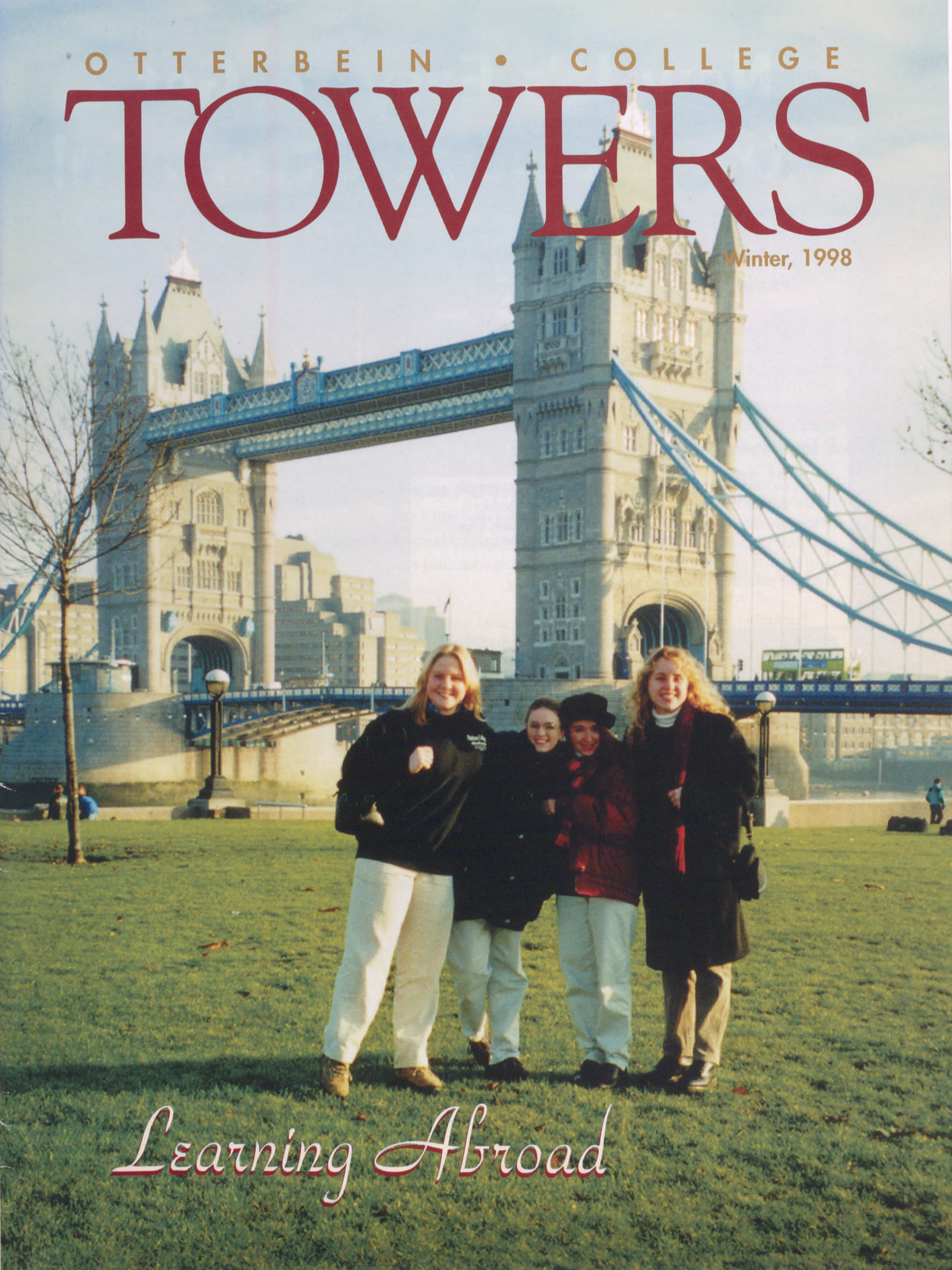


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Common Book Author Scott Russell Sanders is enigmatic, and at times seems misanthropic and curmudgeonly. He is also a man who cares deeply about life on this Earth.

On the cover: Marianne Timmons, Diana Ramey, Liz Ciampa and Susan Zimmerman of the Otterbein Concert Choir pose in front of the London Tower Bridge. Photo by Liz Ciampa.

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Compiled by Patti Kennedy



Web Pages Sporting New Look

The look is new but the name's the same.

No, you're not in the wrong place when you go to www.otterbein.edu. You are on the College's home page. We have freshened the look so it is more attractive and made the site even more friendly.

Rob Johnson, associate professor in the Theatre and Dance Department, designed the new look. The main page still accesses primary areas of the college but we've added a few options such as Athletics and Current Events to keep you informed of the latest college news.

The Alumni section has a new place called Alumni

Corner which features news about alumni trips and gatherings, as well as an alumni e-mail directory. If you want to include your name, just e-mail Webmaster Patricia Kessler (PKessler@otterbein.edu).

There is even an animated map that gives a fly-by tour of the campus. Also check out the various academic departments' home pages. They have a lot of information about their respective departments.

Next time you're surfing the Web, visit us. Let us know what's happening with you and what you think of our new look!

Chair of MBA Advisory Board Selected

Otterbein recently named Lee Hess as chair of the College's Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Advisory Board.

Hess is chief executive officer of Digivision International, Inc., the largest installer of small satellite dishes in the United States. Digivision was founded four years ago. Hess received his B.A. from the University of Michigan, M.A. from Stanford University and M.B.A. from Harvard.

"I truly believe my MBA helped me function in the business world. I value the degree," Hess says. "I also strongly feel that liberal arts and business degrees fit well together. Part of my interest in Otterbein is because of its exceptionally strong liberal arts foundation."

College personnel worked more than a year and a half to create this new MBA degree. Local and regional surveys were conducted to assess market demand and curriculum was carefully developed with input from the business community and the College.

That preparation paid off. Forty students were admitted this fall, meeting the College's enrollment goal. MBA Program Director Gail Arch says this first group of MBA students come from diverse backgrounds. The students include engineers, scientists, health care professionals, bankers and business professionals.

The 16-course program is designed for the full-time working student and may be completed in two years. The program maintains a rolling enrollment so that new students can be admitted every term. It is a comprehensive, innovative degree that will meld liberal arts with business studies; use components that emphasize practical applications; and be technology-focused with heavy use of the Internet and electronic research.

This fall most classes were held in the new multimedia classroom in Roush Hall. This classroom has 21

computer stations and enables state-of-the-art teaching to produce technologically literate MBA graduates.

With the program now underway, the purpose of the MBA Advisory Board, comprised of 20 business executives, is to help the graduate business program implement and review curriculum, design new curriculum, suggest special projects and program ideas, and promote the program. "It is our belief that only with the help of the business community can we provide the most valuable, responsive, practical and realistic education for our students," says Arch.

Hess adds, "With the assistance of this exceptional board we can help Otterbein develop a program that is highly productive for the students and meets the real world needs of business."

Other MBA Advisory Board members include:

Randall Anstine, partner, Ernst and Young; **John Casey**, vice chairman (retired), Wendy's International, Inc.; **James Cramer**, CFO, Pizzuti Development; **William Flinn**, president and executive director, MUCIA/Midwest University Consortium; **Zhanwen Gao**, chairman, Television and Broadcasting Bureau in Shenyang, China; **Peter Horvath**, vice president and CFO of Apparel Merchandising, The Limited; **David P. Lauer**, president and COO, BankOne; **Tim Johnston**, CFO of Airtron; **Debbie Mitchell**, vice president of Investor Relations

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Recent Grants Awarded

Otterbein and Associate Professor of Education Patti Albaugh recently were awarded \$34,282 from the **Ohio Board of Regents** Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Program for a project called "Technology Partners for Math and Science Integration."

This project will provide McGuffey Elementary in the Columbus Public Schools on-site, sustained support of teacher exploration and use of computers and software recently acquired through the School Net Plus program.

The purpose of the grant is to provide a collaborative effort



Gail Arch

Alumni — Lend Us Your Experience and Expertise!

The 1998 Integrative Studies Festival, with the theme of "Conscience and Courage: Personal Landscapes," will include the second annual mini-conference on research. The festival will be held during the fifth week of spring term (April 27-May 1). A specific time and date for the mini-conference have not yet been chosen. As with last year's mini-conference, the plan is to bring together panels of current students, faculty and alumni to talk informally about their research.

Interested alumni should contact James Bailey at 614-823-1160 or Towers Hall 226, English Department, Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081, or via E-mail at JBailey@Otterbein.edu.

between Otterbein and McGuffey Elementary staff to help the elementary teachers learn the operation of computers, classroom management of technology, and effective use of software to enhance the teaching of math and science and problem-solving skills.

The Columbus Foundation has awarded \$45,000 for Otterbein's "Project Community-CARE (Collaboration and Resources for Education)."

The three major collaborators are Otterbein's Department of Nursing, Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals and the Southside Church Health Initiative.

This project aims to provide health education programs that will

become community-driven and self-sustained. Additionally, the project uses a mentorship/parish nursing program to strengthen current church and community resources and outreach programs available to those who might not ordinarily have access to health care. Through employment training and placement programs in the health care field, this project also provides access to stable employment for low income residents. Otterbein regards this program as a model demonstration effort to enhance nursing students' learning and service to the community.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources provided continued funding of \$15,453 to Associate Professor and Chairperson of Life Sci-

ences Michael A. Hoggarth's "Studies on the Ecology and Life History of the Unionidae (Mollusca: Bivalvia) of the Walhonding River and Killbuck Creek."

This allows Hoggarth to continue his long-term study of the mussel community in the Walhonding River system. He will study the population structure and reproductive biology of the catspaw in Killbuck Creek, develop protocols to enhance reproduction of the catspaw to improve population numbers and distribution, and develop recommendations for the management of the catspaw population in the Walhonding River watershed.

Also see page 29 for more information on recent grants.

Jazz Legends Spark Otterbein Artist Series

The Otterbein Artist Series presented the dynamic duo of Cleo Laine and John Dankworth to an enthusiastic crowd on Nov. 6 in Cowan Hall; the performers paid tribute to Ella Fitzgerald.

Cleo Laine, known to many as the "Queen of Jazz," began her singing career as a featured singer in the John Dankworth London Big Band. Laine and band leader John Dankworth married in 1958.

Laine's talents range is remarkable, whether interpreting Shakespeare's sonnets set to music, performing in jazz festivals, singing in operas, or soloing with symphony orchestras.

She is the only singer to receive Grammy nominations in the Female Jazz, Popular, and Classical categories. Her musical and theatrical talents have led her to an array of projects including the voice of God in the BBC Proms' production of *Noyes Fludde*. Laine appeared as "The Witch" in Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, receiving a nomination by the L.A. drama critics for best lead performance.

Laine was honored recently with a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the National Association of Recording Merchandisers, and a lifetime Achievement Award from the British Jazz Society.

Laine and Dankworth were named "Show Business Personality of the Year" by Variety Club. Dankworth was also honored at the British Jazz Awards for excellence as a band leader as well as for his musical arrangements.

Dankworth was named musician of the year by The Melody Maker Jazz Poll from 1949 to 1955.

His talents include composing several film scores including *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, *The Servant* and *Return from the Ashes*, for which he earned an academy award nomination.

Dankworth began writing a variety of musicals in 1968. *Boots with Strawberry Jam*, written with Benny Green, was a musical based on the life of George Bernard Shaw. Dankworth founded the London Symphony Orchestra's pops program in 1985 and has served as the orchestra's Pops Musical Director.

The Otterbein College Artist Series is funded in part by the Ohio Arts Council.





Wilberforce Gospel Choir Makes for Lively Martin Luther King Convocation

SWAYIN' TO THE BEAT

Singing old gospel tunes with verve and passion, the Wilberforce Gospel Choir enlivened Otterbein's Martin Luther King convocation on Jan. 20.

But the singing was only part of the entertainment; just as entertaining were the anecdotes and quips Choir Director Dr. James Arthur Williams sandwiched between songs. Williams shared memories of Civil Rights marches and insights into the black culture.

"When I saw those signs on the water faucets that said 'white' and 'colored,' you know a man of my intellect went to the colored faucet expecting to see colored water," Williams said.

Sometimes his comments were direct, without sugar-coating.

"I didn't march so I could sit with you," he said. "I marched so I could sit where I wanted to sit when I wanted to sit."

Later, he added, "That's what happens when you retire. You say what you want to say."

For the third year, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Peace and Justice was presented at the convocation. This year junior Melissa Johnson and Assistant Professor of Education Elizabeth Smith were recognized for their ongoing community service.

This award is given to a faculty member, staff person, administrator or student at Otterbein who demonstrates the ideals Martin Luther King, Jr. represents. The recipient is a person who promotes equity and equality in the classroom and/or community, teaches or demonstrates the principles of nonviolence in solving problems, is involved in activities on campus or in the community which serve to balance inequities and encourages like philosophies among others.

Johnson is a coordinator of the Indianola After School Project which was recognized in 1997 by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Columbus and Franklin County as "the mentoring program of the year." Each week, while school is in session, students are brought from Indianola Middle School to Otterbein for a three-hour mentoring session. This mentoring relationship encourages the middle school students in their academic and personal pursuits as well as introducing them to a college atmosphere.

Johnson also has held various leadership positions in the African American Student Union and countless other campus organizations and committees. Johnson's nomination for the award read, "To listen to Melissa talk to students informally in the

Campus Center lounge and debate with her peers on issues and hear her speaking up for the under-represented population truly reflects the philosophy of Dr. King."

Assistant Professor of Education Elizabeth Smith actually helped create this award three years ago. She is a person who goes quietly about the business of serving others and is a role model everyday. She has been an active member of the Otterbein community and has chaired the Diversity Committee. She has spent untold hours in reaching out to students, encouraging them and prodding them to reach their highest academic goals.

In her nomination, Associate Director of Admission Jeanne Talley wrote, "Dr. Smith is involved in the larger community through her church, has been instrumental in assisting many young people in nonviolent and positive problem solving and to set high goals for themselves."

Smith said upon receiving her award, "At my church we say 'God is good' and the reply is 'All the time.' What I do, I do because I am supposed to, I am called to. This is my ministry. I am called upon to serve. And I ask that each of you continue to do that."

compiled by Shirley Seymour

1944

Ray Gifford was inducted into the Medical Hall of Fame of Cleveland.

He is presently a consultant in the Department of Nephrology and Hyperten-

sion at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and professor of Internal Medicine at The Ohio State

University College of Medicine. The Ray W. Gifford, Jr. M.D. Endowed Chair in Hypertension has been established at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

P R O F I L E

This '79 Alumnus Thrives on Change

by Ken Goodrich

From tuba prodigy, to author of the definitive work on internet law, with an important stop at Otterbein along the way. That is one way of describing the path taken over the last 20 years by **Kent Stuckey '79**, Vice President and Director of Business Development at CompuServe Ventures, Inc.

Until he moved to Findlay in the middle of his high school years, Stuckey grew up in



Westerville, where his father was minister of the Church of the Master near the Otterbein campus. When time came to choose a college, he was tempted to accept one of several "tuba scholarships" offered him by various prestigious universities in the Midwest. He decided, however, that pursuing a professional music degree would close doors to other fields he wanted to experience. So he chose a liberal arts education at Otterbein.

Before graduating he completed three majors – music, psychology, and political science – and proved to himself that he could master the ideas and methods in a variety of disciplines. His efforts were rewarded by excellent grades and by election to Torch and Key and to Mortar Board. Otterbein, he said, fostered in him the qualities that are essential to live

and work successfully in the contemporary world: perseverance, focus, self-discipline, resourcefulness, and willingness to change.

Stuckey went to law school at the University of Michigan, not because he foresaw a lifetime of legal practice but because he saw legal studies as yet another set of tools for coping with a changing world. With law degree in hand, he practiced for several years at Bricker and Eckler in Columbus. One of his clients was a then-new company called CompuServe. Acting on a "revelation" he had in law school—that his future had to be with the as yet unborn field of "computer law"—he persuaded CompuServe that they needed someone to manage their legal services and that he was that someone. To further expand his repertoire of skills, he earned an MBA degree from The Ohio State University and he took on management and marketing functions at CompuServe. Two years ago his business and legal skills came together when he assumed his present duties, which involve negotiating mergers, joint ventures, and other strategic relationships between CompuServe and other organizations.

Stuckey appears frequently as a vocal soloist, reflecting a long-time interest in music which at Otterbein took the form of participation in Concert Choir, Opus Zero, and marching band. He currently is chairman of the board of directors of Prevent Blindness America. He serves as co-chair of the Central Ohio portion of the "Campaign for Otterbein," a job taken on gladly because "I would do anything to help Otterbein." Stuckey is also a new member of the MBA Advisory Board.

As a student, Stuckey set for himself the goal of earning nothing but "A" grades, a goal reached except for a single "B" in music history. Among the professors who were important in his development as a student and person were Morton Achter in Music, Pat Lewis in Economics, John Laubach in Political Science, and James Recob in Religion.

Stuckey believes that contemporary life is nothing if not a series of challenges demanding discipline and willingness to change. Changing is harder than learning, he says.

What lies ahead for Kent Stuckey? Change, of course. For one thing, he is engaged to be married next summer. For another, CompuServe has been sold and a dispersal of its parts is in the offing. Consistent with his conclusions from Otterbein and subsequent experiences, he sees these changes as opportunities for growth. If the past is any guide, he will make something good of them.

1949

Anna Bale Weber reports her mother, Florence Bale Taylor, was 103 years old on Jan. 12, 1998. After graduation from Westerville HS in 1912, Florence was a special music student at Otterbein.

1950

Gerald Koster is pastor at the Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Washington CH and is busy hosting trips to Israel and Europe.

1954

Barbara Redinger Davis and husband **David Davis '55** retired in September and are living in Florida.

Bob and Micky McClure Hastings '54 are both

retired, Bob as recreation coordinator for the city of Bowling Green and Micky as North Baltimore 2nd grade teacher. Bob is teaching drama classes and is active in theater; Micky is a member of the "Pride of Toledo" Sweet Adelines. The 115-member chorus recently placed 7th in International Competition.

1956

Mary Wagner Myers has retired after 28 years of teaching (25 of them in kindergarten) and is enjoying time with her four daughters and sons-in-law, eight grandsons and three granddaughters. She is doing volunteer school-work and is traveling in

their motor home with her husband of 42 years, Don Myers '52. The Uniontown Elementary School named a college scholarship in her honor.

Joanne Valentine works in the museum during the summer season of Tecumseh the outdoor drama in Chillicothe. Volunteering takes up a lot of her time.

1957

Bruce Beavers has performed at least 21,200 weddings. Guinness Book of Records material? He is supervisor at the Franklin County Municipal Court and assistant pastor at Maynard Ave. UM church in Columbus.

1959

Terry Hitt retired in January after 26 years with the University of Dayton as associate professor in the visual arts department. He will continue painting in his personal studio at 509 E. Third in Dayton. Thirty-eight years after working his way through Otterbein racking balls for \$1/hr and shooting pool (mostly winning) at Westerville's only pool room (long gone), he has purchased a tavern with four pool tables in Huntington Beach, CA. He says "What fun at 60!"

Nancy Lucks retired from interior design and moved to Virginia Beach where she is painting and sculpting.

Bob Tharp retired in July 1995 after 36 years in public education in Licking County. Since then he has served as an attendance officer for the Licking County Juvenile Court visiting 20-25 schools each week. He also works with

the GED program and home schooling.

1962

Donald Ricard retired from active ministry in June 1997. He continues work as a carpenter/painter. **Charlotte Smalley Ricard '63** is a resident assistant at Otterbein-St. Marys Retirement Community.

Drusie Mobley Scott retired in June 1979 and is enjoying life.

1964

Mary Hall received her PhD in social work from Simmons College, School of Social Work in Boston, MA, in November 1997. She is an associate professor at the Smith College, School for Social Work in Northampton, MA.

1965

Naomi Mason Paeth is in her 31st year of teaching and feeling rather proud as she has been nominated for the Lee Co. Golden Apple Teacher of the Year for the past five years. Her

pride extends to her six biological grandchildren and three foster grandchildren.

1966

Dale Creamer is in his 17th year as principal of Brookville High School. He was re-elected as the AA Representative to the Southwest District Athletic Board.

1967

George Biggs is employed at The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies, Columbus.

Barry Pfahl is the technology coordinator for Willard City Schools.

1968

Cathy Alspach Boring was re-elected to the Dublin City Council.

1969

Judith Wells Baker is a nurse case manager at Doctors Hospital in Columbus. She is also working on her master's degree in Nursing in Adult Health at Otterbein.

Sarah Barnes is teaching pre-school at Jackson elementary in Westfall School District. She is restoring a victorian home and a log cabin. She says come visit! Five Points Pike in Williamsport, Ohio.

1971

Dorothy Stover-Kendrick has achieved the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corp.

1972

Christine Hayes Booth is a consultant for the Longaberger Basket Co. Her husband **Col. Thomas E. Booth '73** is support group commander at Dons-Monthan AFB in Tucson. They have three sons: Kyle, 21; Nathan, 18; and Bradley, 13.

Nate Van Wey has been teaching physics at Perry High School in Stark Co. for 26 years. He recently was awarded the Tandy Technology Scholar award as well as the Ashland Oil Teacher achievement award. He was also a member of the NSF research team in Antarctica in 1995.

1975

David Wedekind has left the Kennedy Space Center after 15 years and is now a senior photonics engineer at Pirelli Telecom Systems in Lexington, SC. Pirelli produces fiber optic-based telecommunications systems.

Constance Woods has been appointed by Gov. George Voinovich to the Accountancy Board for a term to run to 2004. The Accountancy Board sets forth rules of professional

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Corrections

We apologize for the following errors in the 1997 Honor Roll of Donors, which was included in the Fall 1997 issue of *Towers*:

- Richard H. Hohler was mistakenly omitted from the Tan and Cardinal Club and from the class of 1949.
- Robert E. Airhart was mistakenly listed as Robert Strahm Airhart under Current and Former Trustees.
- The Millard J. and Emmeline S. Miller Endowed Scholarship was incorrectly listed as the Mildred J. and Emmeline S. Miller Endowed Scholarship.
- Susan Canfield is the chair of the Towers Club (gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999), and H. Wendell and Miriam King are chairs of the Tan and Cardinal Club (gifts of \$500 to \$999). The Honor Roll of Donors listed these vice versa.

Compiled by Ed Syguda

Men's Soccer Wins OAC, Makes NCAA Tourney for First Time

The Otterbein men's soccer team, under ninth-year head coach Gerry D'Arcy, used a tenacious defense to capture the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship and advance to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time.

The Cardinals, finishing the year at 18-2-2, a school record, shared the regular-season conference title with John Carroll, each 8-0-1 in the OAC. Otterbein, however, won the post-season OAC tournament, turning back Hiram, 1-0, and John Carroll, 2-1.

The squad, ranked as high as 12th in the nation, lost to Alma, 2-1, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Brad Myers, a sophomore sweeper from Columbus, keyed the Otterbein defense and became the first Otterbein soccer player to earn first team All-America honors. Myers, a first team all-conference, All-Ohio and All-Mideast pick, was tabbed "Defensive Player of the Year" in the OAC.

Myers and goalkeeper Jeff Schmid, a sophomore from Upper Arlington, Ohio, helped Otterbein record a school-record 16 shutouts. The Cardinals allowed just 11 goals over 22 games.

Schmid, one of six players selected to all-conference teams, earned second team All-OAC and All-Ohio and third team All-Mideast honors. His 0.5 goals-against average led the OAC. Schmid allowed just two goals over the nine-game conference schedule.

Although known for its defense, Otterbein boasted three of the best offensive players in the league.

Josh Brader, a junior midfielder

from Westerville, was tabbed "Offensive Player of the Year" in the OAC. Brader, who missed the NCAA Tournament because of a leg fracture, tallied 11 goals and nine assists, finishing second in the OAC with an average of 1.55 points a game. Brader earned second team All-Ohio and All-Mideast honors.

Forwards Stephen Wilson, a sophomore from Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Michael Munday, a sophomore from Riverside, Ohio, finished among the top eight scoring leaders in the OAC. Both earned first team All-OAC and second team All-Ohio honors. Wilson, averaging 1.19 points a game, was selected first team All-Mideast. Munday, averaging 1.43 points an outing, garnered second team All-Mideast honors.

Head coach D'Arcy was named "Coach of the Year" in the OAC and the Great Lakes region.

D'Orazio Sets Passing Records

Quarterback Matt D'Orazio, a sophomore from Westerville, set two single-season records in 1997.

D'Orazio, selected as Otterbein's most outstanding offensive back, set season marks for total offense (2,368 yards) and passing yardage (2,244 yards).

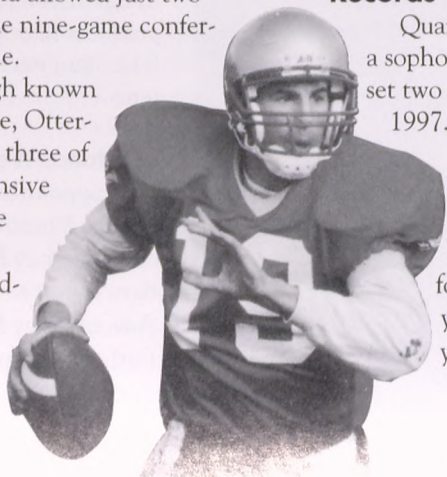


Brad Myers, a sophomore sweeper and the first Otterbein soccer player to earn first team All-America honors, goes for a header against Hiram.

He surpasses Luke Hanks, who set records for total offense (2,127) and passing yardage (2,143) in 1991.

Otterbein, improving over the second half of the season, closed out 1997 with a 20-13 home win over Capital, marking head coach Wally Hood's third straight win over the cross-town rival. The Cardinals headed into the season finale with Capital off a trio of heart-breaking losses to Heidelberg, 19-14, Ohio Northern, 28-24, and Muskingum, 21-17.

Travis Fankhauser, a sophomore running back from Dover, Ohio, recorded 231 all-purpose yards against Capital. He tallied 56 yards



rushing, 92 yards receiving and 83 yards on kickoff returns. Fankhauser finished sixth for all-purpose yardage, averaging 122.6 yards a game, and fourth for receiving, averaging 5.3 catches an outing, in the OAC. He was a second team All-OAC pick

Otterbein, 2-8 overall, finished in a three-way tie for seventh place with Capital and Muskingum, each 2-7 in the OAC.

Stark Earns Academic All-America Honors

Jeff Stark, a senior offensive tackle from Bolivar, Ohio, was named to the 1997 GTE Academic All-America second team in football. Players are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Stark, a second team All-OAC pick, carries a 3.761 grade-point average in English/secondary education.

Men's Distance Runners Take Second at OAC Championship

The Otterbein men's cross country team, under 28th-year head coach Dave Lehman, placed second in the nine-team OAC Championship. The Cardinals, scoring 50 points, finished behind defending OAC champion Mount Union (25), who placed four runners in the top four.

Four Cardinal runners earned all-conference honors. Jeff Ressler, a senior from Napoleon, Ohio, turned in Otterbein's best time, placing sixth (25:21.2). Ressler was followed by A. J. Wheeler, a senior from Lancaster, Ohio, eighth (25:37.1); Jason Loughman, a junior from Galion, Ohio, ninth (25:43.6); and Carl Cashen, a senior from Ashville, Ohio, tenth (25:45.0).

Wenger & Halbert Blend Academics with Athletics

Katrina Wenger, a senior from Vandalia, Ohio, and Shari Halbert, a sophomore from Gahanna, Ohio, earned Academic All-OAC first team honors in 1997.

Wenger, an outside hitter on the volleyball team, holds a perfect 4.000 grade-point average in psychology. She was also named to the honorable mention All-OAC team. Wenger led the conference in aces, averaging 0.67 a game.

Halbert, a defender on the soccer team, maintains a 3.783 average in elementary education.

The volleyball team, under sixth-year head coach Patti Wilson, turned in a 15-17 overall and 2-7 conference record in 1997. The soccer team, under first-year head coach Scott Crowder, won its last two games of the season to finish at 2-15-1 and 1-8 in the OAC.

Frosh Earns All-Conference Honors in Women's Cross Country

Distance runner Brianna Elsmore, a freshman from Mansfield, Ohio, earned all-conference honors with a sixth-place finish (19:27.1) at the 1997 OAC Cross Country Championship. The Cardinals, under second-year head coach Jennifer Hagquist, finished fifth in the eight-team field. ■

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conduct to ensure a high standard of integrity within the accounting profession.

1976

J. Jamison Brunk has served as a pastor in the Red Bird Missionary Conference (UMC) for almost 20 years; has been pastor of the Booneville (KY) Circuit for almost ten years; and coached Owsley County High School cross country and track teams. Girls cross country has been regional champion the last two years.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Jewett graduated from Air War College, the Air Force's Senior Service School, on June 4, 1997. Previously he commanded the 446th Missile Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, ND, and is now assigned to the On-Site Inspection Agency in Washington DC.

J. William Reid is vice president and manager of the Mortgage Lending Department, Central Carolina Bank in Charlotte.

1977

Beth Machlan Sharp is a geneticist in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Washington.

1978

David Bridgman has been appointed senior pastor of Faith Community UMC in West Chester, Ohio. His wife **Mim Goehring Bridgman '77** works part-time as a kitchen consultant with The Pampered Chef. The Bridgmans have a son Jeremy, 15 and a daughter Charis, 12.

Mark Malone is managing a band — The Lilybandits — who are working on their second CD release.

1981

Kimberly Grossl Kessler is a donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross. Her husband **Jeffrey Kessler '82** is a vice president for State Savings Bank. They live in Gahanna with their three children: Lindsay, 12; Matthew, 10; and Andrew, 5.

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Frances Lee Myers Strong '56 comes to the comedy spotlight late in life

by Patti Kennedy

It's funny how life works out sometimes. It was especially funny for Frances Lee (Myers) Strong '56 who found her niche in comedy — but not until after her 60th birthday.

Strong, who attended Otterbein for two years after transferring from a community college, graduated with a degree in education because "it didn't require any math or science. Dr. Price was my advisor. When he started steering me toward all these science classes, I said, 'I know there is a way to get out of here without math and science.' He said, 'Education.'"

Her education degree led to one semester of teaching. "That was not my calling. I was not born to teach," she readily admits.

She married Ben Strong, a career marine, and followed him around the globe. The family lived in Turkey, Germany and Hawaii to name a few spots. And the family grew — three boys and one girl.

When her youngest child started school, Strong went to work for the phone company. In 1992 Strong and her husband lived peacefully in Homestead, Florida but two events were about to change their lives completely. First Hurricane Andrew completely destroyed their home and possessions. At the encouragement of their son, the couple moved to Jacksonville where he and his family lived.

Then fate dealt them another blow. Ben was diagnosed with cancer.

He encouraged his wife to find a hobby, an outlet of some sort, while they battled the disease. Not many would think of heading down to the Comedy Zone for open mike night but Strong knew that was something she always wanted to do.

Her husband died in May, 1995. Six months later, Strong took early retirement from the phone company, went into comedy full-time and never looked back.

She began at the Comedy Zone in Jacksonville but once a month would pile into a car with fellow comedians and head for open mike opportunities in Savannah and Orlando. "The trick is to get yourself seen on stage as much as you can,"

Strong explains.

Open mike nights are in the past for her now. These days she works as a feature performer and headliner. She has performed in 17 states and logged more than 70,000 miles on her car in the last two years. She has worked with other comedians including Judy Tennuta, Steve Harvey and Bobby Collins. Strong appeared on the ABC affiliate BET and the Entertainment Channel. She also was selected to appear on the Jenny Jones Show as one of the nine funniest women in America.

"You have a dream and you think it will never come true, but mine did," Strong says. Her only regret is that her husband isn't able to join her in this new career. "He saw only one show

before he died. To him, a great time was going on a trip, staying in a motel and watching TV. He would have loved this."

Strong performs under the name Grandma Lee but she's not the milk and cookies kind of grandmother. Her routines include cracks about family life, grandkids, television commercials and the phone company. An example: "My grandson brought me my coffee cup the other day with one of his little green army men in it. 'Grandma,' he says. 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup.'" Even her husband's illness and the destruction of her home were fodder for her act. Her slogan is, "I'm not ready for the rocking chair" and her acerbic observations on life back that up.

With so many comedians branching out to do their own shows, Strong says she's not interested in television. "I just want to do standup," she maintains. She adds that a friend is working on a television pilot with her in mind for the starring role. "That's not my dream," she says, "but my son, the attorney, made me promise to talk to him."

All of her children encourage Strong in this new career. "The kids are happy I have something to keep me occupied," she says. Not many can say their moms are busy doing stand up on the comedy circuit.

Today, Strong's oldest son, Kevin, is a nuclear reactor operator and lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Son Tim is a partner in a law firm in Jacksonville, Florida. Her son Kelly is a pilot with the Coast Guard and lives in Mobile, Alabama. Her daughter Joy teaches kindergarten ("She's the one who was



I'm not ready for the rock

born to teach," Strong says) and lives with Strong in Jacksonville.

And Grandma Lee is a grandma in real life. She says she has "seven and a half" grandchildren. Her eighth grandchild will be born in February.

Strong tries to combine business with pleasure by visiting friends and family in the towns where she performs. In March she will tour through Ohio and, although the tour hasn't been finalized, she may get to visit Otterbein. That would give her a chance to visit with her cousin Joanne VanSant, the Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Emeritus. VanSant continues to work for the College in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Strong says as she reconnects with old friends, they aren't a bit surprised to see her on stage.

"After I got started I called friends from 40 years ago and said, 'Guess what I'm doing.' They all said, 'It has to have something to do with comedy.'"

They know Strong was born to perform and she agrees. For Strong, stage fright is not a factor. "When you get pumped up and have a great show, that's where it's at," she says. One might think that as Grandma Lee her comedy would be aimed at the geriatric crowd. Not at all. Strong says she loves the young crowds and college kids.

Not that she hasn't performed at nursing homes. She gladly goes wherever there is an audience. She performs in comedy clubs, casinos, country clubs, churches, nursing homes and once for a reunion of sailors from a World War II naval ship. "I once performed at the birthday party of a 100-year-old woman who wanted to jump out of her own cake," Strong remembers. "My act is kind of risqué in

the clubs but I can make it clean as a whistle if that's what the audience wants."

One measure of her success in appealing to all audiences is that she has never been heckled in her three years of performing. But who would dare heckle a grandmother?

Looking to the future, she wants to perform in New York City and in California. "Those are my two goals for before the millennium," she says. Being seen in those areas, she hopes, would create an opportunity to hook up with an influential agent.

This year she auditioned in Charlotte and Atlanta for the Aspen Com-

edy Festival. While she wasn't selected for the festival, she was the only person picked as a finalist in both places.

"So that was cool," she says with her youthful attitude firmly in place.

Her advice to others? "If you want to do something, do it. Never say never. I wish I had started sooner but it's kind of a hook to be doing this at my age. This is the first job I've had that I absolutely love."

Strong has learned to laugh at life's adversities, losing her spouse and losing her home, and even turned that laughter into a successful career. And as she herself would say, that's really cool. ■

Let's hear it folks, give it up for Grandma Lee...

ing chair!

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1982

Diane Todd has been named auditor for First-Knox National Bank of Mt. Vernon, OH.

1985

Kurt deNijs is a factory sales rep for a Portland-based law enforcement products company.

Eric Frentzel was named Salesperson of the Year for the Wasserstrom Company in Columbus. He is an equipment engineer.

Robyn Adams Lutz is working as an educator in the Family Life Education department at Grant/Riverside Hospital in Columbus.

PROFILE

Young Journalist Writing for Prestigious Chronicle by Ken Goodrich

Eight years after graduation, Kim Strosnider '89 finds herself back in the world of higher education, this time as a reporter writing about colleges.

Strosnider's career path has taken her from a one-person suburban bureau in Sandusky, Ohio, to reporting positions in Pennsylvania and Maine, to her current position as Assistant Editor of the prestigious *Chronicle of Higher Education* in Washington, D.C. After less than a year of writing daily news articles for the *Chronicle's* online news service, she moved last summer to the "money and management" section of the weekly paper, charged with enhancing the coverage of the business side of colleges and universities. She notes that business reporting had become her specialty, largely unanticipated and learned on the job.

Availability of courses in journalism was one of four considerations that led Strosnider to Otterbein in 1985. Because of the small size of her Amanda, Ohio, high school, she wanted a small college. She wanted a broad liberal arts education. And she wanted to play in a marching band, available in very few small colleges. Otterbein satisfied all her requirements admirably.

She did, indeed, play in the marching band, and in the concert band also. She pledged Epsilon Kappa Tau sorority. But the greater part of her extra-curricular efforts paralleled her major in Journalism as she served first as reporter and later as news editor of the *Tan and Cardinal*.

She remembers three professors as particularly influential. James Gorman of the English Department was a "great teacher" from whom she took several courses. He was her faculty advisor and the advisor for the *Tan and Cardinal*. She speaks highly of Beth Rigel Daugherty, also of the English Department, and John Laubach in her minor department, Political Science, from whom she took several courses and for whom she worked as a work-study assistant.

Perhaps most important to her future career was participation in the Washington Semester in Journalism during the fall semester of her senior year. This included visits to a number of journalism establishments in the D.C. area which provided, she says, a valuable practical grounding in her chosen field.

Since assuming her present position, Strosnider has written on such topics as changes in the ways colleges invest their endowments—such as owning relatively risky growth stocks that previously were spurned by conservative money managers—and other trends occasioned by changes in the surrounding financial and social environments.

Her work takes her away from her office for many stories. Not long ago she interviewed the president of Queens College in New York City about his controversial efforts to apply business principles and practices to the educational programs of that campus. *The Chronicle* recently decided to focus attention on another controversial development in higher education, the emergence of the for-profit college, a kind of institution long opposed by traditional institutions and many accrediting bodies. Responding to this decision, Strosnider traveled recently to one such institution, the University of Phoenix, to interview its founder.

Several honors and recognitions have come Strosnider's way in her yet budding journalistic career, including two feature-writing awards in Pennsylvania-wide competitions and a fellowship (one of eight nationally) for attendance at a conference on science writing.



1990

Scott Kull is the director of marketing at The Florida State University Department of Athletics in Tallahassee. He previously was an assistant director of marketing at The Ohio State University Department of Athletics.

Kimberly Rosen is teaching Spanish at her alma mater, Green High School, near Akron.

1991

Clark Becker is teaching vocal music at Medina Middle School in Columbus.

Patricia Dice is in her third year as 8th grade LD teacher with Mt. Vernon City schools. She also coaches 7th grade volleyball.

Jeff Jones is a science teacher at Hilliard David-son High School in Hilliard, OH.

Brian Knicely has been named business manager at Laumeier Sculpture Park in St. Louis.

Steven Russell was promoted to Tax Commissioner Agent III in the Columbus district office of the Ohio Department of Taxation.

1992

Todd Cordisco is a communications specialist in the state fund product line at Gates McDonald in Hilliard. His responsibilities include writing, editing and designing newsletters and brochures.

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Otterbein Students are Learning Abroad



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Senior Stevie Bell poses with her host family in Kobe, Japan. Bell says her "Semester at Sea" was a "voyage of discovery," and she realizes now it wasn't about her, but about the world.



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The Concert Choir, under the direction of Craig Johnson, sang in London and Paris for their Christmas tour, winding up the trip with a memorable performance in the Church of Nortre Dame.



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Mark Snyder, a junior English major with a keen interest in playwriting, was one of twenty Otterbein students who spent fall quatter at Roehampton Institute in Surrey, England.

Abbey in Caen. Photo by Liz Ciampa



Stevie Bell's Semester at Sea

Senior Stevie Bell set off this fall for a "Semester at Sea" on the S.S. Universe Explorer. Bell is the first Otterbein student in five years to enroll in this program in which she sailed to exotic lands and experienced different cultures.

Bell spent three months, Sept. 21 through Dec. 24, aboard the renovated cruise ship which retained many of its luxuries. Waiters served meals while stewards made her bed and cleaned her room each day.

She took a work-study position aboard ship to help pay for the \$15,000 Semester at Sea. That price doesn't include airfare, passport or visas. Bell worked as a travel agent helping people on the ship decide what to do in the various countries. She worked four hours a day and cut the cost of the semester in half.

In addition to her job, there were, of course, classes every day

when the ship was at sea — even on weekends. Bell says at first many classes were cancelled as students contended with sea sickness. No classes were held when the ship was in port allowing the students to explore the foreign countries.

Bell reports the work load in her four classes was greater than what was required for courses at Otterbein. Not only did students write papers and have tests, they had to keep a journal and complete field requirements in each country.

What follows are excerpts from Bell's journal.

Sept. 30 The tastes of Japan were limited to me since I am a vegetarian, but I will never forget what I ate tonight in Tokyo. The meal began with pink rice and uncooked tofu drowned in a combination of soy sauce and vinegar. The rice had a



Top: Stevie Bell's home for fall quarter, the S.S. Universe Explorer. **Above:** Bell poses with a friend in Madras, India. The girl was serving Indian bread for the Diwali celebration (India's equivalent to a new year). **Below left:** An incredibly ornate temple in Chennai, India. **Below right:** Bell undertakes horseback riding in the Sahara Desert in Egypt. In the background can be seen a Saqqara step pyramid.

chewy texture and was the color of bubblegum. I also tried thick, Japanese noodles that melted in my mouth with a hint of fish flavor. The noodles were served with seaweed in vegetable oil. The unforgettable meal ended with barely cooked mushrooms



that were too slimy to pick up with my chopsticks.

Oct. 5 I woke up to a pungent air and stagnant, brown water. Trash was piled in the water and the air was thick with gases and pollution. Welcome to China! The streets are so crowded and people move in hurried bunches like ants. My friends and I went shopping and were alarmed when we saw dead fish with flies on them everywhere. Brown eggs were being sold on most street corners along with whole, oven-fried ducks. Live chickens sat in cages on the street and snakes were put into boxes with dead frogs and lizards to be sold for dinner.

Oct. 18 We rode into the middle of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in a rusty bus. We began walking and were immediately bombarded by people begging for money. The children were dirty and barefoot. They held bowls of food for us to fill or they sold postcards. I swear it is close to 200 degrees in Vietnam, yet we were told to wear jeans to protect us from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. My friends and I decided to venture indoors to the Museum of War Atrocities and soon became shocked at the gruesome sights. The exhibits included babies in jars and everything seemed so biased against the United States. I saw grenades in the shape of oranges and read about how Agent Orange had caused cancer to millions of people in Vietnam.

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The Play's the Thing for this English Major

Mark Snyder was one of 19 students from Otterbein who spent Fall Quarter at the Roehampton Institute in Surrey, England. He found the experience to be invigorating and enlightening.

Snyder packed his three months with courses, sightseeing, theatre attendance and a performance in a play.

"I saw 35 shows," he said.

Snyder, a junior English major, used this study opportunity to gain Integrative Studies credits and supplemental electives in theatre courses. While he has a keen interest in playwriting, he likes to keep in tune with all aspects of the theatre.

He was most impressed with the theatre reproductions from the '50s and '60s that he saw. Two of the highlights of the trip were seeing Maggie Smith in Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance." "I never understood Beckett the way I did that night," Snyder says.

Beckett was one of the avant-garde playwrights of the 1950s and one of the courses Snyder took was "Modernism and the Avant-Garde."

In addition to immersing himself in educational pursuits, Snyder also soaked up the cultures of England, Paris, Ireland, Amsterdam and Scotland. Touring Edinburgh Castle was the third big highlight of his trip.

Snyder says he was a very persistent and deliberate tourist, making the most of his time and money. Although he stayed in hostels and became an expert on the different public transit systems, his out-of-pocket expenditures (not counting tuition and room and board) totalled \$4,000. He thinks other students could do it for less, as his theatre attendance helped raise his costs.

As a bonus, he was able to flex his acting skills in a production of "Agamemnon." The production was directed by someone who works with the Royal Court Theatre. After his performance he was extended an offer by the Old Vic Theatre to study there.

But his heart was in the right place as he chose to return to Otterbein. "I would go back to visit, but I like it here."

The experience was both mind-expanding and maturing. It served as a good bridge from being a dependent student to the day when he will be an independent adult. "The main thing was I grew up a lot. Friends here see a change in me. I learned how to let things happen spontaneously and trust myself that I would know how to deal with them," he said. "You are working outside your boundaries and everyday those boundaries change."

Voices Across The Sea

*The Otterbein Choir
travels to Europe for their
Christmas Tour*





o historic London town. To the incomparable Paris, and redoubtable Notre Dame.

This year Otterbein's Concert Choir went a little farther afield than usual for their Christmas tour. On December 1 the Concert Choir embarked on an 11-day tour of England and France. It was the choir's first overseas venture in more than 20 years.

"I was very proud of our students," says Concert Choir Director Craig Johnson. "They sang beautifully and represented the College well. It was

great for me watching them experience new cultures and to see their perception of the whole world change. We went to museums, churches and theaters and they really took full advantage of this opportunity to see two of the world's most historical cities — London and Paris."

The 51 students, along with Johnson and parent Alec Broadfoot, went first to England for three performances as well as sightseeing.

Their tour included a walk past Buckingham Palace to see the changing of the guards. Little did they know they would see Queen Elizabeth herself. "Just as we were standing there, the motorcade with the Queen came out and she leaned across Prince Philip and waved to us. You can live your whole life in London and not have that experience," Johnson asserts.

The first concert on Dec. 3 was at the Roehampton Institute, Otterbein's "sister school" in England where more than 20 Otterbein students were in residence this fall. The Otterbein students studying at Roehampton attended the concert and were glad to see familiar faces from home.

"When they established this wonderful exchange, I think this is the sort of thing they envisioned," Johnson says. Roehampton actually consists of four different colleges. The choir performed at the Southlands campus which houses the department of music and education. The choir also had the privilege of performing in a new recital hall that was recently completed at Roehampton.

The following day the group sang at the American School in London where Douglas Norton '89 is the band director. Doug sang in Otterbein's Concert Choir during his undergraduate years.

On Dec. 5 they traveled to the historic city of Canterbury for an a cappella performance in the famed Cathedral.

After an overnight stay in Ashford, the group transferred to the EuroStar "chunnel" train for the trip to Paris. Unfortunately, they didn't all catch the same train.

The bus delivering the group to the station was late and the train was about to depart when they arrived. Eleven quick students hopped aboard but the rest of the group was left behind. "So our group got split up there, but they just waited at the other side for us," Johnson downplays the event.

In France they began with an evening concert at the Church of St. Marie in Vimoutiers (Normandy). On Dec. 7 they sang the morning mass at the Church of St. Pierre, considered to be the finest church in the city of Caen. In Paris, they also performed for a group of elementary children at the École Fenelon-St. Marie on Dec. 9. "That was fun to see the little ones," Johnson says. "And they sang French Christmas carols for us."

The final performance of the European tour was at the Church of Notre Dame. "That was an emotional high for the choir to end on," Johnson comments.

In addition to their scheduled performances, the group also gave a number of impromptu performances. While the students were regrouping at the Opera House in Paris their tour guide suggested they sing. "A huge group gathered to listen to us," Johnson says. "We sang for about 15 minutes. We also sang at some of the historic churches we toured."

He adds that it was exciting to sing informally at the Wigmore Hall in London which is much like New York's Carnegie Hall. "That was unusual because our guide said they never let tour groups sing there and yet we did."

While in France the students also enjoyed the hospitality of several families in Normandy. "That was a wonderful cultural experience for our students," Johnson explains. "Some of them were staying in Normandy-style homes from the 15th and 16th century. It was great to see how they soaked up the culture and tried different foods."

None of these wonderful experiences would have happened however without the financial help of many people. Johnson wants to thank the more than 200 alumni and friends of the College who contributed over \$20,000 for this tour. He adds, "They really made it feasible for the students to go. Without their donations, this wouldn't have been possible."

This European tour indeed created lifelong memories for the choir members and continues a distinguished touring tradition that has benefited generations of singers at Otterbein College. ■

Opposite page Background: Scott Green, Adam Judd, Jason Nettle, Susan Zimmerman, Marianne Timmons, and Aaron Ramey catch the sights of Paris. **Opposite page top:** The changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. **Opposite page bottom:** Amy McAlexander in Canterbury Cathedral. **Right:** The Choir strikes up an informal concert at Wigmore Hall in London, the "Carnegie Hall of London."



Common Book Author Scott Russell Sanders is

Hunting for Hope

by Roger Routson

Once again the Common Book Experience has produced a very uncommon visitor to the halls of this campus.

Scott Russell Sanders' *The Paradise of Bombs* was selected as this year's Common Book, making it mandatory reading for all incoming freshmen. Sanders visited the campus this past October, joining in classes and addressing the campus community in a talk called "Hunting for Hope."

Sanders—as an author, as a person—is much more enigmatic than the previous Common Book authors. Anna Deavere Smith's incredible talent to embody disparate voices and personalities made her commitment to building a bridge between the races very understandable. Gus Lee turned our focus toward his unfathomable childhood and his subsequent dedication to parenthood in his own life. But Scott Russell Sanders' collection of essays presents us with varying topics—the importance of understanding and experiencing nature, the folly of war, the difference in the sexes. Or they may be personal without an obvious and overt theme—his quirky fascination with limestone, or the relating of his experience as an alternate juror in the thirteenth chair.

What I'm trying to tell you is, if you've read this far looking for a neat synopsis of what Scott Russell Sanders is all about, you might as well go read something else. It will not be forthcoming in this article.

I can say this without equivocation: Scott Russell Sanders is a caring

soul. His concern for the world in which he lives is immediately apparent in his writings and in casual, face-to-face talk.

Much of that concern deals with the natural world, the unspoiled world, nature—the creation.

And despite a curmudgeonly personality that can be downright bleak at times (from *The Paradise of Bombs* introduction, he refers to "the long cold winter of cruelty and want that lies ahead for the world"), the man has a delightful sense of humor.

This he showed in his address in Cowan Hall. Sanders spoke directly to the students in his talk. He related his own experiences of his first quarter as a freshman at Brown University. Coming from a small Ohio town where few went on to college—"no one I knew in high school ever confessed to being excited about an idea"—he was surprised to be recruited by Brown to play on the basketball team.

"Any college that needed me to play basketball I figured was hard up," Sanders quipped. "And I was right."

Sanders went to Brown to study physics. In physics and in knowledge, he saw great danger. He knew firsthand, from growing up on a military base where old and excess stocks of ammunition were routinely blown up, that knowledge could create weapons of great destruction. And he also told of the immediacy of the Cuban missile crisis and its effects on him and his friends in high school. "We knew in a few days, even a few hours, everything we knew could be erased," Sanders said. "I wondered how human genius could have brought us to the brink of annihilation."

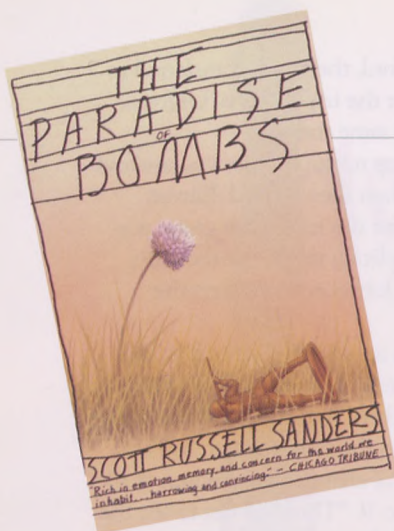
But he also saw hope. "I realized that we are all caught up in a great struggle between creation and destruction." Sanders decided to devote himself to creation rather than destruction, to work against cruelty and suffering. He admitted to being young and idealistic, and that he didn't realize then how difficult it could be to distinguish the true path from the false one. Still, he feels he has remained true to his commitment.

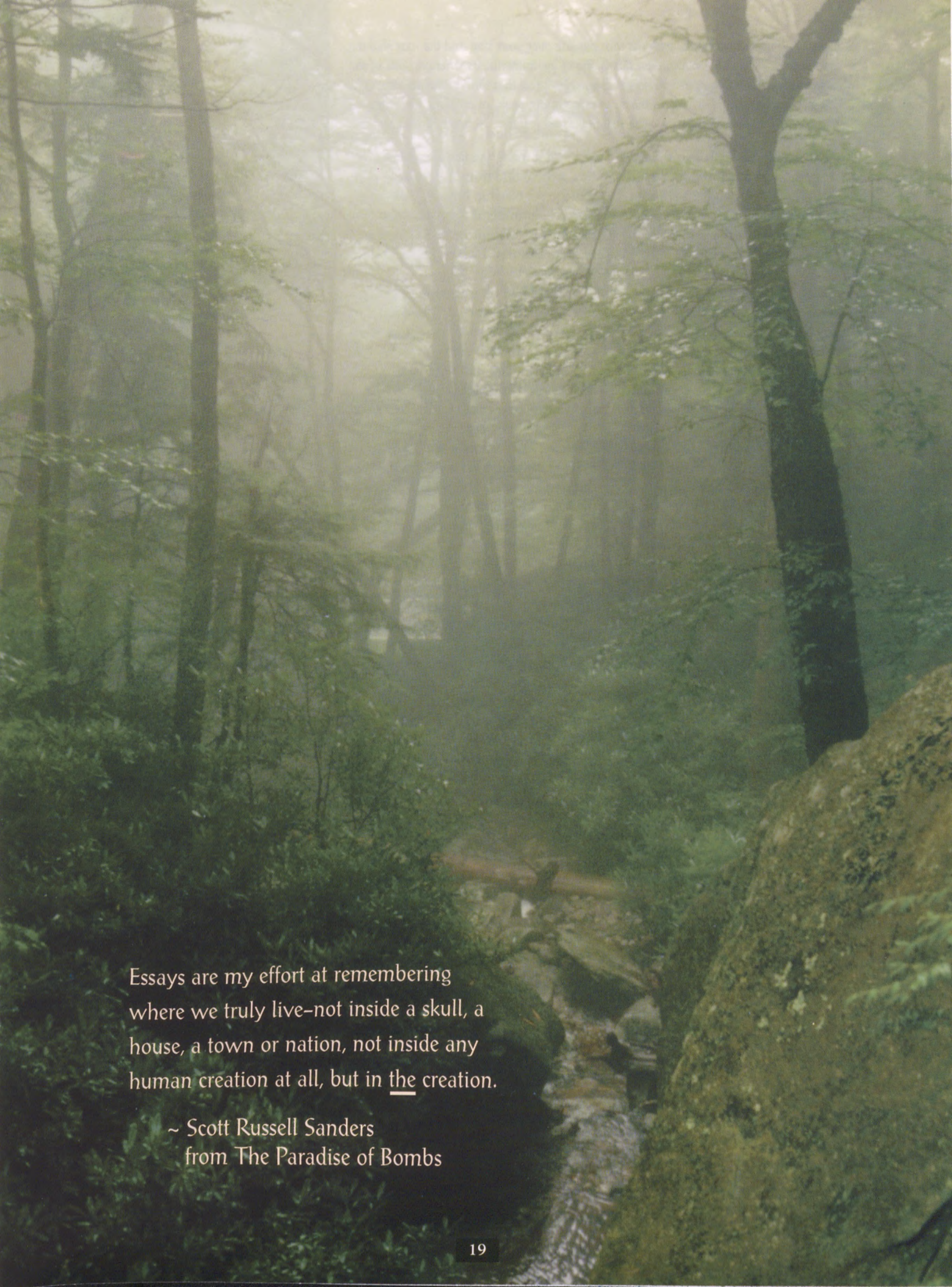
The Thomas Academic Excellence Series

Alumna and loyal supporter of Otterbein, Mary B. Thomas '28 created an endowment for The Thomas Academic Excellence Series in 1995. Her endowment is in honor of her parents, Fred N. and Emma B. Thomas.

The Thomas Academic Excellence Series is intended to create intellectual excitement and strengthen bonds on campus by providing a shared experience for many.

Mary B. Thomas graduated "cum laude" from Otterbein College in 1928 and has a lasting love of literature. An English major, Miss Thomas won the Barnes Short Story Award and several other literary prizes.





Essays are my effort at remembering
where we truly live—not inside a skull, a
house, a town or nation, not inside any
human creation at all, but in the creation.

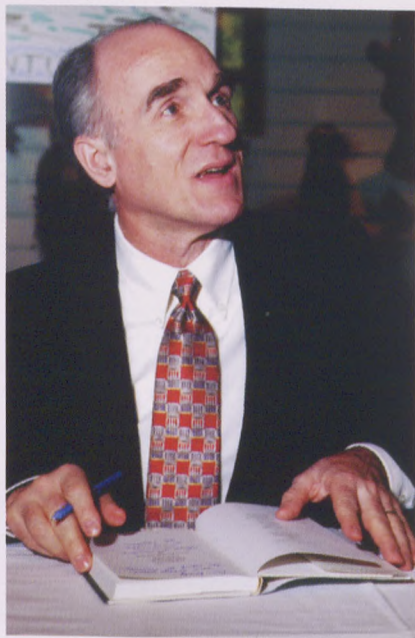
~ Scott Russell Sanders
from *The Paradise of Bombs*

"When you sit near a waterfall, with the mist playing over your skin and the roar shaking your spine, you either realize that this is one of the authentic experiences, one of the touchstones of all living, or you don't. If you don't feel that thrill in the presence of a waterfall, or a stand of virgin timber, or a mountain peak, or a calling owl, then no explanation on earth will make you feel it." ~ Scott Russell Sanders

"Although I have broken that vow at times, I've never renounced it," he said. "My life as a student without moral purpose would have been hollow. Without similar moral purpose now, my life would be aimless and idle."

When Sanders arrived at college, there were so many things he knew nothing about—didn't know what a frisbee was, thought the Beatles were the Beagles, and had never seen a Playboy centerfold until his roommate began pinning them up on the wall. "I had been intensely curious about female anatomy for years, but I knew even less of it than about music," he said. Sanders avoided "looking at those paper women directly for fear that they would look back."

The pinups served a quite unintended purpose, however. Sanders



Scott Russell Sanders signs books after his address.

related that he met students from all kinds of different geographic and ethnic backgrounds. "A steady stream of visitors came through our room to see the pinups," he said.

Before long, though, Sanders felt out of place, like he didn't belong. Classmates, Sanders said, "had a Polish, poise, a sense of belonging to this

place that made me feel like what I was, a rough kid from the backroads of Ohio, a scholarship boy, an outsider. I...was beginning to worry that the scholarship committee had made a mistake and that I would be sent home in disgrace.

"But I had no intention of being sent home in disgrace or otherwise. The university seemed to me to be the gateway to the universe."

Sanders said that despite those that scorned knowledge and work "as though the mind were made for cartoons and the body for beer," that there were "fortunately others, in every classroom, in every dorm that cared passionately about ideas. I found those kindred spirits by listening for the buzz of energy, the excited babble of minds grappling with questions. I wanted to be a part of that grand conversation more than I had ever wanted anything."

So the young Sanders worked hard. And read everything. Poetry, philosophy, novels, "and everything I could find on science."

Eventually, he had to choose between science and basketball, because honors physics lab was held at the same time as basketball practice. "I chose science," Sanders said, "which meant that the world lost a slow point guard." The world did not gain a physicist, as Sanders began to worry more about the link between science and weapons. "And I began to feel the tug of language," Sanders said.

Sanders spoke of the many choices he made in that first year of college. "I did not think much about future jobs, but I thought constantly of vocation. What were my gifts? What was my calling?"

"If you would have told me then that a backroads kid from Ohio would go on to earn a Ph.D. from Cambridge and become a teacher and writer, and that 30 years later an entering class at a distinguished Ohio college would be reading one of his books, I would have laughed in disbelief," Sanders said.



"But here I am and there you are. Where will you be in 30 years? Where are you heading now?"

And with that challenge to Otterbein's students, Sanders opened the floor for questions.

One question went to the heart of the matter: "Where's the hope?"

"I'm writing a book to address that now," Sanders said. "In *The Paradise of Bombs*, even though it is registering fears and threats and menaces which I think are real threats, I'm also trying to articulate those things I value, those things I believe in as a source of strength, as a source of encouragement. For example, the power of community in the country, the power of the natural world, the inventiveness of wilderness in the creation, the usefulness of story-telling, the importance of human skills.

"I continue to write about things that distress me, that seem to me menacing—to humans, to the Earth, to other creatures—but I try to articulate what it is in our own character, in our communities, in our traditions that I feel we can draw upon to face these problems, to solve these problems.

"We are extraordinarily clever creatures. We are not always wise creatures. However, we are capable of learning wisdom. I raise the alarm, but I also speak of things of courage, strength, and hope. As our power to impose our will on the natural world and on one another becomes greater, the consequence of our mistakes are greater and greater. Technology doesn't make us evil, it magnifies the intensity of our actions.

"We need logic, but we also need love and compassion. These are not the products of logic but of deeper inward resources." ■

About the Author

Sanders' book of personal essays, *The Paradise of Bombs* (1987), won the Associated Writing Programs Award for Creative Nonfiction. A new edition of *In Limestone Country*, and his second collection of personal essays, *Secrets of the Universe*, were published in 1991 by Beacon Press. Beacon also published *Staying Put* (1993), personal essays about the sense of place, which won the 1994 Ohioana Book Award in Nonfiction.

Writing from the Center (Indiana U.P., 1995), a personal account of the quest for a meaningful and moral life, won the 1996 Great Lakes Book Award. Sanders' essays often focus on man's relation to nature, issues of social justice, the character of community, and the impact of science on our lives. He is now at work on a book about hope, a collection of stories, and a novel.

Sanders was born in Memphis, Tenn., in 1945. His father came from a family of cotton farmers in Mississippi, his mother from an immigrant doctor's family in Chicago. He spent his early childhood in Tennessee and his school years in Ohio. He studied Physics and English at Brown University, graduating first in his class in 1967. With the aid of a Marshall Scholarship and a Danforth Fellowship, he pursued graduate work at Cambridge University, where he completed his Ph.D. in English in 1971.

Since 1971 he has been teaching at Indiana University, where he is Distinguished Professor of English, and where he recently won the University's highest teaching award. He spent a year as writer-in-residence at Phillips Exeter Academy, and another year as visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has received fellowships for writing from the National Endowment of the Arts, the Indiana Arts Commission, the Lilly Endowment, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

Sanders' hobbies include hiking, carpentry, gardening, and travel. He and his wife Ruth, a biochemist, have reared two children in their hometown of Bloomington, Indiana.

He has published fifteen books, including eight works of fiction: *Wilderness Plots* (1983), *Fetching the Dead* (1984), *Wonders Hidden* (1984), *Terrarium* (1985), *Hear the Wind Blow* (1985), *Bad Man Ballad* (1986), *The Engineer of Beasts* (1988), and *The Invisible Company* (1989).

For his collected work in nonfiction, he was honored in 1995 with a Lannan Literary Award. His work has also been selected for The Best American Essays, the Kenyon Review Award for Literary Excellence, the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, and the Gamma Award; it has been honored by the American Library Association and the National Council of Teachers of English; it has been twice nominated for the National Magazine Award; and it has been performed on National Public Radio. His fiction and essays have been reprinted in more than fifty anthologies.

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Michele Frank is the human resource coordinator for McGraw Hill Co., Westerville.

James D. Meacham is employed by Nationwide in Columbus and is assistant pastor at Grace Chapel Community Church in Westerville. He is also vocalist/bass guitarist with the Christian band "Blame Lucy" heard on Radio U 98.7 FM.

Kristine Scott is teaching Chapter I reading at Ridgewood elementary in Hilliard, Ohio.

Tammy Warner is a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus that toured England for two weeks last summer. She works at Riverside Campus teaching choral music to grades 8-12.

1993

Paige Tirey Bellamy is the customer relations coordinator for the Indianapolis Opera.

Peggy Cawley is the talented and gifted teacher for the Mt. Gilead and Cardington schools in Morrow County. She is also the head varsity volleyball coach at Tree of Life Christian School.

James Jones is in his third year as health and biology teacher at St. Francis DeSales HS in Columbus where he is serving his first year as head girl's basketball coach.

Carrie McDonald is a performer and bookkeeper at Shadowbox Cabaret in downtown Columbus.

Holly Ross is the human resources director at Excel Management Systems in Columbus.

1994

Gary Baker is serving a three-year term on the Greater Hilltop Area Commission.

Larry Gifford is the morning news anchor on WHIO-AM radio in Dayton. He says he is still enjoying single life and living in Kettering.

Tony Losh is branch manager of National City Bank on Church Street in Newark, Ohio.

Jennifer Howenstine Moltenkopf is teaching high school band and choir, middle school band and elementary band at Centerburg High School in Centerburg.

Lisa Ferrante Mozeleski is an athletic trainer at Kings College, Wilkes Barre, PA.

Teresa Pauley is an entrepreneur with Cook, Lill & Associates doing legal filing/research and process service.

Karen Holle Payne is a graphic designer for the State Bar of Wisconsin.

1995

Jennifer Cochran is serving her second year in the Peace Corps teaching English in Armenia.

Melissa Crohen is living in Bowling Green and teaching junior high LD/DH students in an inclusion program.

Fonda Dawson is an educational technology consultant with Fas-Track Computer Products in Sunbury, Ohio.

Amy Emmett is teaching 7th grade language arts at West Iredell Middle School in Statesville, NC.

William "Scott" Housel graduated in May from Methodist Theological College of Ohio with a Master's in Christian Education. He is associate director of programming at

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

Kathie Martin is an SLD teacher at Caledonia elementary in Marion County schools.

Jennifer Morgan teaches General Music at St. Brigid of Kildare elementary school in Dublin. She also sings with Cantari Singers, Opera/Columbus and Columbus Light Opera.

Katrina Seymour Glitt is the coordinator for the Pickaway County Literacy Council and works as a freelance reporter for the Circleville Herald newspaper. She married Doug Glitt in 1995 and they have a son, Avery.

Jo-el Fernandez Suroviak is a case manager at the Reliance House where she works with adult mental illness.

1996
Allison Nahay deNijs is a

corporate relations rep for Otterbein College's Continuing Studies Department.

Melanie DeVore is a 1st/2nd grade teacher at Pike Elementary in the East Muskingum Local School District, New Concord, Ohio.

1997
Patrick Wallace is assistant to the technical director for the Indiana Repertory Theater in Indianapolis. ■

M I L E S T O N E S

Compiled by Shirley Seymour

MARRIAGES

1967
Mary Jo Allen to Don Carlos '67, Nov. 26, 1997.

1983
Mark Holm to Rebecca Kennett, Aug. 16, 1997.

Judith Hurst to Mark Smith, Oct. 4, 1997.

1988
Daniel Gifford to Deanna Hagon, Oct. 18, 1997.

1990
Marlynnne Jean Crimmel to Steven Gresock, July 5, 1997.

Shirl Stultz to Bruce Hensel, Aug. 23, 1997.

1991
Jeff Jones to Christy Baynes, June 28, 1997.

Chris Owens to Virginia Drees, Aug. 30, 1997.

Matthew Pincura to Laura Sanderson, Aug. 31, 1997.

Kim Root to Kurt Hoeft, Sept. 30, 1997.

Melissa Runyon to Christopher Fuller, Dec. 6, 1997.

1992
Jennifer Alkire to John Blakley, Sept. 20, 1997.

Brad Hughes to Elia Cate-nacci, Sept. 27, 1997.

James Meacham to Emily Linnell, Sept. 26, 1994.

1993
Valerie Lockard to Brian Akers, Oct. 31, 1997.

1994
Gary Betz II to Tiffany Bankes, Aug. 9, 1997.

Lisa Ferrante to Anthony Mozeleski, July 26, 1997.

Teresa Giusti to Matthew White, July 5, 1997.

Karen Holle to David R. Payne, Sept. 27, 1997.

Elizabeth Jacobs to Richard Whitehead, Sept. 9, 1995

1995
Jo-el Fernandez to Joseph Suroviak, May 24, 1997.

Matthew Siegel to Jennifer Lambert '97, Oct. 4, 1997.

Corinna Yingling to Michael Rush, Sept. 20, 1997.

1996
Melissa Golden to Steve McArthur, Sept. 13, 1997.

1997
Brenda Lawrence to Donald Bell, Aug. 30, 1997.

BIRTHS
1976
Craig Charleston and wife Pamela, a boy, Matthew Adam, born Sept. 10, 1997.

1978
James Oman and wife Jill, a girl, Brooke Mechelle, born Mar. 28, 1997. She joins brother Hunter Glenn, 4.

1981
Shirley Lang Graham and husband Jeff, a girl, Eryn Avery, Mar. 21, 1997. She joins brother Alec, 6.

Lynette Blum Shoots and husband James, a girl, Jam-ilyn Renee, born Sept. 7, 1996. She joins sister, Jenny.

1982
Jeffrey Boehm and wife Kimmerle, a boy, Aaron Michael, born Sept. 1, 1997.

1983
Julie Heininger German and husband Jeffrey, a boy, Gordon James, born Feb. 9, 1997.

Julie Armentrout Peterson and husband Kirk, a son, Luke Christian, born April 7, 1997. He joins brother Jacob, 10 and sister Hannah, 4.

1984
Debra Gregg Janakiefski and husband Nick, a girl, Laura Nicole, born June 8, 1997. She joins big sister, Kelly, 2-1/2.

1985
Robyn Adams Lutz and husband Joseph, a boy,

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Almost everyone in our group experienced a theft while in Vietnam. My friends and I were walking home last night when a woman grabbed my wrist and ripped off my watch. We ran after her and retrieved the watch. This was occurring at the same time my friend's earrings were ripped out of her ears.

Backpacks have been slit down the middle and many passports and cameras have been stolen. One professor was taking a picture of the tunnels where the Vietcong lived during the war when someone snatched her camera in mid-snap.

A friend of mine was kidnapped while riding a cyclo downtown. A cyclo is a wheelbarrow and is hauled by a human. The student was taken to an alley downtown, robbed and beaten. He did not find his way back to the ship until six hours later.

Oct. 30 I was invited to celebrate Diwali (a holiday in India somewhat like our New Year) with a wealthy, Indian family. The celebration began when the Brahman priests opened four accounting books and drew symbols of wealth on each of the books with red dye. The priests burned incense and put bindi dots on all of the participants' foreheads. A coconut was cracked along with other fruit and placed near a statue of their god of wealth. They dipped flowers in oil and threw them at the statue and said many prayers I could not understand. The celebration ended with hundreds of fireworks and a huge, vegetarian meal.

Nov. 18 After the incident in Luxor where tourists were shot to death, the Semester at Sea program made us leave Egypt early. My friends and I were required to leave our hotel at 6 a.m. with police escorts. All of the students were assigned to buses that held about 20 people each. Along with a driver, an Egyptian policeman

also guarded each bus. The policeman stood at the front of the bus with a loaded machine gun. I prayed that the policeman was not one of the "militant Muslims" who had shot so many tourists on the previous day. We seemed like such an easy target with our bus labeled as "Egyptian Tours."

Nov. 23 Awakening to dogs barking and a rooster crowing, I crawled out of bed to enjoy Polis, Cyprus. We took a taxi to the birthplace of Aphrodite. The view of this large rock was magnificent. I held stone after stone in my hand while listening to the popping sound of the water crashing against the rocky sand. We stopped at a cafe and enjoyed strong, Cyprus coffee along with sheep cheese and French bread. Cyprus reminds me of Hawaii, but a little colder in temperature.

Nov. 27 I was excited when I saw the Acropolis from afar. The streets leading to the ancient ruins were brick and the shops brought me my first taste of Europe. We continued climbing toward the Acropolis and were almost disappointed when we arrived at the actual site. A crew was busy trying to restore the site and a crane was in my way as I took a picture to show my family. I walked into the middle of the Parthenon and was shooed away by guards. I was lucky to have stepped in there anyway since the view from the inside was one that brought history alive for me.

Dec. 6 It is almost Christmas! I had forgotten that Santa Claus was coming in the past few countries that did not celebrate the holiday. The air is chilly and carolers are singing Christmas tunes in Spanish outside my hotel window. I wore my winter coat today as we walked along Las Ramblas in Barcelona. The peddlers were selling ornaments and mistletoe as we stopped to enjoy the view of sparkling lights on each street corner.

I can understand why this street is considered one of the most beautiful streets in the world. I also had my first bout of homesickness today as I bought my family Christmas presents earlier today.

Dec. 10 Here's looking at you, Morocco! This is definitely not the Casablanca that I expected to see. Men groped the tourists while shopkeepers made fun of the Americans. The main item that was seen throughout Morocco today was leather goods. There are leather bags, coats, slippers, backpacks, water pouches, shoes, and suitcases. The problem is that they smell like urine. I finally asked the shopkeepers why the leather smelled that way. The answer: camel urine.

Bell sent reports of her voyage back to the *Tan and Cardinal* throughout the fall semester. In her last report to the *T&C* she wrote, "When choosing a study abroad program, my reasons for participating in Semester at Sea were not entirely academic. It was my senior year and I wanted to have fun.

"Now I look beyond myself and view the world through the eyes of a traveler. I have seen people literally starving to death while I have a personal waiter to bring me three meals a day. I realize now the trip is not about me, but about the world.

"I am reliving history and learning history in one trip. My father fought in the Vietnam War, yet I hardly knew where the country was located on the map before this trip. I knew that pyramids were built in Egypt but I had never dreamed of walking inside one.

"For me, this trip truly is a voyage of discovery. I am learning to overcome stereotypes and see the people of the countries on their own terms. I have begun to understand why people may worship cows in one country and spit in tourists' faces in another.

"I look forward to diversity instead of keeping the ethnocentric view of nations I had before this trip. People live a certain way in a certain place for a reason." ■

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Samuel Joseph, born Sept. 17, 1997. He joins sister Abby, 3 and brother Nathan, 5.

John Nutter and wife Vicki, a boy, Zachary Thomas, born Oct. 24, 1997. He joins big brother Kyle, 5.

1987

William Brooks and wife Joan, a girl, Kaitlyn Nicole, born Aug. 23, 1997. She joins brothers Kyle, 6 and Colin, 4.

Ellen Heeney Clapp and husband **Christopher Clapp '89**, a girl, Erin Christine, born Mar. 11, 1997. She joins brother David, 4.

Carol Indorf and George Bird, a girl, Shannyn Rose, born July 24, 1997.

1988

Scott Barrett and wife **Molly McGee Barrett '89**, a girl, Morgan McGee, born Aug. 13, 1997. She joins sisters Brittany, 6 and Jennifer, 3.

Jim Fischer and wife **Linda Parrish Fischer '89**, a girl, Grace Eileen, born Oct. 28, 1997.

1989

Tracey Sword and wife **Amee Stoner Sword '93**, a boy, Devin Thomas, born July 1, 1997. He joins brother Iain, 3.

1990

Orlando Burt Crimmel and wife Leesa, a girl, Mary Kathleen Patrizia, born Mar. 17, 1997. She joins sister Madigan and brother Rylee. Proud grandmother and aunt, respectively, are **Mary Hankinson Crimmel**

'58 and Marlynne Crimmel Gresock '90.

1991

Kelly Earl Babcock and husband Kevin, a boy, Shaun Matthew, born June 16, 1997.

Joyce Gilliland Bauder and husband Michael, a girl, Alyssa Lee, born Sept. 26, 1997. She joins big brother Tyler, 2.

Clark Becker and wife Marla, a boy, Cameron Anthony, born Oct. 15, 1997.

Erik Greer and wife Kim, a boy, Ethan Gabriel, born May 1, 1997.

Chris Heusman and wife Lisa, a girl, Kylie Renae, born June 10, 1996. She joins brother Aaron, 3 and sister Katie, 6.

1992

Sally Kammer Buckles and husband John, a boy, Michael David, born Feb. 22, 1997.

Luana Ream Johnson and husband Paul, a boy, Nathaniel David, born Nov. 15, 1997. He joins big sister Falon.

DEATHS

1924

Olive Shull Cook, 95, of Hendersonville, NC, passed away Oct. 1, 1997. A Spanish major, she was a teacher at the Detroit Business Institute and former co-owner of Cook Shoe Service in Hillsdale, NC. She was predeceased by husband John B. Cook; one brother and one sister. Many nieces and nephews survive.

1926

Martha Agnes Buchert Hoover, passed away Oct. 6, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Ruskin Hoover '26. While at Otterbein, she was on the Sibyl staff, and was a member of the Literary Society and Sigma Alpha Tau sorority.

1928

Emma Lucile Roberts Cavins passed away Sept. 13, 1997. An English major, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Tau sorority and the Literary Society. She was predeceased by husband Robert Cavins.

1929

Edna Hayes Duncan, 92, of Knoxville, passed away Oct. 29, 1997. Mrs. Duncan joined the music faculty at Knoxville College immediately following her graduation from Otterbein where she was a member of Theta Alpha Phi (drama), Epsilon Kappa Tau sorority and the Literary Society. After 33 years of teaching, she retired and became a full-time volunteer primarily with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra serving three stints as manager. She also volunteered with the American Red Cross and East Tennessee Children's Hospital, retiring from here at age 90. Preceded in death by her husbands Hans Schroeder and Enoch Duncan, she is survived by a sister, Ruth Hayes McKnight; step-daughter Sally Schroeder; step-grandson, Hans Schroeder; step-granddaughter Sarah Bounds; and six step-great grandchildren.

1930

Following is a corrected announcement for Fannie

Davidson Andrews. We apologize for the incorrect information. **Fannie Davidson Andrews** passed away June 17, 1997, in California. While at Otterbein, she was a member of Arcady sorority, the choir, and the Literary Society. Survived by daughter, Mary Lou Andrews; five step-children; niece **Jean Davidson Berry '63**. She was predeceased by brothers: **Paul '22** and **Henry '24**.

Sarah Elizabeth Miller Cory, of Hilliard, passed away on Sept. 2, 1997.

Emerson Seitz of Lima, passed away Aug. 4, 1997. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Zeta Phi fraternity. Daughters **Barbara Seitz Perry '61** and Gretchen Seitz Detrick survive.

Eileen Smith of Greensburg, PA, passed away July 16, 1997.

We have received word that **Ruth E. Ware** passed away Sept. 17, 1997.

1932

Helen Bradfield Chapman, 86, of New Concord, passed away Nov. 29, 1997. While at Otterbein, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Tau sorority. She taught school at Jackson, Westerville and Adamsville, Ohio. A member of the College Drive Presbyterian Church in New Concord, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; sisters: **Leota Bradfield Breithaupt '23**, **Zura Bradfield Patrick '27** and **Dorothy Bradfield Slick '26**; and brother, **Richard Bradfield '17**. She is survived by ten nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

1934

Sara Heestand Swallen passed away Dec. 16, 1997. While at Otterbein, she was a member of Kappa Phi Omega sorority. She is survived by her sister **Zuma Heestand Eshler '30**.

1936

James I. McFeeley, 86, died Sept. 11, 1997, in LaJolla, Calif., from pneumonia. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Pi Beta Sigma fraternity and the "O" Club. Survivors include: daughter, **Margaret McFeeley '73**; sister, **Gladys McFeeley Funkhouser '38**; nephews: **Gerald McFeeley '62**, **James McFeeley '65** and **Richard Funkhouser '64**; sister-in-law **Martha McFeeley '42** and brother-in-law **Gordon Allen Crow '47**. He was predeceased by two brothers: **Gerald '32** and **Robert '40**; and one sister, **Sara McFeeley Crow '43**.

1938

Glenna Jordan Hottle, 81, of Hillsboro, died Sept. 24, 1997, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. She was a schoolteacher serving Hillsboro, Dayton and Lynchburg where she was a well known artist. An English major, she was a member of the Quiz & Quill and Kappa Phi Omega sorority. She is survived by her husband, Harold; one son, Robert (Barbara); three daughters, Laura, Carol, and Emiley Sue (John) Games; and six grandchildren.

1945

Martha Jane Moye Marlowe passed away Nov. 6, 1997, following surgery at Mesa, AZ. She is survived by her husband **L. Dennis Marlowe '39**; four children, eight grandchildren, and one sister.

1947

Harold Crandall passed away Sept. 3, 1997 of liver cancer. He was a math/physics major while at Otterbein. Survived by wife Claudia.

1948

We have received word that **Robert Crandall** passed away in 1995 of a brain aneurysm.

Joan Moore Voris passed away Sept. 30, 1997. A PE major, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Tau and the Women's Athletic Assn. She is survived by her sister, **Jeanette Moore Himmelberger '48**.

1949

James R. Haff, 74, of North Olmsted, passed away Nov. 23, 1997, following a brief bout with cancer. He was a former steel salesman for Solar Steel Co. and a former associate of R.E. Haff Real Estate. While at Otterbein he was a member of the football team and a member of Zeta Phi fraternity. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Gerry Koester Haff '48**; son, Roger; daughters: Christine and Judith; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother Raymond.

1950

Donald E. Adams passed away Aug. 9, 1997. A PE major, he was a member of the "O" Club and Zeta Phi fraternity. He is survived by wife, Shirley who was secretary for former OC President, J. Gordon Howard; and two daughters: Gail Wehby and Janet Zabawski.

We have received word that **Leslie R. Early** passed away Oct. 26, 1997. He was a member of Eta Phi Mu fraternity. His wife Margaret

predeceased him on Oct. 19, 1997.

1954

Rev. Bevan Kimmel passed away Nov. 22, 1997. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Lambda Gamma Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include: wife, **Helen Herwick Kimmel '53**; sons: **David '85** and his wife **Sandra Ramey Kimmel '84**; Timothy Kimmel, Andrew Kimmel, and John Kimmel.

1988

Christi Cox Mills, 32, suddenly Nov. 3, 1997. A public relations major, she worked in that field for the Ohio Department of Transportation. She is survived by husband, Steven; daughters, Ariana and Minuet of Dublin; parents, David and Rosemary Cox of Madison, Ohio; sisters, Cara Cox, Cindi McCloskey; brother, David Cox; mother and father-in-law, Dick and Judy Mills; grandparents, David and June Cox; grandmother, Marjorie Hightower.

H'1961

Rev. John C. Searle, 94, passed away Nov. 10, 1997. A former conference superintendent in Ohio Sandusky Conference of the then Evangelical United Brethren denomination, Otterbein awarded him the doctor of divinity degree in 1961. He is survived by a son, John; a daughter, Virginia Bell; five step-daughters; a sister, Vida Gogel; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friend

The College lost a friend with the death of **Robert Shawen**, on Nov. 24, 1997. He was 84.

Shawen, a Dayton resident, recently established

the Shawen Endowed Scholarship to honor his brother C. Edward Shawen Jr. and his sister Martha Jane Shawen Allaman, both 1930 graduates of Otterbein. It is also intended to honor their parents Charles E. and Agnes B. Shawen.

He graduated from DePauw University in 1936 and was a member of their undefeated and un-scored upon football team of 1933.


In his life, Shawen had to overcome various physical impairments but considered them challenges, not obstacles. Following his graduation from DePauw, Shawen developed an illness that left all 24 lumbar vertebrae completely fused and created a hip deformity. Still he succeeded and maintained a positive attitude.

His father was a medical doctor and Shawen planned a career in medicine too. His illness derailed that idea and he tried a number of jobs until he began working for an accounting firm.

In 1959 he ventured out on his own and was instantly booked with former clients. He eventually earned his credentials as a certified public accountant and enjoyed that career until his retirement in 1990.

Shawen was treasurer of Dayton Audubon Society for many years and was active in Boy Scouting. He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church and the Ohio Society of CPAs.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, two daughters and sons-in-law, Susann and Thomas Stover of Eules, TX, and Margaret and Philip Queen of Bloomington, IL; three grandsons and one granddaughter. ■



Dear Friends, You Will Be Missed...

Norman H. Dohn '43 died November 26, 1997 after a three-month battle with lymphoma. Attending Otterbein served only as a starting point for Dohn's illustrious career. Dohn worked as a professional journalist, government information officer and educator in the United States and overseas for more than 40 years.

After graduating from Otterbein in 1943, where he majored in English, history and speech, Dohn continued his education by taking courses in Spanish and Oriental Studies at the University of Hawaii. He later received a master's degree in journalism and a doctorate in history from The Ohio State University.

He began his career in journalism as a member of the editorial staff of *The Columbus Dispatch*, serving as political reporter, assistant city editor, Sunday editor and editorial writer. He was also a newscaster for 11 years at WBNS-TV in Columbus.

He broke journalistic ground as the *Dispatch* Globe Trotter, conducting 15-minute live interviews during the noon newscast. He was considered a pioneer of early TV news interviews. His career also includes six years as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency, serving first with the Voice of America in Washington D.C. and then for three years as press attache with the American Embassy in Manila. While in Manila, he was the public relations advisor to the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development, coordinating press and broadcast activities for America's multi-million dollar economic and technical assistance program in the Philippines.

He also coordinated press coverage of the seven-nation Summit Conference in Manila in 1966 as an effort to end the Vietnam War.

Following his work for the United States government, Dohn took a position with Ohio University. On his first day as an instructor there, he was granted full professor status. He taught journalism in the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism from 1968 until his retirement in 1990 and then held the rank of professor emeritus at that institution.

In 1991 Dohn and his wife Blanche, also a 1943 Otterbein graduate, returned to Westerville and to Otterbein. They built a house that faces the Otterbein soccer field and became once again a part of the Otterbein community. Dohn most recently served the College as co-chair of the Sesquicentennial Coordinating Committee. He was also a trustee of the College from 1986-94.

Dohn is survived by his wife, Blanche, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Verda B. Evans '28 died Dec. 26, 1997 at the age of 92. She worked her way through Otterbein as a secretary to President Clippinger. She graduated with a B.A. in English Literature and went on to receive her M.A. from Radcliffe College in 1931. In 1957, Otterbein recognized her with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

She served on Otterbein's Board of Trustees and was president of the Otterbein National Alumni Association. She was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1971. The Westerville Women's Club honored her in 1950 with its "Woman of the Year" award.

Last year Verda committed \$100,000 to the College to fund the Verda B. Evans Writers Series Festival. She also contributed a like amount to the Roush Hall project to name the President's Office in memory of the Rev. Walter G. Clippinger.

Her career was an interesting mix of English and journalism. She taught English and journalism at John Adams High School in Cleve-

land for 21 years. While she was the advisor of the John Adams Journal, for 10 years it was one of the 12 winners of the Pacemaker Award for being one of the finest high school publications in the nation.

Proving she could "do" as well as teach, Verda wrote mystery book reviews for the Cleveland Plain Dealer for more than 30 years. She co-authored *Using Your Language and Types of Literature* for college-bound high school students.

Dr. Evans lectured on teaching English at Cleveland State University and John Carroll University and was awarded the Golden Crown Award of the Columbia Press Association. Verda also served as president of the Journalism Association of Ohio Schools and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's City Club Foundation of Cleveland and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

She is survived by nephew Robert B. Weston '68 of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Former trustee **John E. Fisher** died Jan. 13, 1998. Fisher retired from Nationwide Insurance in 1994 following a 43 year career. He joined Nationwide in 1951 as an underwriter trainee and worked his way up through the ranks to become a corporate officer — vice president of public relations — in 1969.

In 1972 he was named general manager and in 1981 became general chairman and chief executive officer. During his tenure as general chairman at Nationwide, the company's assets grew from \$1.8 billion to \$42.2 billion. When Fisher was at the helm, the company was the fourth-largest auto insurer, the sixth-biggest home insurer and 16th-largest life insurer.

Beyond his business activities, Fisher's community involvement was extensive ranging from the boards of Children's Hospital and the Columbus College of Art and Design to chairman of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. He held numerous leadership positions in the United Way campaigns and chaired the 1980 campaign.

He was a winner of the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center's Great Communicator Award and the chamber's distinguished service award.

He served as chairman of both the Insurance Institute of America and the American Council of Life Insurance.

Fisher held honorary doctorates from Otterbein, the Columbus College of Art and Design, Franklin University and Ohio Dominican College. He also won the Horatio Alger Award.

A trustee for nearly 20 years, Fisher was a committed contributor to the College. The gallery in Roush Hall is named for him. His daughter Patricia graduated from Otterbein in 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise x'77. He is also survived by sons Jeff and Roger and daughter Cynthia.

James H. "Hutch" Williams died Dec. 19, 1997 in California at the age of 75.

Williams grew up in Westerville where his family owned Williams Grill, a famous eatery for generations of Otterbein students.

Williams attended his local college where he met his wife, Helen Knight '43. He graduated cum laude from Otterbein in 1944. He went on to The Ohio State University where he earned his medical degree two years later.

He served two years in the Army Medical Corp at Fort Belvoir, VA and then returned to Columbus where he served in a number of capacities at OSU. He was known for his devotion to medical students, a commitment that spanned nearly four decades.

He was promoted to professor of obstetrics and gynecology at OSU in 1970 and is remembered at the College of Medicine at OSU for his remarkably long tenure, from 1961 to 1988, as assistant and associate dean of student affairs.

After retiring from OSU in 1988, he became associate dean of student affairs at the University of California, Irvine. He retired from that post in 1992.

During his four-decade career, Williams served as diplomat and fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

Williams received Otterbein's Special Achievement Award in 1966 and the Otterbein Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, four children, five grandchildren and two sisters.

John A. Patton '34 died on Oct. 13, 1997. A committed alumnus, Patton established both the John A. Patton Educational Loan Fund and the John A. Patton Endowed Chair in Computer Science. The endowment enabled Otterbein to keep pace with the educational needs of the community and provide real leadership in the field of computer science.

The chair was first held by Roy Reeves until the time of his retirement. David Deever currently holds that position.

In addition, Patton created the John A. Patton Trust for more than \$500,000. The trust will care for his wife, Donna, during her lifetime and eventually will come to Otterbein for its general purposes.

Patton had three careers as a certified public accountant, a teacher and a manufacturer. While a practicing accountant, Patton started teaching principles of accounting in the evening school at Cleveland College. At the same time, he was pursuing his own master's degree in business administration. He also later taught at the Western Reserve University.

In 1953 he began Patent Products, Inc. which did contract fabricating and stamping for other manufacturers and manufactured a line of skin-packaging machines. The company grew and later became the Modern Metal Manufacturing Company. Following his retirement, the Pattons moved to Stuart, Florida where Donna still resides. Donna Patton was named an honorary alumna of the College in 1991.



CREATING AN ENDOWMENT

Donors who create endowments at Otterbein are investing in the future of the College. These benefactors ensure that Otterbein will have the resources in years to come to enhance its stature as one of America's leading private regional liberal arts institutions.

Endowments are gifts made to the College with the restriction that the principal may not be expended. Instead, it is invested to provide a steady income for the continued enhancement of our academic programs.

Otterbein College must compete with other institutions for the best students and most talented faculty. This competition requires substantial endowed funds. It is a fact that colleges with the strongest endowments generally rank higher in national surveys of quality and prestige. Further, the financial strength provided by a large endowment holds significance for the long term health of the institution.

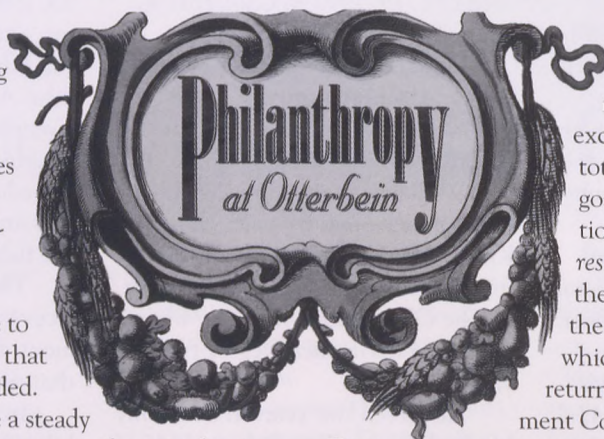
With the majority of annual operating expenses being borne by tuition dollars, endowment provides us with financial flexibility and the margin of excellence critical to our future. Otterbein must, therefore, look to its benefactors to help grow this important resource.

How An Endowment Works

Each endowed fund retains its identity but is commingled with others to ensure prudent and efficient investment management. Otterbein holds endowed gifts *in perpetuity*, investing the principal and using a portion of the annual investment return for various designated purposes. The remaining return is added to the endowment principal so that the purchasing power of the fund is not eroded by inflation. This helps provide a consistent level of income to support established programs while maintaining the real

value of the endowment base for continued development by the College. No awards are made from the endowment for the first year in order to allow income to accrue.

Otterbein's Board of Trustees has adopted a policy that limits spending from an *unrestricted* endowed fund to a



percentage of that fund's market value. The trustees have identified a spending rate not to exceed 5.6% of the endowment's total market value as a prudent goal under present financial conditions. The spending policy for *restricted* endowment funds permits the spending of all income or yield the year following that year in which it was earned. Investment returns are monitored by the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the College's endowment manager.

Management of the endowment attempts to balance two sometimes conflicting objectives. First, the portion of investment return that is retained in the principal should at least equal the rate of inflation. Second, the spendable portion must be sufficient to meet the needs of the endowed programs. Within acceptable risk levels, the task is to maximize the difference between inflation and the endowment's total return so that as much income as possible is available for program support. Through prudent management, the endowment will grow significantly over time.

Creating a Named Endowment

Creating a named endowment to assist Otterbein College begins with your understanding of how endowments work and the many choices you have in directing your investment to meet any number of academic needs.

Once you have decided to create an endowment, your Development Office representative will work closely with you in defining the features of your endowment that will meet both your wishes and the needs of the College. A special document called a Charitable Gift Agreement will be created outlining the terms of the endowment, signed by you and an officer of Otterbein College. Upon formal activation of the endowment after its initial year of interest accrual, you will receive periodic reports on the status of your endowment and how it is serving Otterbein.

Creating an endowment can be one of the most worthwhile investments a donor can make to Otterbein. It helps secure the financial future of the College, while providing a way to honor or memorialize an individual forever. For more information on how you can create an endowment, contact the Office of Development at 614-823-1400.

New Endowments

Mark Coldiron '45 recently established the Mark '45 and Helen Coldiron Endowed Scholarship in loving memory of his wife, Helen. To begin in the fall of 1998, the scholarship is for graduates of Westerville North and Westerville South.



From one seed can grow a mighty tree.

Local Corporations Give Boost to Campaign

As the Campaign for Otterbein settles into its final year, two local Columbus, Ohio corporations have provided leadership gifts to support several academic programs. Bank One and Battelle each recently announced substantial grants to the College to assist in key programs that will benefit a variety of undergraduate and graduate students.

Bank One will provide \$104,370 to purchase equipment for a multimedia classroom and a van for use with Otterbein's many community service projects. The new multimedia classroom, to be located in the Sosh Room of Roush Hall, will be a 21-computer station classroom enabling state-of-the-art teaching to produce technologically literate MBA graduates and K-12 teachers. It is anticipated that the classroom will annually serve 600 students and over 60 in-service K-12 teachers in 25 courses over six disciplines including Business, Education, Communication and Art. The Otterbein-Bank One community service van will

enable the expansion and enhancement of Otterbein's community service program by transporting increased numbers of Otterbein and Columbus Public School students, faculty and staff for community service initiatives.

Battelle Memorial Institute has announced a two-year grant totaling \$98,961 to create The Science Education Discovery Center. Battelle's gift will 1) purchase new science equipment, math manipulatives, video-data project/screen, computer systems and scienc/math software, 2) remodel and furnish in the classroom to simulate a comparable public school environment, and 3) train 50 practicing teachers, primarily from the Columbus Public Schools and 150 pre-service teachers annually in the integration of technology into science and mathematics education curricula.

Both grants are counted as part of the five-year, \$30 million Campaign for Otterbein.

VanSickles Create Annuity, Support Towers

Frank '41 and Mary Jane Kline '42 VanSickle have made a \$106,000 gift to support the restoration of Towers Hall. Frank is a retired chief engineer, Technical Data Systems, Chrysler Corporation Space Division, New Orleans.

Frank's father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Van Sickle) were Otterbein graduates and his father was an alumni trustee. Mary Jane's father, Homer Kline, '18, was chairman of the Otterbein board of trustees for 11 years.

In 1986-87, Frank and Mary Jane also contributed a major gift to establish a student publications lab in Towers Hall in memory of their parents. In addition, Frank received Otterbein's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1981.

The Van Sickles have two daughters, Gretchen Cochran '67 of Reynoldsburg and Heidi Buhl.

Memory of Tom Brady Well Served

Tom Brady died in July 1989 but he is being remembered in a big way. His wife, Jean, sent a check for \$5,000 in December 1989 to begin a scholarship in his name. Over the years Jean has regularly contributed to Tom's scholarship fund. Most recently, her gift of \$25,000 in December 1997 elevated the Brady Fund to \$102,000!

Though Jean is not an Otterbein graduate—Bowling Green, BsED and BA; Univ. of Michigan, MA—she taught Latin and German at the secondary level.

Tom was a Naval officer in WWII and later served in the reserve. He taught music in Washington, Alaska, Colorado (where he received his MA at Western State), and finally in California where he also served as a music salesman in the Modesto area.



Frank and Mary Jane Kline Van Sickle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sports

Mar. 4 W Tennis @ Oberlin, TBA
 Mar. 5 M Basketball, NCAA First Round
 Mar. 7 M Basketball, NCAA Second Round
 Mar. 7 M Tennis, @ Oberlin, 4:30 PM
 Mar. 12 Baseball, @ Mt. Vernon Nazarene, TBA
 Mar. 13-14 M Basketball, NCAA Sectionals
 Mar. 18-27 Golf, Spring Trip - Kiawah Island, SC - Pinehurst, NC
 Mar. 19-23 M & W Track & Field Spring Trip, Wake Forest University
 Mar. 19-26 Baseball, Spring Trip, Panama City, FL
 Mar. 20-21 M Basketball, NCAA Finals in Salem, Virginia
 Mar. 21-24 Softball, Spring Trip, Ft. Myers, FL
 Mar. 22-27 M & W Tennis, Spring Trip, Hilton Head, SC
 Mar. 22 M Tennis, Hartwick College, 12:00 PM
 Mar. 23 M Tennis, Hobart, 4:00 PM
 Mar. 24 M Tennis, Wisconsin Whitewater, 4:00 PM
 Mar. 25 M Tennis, Lowcountry Tech, 12:00 PM
 Mar. 26 M Tennis, Colby-Sawyer, 12:00 PM
 Mar. 27 M Tennis, Luther, 8:00 AM
 Mar. 28 M & W Track & Field OAC Relays
 Mar. 28 Softball, @ Mt. Union, 1:00 PM (DH)
 Mar. 28 W Tennis, Mount Union, 1:00 PM
 Mar. 29 Baseball, Mt. Union (DH), 1:00 PM
 Mar. 31 Baseball, Mt. St. Joseph, 3:30 PM
 Mar. 31 M Tennis, Capital, 3:30 PM
 Mar. 31 Softball, @ Denison, 3:00 PM (DH)
 Mar. 31 W Tennis @ Capital, 3:00 PM
 April 1 Softball, Capital, 3:00 PM (DH)
 April 2 Baseball, @ Thomas More, 3:30 PM
 April 3-4 Golf, @ Muskingum Invitational, Eagle Sticks, Zanesville
 April 4 Baseball, @ John Carroll (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 4 M & W Track & Field O C Invitational, 11:50 AM
 April 4 M Tennis, @ John Carroll, 1:00 PM
 April 4 Softball, John Carroll, 1:00 PM (DH)
 April 4 W Tennis, John Carroll, 1:00 PM
 April 5 Baseball, Wittenberg, 1:00 PM
 April 7 Softball, @ Heidelberg, 3:00 PM (DH)
 April 8 Baseball, Heidelberg (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 8 M Tennis, @ Ohio Northern, 3:30 PM
 April 8 W Tennis, Ohio Northern, 3:00 PM
 April 9 M Tennis, Cedarville, 3:30 PM
 April 10-11 Golf, @ Kenyon Cup (A & B Teams) Apple Valley
 April 10 Softball, Hiram, 1:00 PM (DH)
 April 10 M & W Track & Field @ Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00 PM
 April 11 Baseball, @ Hiram (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 11 M Tennis, Hiram, 3:30 PM
 April 11 W Tennis, @ Hiram, 1:00 PM
 April 14 M Tennis, Heidelberg, 3:30 PM
 April 14 Softball, @ Muskingum, 3:30 PM (DH)
 April 14 W Tennis, @ Heidelberg, 3:00 PM
 April 15 Baseball, Muskingum (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 15 Softball, @ Baldwin-Wallace, 3:30 PM (DH)
 April 17 M Tennis, @ Mt. Union, 3:30 PM
 April 17-18 Golf, @ Denison Invitational, Granville Golf Club
 April 18 Baseball, Baldwin-Wallace (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 18 M & W Track & Field @ Ohio Wesleyan All-Ohio, 11:00 AM
 April 18 M Tennis, @ Muskingum, 11:00 AM
 April 18 W Tennis, Muskingum, 1:00 PM
 April 19 Baseball, @ Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00 PM
 April 19-20 Golf, @ John Carroll Invitational, Fowlers Mill Golf Course
 April 20 M Tennis, @ Wittenberg, 3:30 PM
 April 21 Baseball, Ohio Northern (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 21 Softball, @ Case-Western Reserve, 3:30 PM (DH)
 April 22 M Tennis, @ Marietta, 3:30 PM
 April 22 Softball, Ohio Northern, 3:30 PM (DH)
 April 22 W Tennis, Marietta, 3:00 PM
 April 24 M & W Track & Field OC Twilight Invitational, 5:00 PM
 April 24-25 Golf, @ Schall Shout-Out Oakhaven Golf Complex
 April 25 Baseball, @ Denison, 1:00 PM

April 25 M & W Track & Field @ University of Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
 April 25 M Tennis, Baldwin-Wallace, 1:00 PM
 April 25 Softball, @ Marietta, 1:00 PM (DH)
 April 25 W Tennis, @ Baldwin-Wallace, 1:00 PM
 April 26 Baseball, Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00 PM
 April 26-27 Golf, Cardinal Spring Golf Classic Champions
 April 28 Baseball, @ Capital (DH), 1:00 PM
 April 29 M Tennis, @ Ohio Wesleyan, 4:00 PM
 April 30 Baseball, Denison, 3:30 PM
 April 30 M & W Track & Field OAC Quad - TBA
 April 30 M Tennis, Findlay, 3:30 PM
 May 1-2 Softball, OAC Tournament, TBA
 May 2 Baseball, Marietta (DH), 1:00 PM
 May 3 Baseball, Allegheny, 1:00 PM
 May 7-8 Golf, @ OAC Championships, Sugarbush Golf Club
 May 8-9 M & W Track & Field @ Mt. Union - OAC Championships
 May 8-9 Tennis, OAC Championships at Hiram, TBA
 May 13-16 Golf, @ NCAA Championships, Jackyll Island, GA
 Emory University - Host
 May 15 M & W Track & Field @ B-W Last Chance Meet, 4:00 PM
 May 22-24 M & W Track & Field NCAA Championships

Music

Mar. 1 Concert Choir, Kinderchor, and the Otterbein College
 Gospel Choir, BFAC, 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 7 Otterbein Vocal Ensemble, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 Mar. 8 Westerville Civic Symphony, Cowan, 3:00 p.m.
 Mar. 8 Electro-Acoustic Workshop, BFAC, 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 13 Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, Cowan Hall, 8:00 p.m.
 Mar. 14 Otterbein Men's and Women's Choruses, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 April 4 & 5 Opus Zero, BFAC, 7:30 p.m.
 April 17 Special Recital (students of Lyle Barkhymer), BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 April 26 Kinderchor, BFAC, 3 & 7:00 p.m.
 April 29-May 9 Musical: Gershwin's *Crazy for You*, Cowan Hall
 call for dates and times
 May 15 Jazz Ensemble, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 May 16 Westerville Civic Symphony and Otterbein Choirs,
 Cowan Hall, 8:00 p.m.
 May 17 Otterbein Vocal Ensemble and Small Instrumental
 Ensembles, Church of the Master (W. Main and N. Grove
 Sts.) in Westerville, 7:00 p.m.
 May 20 Faculty Recital Series, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 May 27 Percussion Ensemble, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.
 May 30 Opus One, BFAC, 8:00 p.m.

Artist Series

April 2 Pieces of Eight, Cowan Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 May 14 Robert Post, Cowan Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre

May 7 - 9 *Crazy for You*, Cowan Hall, call for dates and times
 May 28 - June 7 *Thirst*, Campus Center Theatre, call for dates and
 times

Art Exhibitions

Mar. 2 - 20 Penny McElroy, Recent Work
 Mar. 30 - April 24 Otterbein College Juried Student Exhibition,
 BFAC, Reception for the Artists, April 6, 3:00 p.m.
 April 27 - May 15 Selections from the Otterbein College Collection,
 BFAC
 May 18 - June 5 One- and Two- Person Senior Exhibitions, BFAC

Miscellaneous

Mar. 6 - 8 Images of You Weekend for Students of Color
 Mar. 18 - 30 Spring Break
 Mar. 30 Spring Quarter classes begin
 April 27 - May 1 Integrative Studies Festival Week
 May 4 Science Lecture Series, Campus Center, Roush, Towers,
 all day

ALUMNI NOTES

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Fall Lifelong Learning Looks at Ireland

The fall Lifelong Learning programs in the Campus Center continued on Sept. 19 with Professor of History Lou Rose discussing "The Disintegration of the British Empire: Why Ireland is Divided." This timely topic drew many alumni who had not previously attended a Lifelong Learning event. In all, 43 people came to hear Dr. Rose speak and left with new insights into the ongoing crisis in Northern Ireland.

Sluggers Smack it to Capital Again

For the third year, former Otterbein baseball players came together to take on cross-town rival Capital in a competitive but friendly double header. **Greg Masters '87** again provided the leadership and organization to make these games possible. About 23 players joined Coach Dick Fishbaugh on Sept. 21 for the two seven-inning games with Otterbein winning both handily. Following their victory over Capital, the group adjourned to a local restaurant to nurse sore muscles and rehash every play.

This year the alumni baseball players were given the opportunity to support Otterbein baseball with a contribution to the "O" Club. By giving at different levels they could join the Diamond Club, the Home Run Club or Fish's Grandslam Club. Nearly \$1,000 was raised through this effort. In the past, the "O" Club has helped pay for the baseball team's spring trip. In addition, the "O" Club provides the team bus and vans used by men's and women's teams.

SAC Membership Continues to Grow

The Student Alumni Council (SAC) held its first meeting on Sept. 24 at Graeter's Ice Cream parlor. Membership continues to grow under the leadership of president Jenny Sullivan and Dana Minear, secretary and vice president for fundraising. Individual involvement has grown with the introduction of a points system where each SAC member receives a number of points for each meeting attended or task completed.

For the Homecoming parade on Oct. 25, the SAC float fluttered down the parade route with flags from around the globe reflecting the Homecoming theme of "Planet Otterbein."

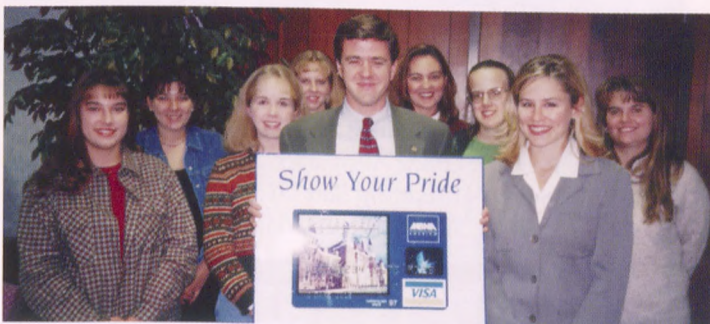
SAC students recently helped to kick off the new Otterbein College Affinity credit card program with MBNA America at a special on-campus program. The new card program replaces the previous program with First Western Bank of Pennsylvania. Under the new arrangement with MBNA, the College receives a royalty for all new cards issued through the program plus a percentage of all transactions. MBNA representatives Matt Ginley and Dana Zimmerman met with the SAC students to explain the program and help build Otterbein pride.



Professor of History and Political Science Lou Rose discussed why Ireland is divided in a Lifelong Learning program. Dr. Rose was introduced by Stephanie Souryasack Werth '93.



The Otterbein Alumni Baseball team, victorious again over rival Capital.



Above: Matt Ginley, center and Dana Zimmerman, right, of MBNA America Bank, talk to SAC students on how to promote the College's credit card. **Right:** SAC students at homecoming.





Alumni Gathering in Louisville: Back row: Juergen Tossman '83, Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson, Bob Vance '49, Jim Montgomery '66, Judy Montgomery '70. Seated: Evelyn Bender Vance '51, Kit Johnson Tossman '81, Aubrie Tossman.



June Bug Jamboree Planning Committee: Ed Mentzer '58, Connie Mentzer '60, Gracie Augspurger '39, Helen LeMay '47, Harold Augspurger '41, Barbara Barr '51, Greg Johnson, Bob Barr '50, Bill LeMay '48, Suellen Wassem '66, Jerry Wassem '65.



Mini Alumni College: Lois Coy '24, Col. Bob Arledge '55, Betsy Howe '24, Howard Longmire '55.

Alumni Enjoy Play and Museum in Louisville

On Oct. 4, Otterbein alumni and friends in the Louisville area were invited to join together to enjoy some of the city's best offerings. This delightful day was hosted by **Bob '49** and **Evelyn Bender '51 Vance**. In the afternoon a group toured the Louisville Slugger Museum which uniquely combines the national pastime's history with history in the making. The company's 112-year history parallels the history of baseball and the museum is designed to be a place where each visitor's personal memories about the game come to life.

The group then met for a social, dinner and pre-play preview by **Juergen Tossman '83** before attending a performance of *The Butler Did It* at the Bunbury Theatre. A gem of Louisville, this intimate theatre has been turned into a real standout in its field by Tossman.

LeMays to Host June Bug Jamboree

Planning has already begun for the second annual June Bug Jamboree and committee members promise it will be bigger and better. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 27, 1998 at the farm of **Bill '48** and **Helen Hilt '47 LeMay** in Waynesville. The day will include a golf outing and time for antique hunting in Waynesville's many quaint stores. The committee held its first meeting in October and will continue to perfect plans for this event which is designed to bring together alumni in the greater Dayton area.

Lifelong Learning Examines Media Influences

Lifelong learning returned to the Campus Center on Oct. 9 when Assistant Professor of Communication Dr. John Weispfenning spoke on "How the Media Influences Us and How We Influence the Media." The group of 30 alumni and friends of the College left the seminar with a better understanding of how the media makes decisions on what to report and how to report the news.

Homecoming Draws Alumni Back to the 'Bein

More than 480 alumni from the classes of '82, '87 and '92 returned to campus for their reunions as well as all the Homecoming festivities. On Saturday evening, Oct. 25, they gathered at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Restaurant for a special reunion party.

Also during Homecoming weekend, the Alumni Council met with 23 members present to discuss a variety of issues that will affect alumni in the coming year.

Mini Alumni College Helps Seniors Keep Fit

Residents of the Otterbein Retirement Community in Lebanon, Ohio, were invited to be part of the Mini Alumni College on Nov. 22. **Bob Arledge '55**, a retired colonel from the U.S. Air Force, led a seminar on helping senior citizens keep fit through moderate exercise. The program was well received by the audience and most were willing to stand up and give it a try on the spot.

Alumni Support Men's and Women's Bballers

Alumni and friends down south got the opportunity to cheer on the Cardinal basketball teams this fall. The men's team played at two colleges in Virginia while the women traveled to Florida for a series of games. In Virginia, pre-game socials were held at Christopher Newport University in Newport News on Nov. 28 and at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg on Dec. 1. Head Coach Dick Reynolds met with alumni to give them a preview of the game and talk about his hopes for the season. The team went 2-1 on its trip south.

In Florida, a pre-game social with Head Coach Connie Richardson was held for alumni on Dec. 2 at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. The women's team also played at St. Leo College in St. Leo and at Rollins College in Winter Park. The women's team went 1-2 during its Florida tour.

Otterbein Law Enforcement Group Formed

The Office of Alumni Relations has assisted alumni in forming a new interest group. Eleven alumni and friends of the College have come together recently to form the Otterbein College Law Enforcement Constituency Group, chaired by **Mark Porter '86**.

One goal of the group is to promote continuing education for law enforcement officers. The College hopes to bring alumni and friends associated with law enforcement agencies back to campus for programs that address their profession and interests. This group also has the potential to create good will among law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The members include **Brooke Wilson '95**, Columbus Police Department; **Dan Dent '69**, FBI; **Jim Whitney '73**, Westerville Police Department; Larry Hunter, Otterbein College Security; **Mark Porter '86**, Secret Service; Ralph McCormick, Otterbein College Security; **Thomas Bowen '68**, Elyria Police Department; Harry Schwind, Ohio Highway Patrol; Sheldon Senek, Ohio State Patrol; and **Craig Brenneman '86**, U.S. Treasury; and Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson.



OARS Members Get Together: Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson visited members of OARS (Otterbein Alumni Recruiting Students) in Florida. They were Gar Vance '74, Ruth Mallick '75, Linda Vance '76 and Keith Mallick '74.

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Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar

Event	Location or Alumni Host
2/26/98 Chicago Alumni Outing	Dr. Allen Prindle Brook McDonald '83
3/17/98 Earth-Crossing Asteroids - Lifelong Ed	Dr. Phil Barnhart
3/21/98 Texas Gathering - San Antonio	Bob '51 & Frances '48 Touby
3/22/98 Texas Gathering - Dallas/Fort Worth	
3/26-29/98 Cardinal Migration '98	Charleston, SC
4/??/98 Toledo Alumni Gathering	David '76 & Robin '77 Mead
4/4/98 Phoenix Alumni Gathering	James '47 & Virginia '49 Kraner
	Daniel '77 & Ann '77 Wilmoth
4/5/98 Tucson Alumni Gathering	Tom '62 & Judy '65 Kintigh
4/17-19/98 SAA/SF District V Conference	SAC
4/21/98 Memory - Lifelong Education	Dr. Robert Kraft
4/25/98 Indianapolis Alumni Gathering	Dr. Richard Fetter '73
	Jay Thivener '82
5/13/98 Cleveland Alumni Gathering	TBA
6/5-7/98 Hegira - Alumni Wheaton Club Outing	
6/19-20/98 Alumni Weekend '98	
6/27/98 Dayton Alumni Gathering	Bill '48 and Helen '47 LeMay
7/??/98 Central Ohio Family Picnic	Lisa Carter Mentzer '85
	Heidi Kellett '86
7/24-26/98 Alumni College '98	Otterbein Campus
8/29/98 Cleveland Indians Baseball Game	Mike Christian '61
9/??/98 Native American Religions - Lifelong Ed	Dr. Charles Zimmerman
9/15/98 Dayton Otterbein Women's Club	Gracie Augspurger '39
9/20/98 Annual Alumni Baseball Game	Greg Masters '87
10/3/98 Homecoming '98	Otterbein campus
10/13/98 Carnegie Libraries of Ohio - Lifelong Ed	Mary Ellen Armentrout '66



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Sunset on the Pacific

Senior Stevie Bell took this photo on her Semester at Sea voyage. Her story starts on page 14.