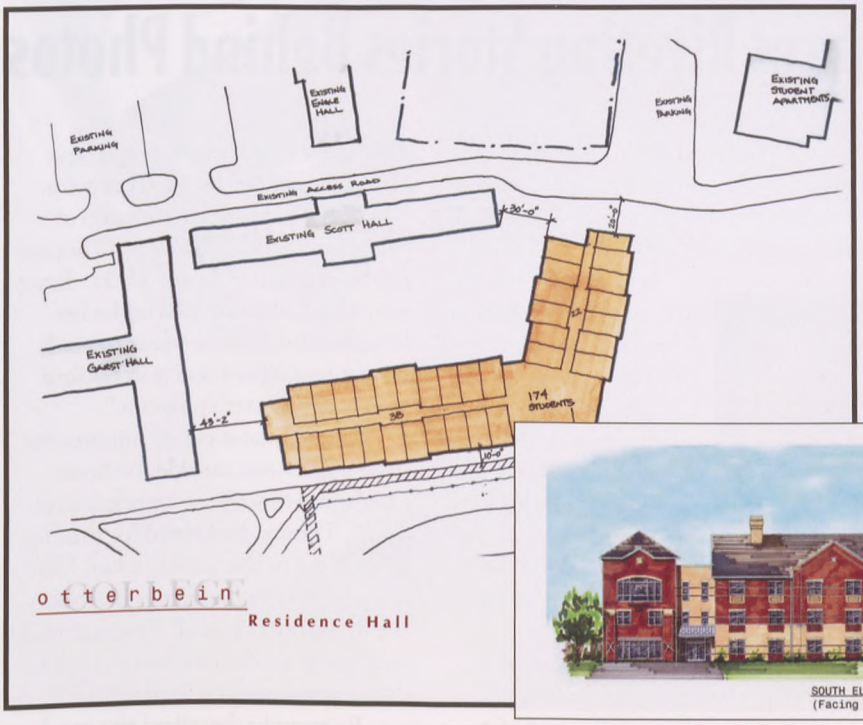
He is a devoted member of his community of Bradford, Pennsylvania. He served as a member of the executive committee of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and was vice chairman and director of the Bradford (PA) Hospital Board of Trustees. He has served as president of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce.

Bromeley came to Otterbein in 1947 because his father and mother, Dr. **Robert B. '29** and **Marian Grow Bromeley '29**, were both graduates. Following his graduation with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics, Bromeley earned his Master of Science degree in Industrial Administration from Carnegie Mellon University in 1953. He then proudly served his country from 1953 through 1956 in the U.S. Navy as officer in charge of the Supply Department for the U.S. Mine Force of the Atlantic Fleet. In 1988, Otterbein honored him with an Honorary Doctorate of Science in Business Administration and in 2003 he received Otterbein's highest award, the Distinguished Alumni Award.

During his years on Otterbein's Board of Trustees, Bromeley devoted his time and talents to reorganizing the Board as a more efficient unit, serving the financial base and dramatically improving the facilities, donating nearly $1.5 million to various projects, including The Campaign for Otterbein, various scholarships, capital and academic projects and the Annual Fund. He also co-chaired the campaign to renovate the College's landmark Towers Hall.

At the May 14 meeting, all the Board positions were elected. The new Board officers are as follows: **Thomas Morrison '63**, chair; **Wolfgang Schmitt '66**, vice chair; **Mark Thresher '78**, vice chair; **Michael Cochran '66**, secretary; and **John King '68**, assistant secretary.

New Residence Hall to be Built



SOUTH ELEVATION
(Facing Campus Center)

Otterbein's plan to build a three-story residence hall in the heart of campus was passed by the Westerville Planning Commission in March, allowing the new structure to potentially be completed for use as early as fall 2006.

The $9 million, suite-style residence hall will house 174 students. Suite-style residence halls have proven to be popular with students, who put their names on waiting lists annually for rooms in the two Commons residence halls. The current hall will give priority to sophomores.

The new residence hall will be built behind the Campus Center, east of the football stadium. It will provide housing for the growing student body at Otterbein, which is expected to increase 30 percent in the next decade. In fall 2004, enrollment was 3,250, including full-time, part-time, traditional and non-traditional students. Otterbein's master plan expects to reach an enrollment of 3,725 by the year 2014.

Director of Residence Life **Joyce Jadwin '89** said, "Creating additional housing on campus will help us maintain our residential population and meet the needs of our current students who are interested in living on campus. Historically, Otterbein has maintained a 50 percent residential campus, and allowing for that helps to maintain a community feeling at the College and provides students with a valuable growing experience."

Once the new residence hall is completed, future plans include the possibility of building two additional buildings on the current sites of Scott and Garst Halls.

Otterbein Announces New Director of Communications

Otterbein College announces the hiring of **Jennifer Slager Pearce '87** as the new executive director of communications. Jennifer replaces Patricia Kessler, who recently retired after 20 years of service. Jennifer began her new position on May 2.

Jennifer brings to Otterbein a rich experience in the area of public relations and communications. She served as an account executive with the Wilson Communications Group, Inc., focusing on media relations before moving to the Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster as the public relations manager. In 1997, she was hired by The Longaberger Company as the director of public relations, serving a variety of responsibilities over the 8,000-employee operation. She then served as vice president of marketing for Cheryl & Co. in Westerville, which included the daily management of marketing for this $32 million retailer of gourmet foods and gift packs.

Jennifer is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the Association of Women in Communications, past public relations chair of the Westerville Chamber of Commerce, past steering committee chair of WestervilleWay, past president and current secretary of the Mark Twain Elementary Parent Teacher Association and past communications chair for the Capital Campaign of the Church of the Messiah in Westerville.

Otterbein will benefit from Jennifer's experience in branding, communications, marketing and public relations, as well as her love of Otterbein and her strong understanding of Westerville as a resident of the community.

Photojournalist Shares Riveting Stories Behind Photos

by Jenny Hill

Otterbein College hosted Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence and internationally recognized photojournalist Lois Raimondo for a lecture as part of the Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture Series on Thursday, February 24. Raimondo's residency ran February 7-March 4, during which she guest lectured in several photography and media classes and displayed her images from Iraq and Afghanistan in Fisher Gallery of Roush Hall.

Lois Raimondo and Vernon Pack

Raimondo shared four sets of her photographs with the audience during her lecture, sharing the stories behind the pictures and giving a first-hand account of what it is like to be behind the scenes.

"No matter where I go, the process is the same," she said, "because I do not photograph places or events, I photograph relationships."

"I have found that when somebody does something very desperate without concern for the consequences, it's usually because they don't feel they have any options. That goes for the guy in prison in the South Bronx and the suicide bomber in Iraq," she said.

Raimondo then shared her first set of photographs, part of a photo essay about a halfway house in the South Bronx, New York, called Abraham House. The halfway house, run by a Catholic priest and nun, houses prisoners from Rikers Prison who are serving their last two years and have been commended for good behavior.

"I got to know two inmates at Abraham House," she said. "Thomas has been in jail from age 15-35. Emerson, who had many kills under his belt, decided he now wants to teach elementary school and is in his first year of the master's program."

"The inmates get 10 minutes per day on the street outside the house. During my time there, unbeknownst to me, Thomas had saved his time up to walk me to the subway when I left because it was a dangerous neighborhood," Raimondo said. Emerson walks children from the lunchroom back to their classrooms at a local school.

Raimondo described the conditions in the house of the Colombian family she stayed with while covering the story. "We slept on the floor because bullets could fly through the windows. I had to be escorted through the streets, and this was in the United States."

"I began to understand why Thomas spent most of his life in prison," she said. "It began when he was listening to his radio on the front stoop and got into an argument with a police officer. The officer smashed the radio – he had been playing it too loud – and he told me, 'I knew I was going to get sent up for this but I had to do it because the radio was all I had.'"

The second set of photographs Raimondo showed were from a story about the practice of American pharmaceutical companies conducting experimental drug trials in developing countries. Raimondo was assigned to Thailand, where she photographed pregnant women who were HIV positive.

"Many of these women were abandoned by their families, so they formed a support group, that became their family," she explained. "One of nine people in Thailand is HIV positive, and less than two percent have access to the drugs they need."

Two soldiers in Afghanistan find a lofty perch.

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Lois Raimondo took this portrait of a Kurdish man in Iraq.

The challenge of this assignment was that many of the subjects did not want their faces photographed. Raimondo waited until she could find telling images of legs and hands. She also visited an orphanage run by a Catholic Thai doctor. There, she captured images of children caring for the dying children among them, imitating the caring massages of the nuns.

The third set of photographs was of Iraq. "Everyday at least a dozen people die in Baghdad alone," she said. "Every morning, I woke up with a bomb site to visit. It's exhausting, a culture of fear and paranoia. To get away from it, I went to the Tigris River to talk to poets and older people about folklore."

It was there that she learned of the River People. "They pre-date Christianity and Islam, and speak Aramaic, the language of Jesus," she said. "While battles are raging around them, they are keeping their rituals alive. When Saddam drained the river, they built pools because they have to be married and baptized in the water."

Raimondo also showed photographs of the aftermath of a suicide bomber in line with those waiting to go through a security check at an American facility, in which 56 died.

"This woman's husband was an engineer," she said of one photo. "This was his first day of work in a year and a half. He was in the line, and at this point, he was in the hospital, blind and on the verge of death."

While in Iraq, Raimondo talked to Iraqis in Sadr City, who protected her because they were eager to share their side of the story, which included their desire to be part of the democracy being oppressed when the Americans appointed an outsider in charge of their city. "These people were very intelligent. They were doctors, lawyers, and they wanted to be leaders in the democracy," she said.

She also photographed the faces of the everyday people – a woman who had been released from prison by the Americans after she had been imprisoned under Saddam Hussein for giving food to the widow of an executed man, and school children playing under armed guard. "Children are kidnapped on a regular basis for huge ransoms. Many parents are keeping their children home from school. This particular school hired neighborhood men with machine guns to guard the school," she said of one photograph.

While Raimondo has seen the side of the Iraqi story that is never told, she has also seen the untold story of the soldiers. "The American soldiers there cannot let down their guard for one minute. So the Iraqis only see them with their fingers on the triggers of their guns, moving quickly through the markets, accidentally knocking things over," she said. "The Iraqis don't understand this behavior, but the soldiers have to protect themselves. Bombs are hidden in dead sheep carcasses, garbage, cell phones, car horns, doorbells. Anything can be a bomb."

"Our soldiers are so vulnerable," she said as she showed a picture taken inside an Army truck. "I was with them, and we drove into Sadr City under fire in open roof trucks with nothing but a piece of wood between us and gunfire."

American soldiers patrol a street in Fallujah.

Raimondo showed photographs of Iraqi soldiers working with the Americans. "The Iraqi army has different uniforms. They must wear a mask, because if anyone sees a soldier's face, he'll be dead by midnight. And their different uniforms also labels them as targets."

"The people of Iraq are shell shocked and suffer post traumatic stress. They are numb," she said as she showed faces of everyday Iraqis. She then showed images of 10,000 or more Iraqis at an anti-American rally. She simply said, "This was quite frightening, really."

The final set of photographs Raimondo shared with the audience were taken in Afghanistan, where she traveled with the Northern Alliance, an Afghan group fighting the Taliban.

"As soon as I entered Afghanistan, I met a self-proclaimed Islamic fundamentalist who said, 'I was born Islam, I live for Islam and I will die for Islam, and any American who comes here with the desire or hope to change my people should die.'"

Still eager to share his story, the man took Raimondo and her interpreter under his care, promising to keep her safe. "We learned a lot about each other through our interactions with people," she said. "At one point he came to me, tears in his eyes and said, 'I never imagined that someone who is not Muslim could be kind,' and I said to him, 'I never imagined a Muslim fundamentalist could be open-minded.'"

"He saved my life more than once. He said 'she is my sister' and they protected me. The respect I got there was extraordinary. And when I asked them questions, they answered honestly and truthfully," Raimondo said. "When there were bombs, they put their bodies in front of me.

Raimondo also shared stories of her interpreter. "I paid $100 a day for my translator. The price is so high because you have to get a good translator since there is a $20,000 fee for every foreigner delivered to the Taliban," she said. "At the end, I found out he gave all the money he earned to the refugees in the camps we visited."

She shared pictures of women in cities liberated by the Northern Alliance throwing off their burkhas, and of a young girl who left for the market to get bread with her city under Taliban control and returned to her city later to find it under the Northern Alliance.

"Children ran to the schools because they hadn't been to school in two years. The schools became Taliban headquarters," Raimondo said as she shared photographs of children and of doodles on the walls that had been made by the Taliban occupiers. "I took pictures like an architect would of cave drawings," she said.

"I went into journalism to educate and build bridges among people," she said at the conclusion of her presentation. "I want to make somebody else understand a life that is not their own. In doing that, I've met ordinary people doing extraordinary things."

Raimondo is currently staff photographer for *The Washington Post*. She served previously as chief photographer for the Associated Press Bureau in Hanoi, Vietnam.

She has worked as an investigative reporter for *New York Newsday* and a production assistant for CBS News in its Beijing, China Bureau. She has been published in numerous magazines and newspapers including *National Geographic*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *La Republica* (Italy), *Paris Match* (France), *Marie Claire* (Dutch edition), *Der Speigel* (Germany), and *The New York Times*.

Raimondo is the author and photographer of the book *The Little Lama of Tibet* and has contributed to the books *The Media and the War on Terrorism*, *24 Hours in Cyberspace*, *Passage to Vietnam* and *A Strange Liberation*.

She was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1989 and has earned the Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellowship; the Weintal Prize for Diplomatic and Foreign Reporting: Afghanistan; the O.O. McIntyre Writer's Grant; the East-West Literary Relations Fellowship; the Scripps-Howard Foundation Fellowship; and six awards from the White House News Photographer Association.

The Vernon L. Pack Scholar-in-Residence and Distinguished Lecture Series was established in 2002 through a $1 million gift from alumnus **Vernon Pack '50**. ■

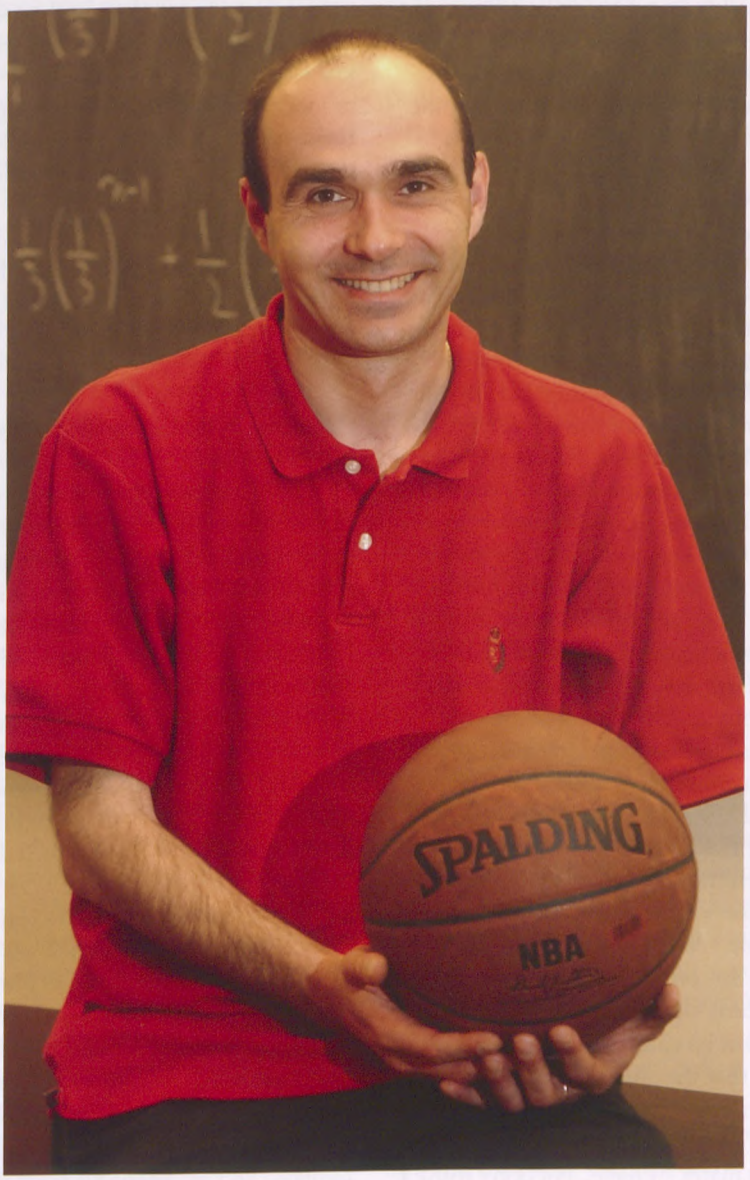
Math Professor Takes a Shot at a Million

By Sarah Ozello '06

It may seem a little nutty, but Otterbein Assistant Mathematics Professor Dan Boros took a $1 million basketball shot on *Good Morning America* on April 7.

Dan, a native of Timisoara, Romania, was one of four grand prize winners in Planters Peanuts' online "Famously Fresh Shot" instant win game. As a result, he and his wife, Mihaela, won tickets to attend both of the NCAA Men's Final Four semi-finals and championship game. They were given $500 in spending money along with ground transportation. Dan and all the contestants were then flown from St. Louis to New York for the live taping of the million-dollar shot on *Good Morning America* in Times Square.

In the last 15 years Dan said he has only played about 2 hours of basketball. Dan said he is a basketball fan but not that good of a player. He received tips from Otterbein College Head Basketball Coach **Dick Reynolds '65** on Otterbein's campus.



Dan Boros's love of chocolate-covered peanuts led to his shot at a million bucks.

He told the *Delaware Gazette* he made many improvements along the way. He went from making one in an hour to one in 50 from half court.

The day of the taping, Dan went through make-up, ate breakfast, received his microphone, and did a couple practice shots by 8:00 a.m. Starting at 8:30 a.m. the four contestants took their one chance at completing a half-court shot, but all were unsuccessful.

"It was a difficult shot to make. I was hoping to make it, but I was not expecting to," Dan said.

His favorite part of the experience was going to the March Madness games the weekend prior to going to New York City. "It was way more exciting to be there with all the fans," Dan said.

Dan won his chance to shoot for $1 million by registering on the Planters' e-mail list for giveaways and coupons. "All I was looking for were some coupons for my favorite food, chocolate covered peanuts," Dan said about his online experience with the game. "Instead, it appeared on the screen that I was a winner. I didn't believe it at first."

Dan represented Otterbein well by wearing his Otterbein ball cap and professing that he loves where he works on national television. Dan said the support he got from Otterbein and the staff was incredible. Since he usually keeps a low profile, the experience was a nice change of pace for him.

Dan came to Ohio 11 years ago to attend The Ohio State University, where he earned his doctorate degree. He and Mihaela chose to reside in Delaware, Ohio, after Dan was offered a teaching position at Otterbein. Dan was attracted to the liberal arts college environment and was impressed with the quality of people at the College. This is Dan's second year as an assistant professor in the math department. ■

Letters

Readers Take Issue with Common Book Author

I recently received the *Towers* magazine and as I was browsing through it, "The Eagle's Shadow" article caught my attention.

I am sure you are aware of the controversy at Colorado University regarding Ward Churchill and how it has disrupted campus tranquility. My concern is that Mark Hertsgaard has some very liberal and radical points-of-view. It is one thing to tell students to seek information from a variety of sources but to refer them to the BBC News is an "off the cliff" suggestion for collecting balanced news.

I do hope following Mr. Hertsgaard's presentation, a speaker of more conservative views was scheduled to speak at Otterbein. This would keep in step with his suggestion of seeking a variety of views. If alumni contributions are used to fund speakers, then as an alumni I would want conservative speakers invited to speak also.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alice Earhart Prochazka '64

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I am a '55 Otterbein graduate who will be attending our reunion in June along with eight very close Otterbein friends. We have shared our feelings about an article in the *Towers* winter/spring 2005, and we all are saddened and appalled by the article, "The Eagle's Shadow." What has happened to our school that taught us that America is a great country...that we hold truths according to the Christian Faith?

I am a Conservative Republican, a Christian, an educator, and a very proud American who received a good education from Otterbein. There was respect for all people and an openness to learning but also a respect for our country. There were many returning veterans to the campus. I wonder how they would feel today to know that we had a speaker on campus who spoke against the country, the president and the war. Why do you think that we have this freedom? It is not because of people like Mark Hertsgaard, believe me. It is because of people who were willing and are still willing to fight for this country.

President Bush did not go to Iraq for oil and anyone who believes that is totally wrong. Look at the advances that have been made and the people who are now free. This man has the right to speak his mind because of the first amendment. Churchill had the right to speak at Colorado University in Boulder. His first amendment rights have cost the University plenty. It may never be the same place.

Do you know that I don't care what France or Germany thinks of us? When there is a crisis in any country it is America that comes through to help people. We do more for the world than any other country in existence. To think that my Alma Mater had this speaker on campus and then had the idea that the alumni would be happy to know that, just appalls me.

The alumni give money to their alma mater. I have...but don't think I will until I see some changes being made. It is nice to have new buildings...it is even nicer to know that we turn out people who love and respect the truth. The founders of Otterbein knew that the Bible does have a monopoly on the truth even though the speaker is quoted in that article that no one has a monopoly on the truth.

America has shaped the world and will continue to do so. This liberal did not do Otterbein any favors.

Marlene Hodder '55

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A response by the Common Book Selection Committee:

The Common Book Selection Committee is delighted to know that the dialogue, debate, and conversation generated at Otterbein this year among students, faculty, and staff about Mark Hertsgaard's *The Eagle's Shadow: Why America Fascinates and Infuriates the World* has spread to Otterbein alumni as well – that tells us we have done our job! And if alumni become intrigued enough by the *Towers* article and these letters to read the book, so much the better.

It might interest alumni to know that the common book program is funded through a generous gift from **Mary B. Thomas '28**, who supported both the committee's selection of its first controversial choice in 1995-96, Anna Deavere Smith's *Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities*, and its criteria for book selection. Using an open process that solic-

its wide input from the campus community, the committee works to choose a common book that will: define scholastic intellectual development for new students to clearly connect to Otterbein's mission (to "educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values" by emphasizing a "process of liberation from those attitudes that may narrow one's perspective on self, society, and the world" and by stimulating students "to become aware of themselves and their responsibilities within a larger, multicultural society"); be appropriate for a wide variety of disciplines and classes; be by a significant contemporary author who can visit campus; not be a book read in high school; be challenging but not overwhelming to entering students; provide potential for hands-on experiences or service learning; sustain discussion for a year.

Because the committee supports the College's commitment to developing critical thinking skills, it chooses books that encourage freshmen to go beyond what they already know, think, or believe. The committee's goal, therefore, is not to promote a certain point of view, but to generate discussion; not to impose particular ideas, but to challenge preconceived ones; not to inculcate a particular value system, but to question unthinking support of any value system. By introducing freshmen to the challenges of thinking for themselves about complex issues, of confronting perspectives quite different from their own, and of defending their own perspectives, the committee hopes to foster growth, education, and a deepening of values.

The committee chose Mark Hertsgaard's book because he writes out of a deep love for the United States at the same time he challenges Americans to see their place in the world more realistically. Not because we should do what others tell us to do. Not because others are right and we are wrong. But because it is in our own best interests to understand why other countries see us the way they do. Our role as a world leader and perhaps our very survival, Hertsgaard argues, depends upon our ability to see and understand ourselves within that larger context. Understanding other viewpoints gains us much more than it loses us, he suggests, and understanding other viewpoints does not necessarily mean accepting those viewpoints.

Mark Hertsgaard's book also reminds us that loving and fighting for our country may mean disagreeing with it – our democracy was founded on dissent, our great social movements have grown out of dissent, and our Constitution grants us the right to dissent. Hertsgaard's book and talk, the many classroom discussions about his ideas, students' explorations of other media sources, the excitement over the election, letters to the editor – all of it keeps our country strong.

Asking freshmen to widen their perspectives, to become more fully aware of the United States' role in the world, and to take part in such an examination, does not undercut our country, but strengthens it.

The committee appreciates the alumni who took the time to write and express their opinions and hopes alumni will join the campus in reading next year's book, Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World.*

Sincerely,
Beth Rigel Daugherty,
Professor of English and
Spring Quarter Interim Co-Chair,
Common Book Selection Committee

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Regarding an article entitled "Students as Farmers...Otterbein's Early and Unsuccessful Experiment with the Manual Labor Movement" in the 2005 edition of the Winter/Spring *Towers* Magazine, I must admit I was left quite unfulfilled. Perhaps it would be best to explain my own Otterbein experience.

I was lucky enough to study at Otterbein in the late 90's in the Equine Science Department. I am now the Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the leading commodity board for the horse industry in the State of Maryland. I regularly advise the Governor and the Secretary of Agriculture on matters affecting the State horse industry. An industry which in this State is accepted as one of the only viable forms of agriculture in a steadily urbanized area. Which, in the small State of Maryland has a 1.5 billion dollar annual impact, with industry participants holding over 10% of the States land, with assets totaling more than 5.2 billion dollars, and finally with tens of thousands of residents employed. I would never have achieved my position without my Otterbein Equine Science education, and my experiences on the Otterbein horse farm.

I was a bit, I guess the best term would be, offended by the assumption that manual labor experiments regarding agriculture had in the words of the article author been "an experiment, noble in intent, from a pastoral time, had failed." I would counter and say that this experiment merely took a century to perfect.

One of the most overlooked aspects of the Otterbein education is the wonderful opportunities made available through the Otterbein Equine Science Department and its farm. Indeed the current Otterbein farm is not even owned by the College but is instead leased. While at Otterbein I spent almost every morning cleaning stalls to acquire a small portion of money towards my tuition expenses. The Otterbein farm was, and remains a beautifully run facility. Which, while small, is a perfect model of what can be done with limited resources.

I urge the *Towers* magazine to print a follow up article on the role of agriculture, with a special focus on the Equine Science Department in [a future] issue. It does not suit such a wonderful magazine to be so narrow in its explanation.

Thank you.

J. Robert Burk '00
Executive Director
Maryland Horse Industry Board

Into the Arena

After five years in backup roles for Arena Football teams in places such as Roanoke and Rochester, Matt D'Orazio '00 is lighting up the scoreboard for his hometown Columbus Destroyers

by John Hulkenberg '81

Columbus Destroyers quarterback Matt D'Orazio enters the room wearing a casual sports shirt and shorts. Just before the interview begins, you immediately notice the ample turf burns on each knee and an eyebrow-raising right elbow that's black-and-blue nasty.

"My elbow sort of exploded," he says. "I came down on the turf funny, and said, 'This is going to be bad.' "

Call them battle scars that just naturally come with playing in the pass-happy Arena Football League, where high-density foam rubber walls surround a 50-yard, hard artificial turf field.

D'Orazio, 28, a standout QB at Otterbein from 1996 through 1999, endured his share of bruises this past season, both figuratively and emotionally. The second-year Destroyers floundered – winning just two games all year. Penalties, poor tackling and blocking, bad bounces and turnovers all helped spell a long season. A dizzying four-quarterback carousel, which included D'Orazio, could never provide stability.

However, D'Orazio was at the helm for both wins. He was named the AFL Offensive Player of the Week after his auspicious start against the Chicago Rush in February. He led the Destroyers to a 52-39 win before a sold-out Nationwide Arena. Playing a nearly flawless game in his first start, D'Orazio completed 26 of 33 passes for 281 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran for another score. He also was named Offensive Player of the Game on May 15 in a victory over the Philadelphia Soul. He completed 28-43 passes for 283 yards and six scores in that game. He also threw seven touchdown passes in a season-ending loss to Tampa Bay.

Through the ups and downs, D'Orazio has maintaineed a confident, under-control exterior. He's polite and well-spoken, with an introspective manner. At 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds, the 1995 Columbus St. Francis

DeSales High School graduate is refreshingly candid. He considers himself a jokester (his favorite movie's *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*), drives a minivan and he's a man of strong faith.

Oh, and you sense an unmistakable humble demeanor – someone who doesn't like attention.

Opportunity and Setback

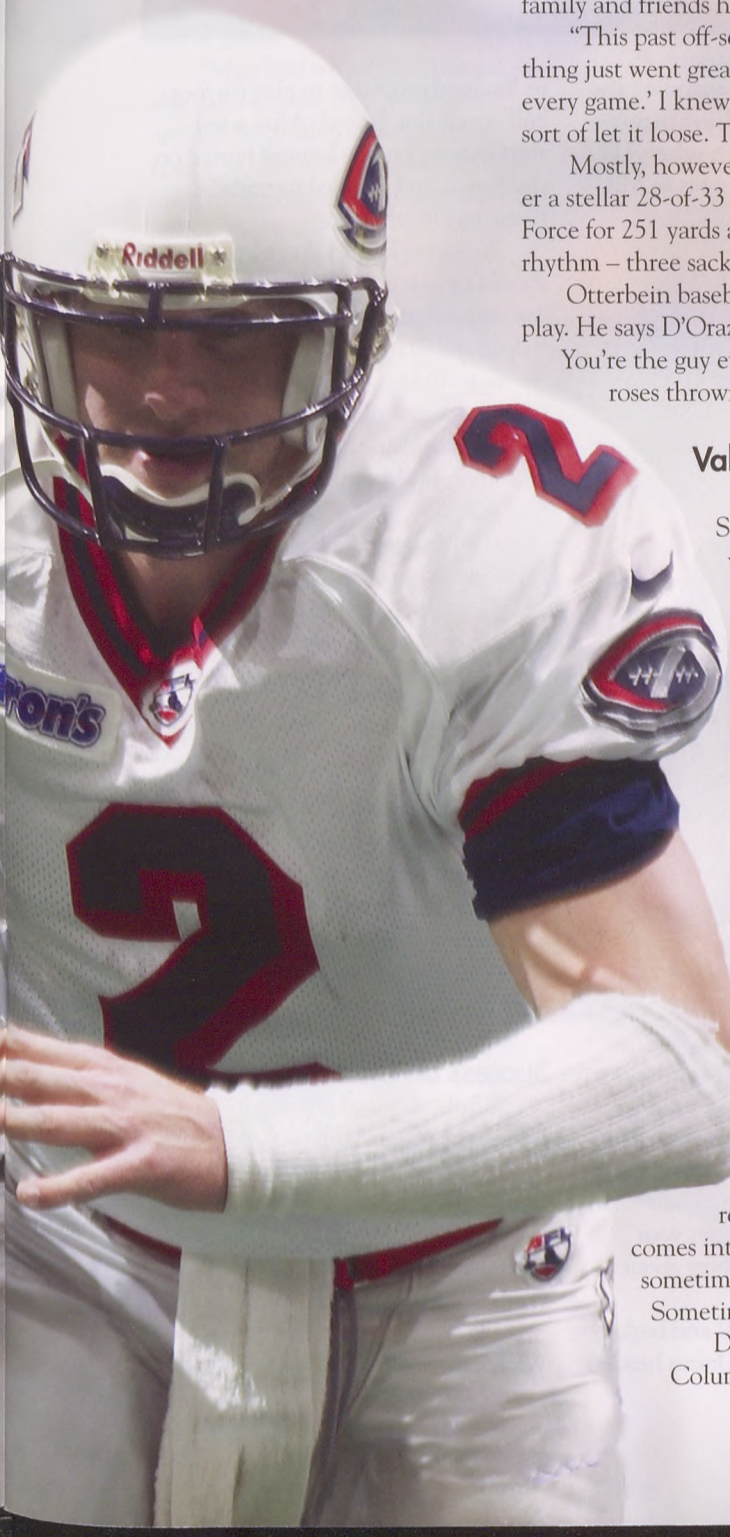
There's a naturalness to D'Orazio, a down-to-earth quality that belies a fiercely competitive nature. However, it's not long before a dreadful season's misery peppers the conversation. "The losses were really tough to take," he says. "It was hard on everyone. And disappointing the fans, sometimes that's even worse than the coaches..."

Most competitive people love to prove the naysayers wrong, but not D'Orazio. "There's nothing better than trying to prove people right," he says. "I've got a lot of family and friends here who support me. I like to prove them right."

"This past off-season I was just praying I'd get a chance," he says. "Then everything just went great against Chicago and I'm thinking, 'This is easy. I can do this every game.' I knew it wasn't going to be all touchdowns and celebrations, but I just sort of let it loose. Then you expect it every week."

Mostly, however, all the euphoria was short-lived. Two games later, he put together a stellar 28-of-33 passing effort in a subsequent loss to Georgia. He torched the Force for 251 yards and four TDs, but the Destroyers couldn't establish any offensive rhythm – three sacks and four holding penalties can deflate the best of teams.

Otterbein baseball coach George Powell made the trip to Atlanta to see his buddy play. He says D'Orazio wanted to win so bad,"you could see the frustration in his eyes. You're the guy everything's centered around. When things are good, you get all the roses thrown at you; when things are bad, people shoot the arrows."



Valuable Lessons

"He was just up and down this year," Columbus coach Chris Spielman says. "There's times where he was very good and times when he was very average. But he continues to work and has a world of ability. He has a chance to be as good as he wants to be.

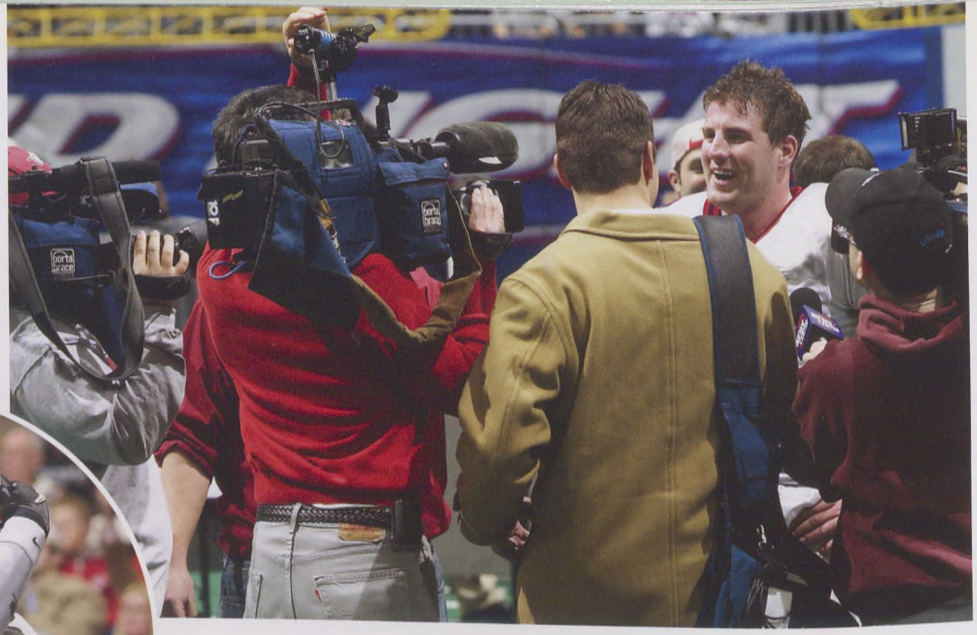
"What he needs to work on—and he knows it—is his consistency. He has every tool a quarterback needs. But you've got to score touchdowns. You've got to bat 9 for 11 in possessions. That's what the good ones do and that's what we expect all our quarterbacks to do."

After the win over Chicago, Columbus lost its next three and Spielman benched D'Orazio, but while the former Cardinal eventually regained the starting nod, Destroyers' blunders continued, forcing Spielman to make yet another switch. Finally, D'Orazio won back the starting role for the last two games of the season.

"Hopefully, all this just helps me become a better quarterback," D'Orazio says. "The biggest change between college and the pros is the quick decisions and the tighter throws. And the defensive backs. These guys are all borderline NFL-caliber. You throw a ball and say, 'Oh, that's good,' then the guy comes out of nowhere."

The Destroyers' primary offensive specialist, Damien Groce, says once D'Orazio gets used to the game more and reads coverages a little better, he'll be a great QB. "Sometimes he comes into the huddle with that let's-jam-it-down-their-throat attitude, and sometimes he's real quiet," Groce says. "That's that humble side he has. Sometimes he gets fed up. I like to see that side of him."

D'Orazio, who now lives in the Clintonville neighborhood of Columbus, has tasted more than his share of Arena fare. He got his shot



Right: *Matt D'Orazio basks in the glory of a victory over the Chicago Rush in February.* **Below:** *Happiness is a touchdown.* **Bottom:** *Number 2 launches another completion.*

with Columbus after spending the last five years languishing in multiple back-up roles with other AFL and Arena Football 2 teams in Milwaukee, Wis., Roanoke, Va., Rochester and Buffalo, N.Y.

"This is a quarterback-driven league," Spielman says. "Matt's got to concentrate while he's in the game to keep his technique. Sometimes he reverts back to old habits. When he stays with his technique, he's as good as there is."

Solid Support System

Regardless of where football takes D'Orazio professionally, his support system has every confidence in him. That includes his July bride-to-be, **Nicole Braun '98**, a first-grade teacher in Gahanna. They met in Courtright Memorial Library. "If football were to end tomorrow, which it won't, Matt's so hard-working, he'll be successful no matter what," she says.

D'Orazio played this past season on a one-year contract, and just like in the NFL, no contracts are guaranteed except for signing bonuses. "That's the only bad thing, when you're getting married and starting a family," he says. "But you definitely make enough money to live on. A lot of my salary this year was incentive-based. I've never really been concerned about money. You get your chance to do well. You worry about that later."

After playing football and basketball at DeSales High, D'Orazio headed to Youngstown State to play for football coach Jim Tressel. After a redshirt season, he saw himself buried on the bench and decided to transfer home to Otterbein.

"Looking back, I don't know if I should've acted so quickly," he says. "I was somewhat immature then, but it's helped me to not make such quick decisions today. The ironic thing is I come back and play at Otterbein, then I come into the Arena league and sit around for six years before I play again."

It's all about life lessons, says Rye D'Orazio, Matt's father and an assistant football coach at DeSales. He says when Matt's been given the opportunity, he's typically risen to the occasion.

"My father always taught us that there's a seed to equal or greater benefit in every adversity," says Rye, one of about 10 coaches in the immediate family. "It's up to us to go find out what that is. Someday he might be in a tougher situation where there's more on the line, I hate to say, than winning a football game."

Success on the OC Gridiron

While at Otterbein, D'Orazio earned the Ohio Athletic Conference Mike Gregory Award as the Most Outstanding Back in the conference three consecutive years and was nominated for the Melberger Award as the Division III National Player of the Year.

Playing for former Cardinals coach Wally Hood, D'Orazio led Otterbein to

a 7-3 mark his senior season in 1999, the Cardinals' first winning season since 1982 – and most productive since. The elementary education major wracked up 36 touchdown passes that season among his 2,798 yards, a campaign that saw Otterbein pull off a memorable 32-12 win over visiting Baldwin-Wallace, the team's first win over the Yellow Jackets since 1930.

Former Cardinals receiver Ben Streby, who hauled in a school-record five TD passes from D'Orazio that day, remembers his QB making plays the whole game.

"Matt had a lot of confidence and was calling some audibles down around the goal line," says Streby, now a 27-year-old state auditor. "He just put the ball up a couple times and let me go get it. He was always in charge of the huddle. He would come in and let everyone know what was going on, lead us up to the line and take it from there.

"He could put some touch on it, but he could also rifle it in there if he needed to. I didn't appreciate his arm as much until I go back and watch him play now. You don't see many people in our league who can throw it as far as he can."

What About Tomorrow?

Most football fans are familiar with the rags-to-riches tale of Kurt Warner. He's the former AFL quarterback and two-time NFL most valuable player, who led the St. Louis Rams to a Super Bowl win in 1999. Warner defied the odds – a vision D'Orazio and other Arena players look to for inspiration.

"Matt has this dream with football," Braun says. "He wants to go somewhere with it. Everything he does each day hopefully goes to that goal."

For the season, D'Orazio completed 63 percent of his passes for 2,268 yards and 40 TDs with 6 interceptions. He also rushed for 178 yards.

"You've just got to make the best of any competitive situation," Rye D'Orazio says. "Right now, hopefully everything he's gone through this season will make him a better player. And out of all this, he'll become a better coach when he coaches."

"I'm doing what I love to do, and I've definitely been blessed," the younger D'Orazio says. "If things were to end tomorrow, I have no fear in that. I'm a pretty positive person." ■

...And Some Down Home Cheers

When Matt D'Orazio played home games this year, the hometown fans were vocal in their support of one of their own. And leading the cheers on the sidelines was another Otterbein graduate, **Cherina Scholl '04**.

A gymnast in high school, she is known simply as "Cher" to Destroyer fans, and has been a member of the Bombshells, the Destroyer's cheerleading/dance team for the last two years. Cher also danced for the Columbus Crew, Columbus's professional soccer team.

Last year she was a unanimous pick to represent the Columbus Destroyers at the Arena Bowl, the Arena Football League's championship game held in Las Vegas. Only one cheerleader from each team gets to go to the Arena Bowl.

The process of becoming a Bombshell is an arduous journey. Cher says, "There were over two hundred girls that tried out. Over the course of four days girls just keep getting cut. You have to try out every year. I work hard, practice hard. And I get along with everyone. You have to be dedicated. We have two practices a week, and we usually do three dances a game." That's in addition to cheering on the sidelines during the game, and also circulating through the crowd, interacting with the fans.

Cher came to Otterbein to major in broadcasting. "I actually looked into several schools, and broadcasting at Otterbein seemed to be more open to new ideas creativity-wise. Plus, all of the students there were more welcoming than any other college I went to." She currently is an account coordinator for SOS Video Communications and works with such clients as Victoria's Secret, Bath and Bodyworks, and Starbucks.

"Basically I'm the center of communications for our clients, our editors, and our audio people. So my client comes up with a script, tells me what he wants, I go get it done, and come back to make sure the client is happy."

But on game day she's making the Destroyer fans happy. Including other Otterbein alumni. "They show our bios at the beginning of the game and mine says I graduated from Otterbein. It's amazing how many alumni come up to me and say, 'Hey, you went to Otterbein, I went to Otterbein.' That connection is another reason I chose Otterbein."

Cherina Scholl '04, Destroyer Bombshell

THE "O" CLUB TURNS 50

Edwin L. "Dubbs" Roush '47 earned this Varsity "O" sweater in 1941 before joining the U.S. Navy. He returned to Otterbein, lettering in four sports, and was the quarterback and co-captain of the 1946 championship football team. In 1955, Roush helped to found the "O" Club and served as its first president.

With humble beginnings as an outgrowth of the Varsity "O" Club, a college club for male student athletes who earned varsity letters, the Otterbein "O" Club will mark its 50th anniversary of serving Otterbein College athletics this October.

In 50 years the "O" Club has benefited the Otterbein community, and especially Otterbein athletics, in numerous ways. From stadium lights, athletic shoes, uniforms, equipment, maintenance of and improvements to playing fields, scoreboards, student-athlete transportation, spring trips, events and championship rings to new instruments and uniforms for the band, the "O" Club has actively supported the college for 50 years by subsidizing expenses not covered in the college's operating budget. However, as Otterbein's administration has worked effectively to bring the athletic budgets more in line with NCAA standards, the "O" Club has been able to concentrate its efforts on its most ambitious project to date – replacing the 1948 Memorial Stadium.

The initiative to build a new stadium was led by **Robert "Moe" Agler '48**, **William N. "Bill" Freeman '57, Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47**, and **Elmer "Bud" Yoest '53** – all of whom have played vital roles in the "O" Club. The Vida S. Clements Foundation joined with "O" Club supporters to provide the necessary financial backing. The stadium is a gift to the college from the Clements Foundation and the "O" Club and represents the loyal devotion to Otterbein shared by many former athletes and athletic boosters.

Before there was an "O" Club or a Clements Foundation, there was the Varsity "O" Club. As far back as the early 1900s and through the late 1960s, Otterbein's yearbook, the Sibyl, includes black and white photographs of groups of young men in their Varsity "O" sweaters. These student-athletes had received the coveted cardinal sweater with a big tan letter "O" after

they earned their first varsity letter at Otterbein. As Yoest put it, "When you got your varsity "O," you were something."

Old Sibyls describe the Varsity "O" Club as a leading student organization on campus. The club members worked the sporting events and ran concessions in addition to hosting several social events for the entire campus. In the fall they hosted a series of competitions between the freshmen and sophomore classes referred to as "Scrap Days." The event concluded with a tug-of-war across Alum Creek. In the winter, the Varsity "O" Club ran winter homecoming, selecting its queen. And they concluded the academic year with the highly-anticipated, annual variety show.

During the 1940s, male students left Otterbein in droves to enlist in the military during World War II. **Warren "Ernie" Ernsberger, '43** recalls that over 30 members in his Sphinx fraternity enlisted. Many returned to continue their education at Otterbein. In 1948 the new football stadium was dedicated to those who answered their country's call.

There is a saying that "there's nothing like winning." In 1946, Otterbein's centennial year, under the guidance of new head coach and veteran, George W. Novotny, a former Ohio State University football tackle, Otterbein fielded its one and only championship football team. Dubbs Roush, the quarterback, and several other teammates were already WWII veterans. **Francis "Red" Bailey '43**, a former center with the distinction of playing every minute of every game during his senior season, was also a veteran who returned as an assistant coach. Moe Agler, who had survived the Normandy Invasion, returned to play fullback.

Their OAC record was five wins and zero losses. Only West Virginia, who had previously defeated Army 19-0, beat the Cardinals 13 to 7 – but those who were there recall questionable refereeing in the last minutes of the game on the Mountaineers' home field. (On a side note, Otterbein beat Albion 40-0 during the Centennial Homecoming game that year, a feat Coach Novotny took special pleasure in. Albion's coach had been Novotny's superior in the Navy.)

Many factors went into the sense of loyalty Roush, Bailey, Agler, and others felt towards their alma mater. Among them were a lasting appreciation for the doors that were opened in their own lives because of athletics, the existence and traditions of the Varsity "O" student club, the experience of surviving World War II when over 400,000 Americans did not, the thrill of winning the first championship at Otterbein since football was instituted in 1890, and the life-long camaraderie among old teammates.

Although there were certainly earlier discussions among several Varsity "O" alumni, records show that in 1955, Bailey and Roush approached the Otterbein administration about organizing a Varsity "O" alumni club. At the time, Dr. J. Gordon Howard was college president, Harry Ewing was athletic director, and Agler was the newly appointed head football coach. They received the administration's approval. A Varsity "O" alumni reunion dinner was planned following the October 22 homecoming game. Following the dinner, Roush and Bailey presented their plans. Their presentation met with success and the "O" Club was officially established with Roush serving as president, Bailey serving as vice president, **John Zezech '44**, serving as secretary and treasurer, and **Harold Augspurger '41**, and **Dwight "Smokey" Ballenger '39**, serving as directors. Fund-raising events and recruiting dinners began in earnest almost immediately.

Dubbs Roush said of the club's forming, "Since I was the quarterback and captain of the 1946 championship team, it gave me the courage and dedication to help future teams. I played against Moe Agler in high school, and when they put the two of us together, we won."

By 1958, the "O" Club was in a position to install lights in the stadium – almost. According to Bud

The "O" Club

Upcoming Dates

July 18	Dayton Golf Outing - Wright-Patterson AFB
Sept. 17	Stadium Re-dedication - Reception following game at Villa Milano
Oct. 2	SuperGames in the Stadium
Oct. 9	Annual Social & Auctions - The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Oct. 10	31st Annual Fall Golf Classic, The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Oct. 22	Otterbein's Homecoming & the "O" Club's 50th Anniversary. Dinner program to be held following the game at the Embassy Suites
Dec. 29-30	26th Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic

"O" Club Board of Directors as of October 10, 2004

President – Paul S. Reiner '68
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Yoest, Otterbein had to compete with The Ohio State University for crowds. "Ohio State drew the afternoon crowds, and we had to ask how to increase the attendance at Otterbein," Yoest said. "The answer was to have night games, which needed lighting. Some of the members mortgaged their houses to fund those lights."

Since we had no money, we would use our own cars to transport the teams to their games," Yoest added. This was a tradition that continued through the 1970s when the club bought four vans for the College.

"Anytime people make sacrifices for something, money or otherwise, it encourages others to do the same," Roush said.

In its 50 year history, the "O" Club has had ten presidents: **Dubbs Roush '47, Red Bailey '43, Everett Whipkey '32, Smokey Ballenger '39, Ron Jones '61, Oscar Lord H'90, Sonny D'Andrea '73, Moe Agler '48, Don Carlos '67** and **Paul Reiner '68**. Ballenger has the distinction of having the longest tenure as president at 32 years.

Known affectionately as "Mr. Otterbein," Ballenger worked tirelessly within the community and among the alumni to raise support and money for the athletics department and "O" Club. Upon his retirement in the 1970s his commitment became a full-time passion. Yoest recalls that when he was athletic director Ballenger met with him daily. When he wasn't out soliciting he was "cooking up" something else. Ballenger's death in January of 1990 ushered in a new era for the "O" Club. Jones, who had served for many years as vice president, stepped into the role of president. By that time interest revenue from investments, carefully managed by **Gary Swisher '69**, generated enough income to allow the "O" Club to hire its first employee. **Craig Gifford '57** was hired as the "O" Club's executive director and brought with him talents and contacts which benefited the "O" Club in innumerable ways. With one brief interruption, Gifford served as executive director until his retirement in 1998 at which time **Rebekah Medaugh Carlisle '81** became the executive director.

One of the most significant developments within the "O" Club was establishment of the "O" Club Foundation in 1981. Initiated and formulated by Agler, Roush, Ballenger and Yoest, as well as **Jack**

Groseclose '49, long-time "O" Club treasurer, the Foundation was created for the purpose of providing interest funds to be used for the Otterbein athletic department. Bailey served as counsel to the Foundation, soundly guiding the "O" Club through the legal maneuvers. The initial goal was to solicit $1,000 pledges from 100 people, to be paid over a three-year period. When that goal was met, the sights were set on $300,000. Eventually the mark was raised to $1 million. The vision of the men already mentioned, combined with their own enthusiasm and personal integrity, the countless donations of hundreds and hundreds of athletic boosters, and time, eventually yielded the desired results and put the "O" Club in the position to undertake the Stadium Project.

Time marches on with or without us. Of the original members of the "O" Club board and "O" Club Foundation board, only Agler, Augspurger, Roush and Yoest remain. But they and their fellow board members have created a legacy that will benefit generations of future student-athletes. They were and are special people – men of vision and integrity, brought together by their love of Otterbein athletics and a lifelong commitment to enhancing the athletic experience of Otterbein's student-athletes.

The Otterbein "O" Club is an unincorporated nonprofit association, operating separately from the college, and governed by a volunteer board of directors. Membership in the "O" Club is open to persons and businesses interested in supporting Otterbein College athletics. Former team members are considered automatic, lifetime members of the "O" Club. An annual donation of $50 is suggested to help the "O" Club defray its costs and meet requests for funding. Donations for the Stadium Project continue to be accepted. To be added to the "O" Club's mailing list, or for more information, contact the "O" Club at 614-823-3555 or oclub-home@columbus.rr.com. ■

The Varsity "O" Cub from the 1947 Sibyl.

Dr. Harold F. Augspurger '41 (left) and Dwight C. "Smokey" Ballenger '39, present the annual Augspurger-Ballenger Outstanding Athlete Award, established in 1942, to Mark S. Granger in the spring of 1979. Augspurger and Ballenger were four-sport lettermen at Otterbein and original directors of the "O" Club. Ballenger went on to serve for 32 years as the "O" Club president.

Members of the 1946 football championship team enjoy the 50th anniversary reunion sponsored by the "O" Club in October 1996.

First Student Speaker Highlights Commencement 2005

Otterbein College celebrated the successful completion of 682 degrees —561 undergraduate and 121 graduate—the weekend of June 11-12, 2005.

The commencement ceremony for those completing master's degrees was held on June 11. The speaker for the ceremony was Mr. Dennis Farrow, the senior vice president for the Midwest Region of Wendy's International. He is currently responsible for the stewardship and management of more than 1,100 Wendy's locations, $1.6 billion in revenue, and 34,000 company and franchise employees.

Undergraduates celebrated their accomplishments at a ceremony on June 12. Among the undergraduates walking in the ceremony was Jeff Gibbs, the first athlete at Otterbein to be named an All-American in two different sports. (Read more about Jeff in the accompanying story.)

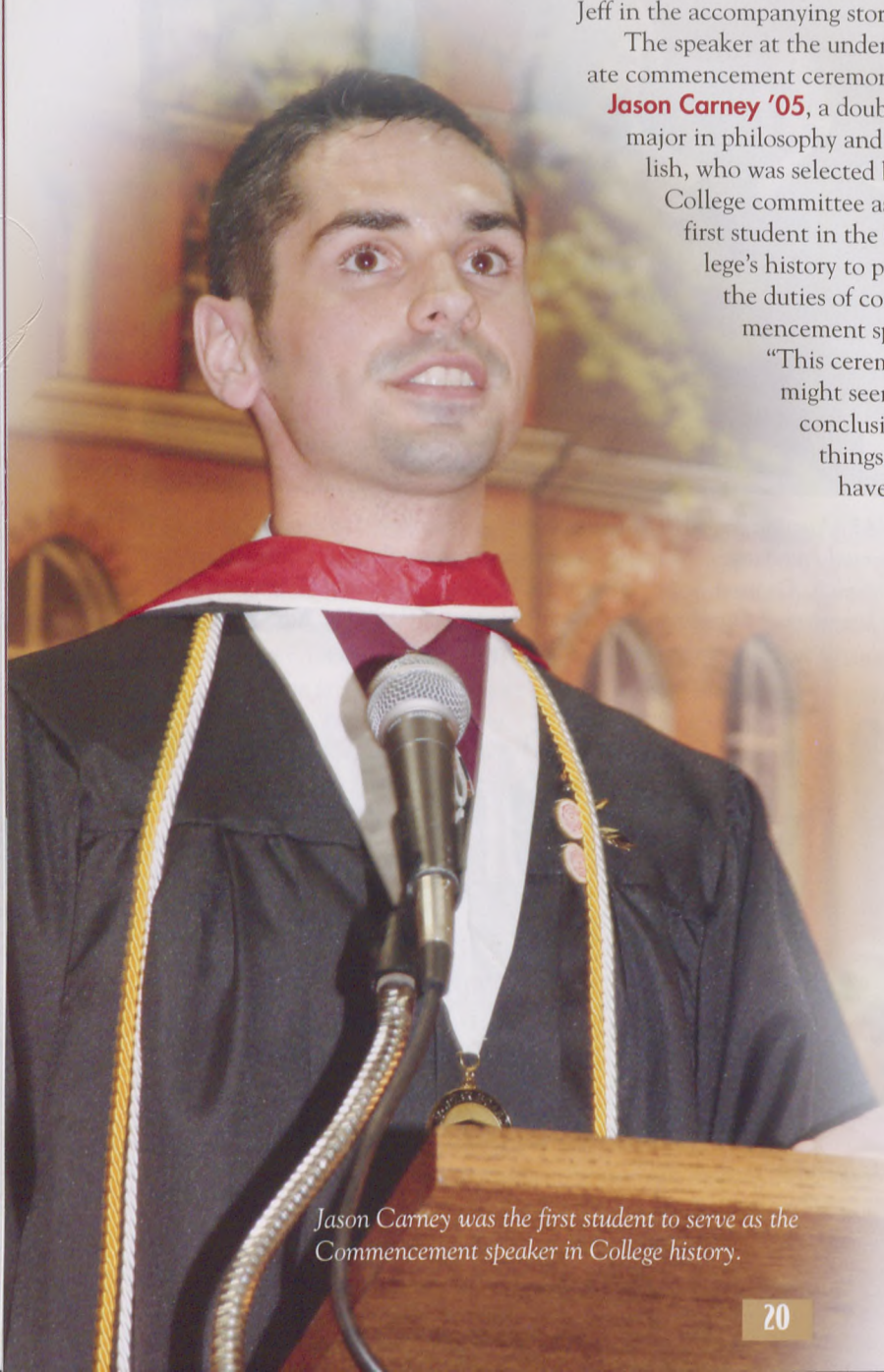
The speaker at the undergraduate commencement ceremony was **Jason Carney '05**, a double major in philosophy and English, who was selected by a College committee as the first student in the College's history to perform the duties of commencement speaker. "This ceremony might seem like a conclusion, but things, as we have no doubt realized by now, are not always as they seem," began Carney.

"I confess that I arrived here a slightly different person than I am leaving. Gone are many comfortable beliefs about the way the world works; and in their stead are numerous anxieties about the mists of mystery which wrap the future, which wrap the road as it tapers into oblivion. It's interesting, but as the world reveals itself so follows the realization of how much we don't know," related Carney.

He spoke eloquently about human nature and transitions, drawing parallels with Greek mythology figures and philosophers' observations. "The conflict between skepticism and faith is a theme which has dominated much of my thoughts throughout my studies at Otterbein, throughout my ascent from the darkness of Plato's cave," continued Carney. "Should one believe blindly, should one yoke the winds of indifference heavenward, or should one peer beneath rocks, read between the lines, question, scrutinize, turn left when everyone else indefinitely goes right. The truth of the matter is we're all going to make these choices."

"One thing is certain - we are all human, and there are plenty more on the way. By the time I've finished this speech numerous lives will have ended, and numerous lives will have began," finished Carney. "I've realized that we are all participants in this same symphony of humanity - breathing the same air, drinking the same water, eating of the same planet's bounty. In every human's eye we can see our own reflection. Studying human nature has revealed that to me."

Jason is a member of Torch and Key Academic Honorary, Phi Eta Sigma Academic Fraternity, Mortar Board, and has been recognized for his literary talents by receiving first place for the 2005 *Quiz and Quill* Lit-



Jason Carney was the first student to serve as the Commencement speaker in College history.

erary Magazine Short Fiction Contest, first place for the *Quiz and Quill* 2004 Playwriting Contest, the Louis Gleim Williams Writers Award and the John W. Fisher Memorial Award.

His involvement in campus life has included service as president of Mortar Board, the founding member of the Otterbein Philosophy Club, president of Torch and Key, chaplain of Lambda Gamma Epsilon Fraternity and president of the Otterbein Interfraternity Council and Greek Governing Board. He is published in the Otterbein Humanities Journal *Aegis*, Otterbein's literary magazine *Quiz and Quill* and won honorable mention for the 2005 East Central Colleges Literary Review.

Linmoor-Otterbein Scholars Graduate

Tiffany Collins, Antwan Smith and Darren Smith, all students from the last class of Linmoor-Otterbein Scholars Program, graduated on Sunday, June 12.

These students were selected to participate in the Linmoor-Otterbein Scholars Program during their 6th grade year at Linmoor Middle School, a central city school in Columbus. The goal of this partnership program was to prepare selected at-risk students to attend Otterbein College.

Students were required to remain active participants in the program through high school taking college preparatory courses and interacting with their Otterbein mentors in academic and career discussions. Activities and field trips with their mentors were also required and involved cultural and social events.

Successful completion of this program through 12th grade qualified these students to be admitted to Otterbein College and to receive grants and financial aid from all available sources to assist with tuition.

While enrolled at Otterbein these students became student leaders active in the African American Student Union (AASU) and other campus organizations.

"Gibby" Concludes Collegiate Career

by Justin Hamilton

For Otterbein senior Jeff Gibbs, the road to receiving his college diploma may have taken a little longer than he anticipated.

Beginning in 1998, the future two-sport standout began his college days at Otterbein before a number of opportunities arose that caused him to extend his time as a Cardinal.

Gibbs, like every other senior at Otterbein, finally got to make that proud walk and grab his diploma June 12.

"It's about time," said Gibbs when asked about his thoughts on receiving his diploma. "I knew I had to come back and get it done now or else it may have never gotten finished."

Gibbs, who was the first athlete at Otterbein to be named an All-American in two different sports, was a wide receiver on the football team as well as a power forward for the Cardinal basketball team. He was named the 2001-02 "player of the year" by the American Basketball Coaches Association (ABCA) as he helped lead Otterbein to the 2002 national championship.

While in school, Gibbs played professional basketball in Germany with the Ehingen Steeples, where he averaged 22 points and 13 rebounds per game last season. He plans on continuing his basketball career upon graduation.

Basketball was not the only thing that needed attention during his time at Otterbein. Gibbs met his future-wife April while he was at Otterbein and they tied the knot while he was in school. The two had their first child, Jeff Gibbs III, last year and are expecting their second in the upcoming months.

Gibbs arranged with his team in Germany last winter extra time to complete his college coursework and earn the rights to his diploma.

With so many tasks to juggle, Gibbs needed help in making the step from being a college freshman to the man he is today. The men's basketball head coach played an integral part in developing Gibbs not only as a basketball player but a person as well.

"I came into college as an 18-year old freshman who didn't know a lot about college life, but Dick Reynolds helped me become a more mature person. He was the most influential person during my time at Otterbein and he taught me philosophies about life first, and sports second.

"I am proud of everything that I have done sports-wise, including winning a national championship and being the first player to be named an All-American in two sports," Gibbs said. "Meeting my future wife-to-be during my time here is something I will always be thankful for."

Jeff Gibbs, right, with wife April and son Jeff III.

photos by Roger Routson and Todd Yarrington

Class of 2005!

Alumni

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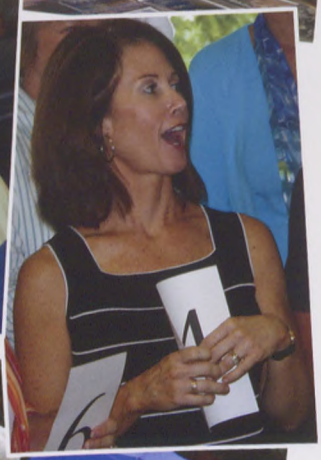

Alumni Weekend 2005 boasted a wide array of activities for returning alumni with nearly 260 alumni visiting from 27 states and one international country, Japan. The Weekend was planned by new Alumni Director **Becky Fickel Smith '81** and a committee of 60 alumni, who worked hard to provide alumni with connections to Otterbein's people, places and events that enriched their lives. "Celebrating Otterbein's Past, Present and Future" was the theme that allowed alumni to share in the richness of the past, take in state-of-the-art facilities of the present and understand the college's future opportunities.

During Alumni Weekend, special recognition was given to the Golden Reunion Class of 1955. For this 50-year reunion class, special activities were planned, including a reception, social and dinners.

Other groups celebrating reunions at this year's festivities were the classes of 1950, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, as well as Honored Alumni Classes that graduated prior to 1955 and emeriti professors.

An exciting aspect of the weekend were tours of the newly renovated Cowan Hall, Clements Recreation Center, Mayne Hall and The Frank Museum of Art, which also featured educational sessions.

The annual Alumni Luncheon honored award winners **David Lehman '70**, Service to Otterbein Award; **Douglas Knight '63**, **Allen Manson '60** and **Tatsuo Tsuda '55**, Special Achievement Award; and **William '56** and **Sonya Stauffer '56 Evans**, Distinguished Alumni Award.

The luncheon was followed by desserts specially made from the recipes of past-presidents' wives of the College, served in the Courtright Memorial Library's new addition, the Otter Bean Café. Taking advantage of the wireless internet technology in the café, many alumni signed up as new members of Otterbein's online community.

One highlight of the weekend was the historical display of images in the library, created by College Archivist **Stephen Grinch '98**, **Mary Pat Knight H'00** and **Colette Masterson '05**. In addition, **Joanne Van Sant H'70** gave two presentations about her memories of the College. Better known and loved as "Dean Van," she packed the classroom for both discussions.

Throughout the day, photographers captured images of alumni celebrating the past, present and future. These photographs then became part of a presentation at the all-class alumni dinner at the Little Turtle Country Club on Saturday night.

Weekend 2005

Golden Reunion Class of '55

First Row: Marlene Regos Hodder, Macel McDermott Hayes, Patricia Tumblin Rapp, Joyce Naftzger Grabill, Nevart Chorbajian Marashlian, Donna Sniff Sitton, Frances M. Holden, Joyce Prinzler Patterson, Carole Lincoln Grandstaff, Nita Shannon Leland, Ginny Hill Keim **Second Row:** Harvey B. Smith, Tatsuo Tsuda, David Kay, Howard Longmire, Virginia Phillippi Longmire, Mary Ellen Catlin Myers, Nancy Stephenson Apel, Patricia Kaltenbach Ampe, Donna Good Brantman, Joe Walker **Third Row:** Ray Forsyth, Don Unger, Wayne Fowler, Bob Billman, Vernon Feen, Gerald Obenauer, Robert E. Fowler, Don Ciampa **Fourth Row:** Joyce Bowman Barnhill, Les Foor, William Goff, Donald Rapp, Richard Termeer, Duane Yothers, Bob Arledge, Joe Eschbach, and Richard E. George

Pre Class of '55

First Row: Charles Stockton '50, Judith Edworthy Wray '50, Mickey Steiner Mokry '49, Ken Shively '50, Helen Albright Leasure '40, Martha Miltenberger Thomas '46, Richard Sanders '29, Fran Barnett Bell '50, Carol Boda Bridgman'50, Helen Haines Carlisle '53 **Second Row:** Betty Ervin Stockton '50, Miriam Woodford King'47, Lois Bachtel Sommer '48, Joan Hopkins Albrecht '50, Jan Morrison Horn '50, Bert Horn '49, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Miriam Wise Keller '53, Shirley Fritz Whitehead '50, Evelyn Bender Vance '51, Hazel Brehm Hayes '47, Betty Knight Recob '50, James Recob '50, Dick Bridgman '49 **Third Row:** H. William Troop '50, H. Wendell King '48, Dick Sellers '50, Clara Liesmann Warren '50, Vern Pack '50, Kenneth Zarbaugh '50, Bob Keller '50, Leslie E. Mokry '47, Dick Whitehead '50, Joseph R. Carlisle '50, John Albrecht '49, Bob Vance '49,Warren H. Hayes '49

Class of '50

First Row: Ken Shively, Judith Edworthy Wray, Betty Ervin Stockton, Charles Stockton, Carol Boda Bridgman, Fran Barnett Bell **Second Row:** H. William Troop, Joseph M. Albrecht, Clara Liesmann Warren, Jan Morrison Horn, Shirley Fritz Whitehead, Joan Hopkins Albrecht, Betty Knight Recob, James Recob **Third Row:** Dick Sellers, Bob Keller, Vern Pack, Dick Whitehead, Kenneth Zarbaugh, Joseph R. Carlisle

Class of '60

First Row: Beverly Easterday Krall, Connie Myers Mentzer, Ruth Robinson Carey, John Lloyd, Dottie Sardinha Pickering, Mary Lou Hill Schlenker **Second Row:** Priscilla Huprich Manson, Carolyn Swartz Royer, Lois Stebleton Doxey, Edith Walters Cole, Juanita Walraven Rusk, Hope Hulleman Orr, Laura Herrick, Thelma N. Speais **Third Row:** Allen Manson, Ralph Wilson, Gilbert M. Burkel, Tom Packer, Barbara Stansfield, Patti Wood Shahan, Lyn Yarman Stouffer, Janet Risch Selby, Barbara Puderbaugh Gribler **Fourth Row:** Nancy Veith Nygren, Hylda Mosier Strange, Wayne K. Wright, Jim Earnest, Bill Goodwin, Jerry Gribler, Earl Newberg, Mervyn Matteson

Class of '65

First Row: Marge Drew Rhoades, Lynne Puterbaugh Apple, Kitty Newman Dalrymple, Jean Thorndike Gould, Jane Barnes Page, Emily Ann Smith, Porter Miller **Second Row:** Margaret Lloyd Trent, Joseph Ignat, Jill Phillips Cervantes, Judy Buckle Airhart, Jane Schoepke Stolzenburg, Vera Garrabrant Hall, Ann Barnes Packer, Joaline Crow Mathias **Third Row:** Eileen Marty Mignerey, Margie Lengyel Olson, Rich Hamilton, J. Mills Williams, Stephen Kennedy, Raymond White, Joyce Rugh Miller, Dick Reynolds **Fourth Row:** Tom Mignerey, Charles F. Olson, Jr., Al Hood, Doug Hammond, Frederick Herman Bohse, Jon Green

Class of '70

First Row: Charlene Simmers Pershing, Char Bennett Schultz, Linda Kar Chandler, Cheryl Black **Second Row:** Elaine Armbrust, Linda Whitehouse Pace, Linda Dugan Partridge, Trish Garrett, Betsy Schlegel Frake **Third Row:** Gary Paul Price, Linda Sands Price, Sharon Ellenberger Wilson, Janet Cornish Wartman, Joy Thompson Watts **Fourth Row:** Tom Schultz, Dave Lehman, John Funk, Mark Peters

Class of '75

First Row: T. Kent Witt, Jane Melhorn Witt, Pamela Hill, Lynn Corbin, Sue Lord Caronia **Second Row:** Paul Garfinkel, Sue Tice Cherrington, Debbie Smith Seemueller, Kim Wells, Alan Goff, Betsy Nissen Goodrich

Class of '80

First Row: Gretchen Smith Checkelsky, Lori Moomaw Wood, Kyle Yoest, Patty Diamond Callahan, Pam Marsh-Eitel, Chris Carlisle **Second Row:** Joy Bundy, Susan McDaniel Gable, LeAnn Unverzagt Conard, Suzy Kramer, Carlton B. Ritenour, Sandy Bennett Milligan, Nancy Fenstermaker

David E. Lehman '70
Service to Otterbein Award

David E. Lehman has spent his whole life serving others in the Westerville area. He was born and raised in Westerville, where he graduated from Westerville High School in 1966. Dave went on to receive a bachelor's degree in math and business from Otterbein College in 1970. After graduation he married his high school sweetheart, Claudia Anderson. Claudia graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1971 and was awarded honorary alumnus status from Otterbein College in 1997.

After graduation, Dave started working for his father's wholesale picture frame company. This new job allowed him the flexibility to accept the offer of Athletic Director Bud Yoest to coach the cross-country team in the fall of 1970.

He served as head coach of the cross-country team for 30 years and loved every minute. When his own son began his high school running career, Dave stepped down to assistant, turning the job over to one of his former runners. He continues to enjoy the mentoring, coaching and development of life-long friendships that have resulted from his experience coaching cross-country. His home is always open to current and past students.

Along the way, Dave has helped raise three children, been active in his church, served as president of the Rotary Club of Westerville and been active in the Otterbein "O" Club, which he currently serves as vice president. He is also serving on the Board of Trustees of Otterbein College, representing the alumni for a four-year term.

Dave and Claudia still live adjacent to campus with daughter Teresa and granddaughter Jessica. Their son, Ben, is a sophomore at Otterbein and participates on the track and cross country teams. Their son, Jason, lives in Columbus, enabling the family to stay closely connected. Dave and Claudia feel that they have been truly blessed by God and thank God every day for their long association with the Otterbein College family.

Douglas R. Knight '63
Special Achievement Award

Douglas "Doug" R. Knight was born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1941 and raised in Columbus. He graduated from Otterbein College with a bachelor of science degree in 1963. He attended medical school at The Ohio State University, where he graduated in 1966. Doug completed graduate studies in the Biological Sciences at the University of California-Santa Barbara in 1979. His postgraduate education encompassed an internship at Henry Ford Hospital in 1967; military training in aerospace in 1967 and undersea medicine in 1972; a residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 1972; and a research fellowship at the University of California-San Diego in 1992.

Doug met Mary Pat Bowe while she was studying medical dietetics and dance performance at The Ohio State University. They were married in 1966 and have lived many places since then. Mary Pat has been a loving wife, excellent mother, and creative choreographer. Their daughter Julie and son David served in the Peace Corps after graduation from college.

Doug entered the U.S. Navy's Flight Surgeon program in 1967 under the selective service's Barry Plan. After a tour of duty in Viet Nam and clinical training in pediatric medicine, he completed clinical training in undersea medicine at the U.S. Naval Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, Connecticut. Doug completed a submarine patrol aboard the USS Sam Houston, taught diving medicine to physicians at the Naval School of Diving and Salvage and treated victims of military and civilian diving accidents. His reassignment to the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory from 1980-1989 led to collaborative field and laboratory studies of the artificial atmosphere aboard nuclear submarines. Those studies were used to design and implement a habitable fire-retardant atmosphere in sealed environments.

After retirement from the Navy, Doug studied the physiological limits of human exercise at sea level and altitude with Dr. Peter Wagner at the University of California-San Diego from 1989-1995. Doug returned to Columbus, Ohio in 1995 to work in the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Hospital. He currently performs clinical and research studies of the physiological limits of human exercise in patients with heart-lung disease.

Doug is proud of his service on governing boards for the Undersea Medical Society (1982-1986) and Otterbein College (1989-present). He retired from a hobby of long distance running and is now a member of the Clintonville Community Band.

Allen L. Manson '60 Special Achievement Award

Allen "Al" Manson was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania and grew up in a number of Ohio communities where his father, the Reverend Palmer W. Manson '47, was a minister of E.U.B. and Presbyterian Churches.

Otterbein College provided the foundation to Al's career. His education began with kindergarten in the basement of the McFadden Science Building. Years later, he spent many hours on the upper floors of that same building earning a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics. While at Otterbein he was President of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and a member of the student court and Sigma Zeta National Science Honorary Society.

Al completed Navy pilot training in 1962. Following flight training he spent three years in Patrol Squadron Ten at Brunswick, Maine flying missions over the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Al was selected to attend the Navy Test Pilot School in 1966. Following graduation, he was assigned to the Navy Flight Test Center at Patuxent River, Maryland. There he conducted flight tests of new and modified Navy airplanes. He was selected to the Society of Experimental Test Pilots in 1968.

He joined NASA in 1969 and was promoted to the Head of Research Pilots at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Al flew more than 30 different types of airplanes, including the WB-57F, flying atmospheric research missions at altitudes of 65,000 feet. He was a T-38 flight instructor, providing proficiency training for Apollo and Skylab Astronauts. Al was also a flight instructor in the Shuttle Training Aircraft, training for the challenging, unpowered approach and landing of the Orbiter.

Following his flying assignment, Al was selected as Project Manager of the NASA T-38 Avionics Upgrade in 1991. He completed this five-year, $30 million effort ahead of schedule and $5 million under budget. At completion of the T-38 Upgrade, Al was promoted to Chief of Aircraft Engineering and Maintenance. In this capacity he was responsible for the safe flying conditions of NASA airplanes and the management of a $150 million maintenance contract. Under his leadership, the Johnson Space Center never experienced an aircraft accident. Al received the NASA Exceptional Service Award and the NASA Space Flight Award for his service to NASA.

Al served NASA and the United States Government for 42 years as a Test Pilot and Aerospace Manager. He conducted flight tests of NASA and Navy airplanes and provided flight instructions to astronauts who landed on the moon and flew the Space Shuttle. He retired from NASA in 2003 and enjoys building custom furniture of his own design.

Priscilla Huprich Manson '60 and Al have been married 42 years and currently live in Kemah, Texas, a suburb of Houston. They have two married daughters, Becky Funderburk and Wendy Glaze, and four grandchildren. Al served as a Presbyterian Church Elder in Maryland and Texas. Currently he is a Deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas.

Alumni Awards

Tatsuo Tsuda '55
Special Achievement Award

Tatsuo Tsuda was born in Osaka, Japan, in 1928. He graduated from the Osaka School of Music as a piano major in 1949, and Doshisha University in Kyoto with a major in economics in 1953. He graduated from Otterbein College with majors in business administration, economics and music in 1955.

After graduation, Tatsuo entered the Tsuda Sangyo (Industry) Ltd., a well-known wholesaler handling wide range building materials, where he became the executive vice-president. In 1989, he became president of Tsuda Plywoods Manufacturing Co., from which he retired in 1999.

In 1960, the Mayor of San Francisco, California, gave Tatsuo the key to the city as a contribution to the friendship between the cities of Osaka and San Francisco.
In 1971, Tatsuo introduced the American wooden home construction called the "2x4 method" into the Japanese Market. He organized a study-guild with 11 leading lumber firms under the support of the American Embassy, and the Canadian Embassy to proof the method and convince the Japanese Government to permit the use of it. In 1974, the Japanese Authority granted this proposal. This method now maintains approximately a 15 percent share in the wooden housing market.

An honorary award was given to Tatsuo Tsuda in 1996 by the Governor of the Osaka Providence for his continuous contribution through the foreign trade to the providence.

Members of the Tsuda family who have attended Otterbein College include: Tatsuo Tsuda, 1953-1955, Eiji Tsuda 1961-1962, Yuichi Tsuda, 1963-1964, Masaaki Tsuda, 1965-1966 and Yutaka Tsuda, 1984.

Willam '56 & Sonya '56 Evans Distinguished Alumni Award

In the spring of 1952, Otterbein College invited interested high school seniors to campus to compete for four academic scholarships. Two of the winners of those scholars were Bill Evans and Sonya Stauffer. In the spring of 1954 in Alum Creek Park, Bill proposed to Sonya. They were married during spring break in 1955. Sonya graduated with honors the following June with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. Bill graduated with honors in June 1956 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

Immediately after graduation, Bill and Sonya moved to Pittsburgh where Bill accepted a position with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. During his five years with Westinghouse, Bill transferred from Pittsburgh to Columbus and then to the Lima facility. His work involved developing computer models of an early design for space suits and simulation of the Air Force's Dyna Soar vehicle. He also managed the computer facilities and was an active participant in the standardization effort for the FORTRAN scientific computer language. Sonya worked as a medical technologist in all three cities. Their son, Mike, and daughter, Cindy, were born during these years.

With a young family, Bill and Sonya welcomed the opportunity to move back to Columbus when Bill was offered a position with Battelle Memorial Institute. In 1963, Bill was selected by Battelle to lead the development of scientific computing for the Korean Institute of Science and Technology (KIST). Sonya started teaching math and science in Columbus, Worthington and Westerville while taking summer courses at Otterbein.

In 1973-74, the Evans family lived in London, England, where Bill was given a visiting faculty position at the University of London with responsibility for improving operational access to their supercomputing complex. Sonya substitute taught four days each week in various secondary schools in southwest London.

After returning to Columbus, Ohio, Sonya worked full time for a year to earn a master's degree in educational administration at the Ohio State University. In the fall of 1975 she accepted a position at Denison University as assistant professor of teacher education. The last 14 years of her career were spent in Worthington Middle Schools where she pioneered team teaching, individualized self-paced learning and modular scheduling with the middle school concept. Sonya was selected by her peers to accept, on their behalf, the Worthingway Middle School Excellence in Education Award from President Reagan and Secretary Bennett in the Rose Garden of the White House. She was also an Ohio finalist for NASA's Teacher in Space program.

Bill began working with several underdeveloped countries on both infrastructure and technical needs. During the last 15 years of his career with Battelle, Bill served as the director of information and communication systems with responsibility for establishing and operating Battelle's worldwide information and telecommunication system.

Bill and Sonya retired in 1995 and became active in volunteer work for causes involving underprivileged children and adults, as well as with the performing arts community in Columbus. In recognition of their work, they were both recipients of the Westerville Sertoma Service to Mankind Award and inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame in 2003. Sonya presently serves on the Board of Trustees for CAPA (Columbus Association for the Performing Arts) while Bill serves on three Boards including Otterbein's Board of Trustees. He is also past president of the Otterbein College Alumni Association.

Sonya and Bill credit Otterbein for providing the educational foundation and social experiences that resulted in any success they have had in their professional careers and for fostering the values by which they have attempted to base their 50 years of marriage, raise their family and lead their lives.

Class Notes

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1929

Edith Scheering Rehg celebrated her 100th birthday on March 27, 2005.

1949

Carl Becker received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Academy of History.

Anna Bale Weber enjoyed her 55th class reunion in 2004. She thanks Otterbein for supporting a 55th reunion. She continues to participate in a round robin letter with six other Otterbein friends. The letter began 55 years ago at graduation.

1958

Larry Linter was inducted into the Gahanna Lincoln High School Alumni Hall of Fame. In 1955, he started the Dairy Queen of Gahanna Inc. During the past 50 years he has received numerous sales achievement awards.

1965

Roger Blair was appointed February 18, 2005, by Governor Taft of Ohio to represent the financial industry on the newly formed "Ohio Privacy/Public Records Access Study Committee." Roger was a former state banking commissioner for six years and currently is government relations chairman for the Ohio Bankers Association and on the Government Relations Committee for the American Bankers Association.

1969

Rebecca Phelps Kimberly of Shaker Heights retired as principal.

Michael Leadbetter wrote *Coming Back to Baseball*, a 192-page book about the over-30 team Leadbetter founded called the Cincinnati Astros. A percentage of proceeds from the book purchase benefits several local and regional charity organizations. Leadbetter is a nationally renowned plastic surgeon with Cincinnati's Plastic Surgery Group.

Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, and wife **Beccy Elliott Lord '68** were introduced to a crowd of 100,000 people at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day in Pasadena, CA. He represented the Department of Defense as the senior ranking military official during a pre-game tribute to the military.

1970

Tom Linkous was appointed chief of the Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves in December 2004.

Char Bennett Shultz has been a worship leader for over 20 years, leading camps, church events, and Emmaus Walks; a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

1975

Jeff Liston was given recognition and an award "for outstanding dedication and advocacy in the field of juvenile defense," at the National Convention of Juvenile Defenders in Nashville, TN, Oct. 2004. The award was presented by the National Juvenile Defender Center in Washington, D.C.

1978

Cabot Rea performed a variety of Broadway show tunes at Adena High School in Frankfort, OH as a part of the Adena Area Concert Series.

1979

Kathleen Ann Nicklaus earned her Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of South Florida in Dec. 2004. She lives in Lakeland, FL near her parents and her two daughters, Jenny and Jessica. She teaches literature, humanities, and film at Polk Community College, Lakeland, FL. She is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Sarah, born Nov. 16, 2004. Kathy is also engaged to be married in 2005.

1982

Carol Bell Schumacher presented information about researching a story for the Young Authors Workshop on April 20, 2005 at Midway Community Center. The majority of her writing experience is for technical publications and programming associated with her profession.

1983

Valerie DeVore Yurich and husband **Jack Yurich '84** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Dec. 2004. They moved to Florida in July 2004 with their three children Mackenzie, 19, Brock, 16 and Luke, 13. Jack continues as vice president of sales for a California software company and Valerie is a realtor.

Profile

Otterbein Alumnus Serves on Japanese "Senate"

by Jenny Hill

Drawing from his experiences at Otterbein College and at Israel's Hebrew University, **Kazuya Shimba '91** has been bringing an international understanding to his role as a member of the House of Councilors in Japan's Diet, similar to the American Senate, since 2001.

Kazuya first became interested in politics when he got involved in a few Ohio campaigns and experienced U.S. democracy. In Israel, where Kazuya attended Hebrew University, he said he learned "the basic concept of 'state' and the meaning of 'peace.'"

"These two ideals are not something you can take for granted," he said. "These ideals were not ones that could be fully understood through reading books, they had to be experienced to truly realize the meaning of each one."

Kazuya began his career in Japanese politics in his hometown of Kikugawa. "After I returned from the U.S. and Israel in 1992, I ran for election to the city assembly because I was eager to practice what I had studied at Otterbein and in Israel."

Later, Kazuya applied for the open recruitment by the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ). "I was successfully chosen to be an authorized candidate, and jumped into the race on the DPJ ticket."

According to Kazuya, campaigning in Japan is different than in the United States. "Unlike in the U.S., regulations in Japan do not allow candidates to appear in the media such as TV debates. So campaigning is limited to activities considered grass root efforts such as using a sound truck, posters, pamphlets and door-to-door canvassing."

When he was elected, Kazuya said he felt both joy and pressure. "I was so delighted that my dream of being elected came true, but at the same time, I realized it was a heavy obligation and a tremendous responsibility. There were nearly 500,000 constituents that voted for me. That's a great deal of people who put their trust in me which is why I am focused to do my best as a statesman to exceed their expectations."

Kazuya said he thinks his double major at Otterbein in political science and international studies were plusses in his election campaign.

The Japanese Diet is a bicameral system. The House of Representatives, or Shugiin, the lower house, has 480 members. The House of Councilors, or Sangiin, the upper house has 242 members. Kazuya was elected to the House of Councilors in 2001.

Kazuya is up for re-election in 2007 and is already planning his next campaign, in addition to his regular duties, which include membership on several parliamentary committees that involve foreign affairs, security and defense issues, as well as issues that involve Iraq and North Korea.

Through his position in the Diet, Kazuya has met many important international political leaders. "I have met with Mr. Shimon Peres, the Israeli statesman, Mr. Abbas, the Palestinian President and Mr. Lavrov, the Russian minister of foreign affairs."

"So far, the most difficult and challenging moment of my career was when I went to Pakistan to see former Taliban Ambassador Mr. Zaif and requested the release of a Japanese journalist who was captured by Taliban," Kazuya said. "To be honest, it was a bit scary to talk with the man with a dreadful beard – some of your readers might remember his face from CNN and other news programs in the states – but he listened to me sincerely and promised to release the journalist, which later proved to be true. Since then, I have been sent to areas involved with other conflicts such as Palestine, Syria and Ache in Indonesia," he said.

Kazuya recalls his days at Otterbein with great fondness, especially his membership in Lambda Gamma Epsilon (Kings) fraternity. "However, my best teacher and benefactor was **Brian Cunningham '89**, my big brother in Kings. Brian treated me like one of his family. He would explain a confusing lecture or textbook to me, check for correct spelling and grammar in my papers. I know that my 3.900 GPA was in part because of Brian's constant assistance," he said. "Even now, he is one of my best friends."

In addition, Kazuya valued the academics at Otterbein. "There were so many wonderful professors. Professors and friends were really kind to me. At that time, people called me Bobby. I was going to the library every day because I needed it. I couldn't read the books and comprehend the information as quickly as other students could because of my language barrier. 'Bobby's Chair' was on the second floor of the library where I sat every day studying. Other students also knew about it and left the seat vacant for me."

Kazuya is also an "umpire 1st class" and involved in international baseball. He and his wife, Kaoru, have three children: Emily, 10, Hanna, 7, and Dan, 4.

1984

Jodi Oder Goodroe is in her 10th year of teaching jazzercise. She and her husband, Dub, live in Oviedo, FL with their two daughters, Mollie, 12 and Jenna, 11. The have three cats and a hamster.

Jeanne DeWitt Karbowski recently joined Bank One in Westerville, working in the credit card division.

Steve Martindale was named vice president of corporate governance this past Feb. at ProCentury Corporation, Columbus, OH.

'85 *Reunion Year! Homecoming Oct. 22, 2005*

1985

Martha Trudeau is assistant director of the Veterans Administration Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion located at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. She is co-author of "Changes in Prognosis after the First Postoperative Complication" in the Feb. 2005 issue of *Medical Care*.

1989

Tami Bailar is the attractions manager at Disney's Animal Kingdom, Dinoland USA.

Suzanne Hamilton has been elected as the 2005 president of Greater Cleveland Real Estate Organizations. GCREO is an umbrella organization, which includes trustees from 22 professional organizations in Northeast, OH, such as NAIOP, Crew, the Cleveland Bar Association and others. She and her eight-year-old son, Hudson, reside in Shaker Heights, OH.

Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson has been honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for the second year in a row. She teaches art history at Clark State Community College in Springfield, OH. She and her husband, Mike, have three children, Burr, 9, Leman, 7 and Brynach, 3.

April Monroe Knight is the principal of Arlington Park Elementary in Columbus Public Schools. She and her husband, **Michael '87**, keep busy with their children, Justin Nathaniel, 13, Ryan Matthew, 10, and Erin Nicole, 4. Justin and Ryan are both actively involved in baseball with Michael coaching. Erin is starting t-ball and cheerleading.

Teresa Moore Martin has opened the AVON store and training center in Pickerington, OH. The center includes a retail shop and hosts recruiting events to appoint and train new AVON representatives.

John McMenemy is a doctor at Main Street Medical Park. He and his wife, **Stacy Paxson McMenemy '90**, reside in Lenoir, NC with their children.

Mary McKean Torok has recently taken the position of director of children's ministry at Linworth United Methodist Church in Columbus. Mary was expected to complete her master's degree in Christian education from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in May 2005.

Heidi Youngen Yates is now in her fifth year as a sales rep with Virginia Imports, a beer and wine distributor. She is working with the wine programs for restaurants and fine wine shops in Northern Virginia. She and her husband, Edward, have two Brittany Spaniels and are a volunteer foster family for American Brittany Rescue.

'90 *Reunion Year! Homecoming Oct. 22, 2005*

1990

Robin Welsh Mink has joined the central Ohio National City Bank team as vice president, treasury sales manager. Mink is responsible for leading treasury sales activities for teams in Columbus and Dayton.

1991

Kimberly Juzwiak Brown has been practicing law for nine years in the area of medical negligence defense, eminent domain, and construction.

Joe Rinehart has been named the director of broadcasting for WNZR 90.9 FM, Mount Vernon Nazarene University's radio station.

1992

Jess Hanks portrayed Captain Von Trapp March 18-20,2005 as a guest artist in the Eastland Performing Arts Program's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," at Reynoldsburg High School.

1993

Gary Cavin has moved out of the mayor Michael B. Coleman's office to lead the Columbus Department of Technology.

Jonea Shade is attending the University of Akron School of Law.

Martin Smith has been named vice president for enrollment management at Barton College in Wilson, NC.

1994

Brenna Terrill Bergman currently lives in Westerville with her husband, Craig, and three daughters, Haley, 7, Jordan, 6 and Gretchen, 4. She is a human resource manager for IBM.

Gary Betz is currently working as chief resident and junior faculty at St. Josephs Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. He is engaged to be married, Nov. 2005.

Yesenia Jimenez Captain and husband James celebrated their 10th anniversary May 27, 2005. They have a two-year-old daughter, Marissa Ava, born March 16, 2002.

In June, **Becky Ketron** joined the Clark County, OH, Board of MRDD as their training specialist.

Profile

The Rock 'n' Roll Reverend Loves God...and Jazz

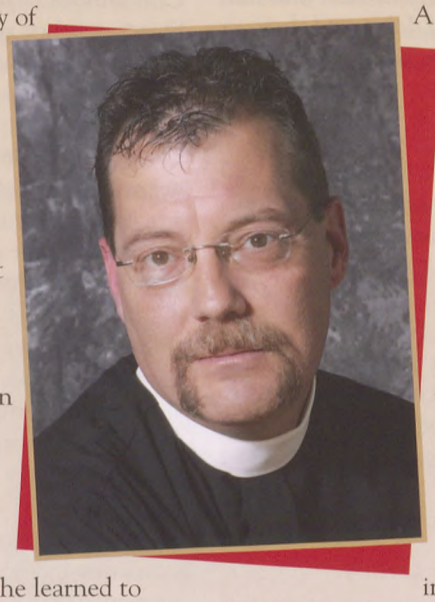
by Sarah Ozello '06

Every morning, the Rev. **Chris Ciampa '82** makes the drive from his Upper Arlington home to Mount Carmel West Hospital to put in a full day of work as their in-house chaplain, responsible for the pastoral care to emergency room patients with illness or families who lost a loved one.

At the end of the day, Chris goes to his other calling. He is the keyboard player in the rock 'n' roll band Downtown DFN at 2Co's Cabaret in the Short North.

Chris, also known as "the Rev," never saw "his dual-calling" a challenge. He juggles his busy schedule with God on his side and a lot of coffee.

"I follow the whole sense of the Gospel," said Chris. "Jesus went where the people worked, and so do I."



He grew up in a house full of music and his Methodist upbringing. As a kid he learned to play the keyboard, guitar, and bass in his home in Windber, PA.

Chris received his internal call to ministry later in life. "It was a hard transition to make because I was already married, had a child and I was now going back to graduate school," said Chris.

He graduated from the Methodist Theological School with a master's in divinity and the arts in alcoholism and drug addiction ministry. Chris then returned to Pennsylvania and became a parish minister.

Seven years later, Chris came back to Ohio to accept a one-year residency at Riverside Hospital in hospital ministry. He felt this was a good match between his seminary education and his pastoral experience. After Riverside, he accepted his current job as Chaplain at Mount Carmel West Hospital.

Chris uses his jazz influences as an approach to combine his dual callings of ministry and music.

"Music is reacting to the spirit of the moment while you are playing," he says. "The same is true with prayer. You are free to react to the concerns of the moment."

He was introduced to the 2Co's Cabaret by his wife, Sam. She joined 2Co's after answering an open call for vocalists in 2000. Chris was not surprised that Sam was offered a part because his wife has a "kicking" voice. While his wife performed, Chris helped out by cleaning the popcorn machines so his wife could get out earlier. A year later, Chris was asked to fill in on keyboard. He then joined the band and eventually became the leader.

Chris enjoys his time at 2Co's Cabaret. Besides being the leader of the band, he arrives early to continue cleaning the popcorn machines, stays after to make pizza, clean up and do inventory.

"I didn't know how to do inventory when I started here, but I am ready to do what is asked of me. It is my Jazz approach to things," he says.

After putting in his full time duties as a chaplain for the hospital, Chris spends Thursday, through Saturday nights at 2Co's Cabaret. During the holiday season, he performs Wednesday through Sunday. He keeps up his challenging schedule with the support of his wife and three children, Abby, Jacob and Holly. In his spare time, he likes to build electric guitars and bass guitars.

Like his upbringing, music fills the Ciampa household on a daily basis. His son plays the bass while his two daughters play the tuba. 2Co's Cabaret has become a family hang-out for this busy family. Chris says his kids love coming to see him play, especially when he makes their favorite kind of pizza, Pesto. Playing music has become a way for the Ciampas to stay connected and to share a special bond together.

Chris followed the family tradition by coming to Otterbein and graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education.

"Because of my and my family's Methodist affiliation, Otterbein was a perfect fit for me," says Chris. "One of the best things about Otterbein was it was so small there was so much opportunity for a college student, especially as a music major."

While at Otterbein, Chris was very involved in the music department and his fraternity, Sigma Delta Phi. His fondest memories of his college days are spending time with his fellow Sphinx men, serving as Sigma Delta Phi's musical director and playing in the jazz band.

She is responsible for designing, coordinating and presenting training for the Boards employees.

Jennifer Megan Mahan-Yingling and her husband, **Matt '92**, have a three-year old daughter, Chloe. Matt is history teacher at Genoa Middle School in Westerville. Megan teaches at Franklin University and owns a marketing consulting agency business, Third Eye Marketing.

Angela Masak is currently stationed at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA. She is the nurse manager of inpatient pediatrics/ambulatory procedure unit/pre-operative clinic.

Jason Modrey recently was promoted to regional inventory control supervisor with IKON Office Solutions in Dublin, OH.

Sylvia Smith has been promoted to principal associate editor. She has been with Thomson Corporation for 10 years. She has recently completed the building of a new home in the Akron area.

Erin Varley and family have moved to Iowa to open and run a new manufacturing facility for MH Eby Inc. Their company manufactures and distributes aluminum livestock trailers throughout the United States and Canada.

'95 *Reunion Year! Homecoming Oct. 22, 2005*

1996

Melissa Jacobs was named pioneer region supervisor for the Ohio Farm Bureau in 2003. As supervisor, she oversees the activities of nine organization directors serving members in 29 eastern Ohio counties. She resides in Ashland with her husband, John, and their children, Brady and Reily.

1997

Kari Lynch was named director of fundraising for American Strategies in Dublin, Ohio.

Melissa Mugurvza Weaver was named senior account manager for the employee benefits division of Insurance First.

1998

Jennifer Croskey Adams is working as a staff nurse at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in the cardiovascular critical care unit, after three years of being a traveling nurse.

Theresa Demko was selected for rank of captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. She deployed Feb. 28, 2005 in support of Iraqi Freedom for the second time, for a period of 14 months.

Kristin Hatcher Scott is the events manager and print production manager for Easton Town Center in Columbus.

1999

Kristen Parker Bush graduated from Emory University, Aug. 2004 with a MSN. She is now working as a nurse practitioner in neurosurgery at Emory Hospital. She is acute-care NP board certified.

Christine Collins stayed in Columbus for two years after graduation at WSYX/WTTE before moving to Baltimore to work for CBS-affiliate WJZ-TV. She currently is producing a 5 p.m. hour-long newscast.

Ronda Cress completed her second year of law school at the University of Cincinnati. She is currently working for the civil rights law firm of Lafuman and Gerhardstein in downtown Cincinnati. Ronda also recently completed a judicial externship for the honorable Justice Stratton of the Supreme Court of Ohio. She plans to clerk for a judge following graduation in 2006.

Melissa Johnson has been promoted to manager of media and entertainment innovation at Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. She is working with the North America Crest business.

Debbie Patton Joreski and husband **Eric '99** were expecting their first child in May. Debbie is currently the research director for Clear Channel Columbus Radio. Eric is a biology teacher at Grove City High School where he is also the JV basketball coach and JV golf coach.

Meg Morman has opened the doors to Morman Boling Casting, after six years in the feature casting business. Her two most recent films are official selections in the 2005 Sundance Film Festival.

Rocco Petrozzi will complete surgical residency training in June 2006.

Kari Pietrangelo is attending Bread Loaf School of English (Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont) for the fifth summer in 2005. She is anticipating receiving a master of art degree in August.

Mark Snyder's new play, *Wipe Away*, will receive development readings at theaters in Chicago and New York in 2005. El Santo Productions in Los Angeles will produce his play *The Old Stomping Grounds*. Mark resides in New York City, where he works as a marketing assistant for the Equity Research division of Morgan Stanley. Broadway is just outside his window, which makes him very happy.

'00 *Reunion Year! Homecoming Oct. 22, 2005*

2000

Evelyn Marie Davis is currently seeking a master's degree in fine arts at Marywood University. She is currently employed by the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus.

Jennifer Williams Dutcher is a law student at the Ohio State University and will graduate in 2006.

Andrew Rinehart is a marketing consultant for 610 WTVN in Columbus.

Ryan Roston played semi-professional basketball in Japan and Austria

Kathleen Saliba has joined the practice of Dr. Alan Spencer in Caldwell. Kathy will be seeing patients of all ages for primary care problems with an emphasis on health promotions as well as the diagnosis and treatment of acute chronic diseases.

Allison Sattinger sang the National Anthem at an NBA game in Orlando, FL., April 6th.

Josiah Wade has been employed for five years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the communications division. He has been married for four years and has three children. He resides with his family in Urbana, OH.

Jeremy Young was married to Katie Gilliam on April 16, 2005. They are currently living in Westerville.

2002

Tom Steckert received his master of arts degree in writing popular fiction from Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA. His thesis project is a science fiction novel titled *Duplicant Rising*.

Michelle Fraley Watts is the first grade teacher at JW Reason Elementary in Hilliard, OH.

2003

LeeAnne Mizer was named public information officer for the Ohio Department of Agriculture. She will serve as a spokesperson for the department and will also oversee special events, printed publications and administration of the department's website.

Syvisoi Soungpradith was named promotion director for WSNY, Sunny 95 (94.7FM), Oldies 107.9, and Smooth Jazz WJZA (103.5/104.3).

Extreme
OC Makeover
"Building a New Tradition"

Save these dates: October 21 & 22
Otterbein Homecoming 2005

Featured Activities Include:

Friday, October 21, 6:30 pm – After Work Homecoming Reception, Co-sponsored by Broadcasting Networking Group and Office of Alumni Relations at Little Turtle Country Club

Saturday, October 22 –
10 am Annual Otterbein Parade
11am – 2 pm "A Slice of Westerville" food fair on N. Grove Street: Featuring Westerville restaurant vendors, street games sponsored by the Columbus Blue Jackets, and live animals and mascots from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

- Musical entertainment by Otterbein students
- Reunion class tents featuring children's activities
- Community service project to benefit a Westerville agency
- Facility Tours of Otterbein's extreme makeovers

2 pm- Football game against Wilmington
2 pm – Men's Soccer against Ohio Northern
After game - Otterbein Gallery Hop and Progressive Appetizers featured at the Frank Museum of Art, Roush Hall Fisher Gallery/Dunlap Gallery at Battelle Fine Arts Center
8 pm – Otterbein Theatre Performance – "The Merchant of Venice"

Come rain, snow, sleet or hail, events will occur in the Rike Center!
Visit the website—www.Otterbein.edu (click on alumni)–for continuous updates to the Homecoming'05 schedule.

Milestones

compiled by Mindy Harsha

Marriages

1953

Patricia Packer Nielson to **Dan Marinicello '53**, Oct. 23, 2004.

1989

Douglas Norton to Lynn Jonston, Fall 2003.

Susan Ray to Thomas Paumier, Aug. 30, 2002.

1991

Mark Von Lehmden to Pamela Rocco, Jan. 2005.

1993

Ryan Kluth to **Diana Ramey '98**, Aug. 22, 2004.

1994

Christine Baur to Len Leber, April 17, 2004.

Stephanie Crellin to Joseph Wermes Jr., Sept. 25, 2004.

Meghan Hassler to **Seth Reinick '97**, Dec. 11, 2004.

1996

Amy Wagner to Scott Wilford, Aug. 2004.

1997

Jason Combs to **Jennifer Sullivan '98**, Sept. 25, 2004.

1998

Laura Bush to Brian Stier, Dec. 19, 2004.

Jennifer Croskey to Craig Adams, June 5, 2004.

Kristin Hatcher to Matthew Scott, May 15, 2004.

1999

Nicole Day to **David Arnette '03**, July 30, 2004.

Erin Fishel to Kristopher Balow, Jan. 8, 2005.

Kirsten Gangestad to **John Hicks '95**, May 18, 2002.

Audria Stout to Michael Reed, June 14, 2004.

2000

Tiffany Compan to David McCallen June 18, 2005.

Olivia Goldsberry to Brian Weisman, July 2, 2004.

Allison Levin to Thomas Broadwater, July 17, 2004.

2001

Cynthia Kocias to **Joshua John Savitski '03**, Aug. 6. 2005.

2002

Evan Hughes to **Cynthia Swartz '02**, May 21, 2004.

Shannon Litteral to **R. Adam Washington '04**, Oct. 9, 2004.

2003

Amanda Hite to Scott Davis, June 19, 2004.

Kristen Sullivan to Clay Mantovani, Oct. 25, 2003.

Additions

1979

Stacy Reish Slater and husband John adopted Chloe Qianfang, now 19 months old.

1986

Rae Lynn Justice Fisher and husband **David '88**, a baby boy, Regginald Scott, May 4, 2004.

1988

Sallie Meredith Miller and husband **Timothy '89**, a baby boy, Clayton, Feb. 21, 2003.

Mary Christian Rogers and husband Jeff, a baby girl, Nicole, March 2, 2004. She joins big sister Emily, 2.

1989

Douglas Norton adopted sons Caleb and Garret Johnston in Jan. 2005.

Alan Pate and wife Laura, a baby boy, Brandon David Pate, Oct. 12, 2004.

Chuck Rosen and wife Andrea, a baby boy, Ethan Hunter, May 17, 2004.

Christine Schoenherr, a baby boy, Dominick, March 11, 2003.

1990

Chris Carey and wife Dorie, a baby girl, Zoey, March 23, 2003.

1991

Melissa Cozza Cleveland and husband Tim, a baby girl, Gianna Margaret, Dec. 21, 2003. She joins big brother Zachary Micah, 2.

Kelly Kean Emnett and husband Rich, a baby boy, Conner Andrew, Sept. 11, 2003. He joins big sister Gracie, 4.

1992

Sean Dusek and wife Jennifer, a baby girl, Elena Marie, Jan. 1, 2004.

Tracey Ellwood Gamb and husband Nicholas, a baby girl, Presley Shannon, Jan. 11, 2005. She joins big sister Elliana Marie.

1993

Terri Hoover Tucker and husband Henry, a baby boy, Tyler David, July 9, 2004.

Peggy Cawley Webb and husband Phillip, a baby boy, Benjamin Matthew, Jan. 28, 2005.

1994

Susan Nicholson Campbell and husband **Bryan '92**, a baby girl, Sydney Elizabeth, Aug. 24, 2004. She joins older sister Maggie, 3.

Tamara Criswell and partner Daniel Carder, a baby girl, Fionnuala Ann, June 12, 2003.

Jennifer Ladley Crowe and husband Mark, a baby boy, Aidan Reese, Oct. 15, 2003.

Becky Thompson Long and her husband Chuck, a baby boy, Ethan Ryan, March 12, 2005.

Anthony Losh and wife Stacia, a baby girl, Reagan Elizabeth, Jan. 3, 2005.

Bradley Scheiber and wife Deborah, a baby boy, Mitchell Robert, Sept. 8, 2004. He joins brother Alex, 8 and sister Valerie, 6.

1995

Melissa Crohen and husband John Payne, a baby boy, Jacob Lockwood.

Kimberly Greenwood Franczek and husband Joby, a baby boy, Donovan Michael, Sept. 8, 2004.

Megan Stephens Truax and husband Ronald, a baby girl, Estella Grace, May 19, 2004. She joins big sisters Gabriella, 3 and Isabella, 2.

1996

Jill Bush Hartson and husband Rob, a baby girl, Sara Nicole, March 25, 2004. She joins big brother Ryan, 4. Proud relatives are aunt **Laura Bush Stier '98**, and uncles **Kevin Bush '00** and **Kyle Bush '03**.

Kirsten Parish Keusal and husband Andy, a baby girl, Hannah Catherine, May 2004. She joins big sister Corinne Elizabeth, 2. They are expecting another in Nov. 2005.

Lynn Klinger Tucker and husband Michael, a baby girl, Lauren Grace, Feb. 16, 2004.

1998

Elizabeth Carder Caton and husband Josh, a baby girl, Violet Rae, Sept. 4, 2004.

Heidi Griswold-Rhymer and husband **Alex '99**, a baby girl, Kenna Marie, April 6, 2004.

1999

Aireane Taylor Curtis and husband Clay, a baby boy, Mitchell Allen, Dec. 26, 2003.

Carli Amlin Dean and husband Brian, a baby girl, Savanna Sue, Nov. 26, 2004.

Teresa Hafer Grady and husband Kurt, a baby boy, Kean Russell, Oct. 12, 2004.

Heather Patterson Keener and husband Don, twin boys, Andrew Michael and Matthew Lowell, Dec. 1, 2004. They join big brother, Blaine, 3.

Candace Fyffe Moore and husband **Jason '97**, a baby girl, Olivia Anne, April 19, 2004.

Amy Giera Pierce and husband Todd, a baby girl, Kaitlyn Grace, July 17, 2004.

Alicia Carpenter Rich and husband Bill, a baby girl, Ella Camille, May 12, 2004.

2000

Jennifer Lennox Greenawalt and husband Adam, a baby boy, Jacob Eli, September 7, 2004.

Jillian Pinter Lowe and husband Jason, a baby boy, James Andrew, Sept. 2004.

2001

Kimberly Corwin Ayala and husband Pedro, a baby girl, Isabella Megan Marie, Feb. 24, 2004.

2002

Derek Gatts and wife Noel, a baby boy, Parker Timothy, Dec. 15, 2004.

Beth Pilawski, a baby girl, Charlotte Marian, Jan. 24, 2005.

Deaths

1927

Helen Gibson VanCuren passed away March 11, 2005. She was preceded in death by husband, **O.Keene VanCuren '27** and brother, **J. Lowell Gibson '23**. She is survived by son, Gene; daughter-in-law, Judy; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

1928

Mildred Wilson Peters passed away on April 28, 2005. She was preceded in death by daughter **Paula Peters '59**.

1932

Joseph Imar passed away Aug. 19, 2004.

1933

Donald Henry passed away March 20, 2005. He is survived by wife, Patricia Henry, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sister **Mary Henry '36** and brother **William Henry '40**.

Pauline Kelser Norris passed away March 12, 2005. She was active in community of Knoxville, TN, where she was a mem-

ber of the Church Street Methodist Church, a long-time choir member and Sunday School teacher. She was also active in the League of Women Voters, and a past board member of Wesley House and girl scout troop leader. She also had a great love of the piano and took great joy in playing it. She is survived by husband, **Fred Norris '34**; and children, Catherine Norris McKiblin and Frank Norris.

John Shively passed away April 4, 2005. He was born to missionary parents **Benjamin Shively '05** and **Mary Ressler Shively '06** in Kyoto, Japan. He lived in Japan for 20 years and spoke fluent Japanese. He earned his master's degree in Asian languages at the University of Hawaii in 1939. He was a marine and stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of Dec. 7, 1941 attack. During the war, his knowledge of the language and culture of Japan was used in the conduct of the war in the Pacific. In 1965, he retired from the Marine Corps. Reserve as a colonel. He worked for the CIA for 20 years. He was active in the El Cerrito, CA community for over 50 years. He was preceded in death by wife, **Beulah Feightner Shively '33**; youngest son John; and sister, **Lillian Shively Rice '29**. He is survived by son, James; sisters, **Alice Shively Bunce '33** and **Mary Shively Pursel '33**; brother, Donald; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

1935

Frances Riegle Reitz passed away on January 2, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cletus Reitz. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Martha Jo and Tom Trostel; her son, Jerry; her sister, Mildred Browder; grandchildren, Blake Calhoun, Matt Trostel, Kim Richardson, and McKayla Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1937

Jane Lehtoranto passed away on March 18, 2005.

1941

Gerald Ward passed away April 8, 2004.

1942

Betty Rosensteel Ballenger passed away on April 1, 2005. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Dwight Ballenger '39**. She is survived by her children, **Lee Ballenger Wieland '71**, Barbie (Norm) Nolder, and Dave (Marianne) Ballenger; grandchildren, Brent, Troy Ballenger, Kipp, Abbey Nolder and Alex Weiland; great-grandchildren, Hallie Nolder and Levi Ballenger.

Mary Lou Healy Cannon passed away in Aug. 2004. She is survived by husband, David Cannon; and sons, Drew, David and Brent.

1943

Ray Jennings passed away Jan. 9, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lola Dell Searles and Mary Elizabeth Brenner; and niece Deloras Jean Fields. He is survived by wife, **Helen Boyer Jennings '43**; daughter, Karen Ann Jennings; sons, John and Stephen; grandchildren, Abigail and Allison Jennings; and many nieces and nephews.

Helen Knight Williams passed away March 9, 2005. She was an accomplished organist and poet. She was preceded in death by husband, **J. Hutchison Williams '44**; brother Ralph D. Knight, sister **Maurine Knight Leavitt '28** and granddaughter Sara Chandler. She is survived by sons John and James; daughters **Sara Williams Bale '71** and Mary Chandler; brother **Robert '28**; and six grandchildren.

1944

Evan Schear passed away March 9, 2005. He was preceded in death by parents **Edward '07** and Marian Schear, and relatives **Marcus Schear '27** and **Rillmond Schear '20**. He is survived by wife, Ann; daughter, **Judith Schear Anderson '70**; granddaughter, **Christine Anderson '93** and relative **Alice Schear Yohn '32**.

1948

Carlton Gamble passed away Dec. 31, 2004. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Greene. He is survived by daughters Emily Childress and Elizabeth Gamble, grandchildren Abby and Erin Childress, and wife Anne Gamble.

1950

John Bott passed away February 8, 2005. He was a former member of the Otterbein faculty.

Winston E. Gress passed away February 11, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert Sr. and Hester Gress; and niece Eileen Gress. He is survived by adopted son Donnie Holland, brother Albert Jr. and sister-in-law Ruth, and niece Jean Gress.

Donald Loker passed away Dec. 10, 2004. He was preceded in death by parents, George and Caroline Loker; brother, Milton Loker; and sisters, Florence Rogers and Beatrice Robinson. He is survived by brothers, Charles (Loretta) Loker, Vincent Loker; sister Elizabeth Foreman; dear friends, Darren and Renee Walton, Albert and Brenda Walton and family; niece, Sally (Edward) Schubert and several other nieces and nephews.

1950

Charles Perkins passed away Jan. 27, 2005. He is survived by wife, Patricia (Bennett) Perkins; sons, John (Fran) Perkins, Jerry (Toni) Perkins, Patrick (Christina) Perkins; daughters, Nancy (Joe) Ferla, Christine (Blair) Schuler, Cheryl (Paul) Clark, Mary (Chris) Keleher; grandchildren, Rob (Scarlett) Schuler, Michelle (Todd) Writh, Victoria Schuler, Fin Keleher; great grandchildren, Brendan Schuler, Cody Wilson, Payton Schuler; brothers, James (Sara) Perkins, Richard (Rita) Perkins; sisters, Clara

Lamber; brother and sisters-in-law, John Ewald, Martha Cochrun, and Nancy Jane Tumeo; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Rolland R. Reece passed away on March 20, 2005. He is survived by wife, **Martha Virginia Good '47**; sons, Christopher,and **John '76**; daughter, Barbara; and eight grandchildren.

Dale Rockhold passed away Dec. 24, 2004.

1954

Dorothy Miles Conard passed away March 24, 2005. She was preceded in death by husband **Wallace E. Conard '54**. She is survived by sons, **William T. Conard II '80**, **Edmond Conard '85**; former daughter-in-law, **LeAnn Conard '80**; sisters Margaret Khacaturian and Gwendolyn Miles, and eight grandchildren.

1955

Kathleen Kuhl Mehrholz passed away Nov. 2004.

Frank Wildasinn passed away Jan. 27, 2005. He was preceded in death by brother, Bruce. He is survived by daughters, Kimberley (Roger) Klein, Sherry (Douglas) Hazen, Emy (Kenneth) Willoughby; brothers, Donald (Patricia) Wildasinn, Gregory (Sue Ann) Wildasinn; sister-in-law, Mary Wildasinn; grand children, Kaler and Corinne Hazen, Rochelle and Zachary Willoughby; twelve nieces and nephews; devoted companion, Mildred Romans; and many friends.

1956

Miyoko Tsuji Takeda passed away on April 2, 2005 at home in Nara, Japan. Professor Takeda was known as "Mickie" by her classmates at Otterbein. Professor Takeda was vice president of the Japan Alumni Group and was always a strong supporter of the college, especially in helping to establish the Lillian Frank International Student Award.

1957

John Hill passed away Nov. 13, 2003.

Craig South passed away Dec. 11, 2004. He was preceded in death by parents; grandparents; aunt & uncle, Paul and Dorothy South; and half brother and sister, Frank Johnson Jr. and Carol Johnson. He is survived by wife, Leslie South; mother-in-law, Maxine Greene; children, Roger (Lisa) South, Gina South and Rob (Dawn) South; mother of his children, Amy South; grandchildren, Christa and Sarah South; brothers, Tom (Patricia) South and Carl (Coralu) South; half sisters, Fran Motter, Mary Ann Conley, Cheri Leroux; and half brothers, Bill, John and Jim Johnson; cousins, Chris Isbell, Jo South and Jackie Steeby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1959

James Miller passed away Nov. 22, 2004. A Korean veteran, Jim came to Otterbein on the G.I. bill and majored in French, history and education. He was a member of Zeta Phi fraternity, Torch and Key, Pi Alpha Theta, Phi Sigma Iota, the Tan and Cardinal staff and the track team. He taught in the Mt. Gilead school system for 31 years and also at branch campuses of OSU and Ohio University. He served as president of the Morrow Co. Historical Society for 14 years and was active in many United Methodist, community and veteran organizations. He is survived by wife, **Phylis Bush Miller '64**; son, Steven; daughter, Myrna Wall; and three grandsons.

1960

Charles Coffman passed away Feb. 24, 2005. He was preceded in death by parents, Clark and Helen Coffman. He is survived by wife, Heather; sister, Carol (Bob) Tyson; son, Russ (Linda); daughters, Lisa (Alex) and Laura (Keith); son, Jason (Jennifer); and nine grandchildren.

1962

Carolyn Dudney Fleming passed away March 14, 2005. She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Carolyn Fisher, and Joyce Dudney Fleming; granddaughters Laura Mustacchio, and Jenniger Popham; grandson, Mick Fisher; and four great-grandchildren.

1964

George Brookes passed away on March 17,2005. He is survived by his wife, **Elaine '67**; a son, Christopher; and two grandchildren.

1971

Robert I. McGee passed away March 24, 2005.

1973

Peter Keller passed away in April 2004.

1979

Steven Atkins passed away May 27, 2004.

Dyann Perrin Dawson passed away Jan. 18, 2004.

1988

Nancy Sue Chapman Pendleton passed away Jan. 17, 2005. She was preceded in death by great-grandson, Jackson Gregory Wickiser Snyder. She is survived by husband, Jack Pendleton; sons, Steve (Brenda) Pendleton and Tom (Tori) Pendleton; daughter, Sue (Greg) Wickiser; grandchildren, Stephanie and Chris Wickiser; sisters, Dotty (Chet) Buckley and Sande (Joe Cook) Chapman; and brother, Bill (Alice) Chapman.

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Sherri Nierman passed away Jan. 29, 2005. She is survived by her parents, Ross and Emmalou Nierman; brothers, Bruce and Brian; and sisters-in-law, Leanne and Jennifer.

Friend

Barbara Burell passed away April 17, 2005. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Leslie Burrell Mangia '74**.

Robert Kraft Named Teacher of the Year

Psychology Professor Honored by his Peers

Otterbein College Professor of Psychology and Westerville resident Robert Kraft was recently named 2005 Teacher of the Year by a committee of his peers.

The annual award is open to all full-time members of the Otterbein College faculty and selection is based on years of service in teaching at Otterbein and the ability to meet the qualities of a "Master Teacher," exhibiting mastery of the subject matter in their discipline or in interdisciplinary teaching, highly effective organization and communication of material, a spirit of enthusiasm which enriches the instructor's own teaching and learning, the ability to arouse the curiosity of beginning students and to stimulate advanced students to create work, the ability to interact with students beyond the classroom through activities that integrate and expand the learning environment.

As this year's award recipent, Kraft will make a public presentation during the upcoming academic year on his philosophy of teaching, specific successful teaching strategies he employs and other teaching topics.

A native of Washington, D.C., Kraft earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Grinnell College in Iowa and his doctorate in cognitive psychology from the University of Minnesota. He has been a professor at Otterbein College since 1989 and served as the chair of the Department of Psychology from 1991-2004. He previously held positions as assistant professor of psychology at Grinnell College (IA); director of research in cognition, memory, and film decision analyst at Decisions & Designs, Inc., in Washington, D.C.; consulting editor and ghost writer for Harper & Row Publishing Company; and psychological consultant for the Radiology Department of St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital.

Kraft has held membership positions in the American Psychological Association Division 48: Peace Psychology; Psychonomic Society; Social Science History Association; Eastern Psychological Association; and Midwestern Psychological Association.

He has many published works, including his recent book, *Memory perceived: Recalling the Holocaust* (Westport, CT: Praeger). He also has been published in *Poetics Today*; *Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimony*; Cognition

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and the symbolic processes: Vol. 3; Practical aspects of memory: Current research and issues: Vol. 1; Memory & Cognition; Perceptual and Motor Skills; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition; Journal of Communication Research; Perception & Psychophysics; Bulletin of the Psychonomic Society; and Perceptual and Motor Skills.

He has made presentations to the First International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry; Social Science History Association; Midwestern Psychological Association; 20th Anniversary Conference of the Fortunoff Video Archive at Yale University; American Psychological Association; Psychonomic Society; Denison University Convocation Series; 25th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Research in Learning, Perception, and Cognition; and the Metropolitan Chapter, Human Factors Society, New York.

Kraft's research interests include autobiographical memory; peace psychology; oral testimony and Holocaust memory; perpetrator testimony at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; emotion and memory; and visual communication.

Department Chair of Foreign Languages Passes

James Martin, professor and chair of foreign languages at Otterbein, passed away at his home the weekend of June 25, 2005.

Born in 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, James attended the University of California – Los Angeles as an undergraduate and graduate student, earning his doctorate's degree in French in 1981. He taught at UCLA, Santa Monica College, Purdue University and the University of New Mexico before joining the faculty at Otterbein in 1991.

He was a member of the Modern Language Association, American Association of Teachers of French, Renaissance Society of America and Ohio Foreign Language Association.

James' ashes will be taken to Arizona for burial beside his mother and father. He is survived by his brother Nicholas Martin of Apollo, Pennsylvania; sister Janice Conway of Lake Havasu, Arizona; and sister Patricia Martin of Moraga, California.

Director of Physical Plant Dies

Kevin Miner

Kevin Miner died suddenly on June 14, 2005, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus. Kevin was the director of physical plant and telecommunications at Otterbein.

Kevin, age 51, was a resident of Westerville, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and an employee of Otterbein College for over 10 years. During his tenure, he oversaw the recent renovations of Courtright Memorial Library and Cowan Hall, the building of the Clements Recreation and Fitness Center and many renovations and additions to student housing on campus. He was most recently involved with the building of the new football stadium.

He was preceded in death by his wife Debra. He is survived by his children Richard of Provo, Utah; Kristen MacGregor of Orem, Utah; and Paige Miner of Westerville.

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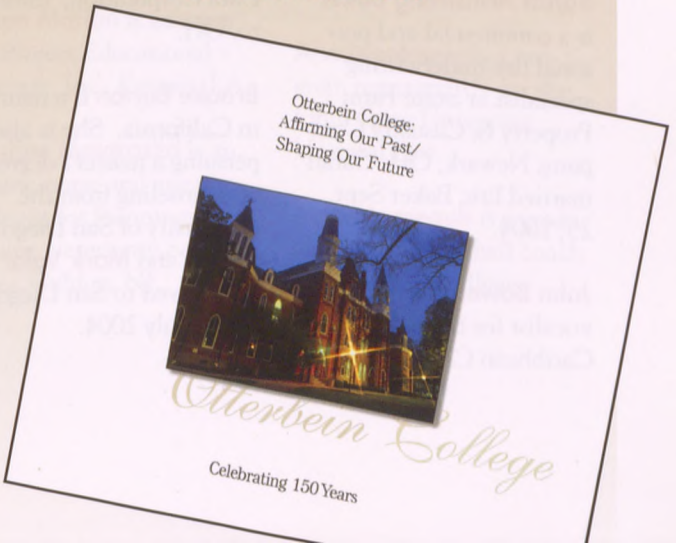

Where Are They Now?

Class of 2004

Lindsey Aleshire is a second grade teacher for Washington City Schools, Washington Court House, OH.

Miranda Ally is the customer service representative in the tel-sel department at Pepsi Cola of Columbus, OH.

Mamie Alsdurf is an ID waiver provider at Franklin County Board of MR/DD. She is also persuing a masters degree from Kent State University.

Nicol Aquilo is a member service representative for the State Teachers Retirement System.

Sarah Armstrong Baker is a commercial and personal fire-underwriting specialist at State Farm Property & Casualty Company, Newark, OH. Sarah married Eric Baker Sept. 25, 2004.

John Bowen is the lead vocalist for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

Brittany Bowers is a marketing analyst for Hendrickson Auxiliary Axle Systems, Hebron, OH.

Jeremy Bridgman is an associate for The Dilenschneider Group, New York City, NY.

Tamara Britford is the residential manager for the Association for the Developmentally Disabled.

Marie Burggraf is a digital imaging technician at Charlie Roberts & Bridget Gronette Photography Studio, Santa Barbara, CA.

Ronni DeSimone Burrows is a data operator for First Data Corporation, Toronto, OH.

Brooke Burton is a nanny in California. She is also persuing a master's degree in counseling from the University of San Diego. Brooke and **Mark Valot '03** moved to San Diego, CA in July 2004.

Matthew Carpenter is a financial analyst for Excel Inc. in Columbus.

Wesley Clarkson is an assistant professional development coordinator for the Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

Kristen Cook is a full time special needs preschool substitute for St. C. Richard City Schools.

Jeremy Curren is a brewer for Anheuser Busch Inc.

Matthew D'Oyly is working on his master of education in college student affairs leadership at Grand Valley State University.

Patrick Desgrange is a customer service representative for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Kristin Dillard is the program coordinator of youth and family services for Saint Stephens Community House, Columbus, OH.

Courtney Dolphin is the graduate assistant athletic trainer at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Ruth Cusick Downing is a staff RN in the Emergency Department as well as the sexual assault nurse examiner for Grady Memorial Hospital.

Katherine Roth Downs is an 8th grade language arts teacher for Manatee School for the Arts.

Megan Durbin is the athletic trainer at PT Services Rehabilitation, Inc., London, OH. She is serving as the athletic trainer at London High School.

Amy DeCarlo Embrey is a health claim examiner for State Farm Insurance, Newark, OH.

Erin Fitzharris is working on her doctorate in school psychology at the University of Iowa.

Christopher Flood works at Air Technologies of Ohio in Hilliard.

Sue Dorien Foley is a registered nurse at Ohio State University Medical Center.

Abby France is a behavior specialist in the programming department for the Heinzerling Development Center in Columbus.

Joe Francis is an underwriting assistant for Century Insurance Group.

Allison Graham is a temp at Office Team. She is also doing some theatre as well.

Heater Gray is a substitute teacher and coach for Southwestern City Schools.

Kristen Gross is the office coordinator for Spectrum Sports, Inc.

Gary Hall is a personal banker at US Bank, Powell, OH.

Ellen Hartz is working on her doctor of veterinary medicine at Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Jessica Hazelbaker-Buell is an executive assistant/ retail manager for Spirit of Healing.

Whitney Hendershot is an early intervention specialist and teacher for Franklin County Board of MR/DD, Columbus, OH.

Sharon Parker Henry is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Stepping Stones Learning Center, Worthington, OH.

Karyn Hirt is a music specialist at Westerville City Schools.

Brandy Showman Horst is a health underwriter for State Farm Insurance.

Lisa Hummel is a package sorter at UPS.

Jaye Humphries is a substitute teacher in Circleville, OH.

Jay Idle is the production director for Ron Smith at SOS Productions and on air talent for K95.5 and QFM 96.3.

Alex Johnson is the video services coordinator and marketing for Cleveland Cavaliers and Gund Arena Company, Cleveland, OH.

Allyson Jones in a substitute teacher and therapist for the Columbus Public Schools.

Jami Jones is a substitute teacher at Westerville and Worthington City Schools.

Sarah Jurak is a teacher at Olentangy Liberty High School, Powell, OH.

Kristin Keller is a market research project coordinator for R.G. Properties.

Barbara Kohler Kerr is an instructor of nursing and related services at Columbus State Community College.

Victoria Turner King is the senior vice president of human resources at JP Morgan Chase, Columbus, OH.

Robyn Bates Knaus is a staff registered nurse at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Marietta, OH. Robyn is perusing an MSN at Otterbein College.

Heidi Kok is a dancer for Le Masquerade Entertainment Group, LLC.

Jessica Kriynovich is a public ally for the Americorps.

Jeffrey Kuss is a quality assurance specialist for defense contract management agency, Columbus, OH.

Jennifer Lange is a contract administrator for DCMA-Dayton. She is also on the flight simulator team for the Department of Defense, Dayton, OH.

Lisa Levine is a store manager at Equus Now!, Lewis Center, OH.

Jessica Main is currently enrolled at Otterbein College seeking an education licensure and will graduate in June 2005.

Jason Marion is an actor for Project Educational Theatre, Inc., Kenner, LA.

Kristine Matarazzo is an equine nurse and anesthesiologist for Runnings Equine Veterinary Services, Califon, NJ.

Tracy Rowland Mays is manager of Steak 'N' Shake, Newark, OH.

Christopher McCall is a teacher for the Hass Educational Organization.

Matthew McClellan works in constituent services for US Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, Columbus, OH.

Amanda (Mandy) Mizanoski McElwee is a patient care coordinator for the Ohio Orthopedic Center of Excellence in Columbus.

Susan Hayes McGregor is the Midwest regional vice president for Chevy Chase Bank, Bethesda, MD. She is seeking an MBA from Ohio State University.

Katherine Melick is working on a masters degree at the University of Dayton.

Michael Pettit is the superintendent for Lancaster Municipal Gas and the director of economic development for the City of Lancaster, OH.

Susan Willamson Missman is a Pre Kindergarten teacher for Worthington City Schools.

Ann Montague is a program manager/RN for the Ohio State University Hospital East.

Matt Morneault is a graduate assistant football coach at Otterbein College.

Denise Inilkes Neibarger is an account manager for Abbott Laboratories, Columbus, OH. She is also working towards a masters degree at Mount Vernon University, Mount Vernon, OH.

Susan Nowak is the office manager for Buckeye Donkey Ball LLC in Mt. Sterling, OH.

Lori Owen is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit for Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH.

Allison Parks is a first grade teacher at Oakstone Academy in Columbus.

Jennifer Phillips is a graduate intern at Legislative Service Commission, Columbus, OH.

Brian Potts is a vocal teacher at Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore, MD.

Donna O'Connor Rakes is an enlisted personnel manager for the Army National Guard.

Rowena Respecia is a credit analyst for MBNA, Columbus, OH.

Rachel Rethmel is a customer advocate at Johns Mansville, Defiance, OH.

Elizabeth Johnson Rhoades is the data processing project director for TNS NFO.

Shareena Rhodes is a music artist, singer, and songwriter for Provident Music Group, Nashville, TN.

Tiffany Roebuck is a manager of an UPS store, Westerville, OH. She is also head cheerleading coach at Westerville South High School.

Amber Rood is a security coordinator for Net Jets Inc.

Rebecca Rossiter is a community outreach director for Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Bridget Rumer is a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the women's basketball team at the Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico.

Lindsay Rusnak is currently living in Chicago, Illinois and pursuing a graduate degree at DePaul University.

Adrian "Rob" Schaar is married to Vicky Ross Schaar and has a daughter Rylee. He went through basic training and is stationed at Fort Campbell, KY where he will probably be deployed to the Middle East in the fall.

Patricia Whipkey Schmitt is an RN at the Ohio State University Hospital East.

Cherina Scholl is an account coordinator at SOS Video Communications and a dancer for the Columbus Destroyers. She was also the only cheerleader picked to represent the Columbus Destroyers last year in the Arena Bowl.

Kelly Shields is a pension administrator for Summit Benefit Solutions, Mansfield, OH.

Tracy Riggs Shoyer is the senior associate in the merchant portfolio analysis department for Discover Financial Services, Inc., New Albany, OH. She is working towards her MBA at Ohio Dominican University.

Laura Goeppner Silcott is a risk operations analyst for Bank One.

Heather Smith is head dance instructor for Dance Unlimited Inc. at Heidelberg College.

Manilath Southammavong is an account executive for Miller Public Relations, Columbus, OH.

John Speelman is an assistant store manager at Blockbuster video, Dublin, OH.

Jodi Hostetter Springer is an audit specialist at Nationwide Insurance.

Ian Stublarec is a substitute teacher at Youngstown City Schools, Youngstown, OH.

Aaron Stupica was a member of the 2002 men's basketball national championship team. He was also a member of the 2003 baseball regional finalist team. He is currently living in Columbus, OH.

Justin Swallie is an 8th grade social studies teacher at Hilliard Weaver Middle School, Hilliard, OH.

Sarah Tanguy is a barista at Starbucks Coffee Company, Columbus, OH.

Margie Brosemer Tate is an assistant store manager at Cord Camera, Dublin, OH.

Dawn Thompson is a family support advocate for the Child Development Council of Franklin County.

Sarah Troike is a design intern for CPA Carpet.

Stacie Troutman is a kindergarten teacher at Indian Run/Wright Elementaries, Dublin, OH.

Michelle Beaman Underwood is substitute teaching in local schools near Hardin Co., OH.

Richard "Adam" Washington is a customer service representative for Nations Rent.

Morgan Weeg is a customer education specialist at Superior Technical Resources for Xerox Corporation, Southfield, MI. She is pursuing an associate's degree from Oakland Community College.

Erin Wells is attending graduate school at the Ohio State University seeking a master's degree in Occupational Therapy.

David Winston is an engineer in technology management for Qwest Communications.

Laurel Nock does sales and marketing for ESC Trading Company Inc.

Matthew Wolfe is an assistant manager at OUAC, Inc. He is also a full-time substitute teacher for Southwestern City Schools.

Kristy Yahl is a sponsorship coordinator for Germain Amphitheater, Columbus, OH.

Meela Zats in a RN at Riverside CICU.

Sara Zimmerman Smith is the director/clinical manager for Big Run and Mount Carmel East Urgent Care.

Sylvia Quesada Zucco is a staff RN in the ICU at Doctors Hospital West.

Marriages

Miriah Anderson to Randy Hoagland, Dec.11, 2004.

Michelle Beaman to Robert Underwood, Dec. 18, 2004.

Chastity Knecht to Adam Welsh, Oct. 16, 2004

Aimee Lewis to Travis Marburger, May 7, 2004.

Jessica Lister to Christopher Patty, Sept. 4, 2004.

Erin Priday to Justin Hatten, June 26, 2004.

Katherine Roth to Joe Downs on July 24, 2004.

Casey Scott to Jason Tomlinson, July 3, 2004.

Sara Suntum to James Garrabrant, October 2, 2004.

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Philanthropy

compiled by Lori E. Green

New Faces, Newly Endowed Scholarships

New Staff, New Roles

Jennifer Westbrook '01 has joined the Development staff as the director of the Otterbein Annual Fund. A Columbus native, she graduated from Otterbein with degrees in public relations and business administration. Prior to her return to Otterbein, Westbrook worked at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio as the annual fund manager.

Westbrook plans to continue the in-house phonathon for the Annual Fund, and will hire an assistant director soon to oversee this function. She will focus her energies on securing Leadership Giving Society level gifts ($500 - $24,999), and the faculty/staff campaign for the Annual Fund.

"I am excited to be back on campus," she said. "I look forward to working with all alumni and helping to educate them about the importance of the Annual Fund."

The Otterbein Annual Fund is comprised of all undesignated gifts. These funds are used each year to help the College support programs, provide financial aid, recruit faculty and sustain day-to-day operations.

Westbrook currently lives in Gahanna.

Carolyn Williams has been named a gift officer for Otterbein. She formerly served as director of Annual Giving for Leadership Gift Societies. Williams will be traveling to Texas, the Midwest and parts of Ohio to talk with alumni and friends about Otterbein and the exciting things happening on campus.

Endowed Funds

Endowed funds are gifts to Otterbein designated to remain in perpetuity in the College's endowment. Interest earned each year on these funds is used to provide scholarships and awards for students pursuing a degree at Otterbein. Endowed programming funds may be used to supplement resources for departments, student or faculty research, or lectures among others. Newly created funds are:

The Richard A. '53 and Mary Hatmaker Dilgard '55 Endowed Scholarship created in memory of Lillian Frank by **Richard A. Dilgard '53** through a charitable gift annuity.

The B. Joan Durr Scholarship was created through an estate from **B. Joan Durr '58**, and is intended for students pursuing a degree in musical theatre.

The Kathy Ashbaugh Kohmescher Scholarship, created by **Fredrick A. Ashbaugh '53** to honor his daughter, **Kathy Ashbaugh Kohmescher '79**. This scholarship is intended for students majoring in education.

The Ventresca Family Fund was established by **Carol Ventresca '76**. This program fund is intended to provide sociology majors (of junior or senior standing) with supplemental funding for pursuit of research, internship or cooperative opportunity in the field.

The Don and Dorothy Unger Scholarship established by **Don Unger '55** and his wife, Dorothy, through a charitable gif annuity, is intended for students majoring in business.

The Yothers Family Scholarship was created by **Duane Yothers '55** and his wife, Diane Yothers, through a charitable gift annuity.

Last year, endowed scholarships helped nearly 650 students to finance their Otterbein education. Some 200 active scholarships, named endowed funds created specifically by gifts from alumni and friends, help supplement Otterbein educational scholarships with an annual allocation of nearly $500,000.

Otterbein alumni and friends also designate funds for endowed Awards. Approximately 170 Awards are given each year to students selected by faculty and staff based on academic merit and achievement.

To find out more about supporting an endowed fund, please contact one of our gift officers: Richard Dorman, 614.823.1280; Jack Pietila, 614.823.1957; Carolyn Williams, 614.823.1454; or Kirk Winter, 614.823.1953.

Recent Grant Awards to Otterbein College

Otterbein College will be a subcontractor of a **$9 million U.S. Department of Education award** to Columbus Public Schools (CPS) and its Higher Education Partnership for the implementation of a five-year teacher quality enhancement project. Otterbein's education, mathematics and science faculty will be key players in this collaborative project that will create a specialized urban teacher preparation track and targeted professional development, with a particular focus on math and science at the middle school level to increase urban student academic achievement. The "urban teacher strand" will target pre-service teachers at the partner institutions and CPS in-service teachers at the apprentice and professional stages of their careers.

Ohio Board of Regents awarded Otterbein **$216,362** for a collaborative project between Otterbein College's pre-service teachers and Columbus Public Schools (CPS). By encouraging the invention of arithmetic algorithms in grades K-3 with Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), this project will focus on the number, number sense, and operations standard of Ohio's Academic Content Standards in Mathematics by targeting ten pilot elementary schools and directly involving six Otterbein students, 10 teacher coaches, 10 principals, 100 teachers, 3,000 students and 4,500 parents within Columbus Public Schools (CPS). Anticipated outcomes include increased problem-solving skills for CPS students; an increased knowledge of the variety of problems in mathematics for CPS teachers and Otterbein pre-service teachers; and an increased mathematical content knowledge for CPS parents.

Bank One awarded Otterbein **$62,109** for a collaborative project between Otterbein College and Westerville City Schools. The project will provide a professional development program for teachers, a service-learning project for Otterbein students, a mentoring and literacy skill-building program for middle school students, and an annual literacy-through-the-arts festival at Genoa Middle School.

A grant of **$15,000** from the **Ohio Department of Education** was awarded to Otterbein's Teacher Education Department to review and streamline the "Teacher Candidate Assessment System." Through the purchase of a new server, software and staff training, the project will enhance data collection/analysis and system documentation.

Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges awarded Otterbein **$10,000** to implement and evaluate technological tools, facilitate educational goals, engage learners, and provide current instructional technology to faculty at the College. The main technology in this project is an interactive whiteboard, a hybrid whiteboard and projection screen that acts as an input device for a computer.

A grant of **$10,000** from the **Westerville Otterbein Women's Club** and a **$10,000** grant from **The Westerville Fund** provided funding for the Cowan Hall renovation.

Ohio Campus Compact awarded **$8,000** for a collaborative project between Otterbein College and Columbus Public Schools (CPS), Project GRAD, and I Know I Can that will enable eight Otterbein students to serve as college club coordinators in four urban middle schools. These "fellows" will serve as capacity-builders for each site, recruiting volunteers, designing program activities, and mentoring young middle school students contemplating a future in higher education.

The **Presser Foundation** awarded Otterbein **$4,000** for scholarships given to students majoring in music based on their artistic potential.

A grant of **$4,000** from the **Nationwide Foundation** for "The George H. Dunlap Scholarship" will go to students majoring in business administration and/or social sciences.

Otterbein will be conducting a number of grant-funded community engagement activities this summer.

Led by Dr. Diane Ross, **Project SAIL** (Summer Academy for Integrated Learning) will allow 80-100 Project GRAD/Columbus Public Schools middle schoolers to participate in a two-week program to enhance their academic achievement and attitude towards learning.

For the fourth year, **Project GRAD** will hold a four-week summer institute for 100 economically disadvantaged students from Linden McKinley High School. Otterbein faculty members John Kengla, Jim Gorman, La Trice Washington, Mark Day, Joe Sachleben will provide academic enrichment in math, English, political science, biology, chemistry and leadership.

Dr. Niki Fayne, in collaboration with Drs. John Swaim, Grace McDaniel, Jeff Smith and Andrea Graytock, will teach a three-week institute to 40 Columbus Public Schools middle school teachers on math and science.

Drs. Jeff Smith and Karen Robinson will conduct a three-week training program on campus to encourage the invention of arithmetic algorithms in grades K-3 with Cognitively Guided Instruction. This program will increase problem-solving skills for 3,000 Columbus Public School students; knowledge of the variety of problems in mathematics for 115 teachers and pre-service teachers, and mathematical content knowledge for 4,500 parents.

Dr. Uwe Trittman will research a supersymmetric version of discretized-light cone quantization to calculate the hadron spectrum from first principles.

Dr. Michael Hoggarth, with several Otterbein students, will increase the understanding of biotic communities in Ohio and in the Wayne National Forest by collecting the distribution and habitat information of the fishes, mussels and crayfish in Symmes Creek and Pine Creek watersheds.

Amy Jessen-Marshall, Sarah Bouchard, Simon Lawrance, Jeff Lehman, John Tansey, Dean Johnston, and Joe Sachleben will lead student teams in developing collaborative and interdisciplinary research within the Life Sciences and Chemistry departments.

Alumni Notes

Spring was a Busy Time for Otterbein Alumni Activities

Spring is always a busy season for Otterbein Cardinals. Through the next couple of pages you will see alumni activity starting in New York City for the Class of '05 senior showcase performance; to Williamsburg, Virginia for the Cardinal Migration; and to Waynesville, Ohio for the ninth annual June Bug Jamboree. Alumni events coordinated at the college included a Career Panel for pre-law by alumni law students, the Class of 2005 Zero Year Reunion, and Alumni Weekend. As it is said, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

~ Becky Fickel Smith '81, Director of Alumni Relations

Cardinal Migration 2005

Eighty participants of the Cardinal Migration were asked "What was the highlight of the experience?" The consensus was "As always the opportunity to meet and talk with other alumni is a highlight." "I loved the Plantation tours and the banquet dinner with Patrick Henry." "Connecting with old friends and meeting new ones, interesting and informative tours is always our favorite." "Learning while having fun with Otterbein alumni is a definite!" We hope you will join us for next year's migration to Santa Fe, New Mexico in the spring of 2006.

Save the date

Memorial Stadium Re-dedication!

Sat., Sept. 17, 2005

10 a.m. Open House

11 a.m. Re-dedication Ceremony

11:30 a.m. Alumni Tailgate

1:30 p.m. Otterbein vs. Capital

Class of 2005 Zero Year Class Reunion: *The Otterbein Alumni Council welcomed the Class of 2005 as the newest members to the alumni association. The celebrative party featured food, prizes and a gift packet of alumni services. Alumni representatives from Dayton, Cincinnati and Akron-Canton were present to congratulate the hometown graduates along with alumni networks for African Americans, broadcasting, career networking and the Otterbein MBA Program.*

Cardinal Migration 2005: Williamsburg, Virginia

June Bug Jamboree: *The ninth annual June Bug Jamboree was held on a perfect June 18 at the home of Bill '48 and Helen `47 LeMay. One hundred and sixteen enjoyed the gourmet picnic, singing of the serenade songs and festive fellowship with each other. Coordinators Ed '58 and Connie '60 Mentzer rallied the committee of thirty in making the event a grand jamboree. Next year's event is scheduled for June 24, 2006.*

NYC Theatre Alumni Gathering: *The Otterbein Theatre Class of 2005 showcased through song and dance for the forty New York alumni who gathered at the Manhattan Theatre Club on Sunday, April 3. Christy Witt '00 was the coordinator for the reception to connect alumni, faculty and staff.*

An Otterbein Wedding: *Laura Witt '03 and Mark Harvey '03 were married on July 24, 2004 at the Everal Barn & Homestead in Westerville. Family members attending the wedding included three generations of Otterbein alumni. Pictured are members of the extended fmaily who attended or taught at Otterbein and were at the wedding. L-R, Dwight Kreischer '55, Mike Kreischer, Jean Geis Kreischer (Phys. Ed., '51-'55), Kyle Witt '02, Kent Witt Jr. '02, Jane Melhorn Witt '75, Margaret Witt '75, Kent Witt Sr. '75, Kevin Witt '73, Keith Witt '72, Laura Witt Harvey '03, Mark Harvey '03, Diane Savage Witt '72, Norma Jean Kreischer Savage '49, John Harvey '73, Lloyd Savage '48, Christy Witt '00, Greg Witt '78, Kelly Witt '05, Kerry Witt '77.*

Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu >click alumni, event/registration

July 26, 6:30 p.m., Transition Tuesdays: The Career Series "Conquering the Employment Interview." Roush 424. Free. Registration required.

Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Picnic – "A Summer Affair of Fun," Akron/Canton Area Alumni Picnic at Hoover Park Pavilion, 1875 E. Maple St., North Canton.

Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., Transition Tuesdays: The Career Series "Managing Your Personal Finance." Roush 424. Free. Registration required.

Aug. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m., African American Alumni After Hours at Damon's Grill, 89 E. Nationwide Blvd., Columbus.

Summer Send-Off Picnics for Otterbein New Students and Parents Hosted by the Alumni Association, Parent Advisory Council, and Admission Office.

Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m. Akron-Canton/Northeast Ohio Hoover Park, 1875 E. Maple St., North Canton.

Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. Cincinnati/SW Ohio Sharon Woods Park, 11450 Lebanon Rd., Cincinnati.

Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. Dayton Area Home of **Harold Augspurger '41**, 5515 Brandt Pike, Dayton.

Aug. 19, Alumni Council Meeting at Otterbein College.

Aug. 24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Otterbein Alumni After Work Networking Event The Jae Company, 6295 Maxtown, Westerville. Registration required.

Sept . 24, 4 p.m., Cincinnati Area Alumni Exclusive Tour of the Reds Stadium followed by a pre-game reception at the Hyatt before the Reds-Philadelphia baseball game at 7:10 p.m.. Reservations by Aug. 22.

Sept. 24 Baltimore/Washington D.C. Area Alumni at Strathmore Center.

Oct. 19, 6 p.m. MBA Executive Speakers Series Battelle Fine Arts Center, Otterbein campus. Guest speaker: Thomas E. Hoaglin, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of Huntington Bancshares Inc.

Oct. 21-22 Homecoming 2005 - Extreme OC Makeover: Building a New Tradition
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