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# OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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## OTTERBEIN EMBARKS ON GREAT YEAR ENROLLMENT UP 10%

Schedules . . . freshman caps and hairbows . . . bonfires . . . receptions . . . tug-o-war . . . pledge parties . . . and another school year begins for Otterbein.

This year our college opens with an increased enrollment, an enlarged faculty, and much new and improved equipment.

Last year on the second Tuesday after the opening of the fall term, the student body totaled 416. This year the total enrollment figure has increased to 463 on the same date. Of this number, 55 are classified as seniors, 72 as juniors, 137 as sophomores, and 164 are freshmen. In addition to those who are enrolled in the liberal arts college there are eight special students and 12 music students. A figure which is always interesting is the ratio between the boys and girls. This year there are 276 boys and 188 girls as compared to 225 boys and 191 girls last year. The 1940 freshman class failed to maintain the

83:83 equilibrium of last year and begins the year with 107 boys and 57 girls.

Additions to the Otterbein faculty are many and varied this year, and we now have Dr. Kenneth Bunce replacing Dr. Charles Snavely in the history department; Prof. Charles Botts as assistant in the Biology department; Miss Jean Wolfe and Prof. Eric Bechtolt assuming Prof. Mills' work in French and German while he is working on his doctorate at Ohio State University during his Sabbatical leave; Mrs. Evelyn Bale assuming a portion of Prof. Pendelton's work while he is at Ohio State working on his doctorate; Miss Martha Fippin as assistant in the women's physical education department; Miss Esther Forristall as Director of the Preparatory Department in Music; and Prof. William Steck assuming a portion of the work in the political science department.

Of the many improvements in the

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## Wedding Bells Ring For Otterbeiners

Otterbein has had her share of summer weddings and we are extending congratulations and best wishes to the following newly-married alumni:

Miss Thelma Snyder, '27, who was married to Mr. Norris Grabill, '19, June 27, in the First Community Church of Columbus. The ceremony was read by Dr. Roy Burkhardt, '27.

The couple will live in Mercersburg, Pa., where Mr. Grabill teaches in the Mercersburg Academy.

Mr. Carl Stair, '26, upon his marriage to Miss Mary Jane Bell, June 29th at the First Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mr. Horace P. White, '31, upon his marriage to Mrs. Mildred Roberts. The couple were married in February and are living in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. White formerly taught home economics in the Westerville High School.

Miss Ella B. Smith, '36, who was married to Mr. James C. Toedtman, August 17 in the garden of her home in Westerville. The couple will live in Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Clarissa Shafer, '37, who was married to Mr. Byron Nelson at her home in Carlyle, Ohio, on July 6.

Mr. Ray Pilkington, '29, who exchanged vows with Miss Lillian Mosier at his home in Westerville, on May 23. The couple will live in Cleveland, Ohio.

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## The President's Corner

Greetings to alumni and friends as we begin another year at Otterbein. It will be a fine year. With greatly increased enrollment, another advance in scholastic rating, a newly equipped Home Economics Department, modern improvements in our music program and a splendidly rebuilt athletic field we may well look forward to fine things in the coming months.

Plan now to come for Homecoming and "get the feel" of the new program. There's a glorious spirit on the campus. You'll like it. Also, you'll see a great little football team in action. These boys are fine fellows besides knowing a little football. Watch our scores this year. We believe our football as well as the rest of our program is going to be such as to call for no apology as you move among your friends from other colleges.

Cordially yours,

J. RUSKIN HOWE,  
*President.*

### OTTERBEIN 1940 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 21	Rio Grande
Sat., Sept. 28	At Heidelberg
Sat., Oct. 5	Kenyon
Sat., Oct. 12	Ashland
Sat., Oct. 19	Bluffton
Fri., Oct. 25	At Transylvania
(Night)	Lexington, Ky.
Sat., Nov. 2	At Marietta
Sat., Nov. 9	At Capital

*All home games at 2:15 P.M.*



## WITH THE ALUMNI

With the beginning of the fall school term, two Otterbein grads received promotions in the Newark, Ohio schools. Mr. Stewart Cox, '35, is now head of the Dramatics and Speech department in the High School; and Mr. Frank Jakes, '38, has been promoted to Central Junior High School of which Lester Cox, '26, is principal.

### *Otterbein vs. Ashland Home-Coming!*

Denton Elliott, '37, who formerly taught at Ostrander, Ohio, is now basket-ball coach at Westerville High School. In addition to his coaching Denny is teaching physics and science.

### *Annual Home-Coming Banquet in the Church!*

When the ceremonies of Wilkie's notification were held at Ellwood, Indiana, Troy Beldon, '35, was there as leader of the Allan County Young Republican Club Men's Glee Club. They sang several selections preceding the speech and were well received.

### *New Athletic Field to Be Dedicated at Home-Coming*

Miss Dorothy Rupp, '37, is teaching Latin in the high school at Lakewood, Ohio. Miss Rupp taught at Orange High School in Chagrin Falls before securing her new position.

*Don't forget Home-Coming,  
October 12!*

Mrs. Katherine Newton Martin, '37, of Cleveland, who received the degree of Master of Science in Social Administration from the School of Applied Social Sciences of Western Reserve University in June, having completed the course in Child Welfare, has a position with the Aid to Dependent Children organization in Cleveland.

### **Deaths:**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. W. G. Clippinger who passed away at her home in Westerville on July 12. The late Mrs. Clippinger was the wife of Dr. W. G. Clippinger, President Emeritus of Otterbein College. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Both students and faculty members alike have appreciated her friendly interest in the college and will miss the graciousness of her presence.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Miss Ida Florence Miller, '87, who died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Harold Kinstriek, Columbus, Ohio. Miss Miller, who was retired matron of the Otterbein Home at Lebanon, was formerly a teacher of elocution.

Friends of Mr. Samuel Zechar, '99, will regret to hear of his death on July 1 at Germantown, Ohio. The late Mr. Zechar was the father of Betty Zechar, '33. He served as pastor in Miami Conference and was later active in Y.M.C.A. work and teaching.

# Otterbein Towers

## Otterbein College Westerville, Ohio

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curriculum and equipment of the campus, perhaps the most important is that of the home economics department and the school of music. The home economics department has been enlarged and improved so that it is now qualified to give a state teaching major in home economics. What was formerly the Otterbein School of Music is now the department of music of the college and as such will share in the endowment of the college. The new department will be headed by Prof. G. G. Grabill who was the director of the former school of music. The addition of the preparatory department under Miss Forristall introduces a new phase of pre-school and high school training for the college music department.

The improvements on the athletic field will be both a surprise and a pleasure to returning grads and it will suffice to say that the new track, football field, and tennis courts will be put to good use by teams which promise to rival the best in the history of the school.

Those homeward bound to Cochran Hall will find new carpeting and furniture disguising their old haunts.

And so we really feel that the boast for the best year in the history of Otterbein has not been without just grounds, for through the cooperation of the high schools who have sent us their most brilliant scholars, their best athletes, and their finest musicians, we have a student body that will hold its own with the best.

### Wedding Bells—Continued

Miss Kathleen O'Brien, '40, who became the bride of Mr. Charles Messmer, '40, in Dayton, Ohio, on September 14. The couple will reside at Bonebrake Theological Seminary in Dayton where Mr. Messmer will be a student this year.

### Stork Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dipert (Esther Hursh, '35), are proud to announce the arrival of Richard William on August 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shelley, '31 (Grace Harrold, '33), announce the birth of a daughter, Suzanne Kay on August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Oppy (Mary Louise Altman, '36), announce the birth of a daughter, Paula Jean, July 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hanks, '36, are proud to announce the arrival of a son, David Lee, on August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Arnold, '38 (Ruth Cook, '37), are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Lois Jean, on August 7.

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Alumni are urged to send items concerning their own activities and those of their friends to OTTERBEIN TOWERS, Westerville, Ohio