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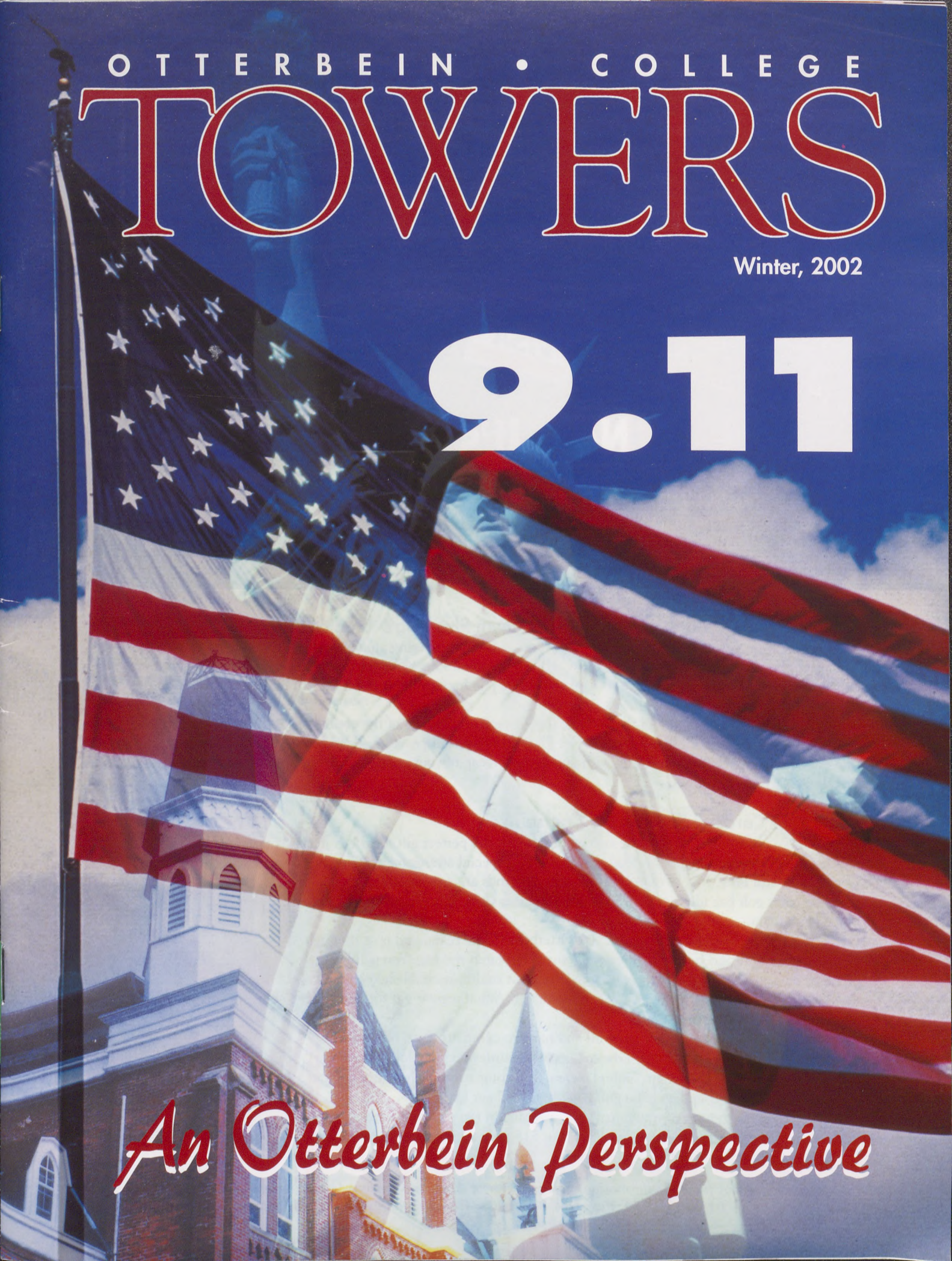

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Otterbein Librarian Reaches Out to Caribbean People

by Lynley Carey '03

During the summer of 1997, when the Soufrière Hills Volcano erupted, it destroyed much of Montserrat, a small island in the Caribbean. However, it also united two communities worlds away from each other.

Betsy Salt, catalog librarian and associate professor at Otterbein, first learned about the island of Montserrat in 1975 in her anthropology studies at The Ohio State University. The island, located about 300 miles southeast of Puerto Rico, was first settled in 1632. What fascinated Salt about the island was its unique history. Unlike other islands surrounding it, Montserrat did not have native people inhabiting it when it was first settled. The first islanders were Irish, but its current population is mainly of Afro-Caribbean descent. Currently, the island is an overseas territory of Great Britain.

The Soufrière Hills Volcano on the island of Montserrat became active in 1995 and in 1997 a major eruption demolished Plymouth, the island's main town.

Salt had forgotten about Montserrat until 1995, when the island's sleeping volcanoes became active.

"Since I knew about the island from my anthropology studies years ago, I began to follow the progress of the eruptions of the volcano on the Internet," Salt said. "When they kept getting bigger and bigger, the Montserrat Red Cross put out an appeal for foreign aid. I e-mailed them, and wanted to know if there was anything an

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Alumni Display Art in Dunlap Gallery

By Cynthia Hawthorne '02

Otterbein College presented its first Alumni Art Exhibition display in Dunlap Gallery from October 8 – November 21, 2001. The theme of the exhibition was "Small-Scale Works."

"All of the participants demonstrated their creativity as they responded with innovative solutions to the size limitation of 12 by 12 inches," said Art Department Chairperson Nicholas Hill, who initiated the project. "The size limitation was introduced because all Art Department graduates from the past 50 years* were invited to participate and we did not know how many would choose to exhibit. I established a small scale format to insure space for as many graduates as possible."

Twenty-two graduates responded, representing classes from 1955-2001. They created works using such artistic methods as painting, photography, bronze casting, computer art, drawing and weaving. "The art works created by Otterbein's art graduates illustrate their diverse interests, skills and talents," Hill said.

Although Hill does not foresee an annual Alumni Art exhibition, occasional thematic shows are being considered due to the positive response from the alumni for this event.

**Editor's note: If you are an Art Dept. graduate and were not notified, please contact Alumni Records at 614-823-1400.*

Shadows on the Lane *by Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson '89*

Torch Ginger *by Laura Guy Nash '89*

Each One of Us Experienced 9/11/01 in Our Own Way

By the time you read this, September 11, 2001 will likely be about five months or more past—certainly not recent news by journalistic standards. And yet September 11 still occupies so much of our collective consciousness, still is so large in our memory banks. It was, historically, as momentous as December 7, 1941 or any other day in American history. And that is why we decided it was appropriate, even months after 9-11, to dedicate the better part of a *Towers* issue to that day.

What we've tried to do is present an Otterbein perspective on the tragic events of that day. You'll hear from some alumni who were there in New York or were at the Pentagon on that fateful day. You'll read about how the campus reacted and responded. You'll get a lot of stories about what happened on one day in September that changed us collectively as a people forever.

As the morning events unfolded, we were all drawn to the TV sets, most of us at work, unable to continue that work in any meaningful way as the horror played itself out. Still, because it was so surreal and so "this can't be happening," it was not until much later for many of us that the depth of the tragedy hit us. For me it was at a place called the Thirsty Ear, a local establishment of food and drink where I often perform at an open mic stage. It was the next evening, September 12, about 40 hours after the planes crashed into the World Trade Center Towers, and even though I didn't feel much like playing, if I tell someone I'm going to do something I go do it, no excuses. After I played (poorly, because my heart just wasn't into it) I sat watching the TV screens showing all the people looking for their lost loved ones, their desperate, hopeful flyers of loved ones turning poles and walls into shaggy paper monuments. Everyone was wandering the streets, looking for some sliver of hope that someone had perhaps seen....my father, my husband, my wife, my sister, my child....that's when it hit me and I couldn't hold it back anymore, and I let my face fall into my hands and I wept for all of them looking for loved ones they weren't going to find.

It was different for all of us, that point when each of us found his or her heart unexpectedly broken by the TV images that we didn't want to see but from which we could not turn away.

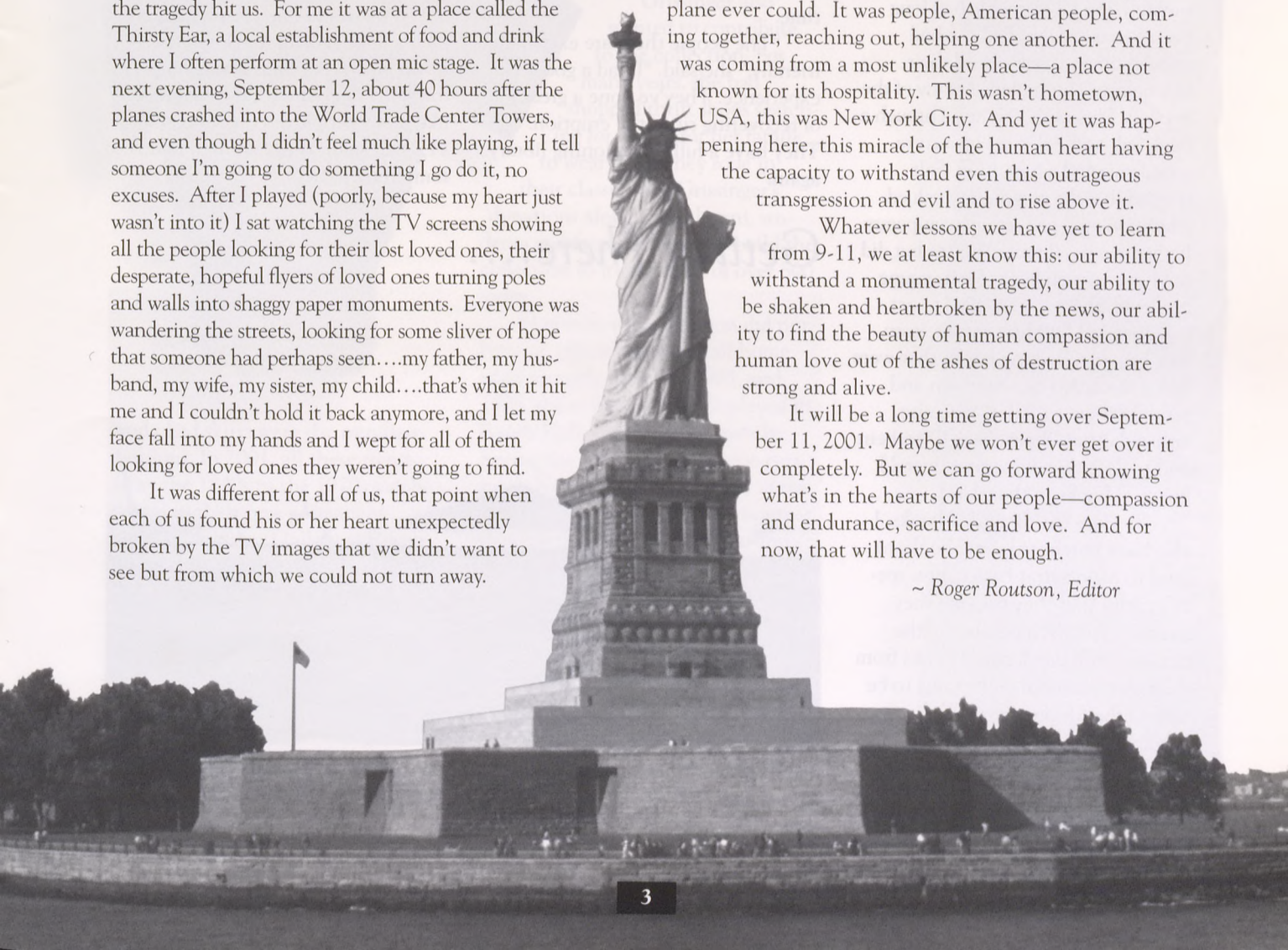
And then there was a great need for action—to do something to help. Many flocked to give blood, a noble gesture. That was not a good option for me. I have AB positive blood—the universal recipient. Unfortunately, the only other humans who can take my blood are other AB types, and of course, they can take blood from anyone. In the commodities of human blood, I was given devalued and undesired stock. So what to do? Write a song? Pour the grief out in a musical exorcism? The music came, powerful, sometimes discordant, full of hurt and a bit raw—but the words, the words just wouldn't come. It was too much to try to set right with mere words. In the end, I consoled myself with contacting those I cared most about in this world simply to say I loved them and I knew their hearts were hurting and I was thinking of them. It didn't seem like enough, but there was not going to be anything that would seem like enough for this one.

And yet despite the hurt, despite the grief and smoke and ash, something was shining through from New York, New York. It shone brighter than any fire from any jetplane ever could. It was people, American people, coming together, reaching out, helping one another. And it was coming from a most unlikely place—a place not known for its hospitality. This wasn't hometown, USA, this was New York City. And yet it was happening here, this miracle of the human heart having the capacity to withstand even this outrageous transgression and evil and to rise above it.

Whatever lessons we have yet to learn from 9-11, we at least know this: our ability to withstand a monumental tragedy, our ability to be shaken and heartbroken by the news, our ability to find the beauty of human compassion and human love out of the ashes of destruction are strong and alive.

It will be a long time getting over September 11, 2001. Maybe we won't ever get over it completely. But we can go forward knowing what's in the hearts of our people—compassion and endurance, sacrifice and love. And for now, that will have to be enough.

~ Roger Routson, Editor



Ruth Allen (left) and Betsy Salt pose for a photo on Allen's visit to the campus in October, 2001.

The new public library building at Brades, Montserrat.

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American librarian could do to help out."

The Montserrat Red Cross put her in touch with Ruth Allen, the head librarian at the public library on Montserrat. On August 3, 1997, a major eruption completely demolished Plymouth, the island's main town. Fortunately, the townspeople had long been evacuated, but had not had enough time to clear out all their belongings. This included many of the books at Plymouth's library. Through e-mail, Salt and Allen set-up a correspondence and a friendship. Salt learned that the community valued education, and had set up a temporary library in a small rented house, but did not have enough books for its young residents. She felt compelled to act.

Inspired by Montserrat's story, Salt began collecting books that were being discarded by Otterbein and sending them to Allen. She also enlisted other librarians at Otterbein, and to date they have sent over 25 boxes of books to the island.

"Besides the discarded books, I also have purchased some books to send to Montserrat based upon specific titles that they told me they needed. Finally, a number of the library staff have donated books from their own personal collections to be sent to the Montserrat Public Library," Salt said

"Most of the books I have sent to Montserrat have been popular fiction and children's books," she said. "These are the most used types of books in small public libraries."

As a result of Salt's effort, the people of Montserrat have more books for their new library. In March of 2001, Salt was invited to visit the island and saw the new library in the town of Brades before it was opened to the public. She met Allen and the residents of Montserrat for the first time.

"The people there are extremely friendly," she said. "I had a good experience. They've done a great job of recovering since the eruption. They have a fully functioning library again."

In October, Allen came to the United States for three weeks and visited Salt and the Otterbein campus. "She got to see some of the public libraries in the Columbus area as well as the Otterbein library, and she got to meet the staff here who have been so supportive of my efforts to help the Montserrat Public Library," Salt said.

Why would one person take on such a large project for people a world away? For Salt, it was simply the spirit of giving. "I felt helpless, like many people did on September 11," Salt said. "I just wanted to do something to help."

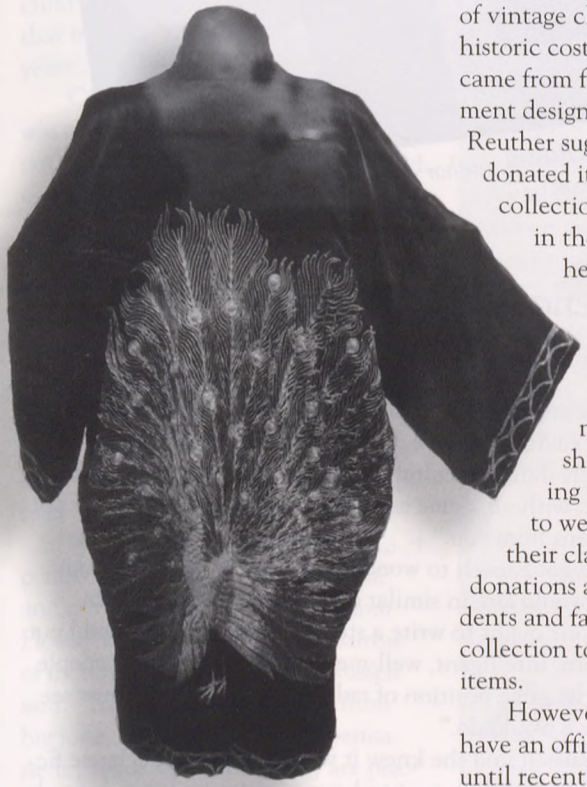
Getting There....

The Clements Fitness and Recreation Center is currently taking form adjacent to the Rike Center (far left). Construction is on schedule for the opening in fall of this year.

Fisher Gallery puts on (Permanent) Historic Attire

by Lynley Carey '03

In the 1860s, cloaks and capes were the hottest fashion items on campus. In the 1880s, the color gray created a huge following. In the 1940s, bobbie socks, sweaters



and plaid skirts were the trendiest fashions. In 2001, all these trends from the 1840s to the 1970s can be found in their new permanent home, the Fisher Gallery at Roush Hall.

Otterbein's historic costume collection started in 1984 with the efforts of Assistant Professor of Human Ecology Jean Spero, and later Jodi Grissinger, the wife of retired Chairman of the Speech Department Dr. James Grissinger. Both Spero and Mrs. Grissinger had acquired various pieces of clothing from different eras.

Spero, former chair of the Home Economics Department, wanted to donate her family heirlooms to Otterbein to show students a variety of vintage clothing. But the idea of a historic costume collection actually came from former theatre department designer Lucy Lee Reuther. Reuther suggested that Spero collect donated items and start an official collection for the college. To help in the process, Spero donated heirlooms from her grandmother's attic.

Grissinger also wanted to contribute to the collection. For many years, she had shopped thrift shops searching for outfits for her family to wear when they rode in their classic cars. Grissinger's donations along with alumni, students and faculty, helped to build the collection to its grandeur of over 800 items.

However, the collection did not have an official place to call home until recently. In 1993, 1995, and 1996, the collection was displayed in Roush Hall, but not permanently. Seeing the importance of these treasures, Nicholas Hill, chairman of the art department, decided last summer to allow the co-curators Spero and newly-appointed Linnette Taylor Schaffer '91 access to Fisher Gallery as a permanent home for the clothing. According to Spero, the exhibit will change every six months with a different theme highlighted in each display.

Currently the roaring twenties are on display, and in June 2002, a bridal theme will take its place.

"Jesuits in Space" and other Oddities

Mary Doria Russell, author of The Sparrow, *this year's Common Book*

Cultural Blindness Examined in Science Fiction Common Book

by Roger Routson

Jesuits in space. Try selling that idea to a fiction publisher.

But that's exactly what Mary Doria Russell did, and the result was the publication of *The Sparrow* in 1996, this year's Common Book. The Common Book, provided to all incoming freshmen and faculty, is used in freshman Integrative Studies courses and blends with many activities throughout the academic year to create a multi-disciplinary program.

The Sparrow explores the question of faith through the science fiction story of members of the Society of Jesus who travel to the planet of Rakhat, where their good intentions are overshadowed by their cultural blindness, which leads to tragedy.

How did an anthropologist turned technical writer come to write a science fiction tale? This was largely the subject of Mary Doria Russell's talk at the Common Book Convocation on October 16 in Cowan Hall.

For Russell, the birth of her first novel was the result of a number of factors in her life. In 1992, most all of her contracts for writing technical manuals dried up. Coincidentally, it was the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America. Russell grew up thinking Columbus was a hero instead of the now-popular idea that he was a vilified symbol of slavery and genocide. "America was an accident, " Russell said. "Cut him some slack. Is it fair to hold guys who have been dead for 470 years to this sensitivity and awareness of cultures that we have only begun to get in the 21st century?" If the closest of friends and the most devoted spouses, Russell asked, can misunderstand each other on a daily basis, "try to understand an entirely different culture without understanding the language, without a clue as to how and why these people are different from you."

It got Russell to wondering about how modern day folks would fare in similar circumstances. "I thought, someone ought to write a story," she said, "that would put modern, intelligent, well-meaning, well-educated people into the same position of radical ignorance. Let's just see how we would do."

Russell said she knew it would have to be science fiction, but "I didn't want to have to write it. I just wanted to read it."

Another event in 1992 also prompted Russell to form the basic premise of *The Sparrow* and its sequel, *Children of God*. NASA announced that we were ready to begin serious monitoring of the skies, "listening" for sentient beings through radio waves. Russell asked the questions: What if we found sentient beings within a lifetime of Earth? Who would go to meet them?

Russell said she'd like to think the U.S. would lead the way, but Congress seems to cut NASA's budget every year. She also thought of Russia and Japan, but also doubted them because of economic conditions. It would have to be an organization, she felt, that had an international organization, scientific expertise, money to back the mission, and the motive to go. That's when she asked herself: What about the Jesuits?

About that time, two deaths close to her got her to pondering the roles that religion has played throughout history.

"I was out of work. I had time on my hands," she said. "So I thought, why not try a short story. If I had known I was starting on what would become a 400-page novel, I never would have turned the computer on.

"Writing fiction is the hardest thing I've ever done. That includes getting a Ph.D.; that includes learning Croatian, which is a bear of a language; that includes adoption of a child from behind the Iron Curtain, that includes staying married for 31 years...in a row...to the same man."

Often, Russell said, she thought it was all nuts. "I was working my heart out on something that can be summed up as 'Jesuits in Space.' I was pouring all this effort into a story that no one is going to publish."

And indeed, the "fun" was just starting once Russell finished the book. *The Sparrow* was rejected 31 times. She heard more than once, "No one wants to read about priests flying around in space." One publisher even told her that Catholics don't read books.

But finally it was published and of course went on to be a commercial and critical success. "And Random House has offered me a wheelbarrow of money for my next book," Russell said. "In three years I've gone from big joke, to major gamble, to permanent producer, and now they are placing a large bet that the next step is cash cow."

Russell addressed in her book and also in her convocation address what she sees as a wrongful dichotomy between religion and science.

"I don't see religion as the opposite of science. Religion is like music to me. No one would ask if music was scientifically accurate. I find majesty in Moses, in Beethoven, in Darwin. I can't find any reason to have to choose between them.

"When it comes to faith and science, both kinds of questions are worth asking and worth thinking deeply about."

Recruitment 2002:
The New Face of Greek Life at Otterbein

by Lynley Carey '03

The start of winter quarter every year usually means the beginning of formal Greek rush. Freshman women are escorted through the sorority houses, and the men enjoy socializing with the fraternities. But this year, things have changed. Now the students of Otterbein will be experiencing "recruitment," not "rush."

ΛΓΕ

The changes taking place in the Greek system began in the 2000-2001 academic year. Last spring, as the Panhellenic Council(Panhel) and Interfraternity Council (IFC) were planning Rush 2002, they realized that the process needed to be revised. By looking at national statistics, both Panhel and IFC recognized incoming students value things such as community involvement and brotherhood.

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"More and more freshman are coming in looking for more than just a social organization," said Panhel recruitment chair Annie Butera. "They want an outlet for types of experiences they had in high school. A lot of times Greeks are sold as primarily social organizations, and we're more than that."

To switch the focus of rush from a social aspect to each organization's philanthropy, the sororities adopted a community service round. This round will be the beginning of "formal recruitment," and will take place at the beginning of winter quarter. Freshman women will then have an opportunity to work on a community service project with each sorority.

To accommodate this change, the open houses were moved from winter to fall quarter. The way open houses were conducted was changed as well. Women are now permitted to walk through the houses, without formally signing up for rush. By doing this, Panhel believed it would make the process less stressful and "rushed."

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Along with IFC, Panhel decided to change the name of Greek "rush" to "recruitment." Both organizations believe the name change will produce a more positive meaning with students. Instead of being "rushed," freshmen will be "recruited" into the Greek system.

Along with the name change, IFC wanted to communicate to freshman men the importance of brotherhood, not just socializing. That is why this year, fraternity recruitment will focus on the bond of brotherhood. They want to show potential members that Otterbein's fraternities are unique and are an important part of Otterbein's history.

ΣΑΤ

By changing the name and structure of Greek recruitment, both IFC and Panhel hope to increase numbers and change potential members' perceptions of Greek life.

However, Greek Life Advisor Julie Saker also points out that recruiting members will take more than just a structure change. "Changing the structure is important in allowing potentials to get to know the chapters, but really what it comes down to is knowing the members and feeling comfortable being there," said Saker.

CLASSNOTES

compiled by Sandy Ritchie

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

1944

Faith Naber has a master's degree in library science from Ball State and worked as a librarian at a junior high school. She then became a traveler, enjoying most a small houseboat trip on the Amazon River from Iqiuque, Peru to the edge of Brazil. She also went through the Panama Canal on the QE II and to North Cape in Norway. She was a missionary to the Philippines from 1949 to 1956. She visited relatives in the Netherlands in 1980 and 1983.

1945

Mary Jane Kern McBlane was treasurer of the Clark County Retired Teachers Association for 11 years. She gave up her tenure in September of 2000.

1948

Clifford Kerns and his wife, Marjorie, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Grand Cayman, Cozumel and New Orleans. They also attended the 2000 Cardinal Migration in Boston.

1949

Robert Corbin, retired president of Foodcraft Management Corporation in Dayton and a state legislature from the 42nd District, was awarded the Ohio Restaurant Association's (ORA) highest honor, the Claude F. Morton, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual chairman's banquet held at The Presidential Banquet Center in Dayton, OH. This prestigious award is given to those individuals who have dedicated their professional lives to serving the Ohio restaurant industry.

1949

Betty Nichols Younger moved to the Penney Retirement Center in Penney Farms, FL in July 2001. She moved from Ann Arbor, MI.

1953

Robert Seibert and his wife, **Nancy Longmire Seibert '52**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 8, 2001.

1954

Wilber (Will) Kirk has been honored by the ASTM Committee G01 on Corrosion of Metals with the Francis L. LaQue Memorial Award. He was nominated for this award for his many technical and leadership contributions in his field. He served as chairman of Subcommittee G01.04 on Atmospheric Corrosion from 1986 to 1996. He has shared his leadership expertise through a wide range of community affiliations and university advisory positions. He is a fellow of ASM International, has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Naval Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and a Commendation for Service to the U.S. Navy. He is also listed in *Who's Who in Engineering* and is a member of NACE International.

1956

David Warner, longtime west side resident and activist, was honored alongside grand marshal Jimmy Crum and celebrity host Chuck Patterson at the Westland Area Fourth of July Celebration in 2001. He was chosen by the Westland Area Business Association, the sponsor of the celebration, to be the parade honoree for 2001. He was recognized during the parade and at the celebration that followed.

1958

Susan Canfield recently retired from the Dover, Ohio School System.

1959

Anita Hayden Hansen and family have lived in the Silicon Valley for five years and is in her fourth year of teaching kindergarten, where she says she finally found her niche. She and her family will be there another five years before retiring to their beach condo in Imperial Beach, CA.

1960

Thelma Speais retired January 2001 from the Montgomery County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities. She was a facility manager.

1961

Nerita Darling Brant and **Marjorie Lengyel Olson '65** have found themselves as next-door-neighbors, teaching Family and Consumer Sciences at Somerset Area Junior High School in Somerset, PA.

Bernice Glor Pagliaro is currently active in antiques & collectibles. She became a partner/dealer in Goleta Antiques Mall near L.A. two year ago. This has turned into a full-time "retirement profession."

1962

Mary Lippincott Dixon has retired after 36 years of secondary teaching with the Madison Local Schools, Mansfield, OH. She began the GRADS program 13 years ago, and saw the district achieve a 95% graduation rate for its pregnant & parenting students.

Orvis Wells is the chief of staff at Innovis Hospital in Fargo, ND. He has been with the Dakota Clinic for eleven years and serves as chairman of the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department of the clinic.

1964

Dennis Rose was named the new superintendent of the Galion City School District. He signed a three-year contract beginning August 1,

2001. He received his master's of education in guidance and counseling at Edinboro University. He then completed his required coursework for educational administration at Ashland University.

1966

Diane Weaston Birckbichler received The Ernest L. Boyer International Award for excellence in teaching, learning and technology. This award recognizes exceptional faculty achievements in enhancing the learning process. It was presented in Jacksonville, FL on April 19, 2001 at the Twelfth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. The Boyer Award has a $5,000 cash prize provided by Blackboard, Inc., a company that provides software platforms for web-based course and portal management. She was selected from among the nominees of 22 institutions throughout the US, Canada, and Brazil.

Rev. Edward Clarke recently retired from full-time ordained ministry of the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. He successfully served for 36 years. He has been licensed since 1965, ordained full elder in 1969, and was the first ordained person by Bishop Roy Nichols.

1967

Rev. Daniel Huther has been appointed as the new pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ottawa, OH. He began his duties June 24, 2001. He attended the United Theological Center in Dayton and was ordained as a pastor in 1970.

1968

Robert Buttermore has just completed his second year of teaching. In December of 1998, he earned his master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. He also holds a certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech Language Hearing Association, and is also certified by the NY State Education Department. He is working

PROFILE

Alumna Not on Thin Ice with Career in Public Relations

By Cynthia Hawthorne '02

Without even realizing it, **Wendy Peterson '95** had personal interests that were leading her into a fulfilling career. As the director of community development for the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets, Wendy not only utilizes her skills in public relations and events planning, but also gets to serve Columbus in a community service capacity.

Wendy was uncertain of her major when she first came to Otterbein and chose classes based on her interests. She was sure that somehow she would just know eventually what she wanted to do. After two years, she noticed a pattern in classes that led her to major in Public Relations. She never looked back.

While at Otterbein, she tried her hand at sports promotions for the Lady Cardinals Basketball Youth Camp. She also did publicity for her sorority Sigma Alpha Tau and planned and publicized special events like socials and dances. She was a member of the Mortar Board, Campus Planning Board and a Resident Assistant her sophomore year. She also worked for three years in the Office of College Relations.

Wendy worked as many internships as possible in her junior and senior years. One internship in particular, with Banner and Associates, allowed her to continue gaining experience in events planning. She served as a meeting planner for the World Summit on Trade Efficiency.

After graduating from Otterbein, Wendy went to work for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, beginning as the assistant manager of programs and special events and being promoted to manager in a little over one year. While at the Chamber, Wendy had been able to accomplish the dream job she had written on her Cardinal Network Luncheon form – planning a parade or a large city event for a big city. Her job at the chamber allowed her to be part of successful Columbus events including the Columbus Jazz/Rib Festival and Senator John Glenn's homecoming parade.

In 1997, Wendy volunteered her public relation skills in the evenings to help raise awareness for a cause she believed in and was passionate about — The Campaign for Issue 1 to build a new arena and bring a professional hockey team to Columbus. "I clearly had the passion for this project and my community contacts made me an ideal candidate," she said.

When Wendy took the job, the arrival of the team was still two years away. Her job in the interim was to "make the plan for how we were going to develop a department that would relate the team to the community." She added, "We had nothing to start from. It was very challenging."

"One thing that made my job easier was that majority owner John H. McConnell brought the team to the community because he loved this city and wanted to give back," she said. "It is my job to fulfill his vision."

Wendy now gets to combine her love of volunteering with her career in public relations. "That's the neat part about what I do, because a lot of what I do is affiliated with (charitable organizations), so I kind of get to do both at the same time," she said. "We also have wonderful players that come to me with ideas for giving back to the community. They will buy seats for kids and sponsor trips for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The players are great role models and they want to do things that make a positive difference. Those times, the hours just fly by and you don't even know it. That's when you know you love what you do."

in the Sidney (NY) Central School District as a speech-language pathologist.

1969

Steve Deringer recently retired from Westerville City Schools. He was principal at Hawthorne Elementary.

Lt. Gen. Lance Lord has been assigned as assistant vice chief of staff of the Air Force at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Carole Betts Pearson is proud to say that her son, Nicholas Pearson, is a freshman at Otterbein. She and her husband became grandparents on May 23, 2000 when their granddaughter, Mallory Nicole Boring, was born.

1970

Judith Decker Smart was one of three individuals honored by The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development with the 2001 International Teaching Excellence Award. She has been teaching at Terra Community College since 1983. One of her biggest projects has been the development of the Math 135, 136 and 137 curriculum. She obtained her master's degree from Heidelberg College.

1971

Michael Pratt was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church on June 11, 2001. He was honored with a Special Achievement Award from Otterbein in 2001. Following an MS degree from Xavier in 1974, he also served as an adjunct professor in Xavier's graduate school, as well as the University of Dayton and Wilmington College. He has received numerous recognition awards, including ones from the Dayton Bar Association, the National Association of Social Workers, Society Bank and the Dayton Presidents Club. His oldest son Andrew is a 2001 graduate of Otterbein.

Jeanette Robinson Thomas received her master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University in August 2001. She is currently employed by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Library in Cincinnati, OH.

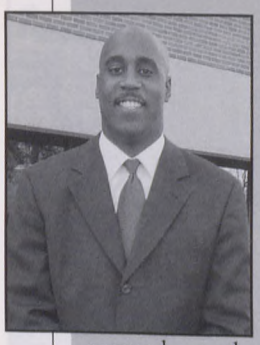
PROFILE

Alumnus Works for Program that Worked for Him

By Cynthia Hawthorne '02

For **Eddie Harrell '94,** community service is much more than a something he does when he finds time for it. Community service is his job.

As chief operating officer for *I Know I Can/Project GRAD-Columbus*, Eddie has the chance to go into the community and tell Columbus City School kids that college is not only an option for them, but that it can change their lives — and he is living proof.



I Know I Can is a program designed to ensure that every Columbus Public School graduate has the opportunity to go to college through financial support and early awareness programs that familiarize grade school students with local colleges and the opportunities available to the students. Eddie is one of the program's success stories.

"I was a student of *I Know I Can*," Eddie said. "Coming out of high school, the question wasn't whether I was going to go to college, but where I was going to college."

Eventually, Eddie had to make the decision between his top three schools—Otterbein College, Notre Dame and The Ohio State University. But it all came down to the personal touch at Otterbein. "I remember a phone call we received from Jeanne Talley (associate director of admission) the night before I was supposed to decide where I was going to go to college and that really pushed it over the edge for Otterbein," Eddie said. "That personal touch is something that neither one of the other colleges provided."

While at Otterbein, Eddie was active in campus activities. He was vice president of the African American Student Union and an original member of Otterbein's gospel choir. In addition, he played intramural sports, which he credits with strengthening his teamwork skills.

In addition to his classes and campus activities, Eddie interned with the Kroger Company. After graduating with his bachelor's degree in business administration, he completed a management training program at Kroger and went on to work in various management positions with the company.

As vice president of the Minority Management Advisory Council within Kroger, Eddie became very involved in the community. "I was involved in all kinds of charities through Kroger, including March of Dimes, Easter Seals, cancer research and (charities for) the homeless."

As a result of 10 years of loyal service to Kroger and the community, Eddie was recognized as one of *Business First's* "Forty under 40" in September 2000.

In June 2001, Eddie's professional career took a different path when he joined *I Know I Can/Project GRAD-Columbus*. Eddie took the skills he learned in corporate America and applied them to the non-profit world to make a difference in his community. "Being able to do this for the students of the same school system that I came out of makes both of these initiatives very near and dear to me."

Eddie balances his passion for his work with spending time with his family. "I love spending time with my wife Valerie, who I've known for over 20 years, my 5-year old daughter Kayla and my 4-month old son Eddie III."

He credits his experiences at Otterbein with helping to take him where he is today. "Otterbein helped me grow as a person with the experiences that I had there. Every child, regardless of their income level, demographics, where they live or what school system they're in, should have the opportunity to come to an institution like Otterbein."

1972

Pastor Craig Jones, a fourth-generation minister, has been appointed senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Marysville, OH. He is a graduate of the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

1975

Michael Herrell was promoted to major with the Franklin County Sheriffs' Department on April 7, 2001. He is commander of the largest county jail within the State of Ohio. On August 10, 2001 he celebrated 20 years of service with the department.

Janet Jones Watterman is the assistant principal at Northeast School in Gahanna, OH. Northeast School is part of the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities providing educational services to 150 students with multiple handicaps. She resides in Bloom Township with her husband, Rick, and son, Bryan, age 13.

1976

Elsa Giammarco was recently named by Franklin County Treasurer Wade Steen to serve as his chief deputy treasurer. She formerly served as director of audit administration with state auditor Jim Petro's office.

Julie Mathias Lintz is a tutor at Northmont Middle School. She and her husband, **Jack Lintz '74**, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their oldest son, John, is a sophomore at Otterbein and is on the track team. Their second child, Jim, is a Northmont senior, considering Otterbein, and would run cross country. Their daughter, Mary Beth, is a Northmont sophomore, and also runs cross country.

Lorna Conley Mayville is teaching at Alexandria Elementary where she has been employed for 23 years. She is currently teaching 2nd grade.

1978

David Robinson continues to design costumes for films. His recent work includes *Pollock* with Ed Harris and Marcia Gay Harden; *Zoolander* with Ben Stiller and Mila Jovovitch; *People I Know* with Al Pacino, Kim Basinger and Tea Leoni; *Marci X*, a comedy with Damon Wayans and Lisa Kudrow; and *Scotland, PA*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *MacBeth* set in the 70's. He will be celebrating his tenth anniversary with his partner Michael Carey this summer at their home in Brooklyn, NY.

1980

James (Dean) Fultz accepted a promotion to sales manager of the Olive Branch, MS, Weyerhaeuser Containerboard Plant. He and his wife, **Lisa Nitschke Fultz '80**, relocated to Germantown, TN. Lisa teaches special education at Farminton Elementary School. They have three daughters: Ashleigh, Audrey and Alyssa.

1981

Susan Davis Bond would like her old English professor, Dr. William Hamilton, to know she is now teaching composition to college freshman for Fairmont State College in West Virginia. She and her husband, Rich, have three children and nine grandchildren.

Vicky Allison Giovanetti was recently promoted to operations manager for Interim Healthcare in Charleston, SC.

Elizabeth Neuberger Godfrey is working as a nurse anesthetist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX. Her husband, Dennis, just retired after 20 years with the Marine Corps and works as a pilot for Delta Air Lines. They reside in Southlake, TX.

Thomas Schluter went to Guatemala in November 2001 for a study and work mission program with the Rural Chaplains Association. An account of the trip is available on-line at: http://www.bright.net/~schluter/guatemala%20journ.html.

1984

Alice Thomas received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1997 from Howard University, Washington, D.C.

1986

Kristen Holm Arendt is a full-time nursing student at Cabarrus College for Health Sciences in Concord, NC. She also works part-time for her husband Randy's business. They have two children: Kyle, 6, and Brittany, 2.

Carl Bates is an assistant professor in pediatric nephrology at Ohio State University. He just received a grant from The American Society of Nephrology for $200,000 to study the role of somatostatin in the developing kidney.

Troy Farnlacher is the team leader for Executive Compensation Benchmarking at IBM in Armonk, NY. He resides in Fishkill, NY with his wife, Stephanie, and two children, Nathan and Hannah.

Deborah Ketner Ward received her MAT from Otterbein in 1998. Since then, she has worked as a textbook editor for SRA/McGraw-Hill, and currently, Highlights for Children/Zaner-Bloser. She volunteers for the Capital Area Humane Society and various school districts. She also continues to work part-time for Hurt Photography.

Jason Weihl will be practicing family medicine in Bucyrus through Bucyrus Community Hospital starting July 16, 2001. He received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, and a doctor of osteopathy degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed the Family Practice Residency program at Doctors Hospital in Columbus and is board certified in family practice. He resides in Bucyrus with his wife, Missi; two sons, John and Jason; and one stepdaughter, Alaina.

1987

April Dolin Eichner, an Alliance, OH resident, is the transport coordinator for Children's Hospital Medical Center in Akron, one of the busiest operations in the state. During 2000, they transported 1,105 patients and were on track to transport 1,200 in 2001. Her teams are specially trained in neonatal and pediatric

care. She resides in Alliance with her husband, William Eichner, and four children: Josh, 18; Heather, 15; Seth, 11; and Eric, 8.

Jennifer Slager Pearce of Westerville was recently promoted to vice president of marketing and communications at Cheryl & Co.

1988

Susan Gaskell Merryman has joined the staff of Edward Howard & Co., public relations and investor relations counsel, as vice president. She will work out of the firm's Columbus office and will provide planning, counseling and general public relations services to a variety of clients. She received a master's in business administration from the University of Dayton. She is accredited in public relations and currently serves as president-elect for the Public Relations Society of America, Central Ohio Chapter.

1989

Molly McGee Barrett teaches advanced biology at DeSales High School. She is chairwoman of the science department.

Andrew Hall is an attorney in private practice in Upper Arlington.

Kyle Ramey is an assistant principal at Kettering Fairmont High School in Kettering, OH.

Kimberly Strosnider recently received her law degree from Harvard University. She resides in Alexandria, VA with her husband, Mike Bloxom.

1990

Jody Oates is the director of camps, conferences and retreats for the West Ohio Conference, United Methodist Church. He resides in Columbus with his wife, Margie, and their two children, Morgan and Connor.

Chad Reynolds has accepted a position with the Gahanna-Jefferson school district. He will be principal at Gahanna's Goshen Lane Elementary.

Alvah Werner has been promoted to vice president

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PROFILE

Spontaneous Poetry Part of this Writer's Talents

By Cynthia Hawthorne '02

Sunny Killina '98 has had a lifelong relationship with the written word. By the age of ten, Sunny aspired to become a novelist and, at the age of eleven, wrote her first "chapter book." While other children her age played outdoors, Sunny could often be found perched in the limbs of her favorite tree or curled up on her bed, reading and writing.

While at Otterbein, her writing abilities were nurtured by "three wise women in the English department." Sunny said these women—Rebecca Bowman, Beth Rigel Daugherty and Alison Prindle—allowed her writing voice to fully emerge. "Even today, when I am working on a new piece, those three women are part of the ideal audience I keep in mind as I am writing."

Sunny graduated from Otterbein with bachelor degrees in creative writing and psychology. She worked a few jobs after college, but soon made the decision to pursue writing as a full-time profession. "I am not suited for any other kind of work," Sunny said. "I have tried retail and customer service … and finally decided that I have worked long enough as an apprentice. It was time to begin taking myself and my work seriously."

"I couldn't imagine a better way of doing that than being forced to write to pay the bills," Sunny said. "Writing has always been life-giving for me, but deciding to write to support myself means that writing and living are now intimately connected."

Being a professional writer for Sunny takes many forms. She is currently working on a novel titled *Obsession* about a small town and the dark secrets and hidden obsessions of its citizens. She facilitates Poetic Playshops – creative-writing workshops that allow writers of all ages to explore language that is fun and to open themselves up to the poet she believes resides in us all. To help keep her writing skills exercised, she also sets up "spontaneous poetry" booths at local events, where she takes a brief conversation and weaves it into a personal poem.

"Because I am a writer, I am always working," Sunny said. "When I am listening to conversations, I am studying the way that person speaks—the specific word constructions, accent and non-verbal behavior that makes up that person's speech. I study speech patterns as though they are music, which they are. Each one of us has a distinct manner of speaking, and knowledge of that is crucial to creating believable dialogue."

Sunny writes every day and practices freewriting as soon as she wakes up each morning. "Writing is now as essential to me as eating. For me, the life of a writer never ends. Anything I learn, everything I do, feeds my writing and for that I am intensely grateful."

When asked for advise for others who dream of becoming a writer, Sunny simply said, "Write. Stop lingering about in the 'writing' section of your local bookstore. You don't need any more books on craft. You don't need to read everything *Writer's Digest* publishes. Write. You'll never get better without practice.

"Too often, I think people try to skip the writing part and go straight into the world of publication," Sunny said. "Allow yourself an apprenticeship period – an open span of years in which to develop your particular voice and style."

Sunny's own voice and style continues to grow. She says she has noticed a new vibrancy and depth to her writing. "I think part of that is due to years of persistent practice, but an equally important part is that I recently discovered my muse. He's a painter named dru© whose sense of vision has altered the way I look at the world…dru© is the first person I show new work to and his comments continue to astound me with their depth. As I grow in that relationship, my writing also grows."

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An Otterbein Perspective

The Otterbein Campus Responds to September 11

by Jenny Hill

The events of September 11 had a deep impact on Americans across the nation, around the world and right here at Otterbein College as well. With the tragic deaths of Americans in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania on that Tuesday morning, life was not "status quo" for Otterbein students and employees, who shifted from shock to grief to giving in the hours, days, weeks and even months following the "Attack on America."

For someone who had not turned on the television or radio before coming to campus that morning, the first sign that things were not right was the look on the students' faces. Across campus, students walked with their heads lowered, watching the ground as they passed each other. Those who were talking were relating the latest news updates. There was a general feeling of sadness, anxiety and confusion, as the American flag in front of Towers Hall was lowered to half-staff following the tragedy. Students were glued to the television sets in their dorms and the Campus Center, wondering if this was all a mistake, wishing the news anchors would take it back. Afternoon and evening classes were cancelled so students could follow this historic tragedy, with the knowledge that they would never be able to concentrate on their classroom lectures.

When classes resumed on Wednesday, professors across campus found ways to incorporate the attacks into classroom lessons and discussions to help students deal with the events and emerge from their confusion with a deeper understanding of the tragedy. A faculty meeting was even called at noon on Wednesday, September 12 to discuss how to respond in classes.

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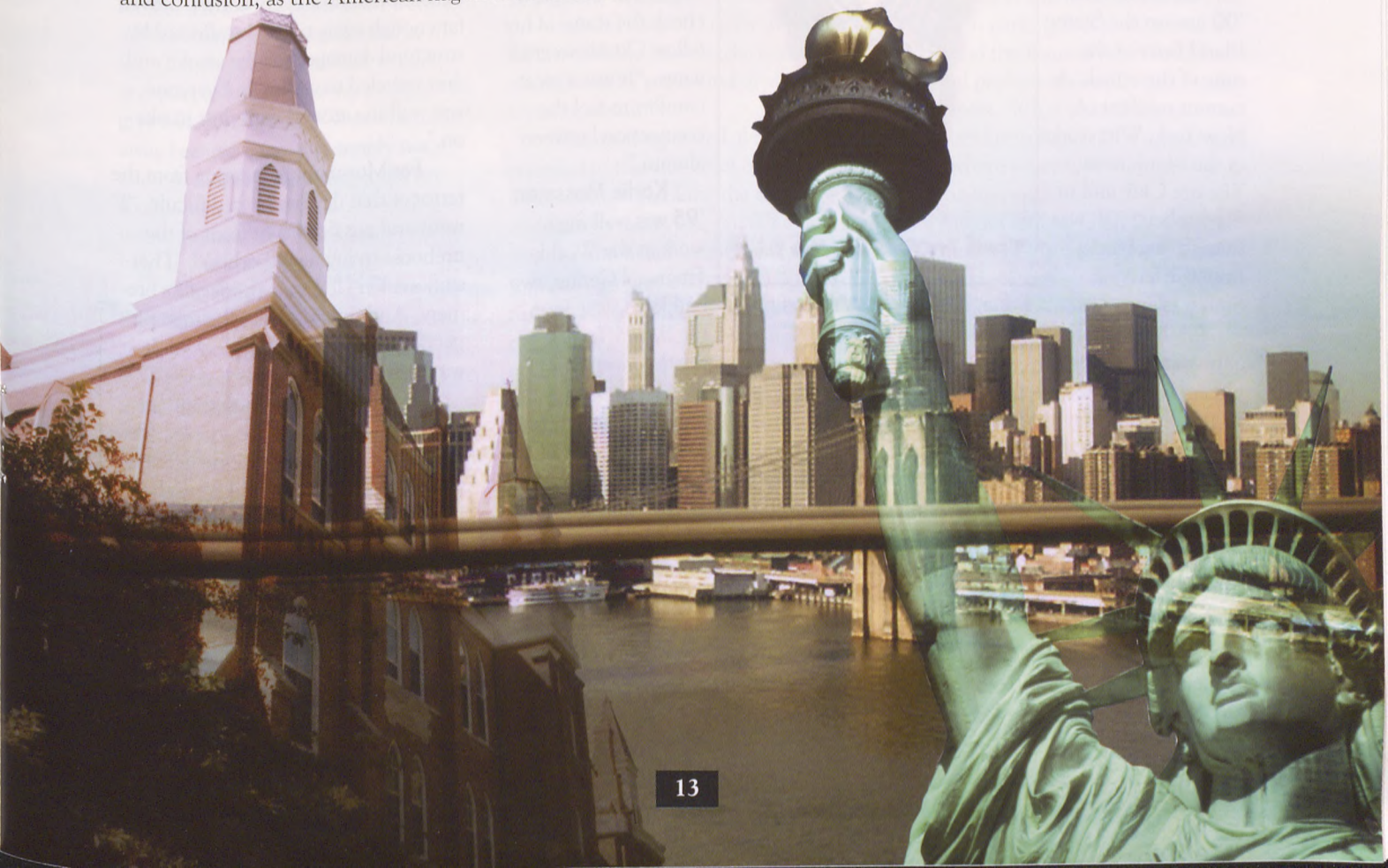

911

An Otterbein Perspective

Alumni Perspectives from Some Who Were There

by Jenny Hill

On September 11, 2001, Americans witnessed a tragedy in progress in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. But they also witnessed a unique consequence to this event – a unity that many Americans believe had been lost over the past few decades. Many Otterbein alumni had first hand experiences of these events from their jobs or homes at the sites of the attacks.

Christine Witt '00 was on the Staten Island Ferry at the time of the attack. A current resident of New York, Witt works at the Manhattan Theatre Club and in September 2001, was living a few blocks from the ferry on Staten Island.

Poster displayed at NY Firefighters Union (Local 94).

"A little before 9 a.m. on September 11, I heard a uniformed gasp and glanced off the portside bow of the Staten Island Ferry to see the top of the World Trade Center on fire," Witt said. "These stunned few moments were followed by a numbing silence as I watched a plane fly in from my right and crash into the other tower." Once the ferry arrived at its destination, Witt stepped off the ferry in time to see police and firemen running past her toward the city.

For Witt, the instant reaction was one of concern for her friends. "(I had) a mental list of who to call, who to check, who to find, who's found whom," she said. Within hours of the attack, Witt had accounted for the safety of almost everyone she knew in the city through phone chains and e-mails. She also used online message boards for the Otterbein College Theatre Department and her sorority, Kappa Phi Omega, to check the status of her fellow Otterbein graduates. "It was a great comfort to feel the connection between alumni."

Karlie Mossman '95 was walking to work at the World Financial Center, two buildings away from the World Trade Center, the morning of Sept.11.

"The first plane had hit while I was on the subway underground," Mossman said. "I normally would have walked from the subway station through the World Trade Center mall, but I saw hundreds of people running the other way, so I followed them out an entrance to the street. Once I got out onto the street, I could literally see parts of the buildings floating in the sky."

"I tried to use my cell phone to call people and let them know I was okay, but the cell towers had been on the WTC buildings. I ducked into a deli across the street from the Twin Towers to get change and as I came out the door, the second plane hit," she said. "I was a block and a half away. The sound was deafening."

Mossman, a resident of the East Village, described the days following the attack as "surreal."

"It felt like a police state," she said. "There were policeman and barricades on almost every corner. I lived far enough away not to be affected by structural damage, but the smoke and dust traveled to our area. Everyone was walking around with dust masks on."

For Mossman, recovering from the terror of that day has been difficult. "I went and put flowers in front of the firehouse in my neighborhood. That station alone lost two-thirds of its firemen. And the posters of the missing people were everywhere I looked. It was really difficult."

However, Mossman said life has become gentler since the attacks. "People seemed to be more caring in everyday life—stopping to hold doors, helping each other out. New York City didn't seem like the cold place visitors make it out to be those first few weeks."

Witt agrees, saying that New York is a changed city, but one that continues to move forward. "I would like to say nothing is different. In reality,

photos by Tom Ullom, Westerville Firefighter

Left: *A temporary memorial site, about a block and a half from Ground Zero.* ***Right:*** *Painting by local firefigher Rick Coey (Columbus firefighter) presented at the Union Hall to Local FDNY 94.*

everything is different. But, I firmly believe a change has not occurred as much as an awakening," she said. "As much as the media has made this a cliché, it is true: If we are afraid and let the fear consume us, 'they' win."

Amy Gasparik ' 00 joined in the new spirit of caring and giving in New York following the attacks. "On September 11, some friends and I went to a blood bank, and I was floored at the fact that there was nowhere to park, and people were swarming in droves to give blood," she said. "We were turned away because there was simply not enough room for all of us. It did my soul good to see how many people's instant reaction to this tragedy was to help any way that they could.

"The terrorists read us wrong if they thought that they would shake us as a nation," Gasparik added. "It made us angry and it made us stronger and it made us unite."

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As the morning attack on the World Trade Center unfolded, a little over 200 miles away at the Pentagon, Lieutenant General and Assistant Vice Chief of Staff **Lance W. Lord '68**, was in a meeting with Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Chief of Staff General John Jumper as well as other representatives from the Secretariat and Air Staff. The meeting was interrupted by live video feeds of pictures of the World Trade Center towers. "As we sat there and watched the images and listened to the reporters speculate about what might have just happened," Lord said, "we were stunned at what we saw next as an airliner flew into the second tower. Although what we saw at the time was really difficult to comprehend and seemed utterly improbable, we quickly came to the conclusion we were under some kind of attack or terrorist assault."

The meeting ended abruptly. Lord returned to the vice chief of staff's office and, overlooking the river entrance to the Pentagon, felt a dull shudder and heard a muffled bang from some distant part of the building. As it turned out, Lord was almost directly opposite the area where the impact occurred from the third airliner.

The evacuation of the building came next and Lord said this was done well; despite knowing the seriousness of the attack, personnel stayed calm and cool without panic.

"Once outside," Lord said, "we could see smoke from the other side of the building and began to realize how grave the situation had become…it wasn't until I was returning to the building that the true horror of what had just happened began to sink in, as acrid smoke started to fill the corridors and I saw some of the injured being evacuated through any open hallway. I was in and out of the Pentagon several times that day and saw many different human emotions displayed but never once did I see panic. In fact, the transition from peace to wartime actions and thinking occurred seamlessly all around the Pentagon and in some cases in the Pentagon parking lots as people were aided and the injured were cared for by medical professionals and many, many volunteers. What started out as a normal Tuesday in September turned into a day where everyday Pentagon people became heroes."

Major General **Glen D. Shaffer '70**, director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and deputy chief of staff of Air and Space Operations for the U.S. Air Force was also at the Pentagon, but "due to the location of our command center we did not know the aircraft had hit the building until we saw it on TV," Shaffer said. "Those who were in my office area, however, felt a significant impact and were quickly evacuated."

Despite the attack on the Pentagon, Shaffer said there was an air of determination and focus in the Command Center. "For the next several hours we focused on the immediate issues at hand – establishing the air

"O" Club Delivers Check to Squad 41 in the Bronx

This year, in the wake of the terrorist attacks, the "O" Club decided it wanted to help New York with a charitable donation. The "O" Club's board determined at its fall meeting to donate any money it raised from the Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic holiday basketball tournament to New York Fire Department Squad 41 in the Bronx. Fans attending the eight-team, Division III basketball tournament on the weekend after Christmas placed their voluntary admission fee in a Westerville fireman's boot. Cash donations to the event doubled from previous years to $1,450, said Daniel Gifford '88, the group's treasurer. On Jan. 29, Gifford delivered a check on the "O" Club's behalf to Squad 41, which lost six men on September 11. Firefighter Kevin Quinn said little was known of his six missing colleague's whereabouts, though radio reports confirmed they had reported to the South Tower at 9:44 a.m., about 20 minutes before it collapsed. Lt. Bill Walsh said, "In the lean moments, (these gifts are) what keeps you on your feet. That's what keeps you going." Gifford is third from left in the photo above.

patrols, supporting rescue efforts, maintaining communications with our commands and getting a grip on the situation. We remained in the Pentagon until sometime that afternoon when the smoke got too tough and we were evacuated to an alternate location. We began twenty-four hour crisis operations that still go on today in support of the war on terrorism and were back in the Pentagon the next morning."

"It's a strong statement about the Pentagon building that we were able to work as long as we did," Shaffer said. "There were no power or communications problems in our section – just smoke and noisy alarms."

Shaffer praised the support the Washington community gave to the Pentagon. "The numbers of volunteers who came to help, the kindness of everyone, the churches who sent food, the restaurants who sent food, the Red Cross volunteers, the chaplains…all were a part (of the effort). We received calls of support and many retirees wanted to come back in the service."

The community also provided much-needed moral support to a government in crisis. "The halls (of the Pentagon) are filled with large banners of encouragement, most signed by schoolchildren and church members. We've received countless cards and letters," Shaffer said. "You get choked up, even now, just walking down the halls sometimes. There is a display – repeated in many Pentagon locations – which includes the photographs and biographies of the victims of the attack. Looking at this, you can't help but strengthen your resolve, or pray, or both."

Even now, Shaffer said a renewed and fervent patriotism can be seen throughout Washington. "Washington changed immediately. Flags were everywhere. People even drove kindly," Shaffer said. "The strongest sense for me of the atmosphere has been one of extreme strength and focus and commitment. These terrorists could not begin to imagine the absolute stupidity of their assessment of America's will.

"I've been a small player in a huge event, but have had a great seat to watch this nation do remarkable things," Shaffer said.

The attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. occurred two miles away from the National War College, where Colonel **Donn P. Kegel '72** teaches courses on "The Interagency Process," "National Military Strategy and Joint Operations" and "United States Special Operations." The College is part of the National Defense University.

"Our students were in seminar during the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon," Col. Kegel said. "Many seminars turned on their TVs to watch the events. A few seminars did not receive information about the attacks until conclusion of class at 11:30 a.m. We could see the smoke from the Pentagon."

Following the expected reactions – frantic phone calls answered by busy signals and students glued to the televisions – the students were allowed to go home. When classes resumed at the College, Col. Kegel's students had a deeper understanding of their studies. Since the College's students are learning to "think about changes to our national security strategy and military strategy to deal with terrorism using all the instruments of national power," the attacks served as a real-life learning experience.

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Brenda Dall Andrews '61 was hundreds of miles away from New York and Washington, D.C. on September 11. But her perspective on the events is an important one, as she has been a flight attendant for over 40 years and continues to work in the field.

Andrews has seen many changes in the air industry during her career –

changes in equipment, security measures and even how people dress to fly. She has also seen the industry marked with tragedies, both accidental and malicious.

"I've had to go through training after crashes and hijackings," she said. "I have had friends working on planes that were hijacked."

Andrews has served in high-risk situations, as well. During the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, she served aboard planes carrying troops in and out of war zones. According to Andrews, airlines are required to give their services to the military during wartime, if necessary.

The "cross," two beams that fell onto a roof of a neighboring building and placed at Ground Zero as inspiration for workers.

"I flew all over Saudi Arabia (during the Gulf War), and even carried in the first soldiers to operate the patriot missiles," Andrews said. "I learned a lot about what was going on there from soldiers returning to the U.S. Many were upset because we stopped too soon, when there was still fighting going on."

Andrews was not working the day of the attacks, but feels close to those who died. "I didn't know the crews personally, but it is almost like a family," she said. "With their deaths, there was an earth-shattering loss of faith. But since then, we have experienced more camaraderie, more concern and more security consciousness. It has drawn us together."

Like many passengers, Andrews was nervous about her first flight after the attacks, a flight to London on September 27 and 28. "I was apprehensive, but it went smoothly," she said. "Passengers are leery, but they would never let something like that happen again. I know they would act together to stop the terrorists."

"There have been incidents with people refusing to get on the plane with Arab passengers," she said. "(The Arab passengers) removed themselves because of the risk of harm to them."

Despite economic problems plaguing the United States following the attack, Andrews has high hopes for the financial recovery of the airline industry. "There was already an economic crunch, and this made it even worse. I don't know if the weaker airlines will recover, but as a whole, the industry will recover. There will probably be fewer airlines and more airlines will merge," she said.

"Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the flights were pretty full," she said. "People still have to travel."

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One Otterbein alumnus is working hard to make transportation safe for travelers in the U.S. Recently appointed to fill the newly created position of undersecretary of transportation security, **John Magaw '57** directs domestic aviation and airport security, as well as train and bus transportation security.

At the time of the attacks, Magaw was the acting executive director of the Office of National Preparedness within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Prior to joining the staff of FEMA, Magaw was director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). In that position, he gained experience investigating the Oklahoma City Bombing and the Olympic Bombing, which gives him special insight into the motives of terrorists.

During a lecture on the Otterbein campus, Magaw described the plans of the terrorists. "They used long-flight planes, which are full of fuel and therefore one of the most powerful bombs you can have," he said. "They wanted to cause enough destruction to disrupt the financial success of the country."

"We did experience some economic ramifications, especially on Wall Street and in the airline and hotel industries," he said. "But there have been some positive social impacts. We have gained worldwide support, and hundreds of millions of dollars have been donated."

"Requests for blood brought in too much, which is a good demonstration of the country's positive response to the tragedy," Magaw said.

While the outpouring of support from Americans and countries throughout the world might be considered heroic, Magaw recognizes the role of the true heroes that day. "We haven't devoted enough to recognizing the bravery of citizens-turned-saviors," he said. "Ordinary citizens saved countless lives through sacrifice."

Magaw also praised the courageous work of the police, firemen and other rescue workers on the scene. "All gave some, and some gave all," he said.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, the government has turned from mourning the dead and praising the heroes to taking measures to prevent future attacks. In response to the threat of a new generation of terrorists, Magaw said that airlines must undergo many changes. "Before, flight crews were taught to calm the hijackers, take them where they wanted to go and save the passengers' lives," he said. "Now, they will be trained to defend the airplane."

However, new security measures in airports are trying to ensure that flight attendants will not have to deal with terrorists on board. As undersecretary of transportation security, Magaw is overseeing the hiring and training of 28,000 federal employees to screen baggage and passengers.

Magaw said that ordinary citizens should make some changes as a result of the September 11 tragedy. "We must be more attuned to our surroundings and continue to donate our time, energy and services," he said. In addition, he encouraged students to take jobs in local, state and federal government after graduation.

Looking to the future of the United States, Magaw said that education will play an essential role in moving the country forward. "In a national effort, the government needs to work closely with institutions of higher learning in planning the country's future," he said. "One of the worst things we can do is to have a tragedy and not learn from it." ■

Not Enjoying the View

Special for Towers Magazine by Ben Hodges '91

Editor's Note: Ben Hodges wrote this account of his personal experiences in New York in the immediate days following the attack. A recent update of life near "Ground Zero" appears at the end of this story.

At 8:50 a.m. on September 11, I was awakened by a call from a friend on a payphone who knows I live in lower Manhattan. The voice came blaring out of the answering machine: "Get up on your roof! Get up on your roof! I just saw a plane crash into the World Trade Center!" I live on the third floor of a five story Greenwich Village brownstone apartment building and as I leapt up the stairs toward the roof access door, I met other residents who were congregating in a 5th floor apartment. They were looking out in horror as they watched the North Tower of the World Trade Center—the symbol of capitalism to most of the world, but to New Yorkers, our southernmost point of geographical reference—surrounded by a halo of smoke and fire. I continued my ascent to the roof and burst out into the crisp air of one of the most beautiful days in New York in recent memory.

Lost view: *What Ben Hodges used to see from his apartment window.*

Against this clear blue backdrop, I watched in awe as the top of Tower Two exploded in a ball of fire that seemed from my vantage point to be connected to the fire in Tower One. As neighbors arrived on surrounding rooftops, I felt a surreal, drive-in-movie kind of camaraderie as we all gaped at what seemed to be an apocalyptic summer movie trailer.

Adrenaline propelled me back down to the television in the apartment where I hoped to get some clues to the unthinkable unfolding in my backyard. As proof of what it takes to disturb the routine of the average New Yorker, I was still anticipating going into work; and even more amazing, after I put a call into management, they still expected me to. Eventually, of course, this intent became increasingly absurd and impossible. I also made a few quick calls to relatives in my native Tennessee as I knew their first thoughts would turn to my safety. Had I not called almost immediately, it would have proven impossible to call or even e-mail them for days.

On television, the reporters first postulated that there had been a navigation problem at LaGuardia Airport that had inadvertently diverted airplanes into a dangerous flight path. But it seemed instantly improbable that any pilot, no matter how misguided, could fly a plane into such a gigantic and visible landmark on a crystal clear morning. It is in retrospect a testament to the degree of naivete with which we have lived our lives in times of peace that no one initially suspected anything other than a horrific accident.

As I was watching events unfold on television, I was inundated with phone calls from friends, some evacuated from buildings downtown, some sent home from their jobs uptown. But as Manhattan was rapidly shut off from the rest of the surrounding boroughs, many of them had no where to go.

Laura Hagan, who also attended Otterbein, was the first to arrive at my apartment. She and her husband, Tom, had earlier taken a train into work together—he to a midtown business appointment, she to her job as banquet manager at Robert Deniro's Tribeca Grill restaurant in the shadow of the World Trade Center. Tom, we would later find out, was drafted into "Burn Unit 1"—a makeshift triage unit - as he had wandered toward the twin towers trying to get closer to where Laura worked. His only preparation for induction into this grim war zone was a brief stint in the Coast Guard.

Laura had been evacuated from her job, and with no public transportation operating, she walked 20 blocks north and arrived at my apartment in tears. She described watching with horror as bodies tumbled from the World Trade Center, some sucked out by gusts of wind, others faced with the unthinkable choice of being burned to death or jumping to their deaths. In quick succession, others arrived at my apartment with zombie-like stares of disbelief, one of whom had a cousin working on the forty-seventh floor of Tower One, who is still missing.

On the Sunday prior to the attack, friends had hosted a baby shower at my apartment, resulting in loads of leftover food and drink. It all came in handy as panicked neighbors made runs on the local supermarkets, and water and produce vanished from shelves. I fed and gave shelter to many that day, who ate robotically, eyes fixed on the television, as we all racked our minds to think of who we may have known in the World Trade Center. I continue to hear of people I know who had friends and relatives there, and to think of people who I know may have been there. I immediately call in a renewed sense of panic to confirm their safety.

The four mile path I jogged several times a week led along the piers of the Hudson River and past the port where the New Jersey ferry would transport workers from the World Trade Center and the Financial District back and forth from their homes in New Jersey. I would occasionally grumble when commuters interrupted my stride

through this human obstacle course. I would run all the way to Battery Park and take a breather as I looked out over New York Harbor with a sense of pride at the Statue of Liberty holding her torch out to welcome the world to our country. And at night, as I drifted off to sleep, I would watch the World Trade Center lit up with a patchwork of office lights and framed by my apartment window, knowing it would be there as a shining beacon of a new day's opportunities when I woke in the morning.

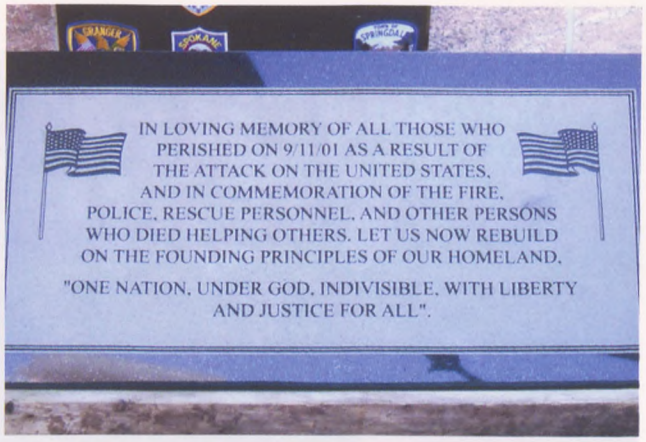
The path where I jogged is now a debris-strewn triage staging area, as is the park that so peacefully offered me an escape from the chaos of daily New York life. Gone too are the commuters I dodged, most displaced, but some murdered in pursuit of the American Dream that many had moved here after college to follow as I did. Gone, too, are the gleaming towers of the World Trade Center which I looked up to daily for inspiration as I motivated myself to try to "make it" in the most challenging city in the world.

Someday, when I don't have to wear a mask outdoors because of toxic smoke and dust, when I don't have to show identification to go into parts of my neighborhood and when I am allowed near what's now known around the world as "Ground Zero," I will stroll down to Battery Park City again. I will look out over New York Harbor and see the Statue of Liberty still tirelessly holding out her welcoming torch in the shadow of this strange, new, viciously truncated skyline. Someday has never seemed so far away.

Life in New York Today

Now that the second wave of the terrorism threat—biological and chemical weapons—has become part of daily American life, I, like many New Yorkers and others around the country, have been forced into a survival mode-like state of denial. This numbness has become necessary for most of us to cope with the deadly dangers which are now part of our daily routine.

Juxtaposed against the anxiety of the times here since Sept. 11th was the sudden and surreal arrival of excited tourists from all over the country on their annual holiday season pilgrimage to New York. But for most visitors, the pilgrimage this year included the desire to pay respect to the fallen at "Ground Zero" and to contribute in any way they could to the city's recovery by lending emotional and moral support to our souls and financial fuel to our economy. I think that most who came here were met with a New York that must have felt refreshingly more like a small town than it did before the massacre of Sept. 11th. After all, we who live here have been forced to reach out to one another—even complete strangers—more than we would have ever dared to do before 9-11. Visitors now meet New Yorkers who have been taken down a notch or two—and not entirely in a bad way—as the unbridled ambition and sometimes elevated attitudes of our not too distant past have given way to the sudden realization that we are all in this fight—as well as all of our diverse lives—together.



Clearly, the time we're living in now has forced many of us to closely examine the choices we make—from where and how we live our lives to what we want to accomplish with the time we still have left. These are questions that most of us were capable of asking before September 11th, but which, of course, most of us had not. Some of my friends have left New York City for good, but most have stayed, although nobody is willing to predict what they'll do if terrorism hits again. No one I know plans anything too far in advance these days; even planning a party three weeks away can seem overconfident. Personally, I have realized how important it is that I live how and where I am happiest, and that threats, no matter how daunting, will always exist in one form or another. My parents and grandparents worked hard and even went to war to assure that I have these choices in my life - choices that many of us, until recently, took so much for granted.

While recently tracing my family tree, I discovered an ancestor who had imigrated from England to America three hundred years ago, passing through what is now New York. I remember thinking how ironic it was that I now live so close to where my distant ancestor first set foot in this country before finally settling at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. On a recent afternoon, I walked a few blocks from my apartment over to the Hudson River, and looking out toward the Statue of Liberty, I realized that in the past three months, more has stayed the same in this country than has changed. I thought of this ancestor and how he must have felt crossing 3,000 miles of treacherous ocean, leaving his native country behind for the freedoms of a new one which he had never seen. Despite the current threats, when we consider all the sacrifices that have been made in the name of freedom, can I—can any of us—do anything but continue to live our lives undaunted in the pursuit of happiness?

When I ask myself these questions, I remember the dream that our ancestors risked everything to follow and which so few people in the world even now enjoy. Do my ancestors—or those thousands who died in the World Trade Center—deserve anything less from those of us who still have a choice? For me, the answer has never been clearer. ■

Drafted at the last minute. *The vocal talents of the Otterbein Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble were pressed into service at a "Show You Care" memorial service and fundraiser held at Ohio Stadium.*

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Andrew Mills was teaching Philosophy of Religion (Philosophy 260) fall quarter. The terrorist attack brought into the classroom a real-life situation for students to examine. "One of the issues we cover is the concept of evil: If there is a good God who loves us, then why did this happen?"

"Suddenly the issues we were talking about became real," Mills said. "Philosophic issues the students saw as irrelevant to their lives suddenly became relevant. I think it helped them because philosophy helps people make sense of the world."

LaTrice Washington employed a different approach with her American National Government (Political Science 100) class. She decided that education would help ease some of the aftershocks of racism among her students.

"I intended to teach about diversity in the United States from the historic aspect – comparing pre-Constitution demographics to current demographics to show that we were more diverse in the past. So after September 11, I looked at the diversity of beliefs and values, and how that diversity makes us better as a nation. I discussed the Muslim faith and how Allah does not condone killing."

"When one student said that 'all Muslims need to go back,' I explained to them that many Muslims were born here like the rest of us, and that none of us really belong here except Native Americans," Washington said. "I asked the students how they would feel if the Native Americans told us to go back."

"I tried to teach them to seek meaningful relationships across racial and ethnic affiliations, because being kind to others will keep them from hating and possibly lashing out at innocent people."

John Weispfenning was teaching Communication and Society (Communication 499) to a class of seniors at the time of the attacks. "Seniors are already worried about their futures, and the students had a difficult time relating to the events of September 11," he said.

"I discussed similar situations with them, including Pearl Harbor

The campus community, with major help from Staff Council, collected $1,715 for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. L-R: Chad Marolf, Red Cross of America representative, Diane Wootton, Jo Beerman, Bill Stoddard, Stacy Walker-Ladson, Pat Kessler, Donna Marple, Shirine Mafi.

and the Iran Hostage Crisis – events that had a real impact on Americans in the past," Weispfenning said. "I gave them some perspective that the news media at the time was not able to provide. I tried to make them see that while things have changed, their lives were not really so uncertain." Professor and Chairperson of Religion and Philosophy Paul Laughlin allowed students to bring the topic into class discussions as it related to the material. He trusted the other professors in his department to adjust their class lectures as they wanted. "Some students told me the religion classes helped them," Laughlin said. "It brought home to them how important religion is in every aspect of life. People usually don't connect religion and politics, but this demonstrated to them how closely related the two really are, especially through our dealings with allies and the new Afghani government."

Religion came to the forefront on the afternoon of September 11, when a group of students and a few faculty members planned a prayer vigil for that evening. Through chalked announcements on sidewalks, fliers and word of mouth, the vigil drew a standing-room-only audience of concerned students.

According to Chaplain Monty Bradley, students who could not fit into the chapel were standing in the hall just to be part of the prayer vigil. "Reactions were really positive. There was a need to be with others and a need for reassurance," he said. "It restored a sense of calm for them, since they had a lot of anxiety that day. It had a centering effect."

Vice President of Student Affairs Bob Gatti and President Brent DeVore spoke at the vigil, which included prayer, singing and a moment of silence.

The attacks also spawned editorials by students in the *Tan and Cardinal* student newspaper calling the attack on America "an act of terrorism against the ideals we hold dear," ("Foundation of America will not be Destroyed," Jacob Grimm, Sept. 13, 2001). Another student discussed the feeling of pride he was moved to "after watching the unabashed outlays of generosity in the days following the attack on the World Trade Center," ("Pride: not Easily Forgotten," Jeremy Bridgman, Sept. 20, 2001).

Other students took active roles in supporting the relief effort from the campus. Student organizations held fundraisers for the Red Cross, including the Outdoor Adventure Club, and a previously planned blood drive by the Greek community also lent support to the Red Cross.

The Otterbein College Support Staff joined in the giving with a bake sale. In addition, Support Staff members sold patriotic ribbons and collected donations. They raised a total of $1,715 for the Red Cross.

Otterbein music students used their singing talents to lend their own unique support to the Red Cross. Following the tragedy, WBNS 10TV quickly organized a "Show You Care" memorial service and fundraiser at Ohio Stadium. The service was held on Saturday, September 15, and drew an audience of over 10,000 flag-waving participants; the effort raised over $700,000 for the Terrorism Victims Relief Fund. Since The Ohio State University (OSU) was not yet in session, the OSU Music Department recommended Otterbein College to sing in place of the OSU choir.

The Concert Choir and Otterbein Vocal Ensemble performed "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and a spiritual called "Give Me Jesus" under the direction of Gayle Walker. According to Walker, she learned of the concert around noon on Friday and the ensemble was to perform on Saturday afternoon.

"We put signs all over the music building asking all members of the ensemble who were free to come to rehearsal at 2 p.m.," Walker said. "Of 60 members, I think we had about 45 show up on two hours' notice."

The choir had two rehearsals and accompanist Michael Lester had one rehearsal before performing live at Ohio Stadium for the statewide broadcast.

"What amazed me was how quickly the students responded, how deeply they felt a need to contribute through music and how professionally they conducted themselves on live television with such short notice," Walker said.

Speakers at the service included Gov. Bob Taft, Mayor Michael Coleson and OSU President William Kirwan. Following the performance, Gov. Taft approached Walker and said, "Otterbein has done itself proud today." In a letter following the event, OSU President Kirwan called the performance "deeply moving."

"I have no doubt in my mind that this is an experience that they will remember quite vividly for the rest of their lives," Walker said.

In the days and weeks following the tragedy, reports of the attacks were becoming more accurate and shock was turning into other emotions, including sadness, confusion and anger. To help the Otterbein community deal with these emotions in the most informed way, a community forum was held on Thursday, September 13. It was a question and answer session involving faculty members with many different expertise.

From the questions fielded at the forum, the Office of Student Affairs put together three sessions presented in October for the entire community. The first was "Understanding Islam" with Professor and Chairperson of Religion and Philosophy Paul Laughlin, Associate Professor of Religion Glenna Jackson and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Joseph Sachleben.

Laughlin said that the main purpose of the session was to separate the terrorists from other Muslims. "We made the point in the discussion that what happened at the World Trade Center was a serious abberation from Islam, a religion that teaches peace. You cannot judge Islam by the acts of the terrorists any more than you would judge Christianity by the acts of David Koresh."

The second program was "The Geopolitical Climate" with Professor

and Chairperson of History and Political Science Allan Cooper and Professor of Business, Accounting and Economics Allen Prindle.

According to Cooper, the discussion provided information about state of relations between the United States and the Taliban. "I discussed the background to the origins of the Taliban and Al Qaida and why the U.S. found itself at war. I talked about the reasons why they oppose the United States and how the U.S. will change in the long run."

Prindle addressed the economics of the situation, including how the economic realities of the Middle East affect their policies and relations with the United States.

For the third program, "Reflections from Ground Zero and the Impact of Terrorism," Otterbein had a very special speaker. While at Otterbein for a Board of Trustees meeting on October 19, John Magaw, a Board member and acting director of the Office of National Preparedness spoke to a small campus audience about terrorism, the attack and its aftereffects. In his discussion, he stressed that citizens should try to conduct their daily lives as usual, but be aware of those around them. He also stated that the war on terrorism will be a long one, which might require patience and sacrifices by common citizens.

Since his visit to campus, Magaw has been chosen by President Bush to become the first undersecretary of transportation security. In this position, he directs domestic aviation and airport security.

Three months after the tragedy, on December 11, faculty members took time from their winter break to attend the first of three December Symposium sessions based on the theme "The Clash of East and West."

The sessions included "Past Influences" with Professor Elizabeth MacLean; a lecture, video presentation and panel discussion on "Present Circumstances" and "The Clash of Civilizations or the End of History" with Dr. Allan Cooper.

Chaplain Monty Bradley said the College approached the situation based on past experience. "The way we dealt with this was similar to what we did for the Gulf War," Bradley said. "I think we handled the situation well. Things are changing almost daily and we'll see what we need to do as things progress."

As for the students, they have learned some valuable lessons from September 11. "I learned not to take anything for granted," said senior Stacy Pavlik. "Downtown Cleveland was evacuated, including my father's office building. It was a reality check for me, and I think it brought me closer to my family and friends. "When I first saw it on the news, I felt shock and disbelief. It didn't seem real. Things like this don't happen to the United States," Pavlik said. "At the same time, it made me realize how lucky I am to be an American and it made me see the bigger picture."

Pavlik also realized how lucky she is to be part of the Otterbein community. "The College gave us a lot of support and an open forum to discuss our feelings and opinions. I think that support made it easier for all of us to move on." ■

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of information systems at Huntington National Bank. He manages the corporate systems group, including incentives, human resources, profitability, and budget and planning. He resides in New Albany.

Kyle Wolfe was appointed the new principal at Logan Elm High School July 1, 2001. He earned a master's degree in education (school counseling) from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in education administration from Ashland University. He has been a featured speaker at "National High Schools That Work" conferences and other school districts in Ohio. He and his wife, **Kellie Little Wolfe '89**, who is the human resources director for Pickaway County Community Action Organization, reside in Ashville with their children; Madison, 5; and Ryan, 11 months.

1991

Dineen Dabson Cochran was accredited as a LaLeche League Leader in March of 2001. She organizes and leads meetings as well as works on the central Ohio referral line. She attended the 2001 International LaLeche League Conference in July, which was held in Chicago, IL.

Melissa Cozza Cleveland and her husband, Tim, have been involved with church music ministries. They are also very active in community activities, supporting just about everything from local football to their annual Halloween and Christmas parades. She is also working with the local high school to begin a program for mentoring young girls. She resides in Claysburg, PA with her husband where they own their own business.

Patricia Dice is now the 6th grade SLD Resource Room teacher at Mount Vernon Middle School. She was the 8th grade SLD Resource Room teacher.

Sheri Farrar Ghearing resides in Jackson, OH with her husband, **Todd '91** and their three sons, Jared, 6; Brandon, 4; and Garrett, 9 months. Todd is owner of BrenMar Construction, Inc.

Bryan Gillenwater has been working at BrushWellman in Elmore, OH for the past 4 years and is a project analyst.

Heidi Jenny Gillenwater has been teaching at a Montessori school in Toledo, OH for 10 years and will soon be receiving her second Montessori teaching certificate.

Traci Kanaan, president of Traci Keychain Advertising Specialties, has three full-time employees and one part-time sales representative. She resides in Palmetto, FL.

Gretchen Hall Kerr and her husband, **Aaron '91**, have just moved to Meadville, PA. She is working in the career services office of

Allegheny College as the assistant director of career services for alumni programming. Aaron is finishing up his last year of class work at Duquesne University for his Ph.D. in Theology. They have two children: Eli, 6; and Max, 4.

Colby Paul Kingsbury is an intellectual property litigation attorney with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago, IL.

Stephanie Morgan Lauderback has joined HER Realtors as a sales associate in HER's Gahanna, OH office.

Lisa Snodgrass has been stage managing in Los Angeles for the past nine years. This past year she was on Broadway with Neil Simon's *The Dinner Party*. She is still serving on the Council of Actors Equity Association and living in L.A. with partner Steve Dirolf and their dog, Nikki.

1992

Jennifer Shaffer Bossert, of Canal Winchester, was promoted to assistant vice president, central region marketing manager at Huntington National Bank.

Sharon Michelhaugh was recently promoted to research associate in the laboratory of Michael Bannon at Wayne State University. She also has research papers accepted for publication in *European Neuropsychopharmacology* and the *Journal of Neurochemistry*.

Michael Verne is currently employed by Worthington Industries. He resides in Naperville, IL with his wife, Beth, and two children, Hannah and Dominic.

Tracey Hickerson Voorhis has relocated back home to Columbus, OH from Texas. She is the events manager for Gameworks at Easton.

1993

Tracey Young is the new director of public relations for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio.

1994

Beverly Mellars has recently accepted a promotion with Alcoa, Inc. in the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Chicago areas as regional sales manager for Alcoa Building Products. She currently lives in Nashville, TN where she has been the district sales manager since February 1999. She will soon be relocating to the Northern Region.

Matt Mohler has recently accepted a new position as a sales manager for the Great Lakes District with Bausch & Lomb. He currently resides in Michigan with his wife, Amy, and their son, Justin.

1995

Zenia Dacio returned home to Dover after spending time in the Philippines. She went to the Philippines to visit family, and worked with a study abroad program, Tagalog on Site, for Filipino-Americans who wish to go to the Philippines to discover their roots. She worked as a researcher/writer for a year and then was promoted to project coordinator for an environmental education project at Palawan. She feels like she has two homes, one in Palawan and one in Dover and says this has been a very rewarding experience.

Thomas Fry, Jr. is the science department chair at Columbus Africentric School.

Jennifer Noll Lebold is now employed by Asheville City Schools, Asheville, NC. She is teaching sixth grade language arts and social studies at Asheville Middle School.

1996

Heather McClellan Bjerke has a son named Connor and was due January 23rd with her second baby. She resides in Columbus with her husband, Craig.

Allison Vance Coe currently resides in Reynoldsburg, OH with her husband, Shaun, and two-year-old daughter, Alexandra. She is working at the new home office of Abercrombie & Fitch in New Albany.

Stacey Crowley teaches physical education for grades 1-8 and health for grades 1-4 at Villa Madonna Academy in Northern Kentucky. She coaches junior varsity swimming at Milford High School. In the summers, she works for Cincinnati Pool Management at Terrace Park Swim Club. She is also working on her master's degree in special education at Xavier University.

Laurel Johnson Fisher is currently pursuing her master's of marketing communications degree at Franklin University. She works at Nationwide Insurance and was recently promoted to marketing specialist. She has worked on Nationwide's recent radio and television advertisements. She is married to Aaron Fisher and they just celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary.

Amanda Gischler currently works for Midwest Express, Inc., a division of Honda, as a senior staff accountant. She resides in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Heidi Adams Gordon was recently promoted to director of public relations at Opera Columbus.

Jennifer Hamilton recently graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine with a doctorate in podiatric medicine. She began a residency at Dayton Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in July of 2001.

Jacqueline Koller currently works as an intensive probation officer for the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. She has been there for over two years.

Cristi Colagross Laukhuf is currently working for "Dance…Dance…Dance," where she travels to forty different schools and day care centers, teaching a 30 minute dance class to preschoolers.

Curt Mellott is in his third year of teaching at Tiffin Columbian High School. He is the head baseball coach and assistant football coach for the high school.

Stacy Pintar is a lieutenant in the United States Navy JAG Corps. She is currently stationed at the Naval Legal Service Office Southwest in San Diego, CA.

Janet Sarrazine is currently teaching math at The Woodlands High School in The Woodlands, Texas.

1997

Susan Ashley is an HIV/AIDS education specialist at Southeast Recovery and Mental Health Care Services. She travels the city visiting people who, without her prodding, might never make the connection between sex and danger. She visits a lot of the high-risk areas: the shelters, some correctional facilities and youth programs.

Angie Bauer Crum recently accepted a position with Reynoldsburg, OH City Schools. She will be teaching 8th grade English at Reynoldsburg Junior High School.

Seth Gilbert has recently joined the law firm of Metz and Bailey in Westerville, OH. He received his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Leah Gillig has recently moved to the Las Vegas Valley area and is employed as a field biologist for Knight and Leavitt Associates. Her primary focus is desert tortoise migration. She is also involved in a local feminist activist group. Feel free to email her at leahg975@msn.com. She would love to hear from former classmates!

1998

Carrie Oliver, a Christian recording artist from Weirton, OH, recently traveled to Estes Park, CO, where she placed third in vocal competition at the Seminar in the Rockies 2001. The event is sponsored by the Gospel Music Association. She is the founder of Hidden Harmonies Studios in Weirton, and was awarded a scholarship and trophy. She is pursuing a master's degree in theology.

Stephanie "Stevie" Bell Saunders was elected president of the Student Bar Association at her law school in Santa Barbara, CA.

1999

Heather White-Cotterman is a dance coordinator for the Delaware County Cultural Arts Castle in Delaware, OH. She is also a member of the Otterbein faculty and works with local performance groups.

Amy Giera is a registered nurse and has been working for the Delaware, OH City-County Health Department as a public health nurse.

Regina Kost has joined King Thompson realtors as a sales associate in the Hilliard, OH office.

Andrea Sisson is teaching 6th grade at Christ the King Catholic School in Columbus, OH. She says it is very challenging, but rewarding.

2000

Brian Carter of Lewis Center, OH was named an officer at Fifth Third Bank.

Christine O'Connor is living in New York where she is pursuing an acting career. She performed Shakespeare for the summer before heading off with a national tour of *Sleeping Beauty* this past fall. She is a former performer with the Mid-Ohio Valley Players, the Parkersburg Actors Guild and Young Artists, Inc.

2001

Lena Bockrath has accepted a graduate teaching assistantship with the department of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Maryland.

Tracey Demangos is a junior high-high school vocal music teacher for the Lake Township Wood County School District.

Kara Grishkat received the Dr. Joanne Van Sant Leadership Award at Otterbein. She also received four letters in basketball.

Wendy Gross of Westerville, OH was named the marketing communications coordinator for the Ohio Hunger Task Force.

James Nash is a graduate research assistant at Ohio State University/Material Science and Engineering Department where he is working on his Ph.D.

Jodi Hedrick Nash is currently employed by Ohio State University Stress and Health Study where she is a research interviewer.

Sheri West will be attending the Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mandi Wilson is a teacher in the New Albany-Plain Local School District in New Albany, OH, where she is a high school music teacher. She did her student teaching at Walnut Springs and Westerville South. She is certified in music up to 12th grade. ■

Corrections:

In the last issue of *Towers*, the obituary of **Paul Maibach '34** failed to mention he was survived by brothers Edward and Elmer "Tug" Maibach.

Dottie Stover-Kendrick '71 retired from the Marine Corps. as a Colonel, not as a Lt. Col. as was stated. We also misspelled Dottie's last name of Stover-Kendrick in the caption that accompanied the Class of '71 photo as well as the caption that accompanied the Tau Delta photo.

Apologies to all for these mistakes!

MILESTONES

compiled by Sandy Ritchie

MARRIAGES

1984

Jo-Anne Moreland Ball to Henry Coridan, Sept. 1, 2001.

1986

Susan Wright to Todd Whittaker, Oct. 21, 2000.

1990

John Deever to Lisa Swaim, Oct. 7, 2001.

1991

Brooke Carter to James Rhea, Aug. 25, 2001.

Colby Paul to Chad Kingsbury, Aug. 18, 2001.

Melanie Steel to Steve Schmechel, Oct. 6, 2001.

1993

Brenda Dellinger to **Benjamin Stewart '97**, May 26, 2001.

1994

Anthony Losh to Stacia Coleman, Sept. 1, 2001.

1996

Karen Johnson to John Dible, Dec. 30, 2000.

Kelli Kiner to James Estep, May 26, 2001.

Curt Mellott to Melissa Walters, June 16, 2001.

1999

Carli Amlin to Brian Dean, Sept. 1, 2001.

Timothy Morrison to Lisa Zambarano, May 26, 2001.

2000

Shannon Rice to **Jerome Fuller '99**, June 23, 2001.

Heather Wallace to Ricardo Serrano, June 9, 2001.

2001

Emily Cooper to **Jason Loughman '99**, July 7, 2001.

Jodi Hedrick to **James Nash '01**, June 23, 2001.

ADDITIONS

1978

Steven Leonard and wife Jule, a girl, Ashlei, Feb. 28, 2000. She joins older brother, Nicholas.

1981

Elizabeth Neuberger Godfrey and husband Dennis, a boy, Nicholas, Dec. 19, 1999.

1986

Selena Swisher Levitt and husband Jeff, a boy, Patrick, Aug. 30, 2001.

Alecia Jones Tanner and husband **Dave '86**, adopted a girl, Marissa XiuMei, June 10, 2001 in China. She was born on Apr. 7, 2000. She joins older brother Drew, 7.

Susan Wright Whittaker and husband Todd, a girl, Rebekah Marie, Sept. 14, 2001.

1989

Kim Eitel Ekis and husband **Erik '91**, a boy, Aidan Matthew, Apr. 15, 2001. He joins older brother Evan, 5.

Andrew Hall and wife Marni, a girl Makenzie Marie, Mar. 20, 2001. She joins older sister Morgan, 4.

Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson and husband Mike, a girl, Brynach Ann, June 27, 2001. She joins older brothers Burr, 5 and Leman, 3.

1990

Virginia Wisniewski Sturgill and husband Michael, a boy, Nathan William, Oct. 19, 2000. He joins older siblings Sean, Julia and Virginia.

1991

Melissa Runyon Fuller and husband Christopher, a girl, Brooke Noell, Aug. 20, 2001. She joins older sister Hailey, 2.

Sheri Farrar Ghearing and husband **Todd '91**, a boy, Garrett Steven, Nov. 1, 2000. He joins older brothers Jared, 6 and Brandon, 4.

Krista DeVore Hunter and husband **William '91**, a boy, Eamonn Patrick Hunter, Dec. 28, 2001. Pround grandfather is **Brent DeVore 'H86**, president of Otterbein College.

Lisa Miller Kentrup and husband Jeff, a boy, Jacob Andrew, Sept. 27, 2001.

Brenda Frey Kraner and husband Todd, a girl, Kennedy Elizabeth, Jan. 27, 2001. She joins older sister Courtney, 4 and brother Kyle, 2.

Victoria McCracken Parsons and husband Clinton, a girl, Emma Grace, Jan. 24, 2000.

Barbara Cabot Roubanes and husband Matthew, a boy, Blake Matthew, June 9, 2001.

Elise Grunkemeyer Runyon and husband Steven, two boys, Garrett William, July 19, 1999 and Griffin Patrick, Aug. 27, 2001.

Renee Stanley Wilson and husband Don, a girl, Madeline Katherine, Feb. 16, 2001. She joins older sister Dresden, 3.

1992

Kathleen Swihart Edwards and husband Joseph, a boy, Jordan Samuel, Nov. 9, 1999. Proud grandparents are **Arlene Buckley Swihart '65** and husband Dan.

Sheri Mare Weithman and husband Todd, a girl, Ava Elizabeth, Sept. 26, 2001. She joins older sister Alexandra, 2.

1993

David Dove and wife Christy, a boy, Keaton, Mar. 6, 2001. He joins older sister, Willow.

Amanda Reynolds Rammelsberg and husband Steve, a girl, Victoria Anne, May 3, 2001. She joins older sisters Randi, 5 and Sami, 3. Proud relatives include grandparents **Dick '65** and **Ellen Trout Reynolds '68**, and uncle **Chad '90** and aunt **Cindy Harroun Reynolds '90**.

1994

Travis Eby and wife Beth, a girl, Rachel Mae, Sept. 12, 2001. She joins older sister Sarah, 2.

Matt Mohler and wife Amy, a girl, Hannah Victoria, Oct. 11, 2001. She joins older brother Justin, 1.

Julie Ferrante Ricci and husband Craig, a boy, Angelo Anthony, Sept. 11, 2001.

1995

Thomas Fry, Jr. and wife Cassy, a boy, Hayden Tyler, July 17, 2000.

1996

Laura Wehner Collins and husband Timothy, a boy, Peter Clarence, Aug. 26, 2001.

Beth Holman Cooperrider and husband Patrick, a boy, Tanner Patrick, Nov. 17, 2000. He joins older sister Lindsay, 3.

Jill Bush Hartson and husband Rob, a boy, Ryan Jacob, May 8, 2001. Proud aunts & uncles are **Laura Bush '98**, **Kevin Bush '00** and Kyle Bush, who is a student at Otterbein.

Renee DeLozier-Jordan and husband Jeff, a girl, Julia Claire, Mar. 2, 2001.

Andrea Bode-Sullivan and husband **Michael '96**, a girl, Grace Catherine, July 29, 2001.

Kathy Dildine Wilson and husband Eric, a boy, Eli Marshall, July 7, 2001.

1997

Mandy Golden Craig and husband Chris, a girl, Caitlin Marie, Jan. 2001.

Kathryn Altier Reagan and husband Michael, adopted a boy, Benjamin Porter on Nov. 10, 2001. He was born July 18, 2001 in the Binh Thuan Province of Vietnam.

1999

Janine Wiley Robinson and husband Scot, a boy, Samuel Alexander, Aug. 10, 2001.

DEATHS

1928

John Robinson passed away May 30, 2001. He taught in Turtle Creek, PA high school for twelve years, ending his career at Westinghouse Electric in 1969. He is survived by wife Charlotte, daughter Charlotte Robinson-Guillo, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren.

1929

Otterbein has learned that **Irene Bennert Wright** passed away July 16, 2001. She is survived by her son, **Wayne Wright '60**.

1933

Dorothy Jones King passed away Sept. 20, 2001. She is survived by her husband, **Walter King '50**.

1936

Marjorie Bowser Goddard passed away Aug. 2, 2001. She is survived by her three children, Dorothy, Marjorie and William.

1942

Lozella Beckel Ruth passed away on Sept. 1, 2001. In 1980 she organized the "Men of Peace" Gospel Quartet, who presented the word of God in song throughout the area. She also taught piano for over 50 years. She was president of the Marion Lecture Recital Club, a member of the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Club. She also provided and assisted with piano and organ music for the Peace Community United Church of Christ. She is survived by children Diane, Art, David and Dan; brothers Karl, Eugene and Wallace; six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

1946

Robert Schmidt passed away Sept. 9, 2001. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He served as an executive for thirty years in various assignments for the Y.M.C.A. in Ohio, West Virginia and New York. He established the program and fund raising groundwork with the Hilltop community which resulted in the Columbus Suburban West/Hilltop Y.M.C.A., and his executive vice presidency of the Long Island Y.M.C.A.'s of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. He retired from the "Y" in 1977 and moved to Miami, FL, where he accepted a position as executive director, Southern Florida Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, until he retired for the second time in 1988. He was a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International and past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Church and served on the Board of the United Protestant Appeal. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Vivian Peterman Schmidt '46** and his sister, Phyllis Hammon. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; three daughters Pamela, Deborah and Wendy; his twin sister Betty Rice; five step-daughters and eighteen grandchildren.

1948

Janet France Frye passed away Apr. 17, 2001. She is survived by her husband **Sanders Frye '48**; children Sanders Frye III, Steven Frye and Mary Anne Frye Griffin.

1949

Loren Giblin passed away Sept. 27, 2001. He held many administrative positions in education during his career. He is survived by his wife, Jane.

1950

Otterbein has learned that **Ralph Powless** passed away Sept. 14, 2001.

1951

Otterbein has learned that **Richard Draime** passed away Aug. 24, 2001.

1952

Otterbein has learned that **Rev. Joel Meyers** passed away July 17, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Gregory Meyers '54.

1955

Phyllis Royer Posey passed away July 24, 2001. A teacher, she retired from Edon Northwest Schools in 1993, and was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville, where she taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Fort Wayne Christian Writers, NIRA Notes-E-Mail Newsletter of the Northern Indiana Romance Authors. She is survived by her husband, William Posey; two sons, Ralph and Timothy; her mother, Dorothy Royer; two brothers, Dan and Jack Royer; and a sister, Dotty Wantz.

1958

Gerald Hupp passed away Apr. 21, 2001. He was mayor of Munroe Falls, OH for 24 years. Prior to being elected mayor, he was a teacher of history and government at Cuyahoga Falls High School. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; and two daughters, **Julie Hupp Krieger '83** and **Cynthia Hupp Bridgman '75**.

1966

Paul "Pat" Quinn passed away July 4, 2001. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and traveled extensively throughout Asia and Europe for Pepsi Co. He is survived by his wife, Paulette; daughters, Kelly Quinn, Kathy (Gordon) Jones and Kris (Brent) Long; several grandchildren; siblings Alice Croce, Mary Sue Sabo and Tom Quinn; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Otterbein has learned that **Jacqueline Lockhart Smith** passed away July 16, 2001.

1970

Rebecca Spicer Hast passed away Jan. 22, 2001. She is survived by her husband, Richard and one son, Paul.

Friends

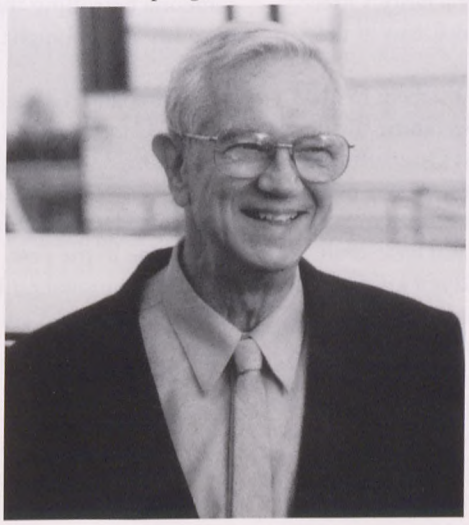
Paul Ackert H'78 passed away Sept. 23, 2001. He was a retired professor at Otterbein College. He served in numerous United Methodist Churches in New York and PA. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; sons, Daniel and Matt; three grandchildren; sisters Clara Sikstrom, Martha Jones and Ruth Ebbert; and sister-in-law, Martha Ackert. ■

Otterbein Community Loses an Artist

by Cythnia Hawthorne '02

"Teaching was the right career for me and Otterbein the right place, because I never tire of learning and so many opportunities to learn have opened up for me here."

Those were the strong sentiments of Earl Hassenpflug, emeritus faculty member (1955-1991) and Chair of the Visual Arts Department (1968-1991) at Otterbein College. Earl passed away November 25, 2001.



Earl Hassenpflug H'91

A native of Sandusky, Ohio, Earl enlisted in the Navy at age 17 and served during World War II in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He entered Toledo University with the goal of teaching biology at the college level, transferred to The Ohio State University and completed his undergraduate degrees in biology and philosophy. Before entering graduate school, he pursued an interest in art at the Columbus Art School. After two years of study and teaching, he committed to a profession in art. There he met Joy Gustin '49 who would become his wife, and Lillian Frank, professor of art at Otterbein College. In 1955, Mrs. Frank invited Earl to join her in teaching at Otterbein. Earl earned his teaching certificate at Otterbein College and eventually his Master's degree in Art Education at The Ohio State University.

Earl became chair of the Visual Arts Department shortly before the retirement of Professor Frank in 1972. In addition to teaching, Earl was instrumental in building upon the College art collection. The college owned a few pieces when he and Professor Frank took on the task of collecting art for the College in the mid-fifties. They acquired international prints from exhibitions brought here on a minimum purchase agreement and bought works of area artists in lieu of honoraria for shows of their work. He was a recipient of a grant to the college from the Kress Foundation for the study of architecture and sculpture in West Africa in 1969 and 1970. Along with support from faculty members, he was able to make purchases for the African art collection. His experience in Africa remained an influential part of his work throughout his life as can be seen in many of his drawings, paintings and sculpture.

Today the College collections include Eskimo and Oceanic art, Japanese crafts, pre-Columbian art and Chinese paintings, as well.

Beyond the Otterbein community, he designed and installed the Tishman Collection of African Art at the Columbus Museum of Art and the opening exhibition in the Elijah Pierce Gallery at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Columbus. His works are included in the collections of The Ohio State University, Capital University, and the Columbus Museum of Art. Most of all, Earl was devoted to teaching.

Joanne Stichweh, his student and colleague in the Art Department, said, "I learned lessons from Earl Hassenpflug which have influenced my life and continue to shape it today. His classes planted seeds of significant ideas: that art and architecture, literature, music, sciences—indeed, all disciplines—are interrelated, and that all proceed from life lived with vitality and integrity. As I watched Earl Hassenpflug teach, I resolved that teaching art was what I wanted to do with my life."

Other students also paid tribute to Earl. Diann Fish '87 wrote, "Your energy and commitment to personal and professional growth is inspiring. I will always remember your generosity and guidance."

"You helped me fly," wrote Meredith Martin '71. "It's not just the things you taught me, though those things have certainly enriched my life – it's the person you are. I have been grateful for your guidance, your caring, teaching and your encouragement to reach farther and deeper. Thank you for these gifts. They have no measure."

The Earl C. Hassenpflug H'91 Endowed Award was established by James and Rachel Von Seggern Schmitz '90, as a way for his wonderful encouragement of students to be carried on to a new art major each year.

After Earl's retirement, with more time to concentrate on his own growth as an artist, he felt that his best work was yet to come. He continued drawing and painting the rest of his life. Some of his larger wood relief paintings he recently donated to the Westerville Community Center and the Westerville City Schools. He gave a painting for the children at the Kobacker House of Hospice at Riverside and Grant. His last works, a series of three brightly colored paintings, renew hope at the James Cancer Center of The Ohio State University Hospitals.

Earl is survived by his wife, Joy; children, **Beth Stillwagon '79**, **Jane (Jeffrey R.) Johnson '86**, **Eric '85** and **Jackie Pietila Hassenpflug '87**, and **Amy Hassenpflug '94**; beloved grandchildren, Rachel and Sean Johnson, Luke and Greg Hassenpflug.

The words of Earl's colleague David Stichweh provide an eloquent summary. "I am sad at Earl's death, but grateful for his life, his art, his dedication to enabling others to discover the creative potential within themselves. His gift and his vision remain in the images and in the lives that he shaped."

A tree-planting ceremony in his memory will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. near the Battelle Fine Arts Center on the Otterbein College campus.

Jeff Gibbs: All-American (x2)

by Scott Rex '03

In an era when finding a legitimate two-sport star in high school is becoming more and more of a rarity, Otterbein senior Jeff Gibbs is making the task look easy at the collegiate level.

Gibbs, a four-year letterman on the Otterbein football and basketball squads, is on the verge of becoming the first athlete in Otterbein history to earn coaches' All-America honors in both football and basketball.

"I did not know that," Gibbs said when asked if he knew he could be the first. "I said all along I wanted to do that, to be first-team in both sports,"

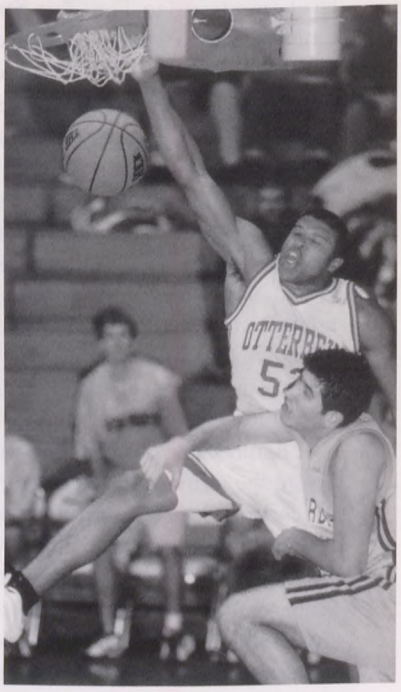
The statistics and credentials Gibbs has amassed over his collegiate career are astounding. On the gridiron, Gibbs holds Otterbein career records for receiving yards (2,476) and touchdown receptions (29). His 162 catches are second all-time. At the conclusion of his senior season, Gibbs received first-team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Football Gazette and D3football.com. He was named to the second team Hewlett-Packard All-America team. In addition, Gibbs received the Ed Sherman Award as the most outstanding receiver in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), as voted by the conference's coaches. Gibbs was also a two-time first team all-conference selection.

Football, however, is only half the story. Gibbs has stockpiled even more hardware on the basketball court. As a junior, he was named second-team All-America by D3Hoops.com. As a sophomore, Gibbs received All-America honors from Columbus Multimedia (second team), DIII News (third team) and D3Hoops.com (honorable mention). He was selected the Mike Gregory Award winner as the most valuable player in the OAC as a sophomore. Gibbs has led the nation in NCAA Division III rebounding the last two seasons, and has recorded a double-double in all but one game he has played since the beginning of his junior season.

"I'm proud of all of them," Gibbs says of his accolades. "I really can't single one out as my favorite or that I'm most proud of."

Gibbs's size makes his basketball accomplishments seem even more remarkable. Otterbein's football and basketball media guides list him at 6-3, relatively small for someone patrolling the paint. Rumors, however, abound as to his actual height. "Honestly, I'm about 6-1," Gibbs admits.

Through 23 games this season, Gibbs ranks second in the OAC in scoring (22.4 points per game), first in rebounding (16.6 per game), first in field-goal percentage (68 percent), first in steals (58) and third in blocked shots (55). "Jeff has done for us what other All-American players have done in the past. That is, take an average team and lift it to a national ranking," head basketball coach Dick Reynolds said. "Of course, his support cast helps with all that."



Support has been building for Gibbs to add another credential to his resume: "national player of the year." "I think we would have to go a distance in the NCAA Tournament for that to happen," Reynolds said. "Our success as a team will help determine that. He certainly has the numbers to substantiate it."

Just how valuable is Gibbs to the team? The one game that Gibbs missed this season resulted in a 106-59 debacle of a loss to Mount Union on Dec. 15. It just so happened that Gibbs was in Salitillo, Mexico participating in the Aztec Bowl that afternoon. The Aztec Bowl pits the best Division III football players in America against the top college players in Mexico. Gibbs caught two balls for 28 yards and a touchdown as the American squad rolled 37-5.

"It was a lot of fun," Gibbs said of the trip. "It was a good experience to see and play with other good athletes from across the country."

Even with all the success he has experienced at Otterbein, Gibbs is still unsure of his future. Playing professionally is certainly not out of the question. "That would be my main goal right now. Either football or basketball. I guess I would prefer football. I mean, I'm basically a 6-1 post player, so it would probably be football," Gibbs said.

Regardless of what the future holds, Gibbs has established a legacy that will live forever in the annals of Otterbein athletics. ■

Inside the "O"

News from the "O" Club

Fall Fundraisers a Great Success

A capacity crowd turned out for the annual "O" Club Cookout & Auctions at The Lakes Golf & Country Club on Sunday, October 7. The board would like to thank the many auction donors and bidders who helped to raise several thousands of dollars for Otterbein athletics. Highlights of the event included the auction of a week's stay at a Mexican villa, purchased by Donna Fishbaugh for her family. The evening concluded on a humorous note with the sale of the mystery auction item promoted as "A card party with Moe." Purchased by Paul Reiner, the package included a full-size photo of Bob Agler '48, a deck of cards, and appropriate refreshments.

The annual golf outing held on Monday, October 8th, was sold out two weeks in advance. Once again the board would like to thank the many individuals and companies who make this event such a success. Together both the auctions and the golf outing raised over $14,000 for Otterbein athletics.

Homecoming Dinner Recognizes Honorees

An overflow crowd attended the annual homecoming dinner at Little Turtle Country Club on October 27th. Several individuals were recognized for their contributions to Otterbein athletics: John King '68 received the Outstanding Service Award; Ann Pryfogle '61 received the Athletic Director's Award of Distinction; and Guido Ricevuto received the Excel Award.

Staunch Otterbein fans Bill Freeman, Bud Yoest, Moe Agler and Porter Miller get ready to root the Cardinals to victory.

Several track & field All-Americans were also honored including Scott Alpeter '86, Mark Burns '83, Bill Jones '79, John McKenzie '82, Rick Merola '89, David Paul '77, Danny Rader '77, Tom Schnurr '88, Dick Smith '79, Dan Wetzel '78 and Wayne Woodruff '81.

22nd Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic

For the first time ever, both men's and women's teams from the same schools participated in the Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic held on December 29-30. Visiting schools included Denison University, Hanover College (IN), and St. Norbert College (WI). Otterbein's women's team won the consolation game against Denison and Otterbein's men's team won the championship against St. Norbert. Jennifer Harrison, Kevin Shay and Jeff Gibbs were named to their respective All Tournament Teams and Jeff Gibbs was named MVP.

Kevin Shay, a senior basketball player, delivers food donated at the The "O" Club Classic.

This tournament, in its 22nd year, is promoted as a community event, encouraging young and old alike to come to the Rike Center. A youth basketball league, sponsored by Westerville Parks & Recreation Department, played short games during four of the half times and Cabot Rea '78 led the audience in singing "God Bless America," during half time of the men's championship game. Over $1,400 was collected for FDNY Squad Co. 41 Heroes Fund and 16 large containers of food items were collected for the local food pantry run by the Westerville Area Resource Ministry.

2002 Calendar of Events

May 29	Senior Send-Off , 6:00 p.m., Rike Center
June 29	Golf Outing, 1:30 p.m. Legends at Locust Lane
Oct. 13	Annual Social & Auctions, 5:00 p.m. The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Oct. 14	Annual Golf Classic,10:00 a.m. The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Oct. 19	Homecoming Tailgate Party, 10:30 a.m. Football Game, 1:30 p.m. Social Hour at New Albany Links , 5:00 p.m. (Followed by Dinner & Program)
Dec. 27-28	Annual Smokey Ballenger "O" Club Classic Women's Games, 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. Men's Games, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. Rike Center

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Lifelong Learning

Cardinal Migration 2001 Was Rocky Mountain High

Following the events of September 11, one might think that the 2001 Cardinal Migration on September 20-23 would be a solemn event. However, 87 alumni, family and friends came together as planned to experience the comfort of fellowship and friendship in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year, the fellowship of the Otterbein family was deeper and even more comforting than at past Migrations.

The weather in Colorado was ideal, and all in attendance enjoyed the boundless beauty of God's country in Colorado Springs, including the breath-taking colors of the aspen trees near Pike's Peak. Participants also visited the historic gold mining camp of Cripple Creek, Garden of the Gods and the Pioneers Museum and enjoyed a trip on Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak (14,110 feet). The visit to the Air Force Academy was cancelled due to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The 2001 Cardinal Migration Committee: *John Wray, Judith Wray '50, Richard Marold, Emily Warner '58, Bud Warner '56, Pat Bale '58, Bill Bale '57.*

Thanks again to the entire committee for all the work they did in this year's successful migration. Thanks to **Bud '56** and **Emily Warner '58**, and to **Bill '57** and **Pat Weigand '58 Bale** for graciously opening their beautiful home to their Otterbein family.

Cardinal Migration for 2002 has been set! Mark your calendars for Sept. 5-8 when the migration comes to Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. Watch future *Towers* for details!

New Alumni Directory for 2002!

Watch for mailings or phone calls from Publishing Concepts to update your information for a new Alumni Directory. Ordering information will come shortly. If you do not wish to be in the new directory, please call 614-823-1650 to ensure your information will not be included.

Opposite page collage, clockwise from top left: *The 2001 Cardinal Migration participants gather for a group shot. Don and Helen Denton, parents of Julie Denton Henshaw '89, celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary in "high" style at the summit of Pikes Peak. Whoa, pardner, it's Bill '48 and Helen Hilt LeMay '47, scourges of the Silver Spur Saloon. Two '49 alums, Bert Horn and John Albrecht, share a laugh. Gracing a table are Mary Bivins H'85, her daughter Vanessa Stewart, Jo Ellen Rogers and her mother, Josephine Case Thomas '46. Posing before the Rocky Mountain grandeur is Dick Borg '53, and Patty Cottone. Clowning with the bus drivers are Emily Bale Warner '58 and Robert "Bud" Warner '56.*

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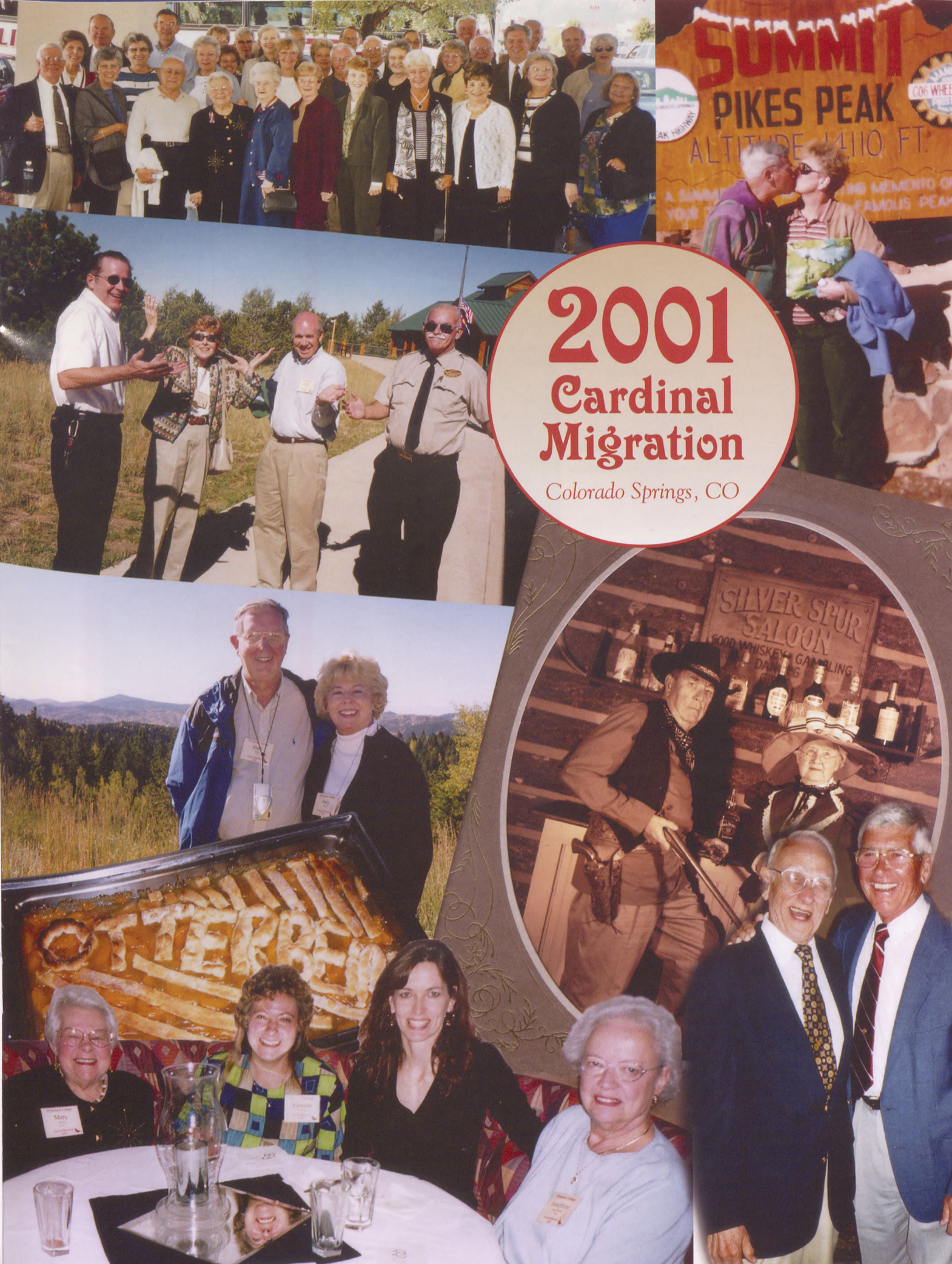

2001 Cardinal Migration

Colorado Springs, CO

Over 500 Return for Homecoming 2001

A crowd of tan and cardinal fans invaded the Otterbein College campus on Oct. 26-27 for Homecoming 2001! Over 500 alumni, family and friends returned to campus to cheer Otterbein's football team on to a 56-14 victory over Heidelberg.

The weekend was full of special events for visiting alumni, including a dinner for all reunion classes at the Elephant Bar and Grill, the Health and Physical Education Reunion Breakfast and the Former Alumni Presidents' Gathering, which included a College update by National Alumni Association Vice President **Mike Duckworth '63**.

The Class of 1991 was out in full force visiting their old traditions with a pre-parade breakfast of Schneider's donuts on Saturday morning and a gathering of over 45 people at their old hangout south of campus. Special thanks go to **Tricia Davis '91**, **Jed Hanawalt '91**, **Aisling Reynolds '91** and **Denise Barton-Thompson '91** for their support in planning the Class of 1991 reunion.

A special highlight of Homecoming 2001 was the Homecoming Tailgate Party. Over 200 people showed up for hot dogs, hamburgers and other refreshments before watching the Cardinals beat The 'Berg. The tailgate party will be a new tradition at future Homecoming festivities.

In addition, two sororities – Tau Delta and Kappa Phi Omega – celebrated their 80th anniversaries.

A very special thank you goes to **Steve Thackara '72**, for donating a 20 ft. x 20 ft. tan and cardinal tent to the National Alumni Association. Homecoming 2001 was the first of many successful alumni events that will feature this spirit-filled tent.

Be sure to join us next year to check out the excitement Otterbein is currently planning for you!

Steve Thackara poses with his father and Sue Alt (Head Football Coach Rocky Alt's wife) in front of the tent he donated to the National Alumni Council.

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Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar

(dates subject to change)

3/9	Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Convention
4/6	OAK–Parent Program, Focus on the Family–Mansfield, OH
5/18	Alumni Gathering–Nashville, TN
5/25	Campus Beautification Day
6/14-16	**Alumni Weekend**
6/22	Dayton June Bug Jamboree
7/13	OAK–Columbus Zoo for Kids
8/29	Dayton Student Send-Off Party
9/5-8	**Cardinal Migration, Louisville and Lexington, KY**
9/17	Dayton Otterbein Women's Club
12/5	Alumni Gathering–Licking Co., OH

Tailgate parties are planned for all Otterbein home football games and for some of the away games as well. Watch future issues of *Towers* for more details!

Save the Date for Alumni Weekend 2002!

Alumni Weekend 2002 has been scheduled for June 14-16, 2002. Mark these days on your calendar and plan to attend your class's 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th or 50th reunion!

This year's event will honor the Reunion Classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977, as well as emeriti professors, National Alumni Award winners and this year's special reunion for speech and theatre alumni who graduated between 1924 and 1977. Last year's event was a huge success, and with your help we can make this year's Alumni Weekend the best yet!

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

Cardinal BBallers On the Road in Texas

Alumni traveled to San Antonio, Texas, in November to cheer on the Otterbein basketball teams. Thanks to their support, the men won their tournament and the women came in second. Approximately 35 alumni, family and friends attended the game.

Above: *Alumni gather in front of the motor home of Bill '57 and Sheila Freeman in the parking lot of Trinity University.* ***Left:*** *The Otterbein men's and women's basketball teams.*

Dayton Otterbein College Women's Club Focuses on Art

Art Department Chairman Nicholas Hill visited 42 members of the Dayton Otterbein College Women's Club on October 16 to discuss plans for the Frank Museum of Art.

Hill discussed the history of the home and plans to use it as a permanent professional exhibition space for the College art collection. In addition, he discussed the collection, its strengths and recent acquisitions.

Alumni Get Behind-the-Scenes Tour, Have a Roaring Good Time at the Toledo Zoo

Thirty-two alumni, family and friends attended the behind-the-scenes tour of the The Toledo Zoo on September 29, 2001. Following a special dinner prepared by The Toledo Zoo's executive chef, participants visited sites not open to the general public, including a tour of the zoo's popular Arctic Encounter exhibit. They also learned about the zoo's future plans from a zoo official, as well as Otterbein's future plans from Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman.

Special thanks go to **Mike '63** and Sue Duckworth for chairing the event.

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From the Mailbag…

Left: *John Lloyd '60 toured Sydney Australia this past October, taking in operas and also playing the new organ at St. Mary's Cathedral. Lloyd is retired from school teaching in Pittsburgh, but remains active as an organist and composer. His award-winning composition, "A Hectic Overture," was performed by the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra.*
Below: *A Pi Kappa Phi reunion in Staunton, PA this past September. The group reported the value of good friends was all the more emphasized because of the terrorist attacks on our country at the time. Front row: Al Leonard, Max Mickey, Myron Williams, Max Fisher, Ross Morris, Dale Griesmeyer. Second row: Phil Kornblum, Ken Haines, Bill Cole, Stan Kagel, Jay Welliver. Third row: Ron Keim, Glenn Winston, Bob Fowler, Bob Arledge, Bob Laib, Jerry Neff, Lou Wehrmann, Jim Yost.*

Time for Alumni Nominations!

It's that time of year again to get your nominations in for the 2002 Alumni Awards. The following are the awards with their criteria:

Distinguished Alumni

This is the most prestigious award presented by the National Alumni Association of Otterbein College. This award was established in 1951 to honor those who have achieved prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession, community and the lives of others. Recipients represent the ideal of a committed, industrious and caring individual.

Special Achievement

Established in 1966, this award recognizes excellence and high professional achievement by an individual in his or her field of endeavor.

Service to Otterbein

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have freely and unselfishly given their time, talents, and services for the betterment of Otterbein College.

Honorary Alumna/Alumnus

This award was established in 1950 for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those individuals who, though not graduates of Otterbein, have demonstrated outstanding interest, commitment and involvement in its life and activities.

If you would like to receive a nomination form, please contact Greg Johnson at 614-823-1650 or email him at:

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Deadline for nominations are March 15!