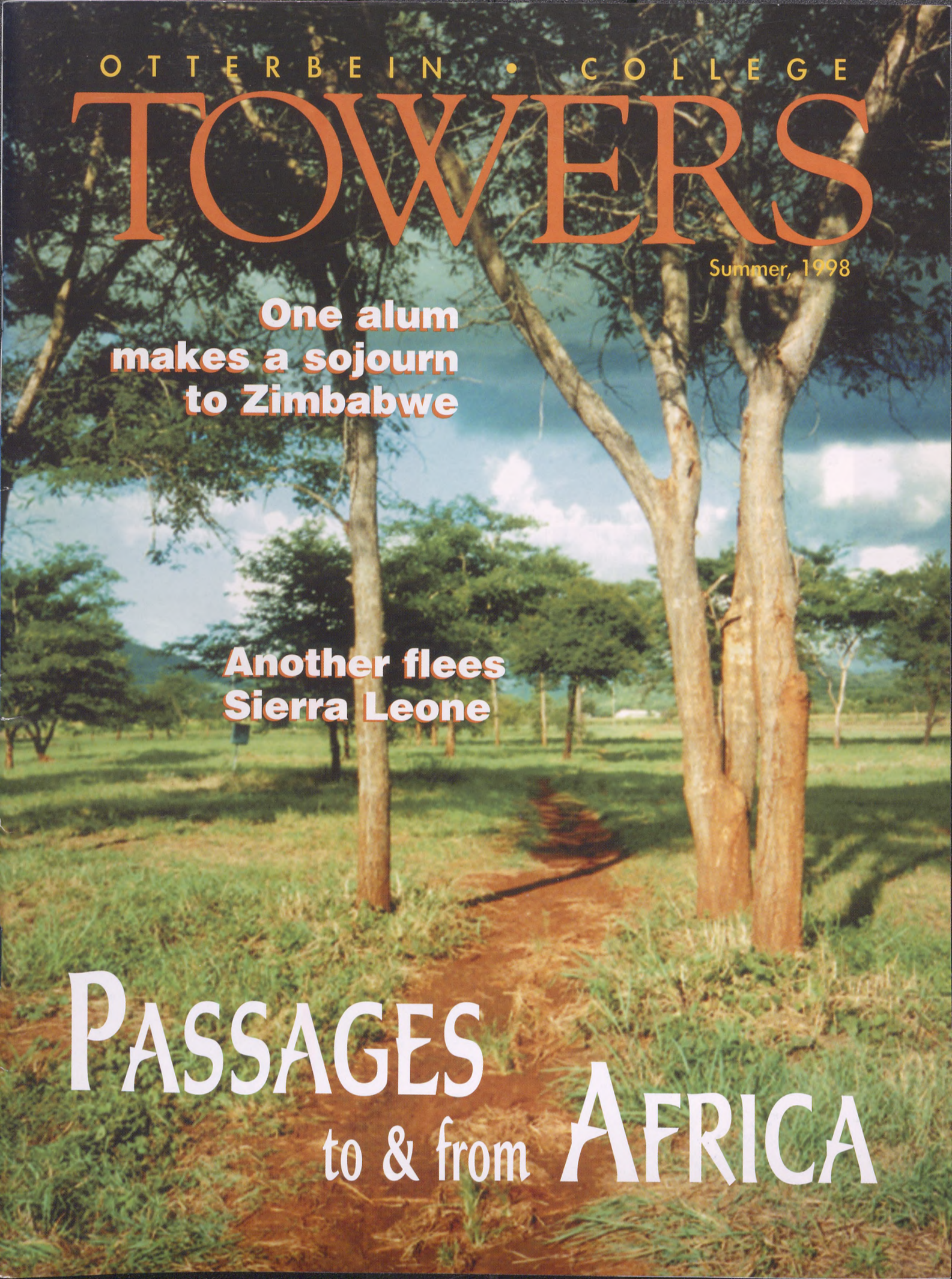
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Fouse Inducted into Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

The Department of Aging this spring inducted 17 people into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame including William Henry Fouse, the first black graduate of Otterbein. He was inducted posthumously.

Fouse graduated Cum Laude from Otterbein in 1893. His connection with Otterbein did not end upon his graduation, however. His parents, Squire and Martha Fouse, lived in the Hanby House, now an Otterbein and Westerville historic site.

The Hanby House is named for former Otterbein professor and abolitionist Benjamin Hanby. Once part of the Underground Railroad, the house was purchased in 1889 by the Fouses, both former slaves themselves.

Following his graduation, William Henry Fouse proved a courageous pioneer in African-American education.

The Westerville native, determined to succeed, strived to instill his own virtues in the students he taught. In a letter preserved at the Westerville Public Library, William wrote, "I worked my way through college blacking boots, offbearing tiles...waiting tables in Columbus and elsewhere. But I must say that I am glad I did so, since it prepared me to be of some little service to my own people and to the community in which I live."

William went on to serve with distinction as a teacher and a principal at schools for African-Americans in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. During his 24-year tenure as principal of Dunbar High School in Lexington, Ky., the school's enrollment grew from 89 to 535 students.

The inspirational educator served as president of the Kentucky Negro Education Association and organized the Bluegrass Oratorical Association, the Bluegrass Athletic Association and the first Penny Savings Bank in Kentucky. He was also among the first to develop a scholarship for African-American high school graduates.

A champion of education, Fouse died in 1944, seven years after receiving an M.A. from the University of Cincinnati.

Shortly after his death, a Lexington newspaper editorialized: "He worked quietly and hopefully for the development of colored youth, and as a citizen for friendly and understanding relations between black men and white. It can be said of him, without exaggeration, that no educator of our day and place served his race more loyally or contributed more to the good relations that mark the association of the races of Lexington. Indeed, he accomplished more for his race during his lifetime, through his humility and appreciation, than many groups which so often have acted first and reasoned too late."

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was established in 1977 in recognition of the vast contributions of Ohioans age 60 and older. Since then, 224 older Ohioans have been inducted. Members represent accomplishments in entertainment, athletics, the arts, public service, media, science, philanthropy, volunteerism and other walks of life.

Jeanne Talley (right), associate director of admission, is presented with a plaque honoring William Henry Fouse by Judith Brachman, director of the Ohio Department of Aging.

DeVore Named Westerville Business Person of the Year

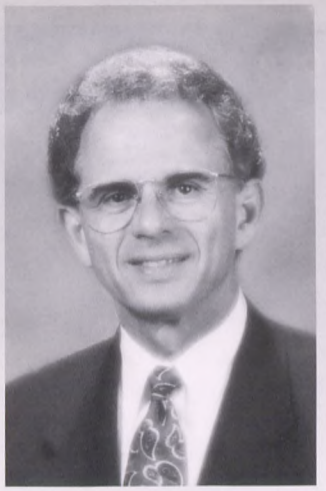
The Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Otterbein President Brent DeVore in May as "1998 Outstanding Business Person of the Year." While maintaining a dedication to academic excellence, DeVore on this occasion was recognized for his skills as a business leader.

DeVore has served as president of Otterbein College for the last 14 years. In 1997 DeVore received the Kent State Outstanding Alumni Award.

According to Steve Storck, vice president for Business Affairs at Otterbein who submitted one of DeVore's nominations, "His accomplishments can be measured in many ways." Under DeVore's leadership, the College has introduced masters level degrees in Education, Nursing and Business Administration. Strong Continuing Education programs, international enrollment and impressive theatre programs have grown during his tenure.

Otterbein has been ranked first in academic reputation among liberal arts institutions in the midwest in the *U.S. News and World Report Study*. Full-time enrollment has grown from approximately 1,100 students in his first year as president to 1,650 in the Fall of 1997. Part-time enrollment has grown from about 400 students to almost 1,100 during the same period. The graduation rates of students have also improved since 1984. As of 1996, Otterbein graduated 73% of its students. This resulted in a ranking of the third best retention in the *U.S. News and World Report Study*.

Responsible for one of Westerville's largest employers, DeVore continues to be actively involved in various associations and organizations. Currently he serves on the board of directors for Grant/Riverside Hospitals, United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education, Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce, Phi Kappa Tau Foundation, Nationwide Investing Foundation and the Seran Foundation.



President Brent DeVore

"Dr. DeVore has dedicated so many of his talents to the betterment of Otterbein College which has either directly or indirectly affected all community residents and businesses in a positive manner," explained Jim and Susan Flaherty, who helped nominate DeVore.

Vance, Smith Receive Bread & Roses Award

Otterbein's Women's Forum in May recognized Sylvia Phillips Vance '47 and Associate Dean of Students and Campus Center Director Becky Fickel Smith '81. The two women received the Bread and Roses Award for their work in organizing last year's Sesquicentennial Celebration, but also for their many years of loyalty, enthusiasm and service on Otterbein's behalf.

Sylvia was a co-chair for the Sesquicentennial coordinating committee and Becky chaired the events committee, perhaps the busiest committee of the Sesquicentennial.

Sylvia taught French and European history at Otterbein for 30 years. In addition to her work in the classroom, she was instrumental in designing and implementing the College's Integrative Studies program, which she headed for many years.

She also served on the personnel and curriculum committees as well as the appeals council in Otterbein's governance system. She was president of the Quiz and Quill literary organization, a national advisor to Phi Sigma Iota honorary and advisor to Sigma Alpha Tau sorority.

She retired in 1991 but she remains an active, important part of the Otterbein community.

Becky has been at Otterbein since her graduation and during her years on the Student Affairs staff earned her master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

She has been president and director of regions for the National Orientation Directors Association and president of the Ohio College Personnel Association. She has also served on the board of directors of the Central Ohio Club of Zonta International and chaired the Westerville Music and Arts Festival.

While at Otterbein, Becky has designed and refined an orientation program that has garnered national attention and has been replicated at colleges across the country.

The Bread and Roses Award was named for a song inspired by a placard carried by women strikers during the 1912 protests against pay cuts in the woolen mills of Lawrence, Mass. Women of 25 nationalities who spoke 50 different languages united to win concessions from the woolen companies. Consequently, Women's Forum developed the Bread and Roses Award to recognize the accomplishments of women in the campus community.

1998 Common Book Rich in Appalachian Culture

This year the Common Book takes on a new genre with Sharyn McCrumb's *She Walks These Hills*. For the first time, new students will dive into a mystery when they read the Common Book this summer.

But it is also a book rich in the culture of Appalachia. Set in Dark Hollow, Tenn., it explores the history and motives of a diverse cast of characters. This year's Common Book takes on the theme of "Legacies" and faculty, staff and students will be encouraged to examine both the legacies left us and those we leave behind.

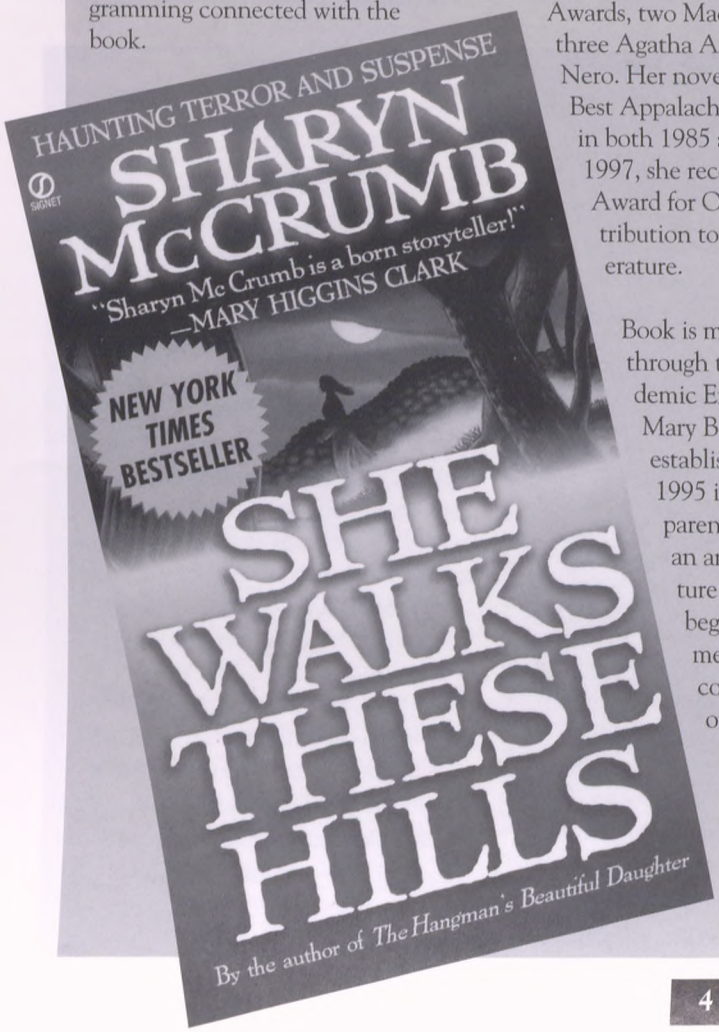
Incoming students will be asked to read the book and complete an assignment by New Student Weekend, Sept. 10-13. *She Walks These Hills* will be used in all freshman Integrative Studies classes during the year but all faculty are encouraged to use the book in their classes and take part in some of the year-long programming connected with the book.

As part of the Common Book Experience, author Sharyn McCrumb will come to Otterbein Oct. 27-29 to visit classes and present an address in Cowan Hall to the entire campus community.

McCrumb, the author of 15 novels, is a New York Times best-selling author whose critically acclaimed success in Southern fiction has been both scholarly as well as popular. Her novels are studied in universities throughout the world, translated into German, Dutch, Japanese, French, Greek, Czech, Russian, Danish, Spanish and Italian, in addition to being national best sellers in the U.S.

She Walks These Hills is part of McCrumb's "Ballad Book" Series. McCrumb has won more awards in crime fiction than any other author, including all of the major U.S. awards in the field. She has been awarded the Edgar, two Anthony Awards, two Macavity Awards, three Agatha Awards, and the Nero. Her novels were given the Best Appalachian Novel Award in both 1985 and 1992. In 1997, she received an AWA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature.

The Common Book is made possible through the Thomas Academic Excellence Series. Mary B. Thomas '28 established the series in 1995 in honor of her parents. It provides for an annual book/lecture program that begins during summer orientation and continues throughout the year.



Math Team Puts Up Big Number to Crunch Competition

The Otterbein mathematics team won a convincing first place in the first-ever East Central Colleges (ECC) consortium undergraduate mathematics competition.

Twelve teams representing eight colleges attended the competition held at Mount Union College on April 4.

Otterbein's team, which the students named Lagrange after the mathematician, scored 55 points to achieve first place. The second place team scored 36 points and the median score was 30 points. Otterbein will receive $150 for the team's first place finish.

Other ECC schools represented at the competition included Bethany College, Heidelberg College, Hiram College, Marietta College, Mount Union College, Muskingum College and Westminster College. Some of the colleges entered two teams.

The Otterbein team consisted of senior Laura Bush from Mansfield, Ohio; junior Randy Boettner from Stow, Ohio; sophomore Robert Jones from Cincinnati, Ohio; and freshman Wei Liu from Shanghai, China. Bush served as the team's captain.

Bush says there was no problem the team could not figure out. "None of us could figure them all out but each of us could figure out some of them. So among the four of us there was someone who could figure out each problem," she reports.

They were coached by professors John Hinton, Ioan Hrinca, Zhen Huang and Zengxiang Tong who helped the students review pre-calculus, linear algebra, discrete mathematics, combinatorics and calculus. Preparation time was short because the review period was just before finals and the students were busy studying for their exams.

At the competition, each team was placed in a separate room and worked together to solve 10 problems without their coaches. One set of solutions were submitted from each team. The exams were sent to Minnesota for grading and results were distributed two weeks later.

100% Champs

You should see the other teams... *Front row, Randy Boettner, Robert Jones, Laura Bush, Wei Liu. Back row, Zhen Huang, Ioan Hrinca, John Hinton, Zengxiang Tong.*

Professor John Hinton says "I was very pleasantly surprised. I knew we had good students but you don't realize how good until they go up against students from comparable schools. I think they did well because each in their unique way supplement each other. Each has their own strength that complements the others and they work well together. They were a team in the true sense of the word. And I think it says something about not only those students but also about the math program at Otterbein. I think it's a good reflection of how math is being taught at Otterbein."

Tong concurs. "There are two reasons we did so well. The first is our faculty. It shows the teaching quality at the College. We have dedicated teachers who want to teach well and see their students excel. And the second is our student body. Diversity played an important role in enhancing this team. Our international student made a significant contribution. Each of the students had different ways of thinking and could approach the problems from many different angles."

Two Longtime Members of Otterbein Community Retire

Two members of the Otterbein community retired this spring — Professor of Life Sciences Michael Herschler and Director of Academic Computing Roger Wiley.

Herschler taught in the Department of Life and Earth Sciences for 34 years and served as a chairperson for the department for many of those years. He even filled in as an interim academic dean for the school for a year. He also served as a faculty trustee for 12 years.

"What I'll miss most is the interaction with students," Herschler says. "It was always fun for me to see them develop. I usually had them in several classes and could see how they changed over three or four years."

He says he's feeling confident in the future of the Life Science program at Otterbein. "The College has been able to hire more and more Ph.D.'s and I think the quality of the program has increased because of that. The department is in excellent hands and we have a good faculty."

After retiring, Herschler said he will spend time volunteering for the Ohio Academy of Science, of which he is treasurer. He also plans to travel, play golf and volunteer with service organizations and raise his seven miniature schnauzer dogs.

Roger Wiley '52 will retire from his position as director of Academic Computing after 43 years at Otterbein. When he started in 1955, however, there wasn't a computer to be found. He began as an assistant professor of mathematical sciences when the department consisted of him and one other person.

In the 1960s, the computer arrived and many people in mathematics, including Roger, turned to the computer field. He helped establish the academic and administrative computing programs on campus.

In 1975, the administrative computing staff left and Roger was asked to take on the job temporarily because he had done some of the preliminary work on the system. Now, more than 20 years later, he is retiring from that "temporary" position.

Well, sort of. Roger will not be leaving Otterbein completely. He will be working part-time to help the College prepare its computers for the year 2000. Roger says the College is on top of things in dealing with the potential computer glitch and should sail smoothly into the next century.

In his retirement, Roger says he plans to take on "tasks around the house that should have been done years ago." He and his wife, Betty, will travel and continue to enjoy spending time with their grandson, Patrick.

He says he will also continue to enjoy the friendships he has made at Otterbein. "I have appreciated the cooperation and assistance from faculty, staff and students over the years at Otterbein. It has been a convenient place to spend my work life and I really enjoyed coming to work. There were very few days when I didn't want to come into work."

Roger adds, "One of the things I found really rewarding at Otterbein was that occasionally a student would come along that if I hadn't mentored, wouldn't have made it through college. I look back on that with great satisfaction."

Both men were granted emeritus status this spring.

Accrediting Team Lauds Otterbein's MBA Program

Otterbein College this spring received approval from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) for its Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program.

The North Central Association is the regional accrediting body that ensures quality standards in higher education. The NCA evaluation team sent to Otterbein applauded the College's fiscal, academic and intellectual foundation.

In its report, the NCA wrote, "The proposed program has strong ties both to a well-grounded undergraduate department and to the College's commitment to liberal arts education. The proposed program is a logical development, given other existing graduate programs."

Otterbein's MBA, which began in the fall of 1997, is a comprehensive, innovative degree that melds liberal arts with business studies. The program uses components that emphasize practical applications while maintaining a technology focus with heavy use of the Internet and electronic research. It will seek accreditation through the American Assembly of Colleges and Schools of Business (AACSB).

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.

The NCA report noted, "The institution has conducted a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the opportunities for the new degree program and the planning process has developed an excellent overall strategic plan."

The 16-course program is designed for the full-time working student and may be completed in two years. "Otterbein has a well deserved reputation for personal contact between faculty and students at the undergraduate level, and the graduate program implies a continuation of that tradition," NCA officials wrote.

The full NCA team report on the MBA program is available from Otterbein's Office of Academic Affairs. To request a copy, contact that office at 614-823-1154.

In December, the Ohio Board of Regents approved Otterbein's MBA program.

The Board of Regents oversees higher education for the state of Ohio and provides a certificate of authorization for all programs offered at the College.

For further information contact Dr. Gail Arch, director of Otterbein's MBA program, at 823-1085. ■

'95 Alumnus Returns for his MBA

Otterbein began its Masters in Business Administration (MBA) program last fall and among the first students was one already familiar with the quality of Otterbein's educational program.

Mike Hawthorne '95 earned his undergraduate degree in business through Otterbein's Continuing Studies program and decided to come back for his graduate studies.

"The flexibility of the program itself attracted me," he reports. "I could take classes at the times I wanted to and in the order that I wanted to. Also the school itself was a factor. I've always felt very comfortable on campus and with the professors."

Hawthorne, a crane operator for ARMCO, works seven days a week on a swing shift, meaning his work schedule changes weekly.

"So the flexibility of the Otterbein program is very important to me. The support from the administration, particularly Dr. Arch, has been extremely helpful. They are very understanding about my work schedule and are very good about it."

Among Hawthorne's first classes was Information Technology with instructor Paul Jacobson. The seven students in the class were asked to help shape the future of a company by developing a three- to five-year strategic plan for the Information Systems department of M/I Homes. Their final was a formal presentation before several company executives, whose reaction to the presentation would dictate their grades.

"That class went way beyond theory and applied the information to real life situations," Hawthorne says. "I think most of all I gained respect for the time frames involved in real life projects. It's easy to go to a classroom and make projections but to actually go out in the field, take on a project and know you have 11 weeks to finish - wow!"

Scattered throughout central Ohio and with different work schedules, the class struggled to work as a team. They learned to stay in touch and work together via phone calls, e-mail and conference calls.

In their two-hour presentation, the class outlined ways M/I could automate its sales department, improve its Web site, integrate its electronic communications among divisions within the company and reduce duplication of tasks. The M/I executives were impressed and told Jacobson they intend to use every part of the plan the Otterbein students produced. One executive said it would be the company's plan for Information Systems for the next three years.

While Hawthorne enjoyed and appreciated the Information Technology class, he is not taking any classes during the summer. "It will take me awhile to get done. I'm not taking two classes at a time. I'm taking one and seeing how it goes. I have no time frame to finish. I'll retire from the plant in four years at the age of 48. Then I plan to pursue marketing through the internet.

Hawthorne already has a retail site on the internet called Active Romantic (www.activeromantic.com) which markets games, books and music to help couples create romantic evenings.

CLASS NOTES

compiled by Shirley Seymour

1937

Mary Arndt Khelghatian is living in a retirement home in Carol Stream, IL, and is still playing the piano and organ for various occasions.

1948

Doyle and Jennie Wheelbarger '45 Blauch celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 28th.

1949

Rev. Edward and wife Alice Garton '50 Gorsuch were honored at an open house reception last December acknowledging their retirement.

1961

Gerald Lewis retired in June '97 having served 35 years in appointments throughout the West Ohio Conference. He is serving part-time as Minister of Special Care in the Grove City UMC.

Dave Norris retired July 1, 1998. Since 1991, he has been the European Director for Enterprise Systems Research for the Gartner Group, the world's largest IT industry analysis firm. He, his wife and two children live in Buckinghamshire, west of London.

1963

Tom Morrison is a senior partner in the New York law firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, LLP. Morrison recently defended the People Magazine Division of Time Inc. in a trademark lawsuit in New York brought by Petersen Publishing Co., the publisher of *TEEN* magazine. Petersen challenged Time Inc.'s launch of *TEEN PEOPLE* magazine, a spin-off of its well-known *PEOPLE* magazine, claiming that the name *TEEN PEOPLE* infringed its trademark for *TEEN* magazine. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Time Inc., thereby

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PROFILE

Robert Henn '57 Finds Time to Stop and Smell the Flowers

Looking for calico asters around Ashtabula? Yellow ladyslippers near Yellow Springs? Or pussytoes in Parma parks? Then **Robert Henn '57** has written the book for you; his user-friendly, full-color guide to 286 species of wildflowers growing throughout Ohio.

Henn's book, *Wildflowers of Ohio*, was published in March. "I worked on it for four years," Henn says. "Both research and photography. It was a great opportunity. I found there was a need and endeavored to meet that need." This summer Henn brought his expertise to Otterbein's Alumni College in July when he conducted a session on Ohio's wildflowers.

"It's been a lifelong interest," he explains. "My mother and father were very much interested in wildflowers. I majored in biology at Otterbein and I owe a lot of credit to Professor Jeanne Willis H'76 for furthering my interest."

Henn, who retired last year with emeritus status from the Biology Department at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, has been teaching biology for 36 years; first in the Dayton public schools and then at Sinclair. Now in "retirement," he is teaching on the subject of teacher education at the University of Dayton.

He has walked the trails of Ohio since the early 1950s. He has led many field trips and introduced countless people to wildflowers and their interdependence with a healthy environment.

"My purpose for writing the book is to increase public awareness and conservation of the wildflowers of Ohio," Henn says.

Henn explains that in his travels with his wife, Margaret, he would gravitate to the book stores at parks and nature centers. He found that with the exception of Ohio, all the states had books available on their indigenous wildflowers. He then checked with the Department of Natural Resources to confirm that there was no field guide to Ohio wildflowers and that none was planned.

"That's how this came about," he says. "It is written for the casual observer, the layperson as well as the serious botanist, the scientist."

The book contains 286 photographs and Henn himself took about 240 of those. The others in the book were borrowed. Henn had to look no further than his Otterbein roots for many of those he borrowed. Jeanne Willis, Jim Stahl and George Phinney H'89 all lent him wildflower pictures.

Each entry includes the flower's common name, scientific name and family, a brief description and tips on how to identify the flower. Henn also indicates whether the flower is an annual, perennial or biannual, whether it is native or introduced to the area and from where it was introduced. There is also information on the range of the flower, its habitat and blooming period. Henn has also included some of his own comments on each variety of wildflower.

Ohio is a state that is botanically rich but also one that has been heavily impacted by the use of its land for industry, agriculture, highways and homes. Henn hopes that increased knowledge of its fauna will inspire appreciation and ultimately stewardship of the state's wildflower heritage.

"Wildflowers are quite hardy. They can withstand freezing and floods but they can't withstand the bulldozer," he says. "We need to preserve our old growth forests and prairie openings. There needs to be a delicate balance of development and progress with the preservation of our natural resources."

L E T T E R S

Dear Roger:

I have just finished reading through the Spring 1998 issue of *Towers* and wish to commend you on a very enjoyable issue which seemed to have a blend of articles to interest a broad spectrum of our alumni.

I have been rather critical of *Towers* magazine in recent years and, therefore, felt that I should send you some positive comments as well. At the risk of presuming to advise you on your craft, I would like to offer some observations (which you might just decide to trash) that are shared by many alumni I have talked with from my age group.

The best approach is to use an example, and the Spring issue provides a perfect one; i.e you apparently only had room for a picture of the March Cardinal Migration at Charleston with no write-up. However, you had room for a full page devoted to the Otterbein Crossword! This seems like a slight mix-up in priorities which is at the core of my, and others, concerns. There have been many instances over the past two years where writes on alumni events have apparently been delayed until later when the current issue devoted many pages to subjects which I feel were of lesser interest to alumni. If this is truly to be an alumni magazine, then the priorities, in my opinion, should be as follows.

First priority: News on alumni events, accomplishments, etc.

Second priority: Institutional news on development, campus activities, curriculum, sports, etc.

Third priority: Student accomplishments and other related subjects. (With the caveat that writes on a single student's accomplishments are sometimes too lengthy and my eyes begin to glaze over when the subject involves a trip to a distant land on some anthropological objective.)

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The *Towers* editorial staff welcomes your letters. Letters printed in *Towers* are solely at the discretion of the *Towers* editorial staff. We reserve the right to edit letters or print partial letters. The editorial staff pledges to print a representative sample of letters from our readership.

Fourth priority: Faculty news and activities.

Granted, the above is only my opinion and I know that you cannot publish each issue to satisfy everyone. I know also that you work very hard on *Towers* with many frustrations in gathering and producing articles. I just feel that, sometimes, *Towers* tries to be another *Smithsonian Magazine* and loses touch with what truly interests alumni.

I hope you will receive this letter in the truly positive spirit with which I have written it. I love Otterbein College and have always been very supportive of it. We all appreciate the good work the Development Office and Alumni Relations folks do on our behalf. Keep it up!

John Bullis '56

P. S. While I certainly don't expect you to publish this letter, I wonder what happened to the "Letters to the Editor" column we used to see in *Towers*. I always enjoyed reading other alumni opinions on Otterbein College issues.

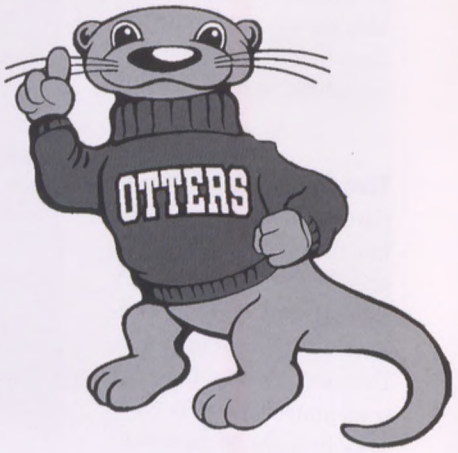
Editor's Note: Thanks for your input; it is indeed taken with a positive spirit. We have implemented some changes we hope will remedy the gap that was seen with the Cardinal Migration photo (but no story). Previously, we had one copy deadline for everything. And this deadline is usually about 2 months before the magazine actually arrives in your homes (because of the time required for editing and proofing, layout, photo production, review and commercial printing. Now we've gone to a staggered deadline, with certain areas (including Alumni Notes) getting a later deadline to get copy in. We believe this will improve the timeliness of certain areas of Towers.

As for Towers *being "truly an alumni magazine," well, it is, but that's not all it is. As the premier publication of the College, it must cover happenings on campus and generally promote the College's programs and mission. It needs to reflect the excitement and enthusiasm that is the present-day Otterbein. And, of course, it needs to be full of alumni news.*

I feel my job as editor is to present you with a publication that reflects the variety of the Otterbein experience. That's stories about alumni, but it's also stories about students, faculty, staff—it's stories about the people that make up Otterbein, past and present.

Finally, as to why this "Letters" column has not appeared recently, we almost always try to print letters when we get them. I'm interested to hear what other readers have to say about Towers *and its contents. To that end, we will be conducting a readership survey within the next year. If you wish to participate in this survey, request a survey form by calling 614-823-1601. Simpy say you want to be part of the survey and give your name and address.*

Or you can let everyone know your views by sending off a letter to Roger Routson, Otterbein College, One Otterbein College, Westervile, OH 43081-2006. For those who like to email: rroutson@otterbein.edu.



Phil Barnhart, second from right, with Dr. Geoffrey Keller, right, at his Lifelong Learning program. At left is John and Diana Bell.

Roger,

Thank you for the generous coverage of my lifelong learning program in the Spring issue of *Towers*. You spelled my name right and made it sound much more exciting than I did.

I would like to correct one small error and expand a bit on it. In the picture accompanying the piece the gentleman to the right of me was misidentified in the caption. He is Dr. Geoffrey Keller, professor emeritus of Astronomy at Ohio State University. I had introduced him at the start of my lecture as the person most responsible for my association with Otterbein College. In 1955, four years before I became aware of the existence of Otterbein, Geof hired me as a research associate at Ohio State to do contract research for the Air Force. He was a mentor, friend, and advisor who took a chance on a green, moderately experienced, and generally untried graduate student. Were it not for him I would not have been at the RIGHT place (Otterbein College) at the right time (when an adjunct position suddenly opened) to be hired by Floyd Vance, then acting president. As they say, the rest is sort of history.

Rarely in our lives do we have the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the contributions of such friends after so many years. I took the opportunity during my program, and thank you for the opportunity to do it again in print.

With warm regards,
Phil Barnhart, professor emeritus H'90

Dear Towers Staff,

I'm an alumnus of Otterbein College, from the Class of 1955. I have recently been presented an honor that I feel reflects the excellent education I received while attending Otterbein College. I was nominated and accepted as a life member into the National Registry of Who's Who.

I retired in 1982 after 32 years of teaching at the secondary and university levels. At the university level, I taught in the adult continuing education program and was privileged to work alongside some of the brightest, innovative and determined educators.

After my retirement from teaching, I suddenly found that retirement was simply a stepping stone to other employment opportunities. My wife and I purchased a small travel agency that has become profitable enough for us to assist a couple of our favorite charities.

We live in Uniontown, Ohio and love this portion of Ohio for the excellent people that live here, namely the Amish and the Mennonites.

In your winter issue of *Towers*, I was deeply saddened to read of the death of Robert Shawen, under the heading of a "Friend of Otterbein." I had the very great privilege of knowing the Shawens, both Bob and Ed through their affiliation with Boy Scout Troop 6. This Scout Troop met every Friday evening at the Fairview United Brethren, later the E.U.B. Church, in Dayton, Ohio. I was a scout with Troop 6 from 1940 until my stint with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1950. The Scoutmaster was a very fine gentleman named George Clark, who along with the Shawens and other adult assistants, taught all of us a correct way of living, a love of God, love of country, survival tactics, respect for ourselves and others and a self discipline that has lasted me a lifetime. After my parents, I looked to these men as role models and their teachings have never failed me. I feel a deep personal loss at Bob's passing.

I know of other alumni of Otterbein who were members of Troop 6 at one time or another. The late Gene McClusky was one and I think Don Rapp may have been too. It would be interesting to know how many Otterbein grads were members of Troop 6, once.

Sincerely,
Doug MacLean '55

Correction

In the photo of the "Texas-Sized Gathering" on page 25 of the Spring issue of Towers, we incorrectly identified Nancy Ballog Carr '78 as Sara McLaughlin '92. Our apologies!

Compiled by Ed Syguda

Golf Cards Take 2nd at NCAAs

Collins & Smith Shoot Way to All-America Honors

Methodist College made it five straight titles, and Otterbein, behind the strength of play from two All-Americas, held on for second at the NCAA
Division III Golf Championships.

Methodist turned in a 1,143, nine-under-par, for the 72-hole tournament held May 5-8 at the Jekyll Island Golf Club, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Otterbein shot 1,179. Twenty-three teams competed.

Otterbein, under ninth-year head coach Dave McLaughlin, also finished second in 1995 in a rain-shortened 54-hole tournament. The Cardinals have finished in the top eight in five of the last six years: 1998 (2nd), 1997 (3rd), 1996 (13th), 1995 (2nd), 1994 (5th) and 1993 (8th).

Tim Collins, a junior from Gahanna, Ohio, and Matt Smith, a junior from Columbus, garnered first team All-America honors by placing among the top six. Collins finished in a tie for fourth place with a one-under-par-287. Smith captured the sixth spot with an even-par-288.

Rounding out the Cardinal five: Dan Palmer, a junior from Upper Arlington, Ohio, tie for 40th (304); Dan Winar, a senior from Strongsville, Ohio, tie for 47th (305); and Tony Troiano, a freshman from Upper Sandusky, Ohio, tie for 55th (307).

Otterbein also won its fourth Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) title this spring. All five golfers, led by medalist Collins, finished in the top eight and earned all-conference honors.

Otterbein Sends Three to Track Nationals

Jeff Ressler, a senior from Napoleon, Ohio, earned All-America honors in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships hosted by Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ressler finished eighth in a time of 9:14.02. The top eight finishers garner All-America honors.

Nate Dendinger, a senior from Marion, Ohio, finished 12th in the decathlon, and Andy Johnson, a sophomore from Greenfield, Ohio, placed 12th in the high jump.

Dendinger, hampered by a groin injury, tallied 6,142 points. His finish in each event: 100-meters, 7th (11.48); long jump, 11th (19-8-1/4); shot put, 7th (38-4); 400 meters, 10th (51.61); high jump, tie 2nd (6-6); 110m high hurdles, tie 9th (16.48); discus, 9th (111-9); pole vault, 15th (8-6-1/4); javelin, 4th (167-6); and 1500 meters, 8th (4:54.64).

Johnson, who holds the Otterbein high jump record of 6-10-3/4, turned in a disappointing 6-4-3/4 at the nationals.

Men's Team Takes Third at OAC Track Championships

Otterbein, under fifth-year head coach Doug Welsh, captured one event and placed second in six others to finish third at the OAC Championships.

The Cardinals tallied 112 points, finishing behind meet winner Mount Union (215) and Heidelberg (136.5).

The 1600-meter relay team captured the OAC title in a time of 3:18.61. Members include Jeff Baggott, a junior from Martins Ferry, Ohio, Dwayne Rowley, a sophomore from Wellsville, Ohio, Dendinger, and Brian Penn, a freshman from Dublin, Ohio.

Second-place finishes were turned in by Johnson in the high jump (6-9-1/4); Chris Stevenson, a junior from Massillon, Ohio, triple jump (46-2-1/4); Ressler, 3000-meter steeplechase (9:18.10); Troy Rathge, a sophomore from Napoleon, Ohio, 800 meters (1:55.88); Todd Stahr, a sophomore from Laurelville, Ohio, shot put (48-6); and Kevin Knapp, a junior from Cincinnati, javelin (169-11).

Tim Collins

Matt Smith

Baseball Cards Play to a .500 Mark

Otterbein, under 32nd-year head coach Dick Fishbaugh, opened the 1998 season on a strong note, winning nine of 14 games played during its annual spring trip to Panama City, Florida.

The Cardinals, however, dug themselves into a hole back north, dropping their first four conference games before winning five of their next eight. Down the stretch, however, Otterbein could manage just two more conference wins. One of those wins, a 1-0 shutout, came over conference-rival Marietta on the last day of the season.

The squad, 19-20 overall, finished in a tie for seventh place with Muskingum, each 7-11 in the OAC. Marietta won the four-team conference playoffs, which included John Carroll, Baldwin-Wallace and Mount Union.

Teammates selected catcher Chad Reed, a sophomore from Lancaster, Ohio, as "most outstanding player." Reed, who also played third base, earned second team All-OAC honors for the second straight year. He led the team in hitting at a .434 clip (sixth best in the OAC), and slugging percentage (.628). Reed tallied 34 RBIs, 27 runs and 11 doubles—all team highs. He hit four home runs.

Third baseman Tim Kraynak, a senior from Westerville, was named to the honorable mention All-OAC team. Kraynak, who served as co-captain, batted .312 and led the team with five home runs. He knocked in 23 runs.

Left-hander Dan Dudzinski, a sophomore from Gahanna, Ohio, turned in the best record, compiling a 5-1 mark and a 4.50 ERA in seven starts. Teammates named him "most improved."

Right-hander Casey Rausch, who earned honorable mention All-OAC honors as a freshman, closed 1998 out strong after struggling early. Rausch, a sophomore from Milford Center, Ohio, compiled a 3-0 record and a 1.69 ERA over his last four starts, which included a pair of 1-0 shutouts over Baldwin-Wallace and Marietta.

Humpal Garners Two All-OAC Honors

Caryn Humpal, a freshman from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, took home two all-conference honors from the OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships held May 8-9 at Mount Union College.

She placed second in the javelin (115-2) and third in the discus (128-10).

As a team, Otterbein, under head coach Doug Welsh, placed fifth with 50 points. Baldwin-Wallace won the team title with 273 points.

Katy Bloxam Chosen Most Valuable in Softball

Katy Bloxam, a freshman pitcher and outfielder from Hilliard, Ohio, captured "most valuable" honors.

She led her team in hitting (.413) and runs-batted-in (19). On the mound, Bloxam compiled a 6-6 record and a 2.19 ERA in 19 appearances. She had two saves.

Angie Wilson, a junior from Caldwell, Ohio, hit .411, collecting 16 RBI and eight doubles. She plays first base.

The Cardinals, under first-year head coach Elaine Eddy, finished at 10-25 and 3-15 in the OAC.

Wheeler Earns Academic All-America Honors

A.J. Wheeler, a senior from Lancaster, Ohio, was named first team GTE Academic All-America Fall/Winter At-Large. Athletes from 11 different varsity sports are eligible for this honor, and are selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The graduate also received the Clyde A. Lamb Scholarship from the OAC. The conference bestows this honor on the top male and female scholar-athlete in the OAC.

Wheeler, who earned four letters each in cross country and track and field, finished with a 3.99-grade point average in life sciences. He will attend Ohio State University's College of Medicine this fall.

Otterbein Hosts OAC Women's Tennis Championships

Otterbein placed fifth at the OAC Women's Tennis Championships it hosted May 1-2.

Under first-year head coach Pat Anderson, the Cardinals tallied 14 points. John Carroll, with 29, captured the conference title.

Stephanie Wertz, a sophomore from Pickerington, Ohio, earned all-conference honors, advancing to the championship match at fourth singles, narrowly losing to Mount Union's Theresa Uliveto, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Thompson, Ballmann Advance to OAC Finals in Doubles

Jake Thompson, a junior from Worthington, Ohio, and Brian Ballmann, a freshman from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, advanced to the championship match at second doubles, earning all-conference honors.

Thompson teamed up with Brian Ballmann at the OAC Men's Tennis Championships hosted by Hiram College May 8-9. The pair advanced into the championship match with a 6-2, 6-3 win over John Carroll's Bryan Mohler and Mark Gentile.

Ohio Northern's Chris Shaffer and Greg Myers captured the doubles title with a hard-fought 7-6, 8-6, 5-7, 6-4 decision.

As a team, Otterbein, under head coach Dan Morris, placed fifth, scoring 14 points. Ohio Northern won the team title with 28 points. ■

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avoiding the catastrophe of having to change the name of a magazine that, after distribution of its first three issues, had become the most successful magazine launch in publishing history. Tom is a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

1963

Virginia Ryson has retired after 35 years of teaching music in Ohio schools. The last 32 years were with the Fairfield City Schools where it was estimated that she taught over 12,000 students.

1964

Sue Drinkhouse Ward and husband Ken are now living in Dearborn, MI. She is a math teacher at Allen Park Cabrini High School.

1964

Virginia Walker was honored for 30 years of service in the Modesto City Schools. She is a physical education teacher at Donney High School and served 20 years as the girls' tennis coach and 15 years as boys' tennis coach. Other highlights include department chair of the girls' PE department for six years.

1965

Stephen Kennedy has retired as a supervisory special agent for the FBI after 30 years of service. During his career, he served in the Charlotte, NC office, Washington Field Office, FBI Headquarters and the Connecticut Field Office. He has returned to the Columbus area where he is the vice president of Client Services for Twenty First Century Communications, Inc.

1966

Mike Fribley retired in June after 32 years in education, 31 with the Columbus Public Schools. In retirement, he intends to do pretty much as he darn well pleases.

1968

Beverly Putterbaugh Larson is the 1998-99 president of the Ohio Foreign Language Assn. (OFLA). She teaches French (and occasionally Spanish) at Olentangy High School in Lewis Center, Ohio. She is also the foreign language department coordinator for the district.

1974

Betsy Ostrander Lavric was one of six elementary teachers named an Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Westerville Education Assoc. for the 97-98 school year. Betsy has taught in Westerville for 21 years. She and her husband Boris live in Gahanna with their four children: Katie, 16, Kristen, 13, and twin boys Michael and Matthew, 10.

1976

Matt Arnold completed two years as the teachers' union president for Beavercreek Schools and is now an assistant principal for Main Elementary in Beavercreek Schools.

1980

Harley McCullough is teaching 8th grade math at Bethel-Tate Middle School. He will also coach the middle school football team. McCullough lives in Blanchester with his wife Mary Beth, daughter Clair, 9, and son Caleb, 4.

1983

Diane Daugherty Layman is a nurse with the Air Force. She and husband Rod recently returned from Germany to reside in Washington, D.C. where she is studying to become an anesthesiologist.

Judith Hurst Smith works as a special teacher in the SOS program of the Cy Fair district of Houston, grades 1–5. Husband Mark is with Fidelity Investments.

1984

Judy Campbell is admissions advisor at Colorado Technical University and has been accepted to the Univ. of Colorado at Denver PhD program in Education.

1985

David Kimmel has joined the faculty at Heidelberg College as assistant professor of English.

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The London Experience!

Dec. 8 – Dec. 22

Merry olde London town decked out for the holidays is a sight to behold! This is a 14 day/13 night trip to England at the height of the holiday season. Price includes airfare and hotel (B&B Stratford) accommodations. Also included are a theatre production and a tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford, and a production and tour of the National Theatre in London, plus two other London productions. There are also visits to Shakespeare properties, Coventry Cathedral, Warwick Castle, Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford, Canterbury, and Dover. The cost also includes a half-day tour of London, a trip to Parliament, and an eight-day London transportation pass.

Cost is $1978 per person based on double occupancy. A program especially designed for nurses is also available.

For a brochure or further information, contact Joanne Van Sant, Office of Institutional Advancement, 614-823-1305.

Rescue Mission: Yearbooks!

Are you cleaning out your closets and finding you could use some extra space? The Alumni Office has a shortage of yearbooks for certain vintages. Frequently we get a request from someone who didn't get or lost a yearbook. If you have extra yearbooks you'd like to donate to the College, we guarantee we will find a good home for them where they will get lots of TLC. Call the Alumni Office at 614-823-1400. Thank you!

PROFILE

This '93 Grad Gets a Kick Out of His Work

by Ed Syguda

A survey by the Media Business Group found that more than 95 percent of men in England ages 20-34 said they would rather watch the World Cup on television than spend a night of passion with their fantasy women. (Columbus Dispatch, *May 8, 1998)*

"Not so here in America," admits Otterbein alum **Jeff Wuerth '93**, who dreams of the day when the U.S. may embrace soccer with the fervor of the English.

Wuerth lives as a disciple of the sport of soccer, educating members of the U.S. media to the nuances of the game, like indirect free kick, yellow card and the seldom-understood call of offside. And he is doing his preaching right smack in the epicenter of American football—Columbus, Ohio, which was founded, some think, the day the first football team appeared on the banks of the Olentangy River.

You could say Wuerth has a tough sell here in Buckeye country.

But that really doesn't matter for the high-energy 27-year-old, who is in his second year as director of public relations for the Columbus Crew, one of 12 teams which make up Major League Soccer (MLS). Major League Soccer is in its third season.

And the Crew, of all places, play their home games in Ohio Stadium.

"It's a very exciting time to be involved with the Crew," says Wuerth, who took up the sport of soccer at age five. "Major league soccer is going to be around for a long, long time."

The Crew, according to Wuerth, seems to be doing it the right way. Columbus sent an MLS-high four players to the U.S. national team and onto the World Cup this year. Sixteen of the 22-man national team came from the MLS.

"The Columbus Crew, from top to bottom, probably has the best organization in Major League Soccer," Wuerth adds. "Our slogan is 'America's Hardest Working Team'. I honestly believe that we work as hard as anybody else in the MLS, if not harder."

It's working. The Crew, over the first two seasons, ranked fifth in attendance behind Los Angeles, New York, New England and Washington, DC. Not shabby considering the fact that the Crew was facing the possibility of becoming homeless in 1999.

With their lease at Ohio Stadium expiring at the end of 1998, the Crew

was unable to generate enough public support, losing votes in May 1997 for a new stadium in downtown Columbus, and February 1998 for one in Dublin, a Columbus suburb.

The Crew emerged winners, however, deciding to bankroll the stadium project themselves. Construction for the 22,500-seat stadium, set to open spring 1999, has begun. Located on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center, home of the Ohio State Fair, Crew Stadium becomes the first-ever structure in the United States built exclusively for professional soccer.

Although the Crew plays in the shadow of Ohio State football, "the media in Columbus have been great," Wuerth says. "They have adopted the Crew." By the way, the Crew beat writer for the *Columbus Dispatch* is Otterbein's Craig Merz '82.

Wuerth credits the Crew players, too. "Our players are unlike any professional athlete," he says. "They are out there promoting the sport and this new league. They are very accessible to the media and the Columbus community. They make my job easy."

The Crew stories Wuerth helps generate run the gamut—from ABC-TV and *Sports Illustrated* coverage on national team captain Thomas Dooley to local NBC affiliate WCMH-TV's feature on Brian McBrides' big toe, the subject of a national Nike advertisement.

Wuerth, who is single, spent his first two years out of Otterbein as a graduate assistant in the sports information office at Western Michigan University. He returned to Columbus in 1995, joining Ohio State's sports information staff as a sport associate. All the while, Wuerth kept an eye out for a full-time position.

Then over the course of one week, he was offered three positions: sports information director at Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, public relations director for MLS member Colorado Rapids, and the Crew. He chose the Crew.

Although the desire to succeed in the sports world comes from within, Wuerth is quick to acknowledge Otterbein's role in his early success.

"I tried to get as much experience as possible in a short period of time," he says about his college days.

Wuerth worked for the *Tan & Cardinal*, the Sibyl, WOBN, WOCC, and the sports information office. During his junior and senior years, he served as recruiting coordinator for head men's soccer coach Gerry D'Arcy, and managed to recruit his own brother, Ron, who graduated in 1997. All the while, Wuerth was helping pay his way through school with part-time jobs.

There was fun, too. In addition to earning four varsity letters at midfield in soccer, Wuerth was a member of Zeta Phi. "Some of my best memories and a lot of great friendships came from Zeta Phi." ■

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Mark Seymour is the sales leader at Key Bank's Beechcroft office in Columbus.

1988

Jolene Harman has been named executive director of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA), which serves as legislative liaison for the state's community owned electric systems.

John Tiberi is a funeral director in his family's funeral home: Maeder Quint Tiberi in Columbus.

1989

Nancy Paul reports her company Nancy Paul & Associates Video and Multimedia won a Chris Award for a video produced for seedling publications, "The Partners Video." Also new is a website produced for Artina Promotional Products.

1990

Bradley Warner has been named chief financial officer and treasurer for Producers Livestock Association (PLA). He has been employed by PLA for 11 years.

Paul Erwin is the Internet services manager for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. He will manage the website and develop the Chamber's Internet strategies. (Editor's Note: We apologize for inadvertently publishing this item in the last issue under Class of 1980.)

1991

Jan Wilson, an MAE graduate, is director of the Magellan program held at the Downtown YMCA. Magellan serves pupils having trouble in school.

PROFILE

The Stars Get Their Dress from David Robinson '78

Imagine a job where you work with movie stars and spend your afternoons selecting clothing in New York's most exclusive shops. That's the job of Otterbein graduate **David Robinson, '78**, and he's the first to admit he loves his work.

After graduating from Otterbein, Robinson worked for American Repertory Theatre for one season and then moved to the Big Apple. Once in New York, he designed costumes for "off-off-Broadway, dance companies, regional theatre and opera, dinner theatre, summer stock in Maine and Colorado and the syndicated television show *Monsters*."

He got a taste of Broadway as assistant designer of the Broadway musical *Phantom of the Opera* , which won the Tony Award for Best Costume Design. "It was a tremendous amount of work creating costumes so elaborate. It was on *Phantom* that I realized I needed to expand my scope as a designer," explains Robinson.

His first work came as dyer-painter and costumer on *Mississippi Burning*. "I knew immediately that this was the place for me."

Robinson's enthusiasm and skills were noted by the film's costume designer Aude Bronson-Howard, one of the film industry's most highly regarded designers. "He would take one of the vintage fabrics I had collected and draft a pattern, supervise the stitchers, fit it on the actress, then dye and distress it. David's extraordinary skills set him apart," commented Bronson-Howard. Robinson adds, "I learned patterning, dyeing, and painting, as well as a good background in theatre history and criticism at Otterbein," says Robinson.

His initial experience led to being hired by Bronson-Howard as the assistant designer on *State of Grace*. The film starred Sean Penn and Gary Oldman, actors Robinson would work with again and again. He subsequently assisted other film designers, becoming one of New York's most sought-after assistants. He continued to work with Bronson-Howard, moving up to associate designer and finally co-designer.

In 1992, he designed his first solo film, *The Basketball Diaries*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and "Marky" Mark Wahlberg. This was followed by a series of memorable designs for the films *I Shot Andy Warhol*, *Heaven's Prisoners*, *Donnie Brasco* and the upcoming *Meet Joe Black*. He has collaborated with such actors as Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Kim Basinger, Alec Baldwin, Drew Barrymore, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Uma Thurman, Richard Gere, Ed Harris, Kiefer Sutherland, Woody Harrelson and Al Pacino.

Robinson has fond memories of collaborating with Pacino on *Donnie Brasco*. "Al tried on dozens of outfits, but when he came to a ratty plaid coat, we knew we had found Lefty. Al turned to us and said "this is the guy.'" *Donnie Brasco* was his fourth film with Pacino, including dressing him for his Academy Award-winning performance in *Scent of a Woman*.

Asked what were the ingredients for success in the film industry, he cited "stamina and a sense of humor...after all, it's not brain surgery. It's part psychology, part diplomacy and part fashion design." Handling artistic temperaments requires complete unflappability. "Some actors are intimately involved in the selection of their costumes, some have easily bruised egos, some trust you to decide, saying, 'Just put it in my camper and I'll wear it,'" says Robinson.

His current project is *Entropy* with Phil Joanou (director of *State of Grace*). The project is about a film director in the midst of making a period movie. "It's great fun to design a movie that is both contemporary high fashion and period film noir," says Robinson.

He has also spent time as a guest artist at Otterbein, most recently designing costumes for Otterbein Theatre's 1996 production of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

He spends his time off gardening and cooking for friends and his partner of seven years, economist Michael Carey.

As a much-in-demand costume designer, it appears Robinson has found a calling for which he is truly "suited."

Renee Stanley Wilson is the social services director for a local retirement community called the Community at Parkcove, Sandusky, Ohio. Her husband, Don, is head football coach at Margaretta High School (Sandusky) and they are expecting their first child in August.

Paula Wolfe Rudrick received her Master of Arts in Education degree in May 1998.

1993

John Kane received an MA in English from Duquesne Univ. He is an editor at McGraw-Hill in Worthington.

Jill Conarroe Kramer teaches 3rd and 4th grade language arts in Madison Local Schools. She and husband, **Christopher '94**, both enjoy playing with their son, Luke, 2.

Matt Hodges is a technical assistant for the Midland Center for the Arts in Midland, MI. He also enjoys woodwork and genealogy in his spare time.

Stephanie Souryasack has accepted the position of associate director of Graduate Programs at Otterbein College. Prior to returning to Otterbein, she was assistant director of Admission & Financial Aid at Capital University Law School. Stephanie will assist in marketing the MBA program.

1994

D. Christopher Kramer was awarded Manager of the Year for the Finish Line. The award was presented at the annual manager's meeting in Indianapolis. He now manages the Finish Line at the Dayton Mall.

LauraLee Brigode Jingo is marketing coordinator at The Mall at Tuttle Crossing in Dublin.

Larry Gifford has been promoted to executive news producer at WHIO in Dayton. In addition, he was selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America for 1998."

1995

Sarah Sphar is a corporate analyst with The Freedonia Group Inc. in Cleveland. Her work has been published in over a dozen Freedonia industry studies. ■

MILESTONES

Compiled by Shirley Seymour

MARRIAGES

1974

Greg Vawter to Anne Ross, March 1997.

1983

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

1987

Laura Rea to David Rau, Oct. 19, 1996.

1988

John Tiberi to Julia Randolph, Aug. 8, 1997.

1989

Jeanne Bonner to Stephen Beaver, May 23, 1998.

1990

Tim Bullis to Kelly Henson, April 4, 1998 in the Bahamas.

1992

Amy Luft to Christopher Thomas, May 24, 1997.

Michael Verne to Beth Austing, Nov. 15, 1997.

William Gornall to Stephanie Short, June 7, 1997

1994

Tamara Peters to Christophe Pidoux, May 30, 1997 in Switzerland.

Lori Southward to **Steven Gray '94**, May 3, 1997.

LauraLee Brigode to William Jingo, Oct. 11, 1997.

1995

Alison Yaeger to Mike Schray, Aug. 2, 1997.

Todd Zets to Diane Dragus, May 23, 1998.

1996

Stacie Kish to Troy Collins, May 23, 1998.

1997

Kathryn Altier to Michael Reagan, May 23, 1998.

Elizabeth Foor to Cory Lloyd, April 25, 1998.

BIRTHS

1975

Martha Edwards and husband Lawrence White, a boy, David Edwards, born May 6, 1995.

1982

Tim Potts and wife **Lisa Meacci '83**, a girl, Elena Elizabeth, born April 17, 1998. She joins older sisters: Emily, 8, and Anne Marie, 5.

1983

Craig Bullis and **Paula Raymond '83**, a boy, Derek Ryan, born May 4, 1996. He joins sister Courtney, 8 and brother Tyler, 6. Happy relatives: grandparents: **John and Carole Kreider Bullis '56**; uncle and aunt **Tim Bullis '90** and Kelly Bullis.

Joe Shoopman and wife Audrey, a boy, Gregory James, born April 7, 1998.

Julie Tallentire Radabaugh and husband Charles, a girl, Tanya, born Sept. 15, 1996.

David Graham and wife Kelly, a girl, Caroline Marie, born Jan. 19, 1998. She joins older sister Beth, 3.

Nancy Wacker Grace and husband Michael, a girl, Kelsey Caroline, born Dec. 22, 1997. She joins brother Kyle, 7.

1984

Susan Diol and Shawn Cassidy, a girl, Juliet Jones, born March 19, 1998.

1985

William Gruber and wife **Robyn Powell '88**, a boy, Jerrod Robert, born July 14, 1997. He joins brother Billy, 5 and sister Kellie, 3.

Jim Fippin and wife **Elaine Pool '85**, a girl, Emelie Charmaine, born May 18, 1998.

1986

Scott Alpeter and wife **Mary Bravard '87**, a girl, Eliza Ann, born March 18, 1998. She joins Aaron, 9, Erika, 7, Austin, 4 and Elaina, 2.

1987

Deborah Smith Warren and husband Todd, a girl, Genavieve Marie, born Dec. 28, 1997.

Lorelei Schluter and Benjamin Mendieta, a girl, Margarita, born Aug. 2, 1997.

1988

Michael Royer and wife Rebecca, a girl, Stephanie Michelle, born June 21, 1997. She joins brother Matthew, 4. Proud relatives include Stephanie's great-grandmother, **Ruth I. Shatzer Swartz '38**; grandmother, **Carolyn Swartz Royer '60**; and aunt, **Patricia Royer Nashar '85**.

Michael Highman and wife **Della Iezzi '89**, a girl, Katelin Marie, born May 15, 1997. She joins big sister Kari, 2-1/2.

Lavonne Murph King and husband Tony, a boy, Derius Cordell, born April 30, 1998.

1989

Melissa Helm Schooley and husband Paul, a boy, Joseph Alexander, born May 5, 1998.

Elizabeth Paulino Brendle and husband Michael, a boy, Michael Joseph, born Feb. 10, 1998.

1990

Rebecca Moellendick Hetterscheidt and husband Gerald, a boy, Alex, born Oct. 27, 1997.

Dan Wolford and wife **Kimberly Allen '89**, a girl, Caroline Rose, born Sept. 19, 1997. She joins sister Anna, 3.

Richard Niccum and wife **Beverly Rogers '90**, a boy, Andrew Gareth, born July 17, 1997.

1991

Brenda Frey Kraner and husband Todd, a girl, Courtney Ann, born April 24, 1997.

Tricia Davis, a girl, Della Judith, born July 7, 1995.

1992

Elizabeth Kidwell Lanning and husband **Scott '93**, a girl, Erin Elizabeth, born March 17, 1998.

Melissa Klink Hamilton and husband Dennis, a girl, Madeline Rose, born Feb. 20, 1998. Proud uncle is **Jeremy Hamilton '94**.

1993

Amanda Reynolds Rammelsberg and husband Steve, a girl, Samantha Rae, born March 24, 1998. She joins big sister Miranda, 2. Proud grandparents: **Coach Dick Reynolds '65 and Ellen Trout '68 Reynolds.** Uncle **Chad Reynolds '90** and Aunt **Cindy Harroun Reynolds '90.**

1994

Tamara Peters Pidoux and husband Christophe, a girl, Aurelie, born Aug. 28, 1997.

DEATHS

1919

Lenore Rayot Hare, 98, passed away May 16, 1998, just short of her 99th birthday. She received a BA in French and English and was a member of a Literary Society and Theta Nu sorority. She is survived by her stepdaughter Margery M. Davies, Pasadena, Calif.

1924

Mildred Clemans Claxton, 95, passed away April 4, 1998, in a Chicago nursing home. While at Otterbein she was a member of Epsilon Kappa Tau sorority, a Literary Society, and student government. Survivors include niece Virginia Thompson of Westerville.

1925

Mabel Walter Baer passed away Dec. 30, 1997. She lived a wonderful 100 years serving her Lord. She was a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Mountain Garden Club and Super Seniors. Otterbein activities included choir and a Literary Society. Preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Elmer, she is survived by her children: Stan Baer and Gladys (Teddy) Montgomery; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

1926

Dr. Carl Eschbach passed away May 20, 1998, in Berea, Ky. A retired minister, he served the Division of World Missions for the United Brethren Church, as pastor of Ft. McKinley UMC and Fairview UMC both in Dayton and as Superintendent of the Ohio Miami Conference (UMC). From 1929 to 1945, Carl served as a missionary in the Philippine Islands. From 1941-45 he was held as a civilian prisoner of war and was the civilian chairperson of the camp. Otterbein awarded him the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and the Distinguished Alumni Award. His activities while at Otterbein included choir, student government, *Sibyl* staff, Zeta Phi fraternity and a Literary Society. Preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Myers Eschbach and by daughter **Margaret Eschbach Freeman '50** and her husband **John '50**. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Ruth; two sons: **Bob '54** and wife Patricia; and **Jim '58** and wife **Marilla Clark '57**; grandchildren: **Gretchen Freeman Hargis '77** and husband **Jon '79**; **Karen Freeman Sewell '79** and husband **Mike '79**, and **David Freeman '83**; nephew, **Joe Eschbach '55**; and 12 great-grandchildren. Rev. Eschbach lived a life devoted to serving others.

1927

Elizabeth "Betty" White Oyler, 92, of Mountain Home, Ark., passed away June 19, 1998. While at Otterbein, she was a member of the drama honorary Theta Alpha Phi. She received her MA in social work from The Ohio State University. Preceded in death by husband, Dr. Merton Oyler, she is survived by son William (Irene); daughter Bonne (James) Griffiths; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1929

Katherine Myers Mumma passed away April 22, 1998 at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Center. Otterbein activities included Tau

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Dean Van's Night at the Oscars

The Academy Awards. Hollywood's night of nights, show of shows. You think it's only for the rich and famous, right? Well, Otterbein's own Joanne Van Sant was part of this year's glamorous event, thanks to her nephew, Gus Van Sant.

Dean Van (as Van Sant is known to the entire campus community as well as legions of alumni) is now a special consultant to Institutional Advancement following 40 years in the Office of Student Affairs where she served as dean of women, dean of students and vice president.

Gus was nominated as best director for *Good Will Hunting*, which was also nominated as best picture of the year.

In fact, *Good Will Hunting* was nominated in every major category for which it was eligible — Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actors.

The younger Van Sant has also directed *Drug Store Cowboy, My Own Private Idaho, Even Cowgirls Get the Blues, To Die For* and is now working on a re-make of the Alfred Hitchcock classic, *Psycho*.

Dean Van's Hollywood experience began with checking in at the Four Seasons Hotel, followed by a party hosted by Miramax, which produced *Good Will Hunting*, at the Beverly Wiltshire Hotel. She remembers emerging from her limousine and flashbulbs popping furiously. "They probably developed those pictures and wondered who in the heck that was," she laughs.

Then on the big night, the Van Sant family traveled to the Academy Awards in the producer's motor home, the only one in a long line of limos. The short trip to the theatre took an hour and a half because of traffic which consisted mainly of a long line of limos.

Dean Van claims she had the best seat in the 5,000 seat theatre. She was in the first row of the back section of seats. "We were in the front row of elevated seats and could see everything," she says.

What was most impressive? The swarms of paparazzi? The elegant evening gowns? The stars themselves?

"I was not particularly paying attention to the stars or the gowns," she says, "The highlight for me was the overall organization of the event. My

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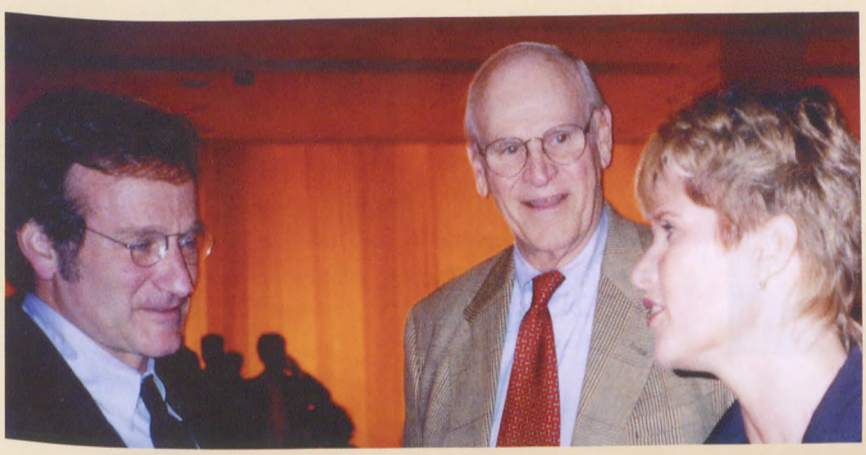
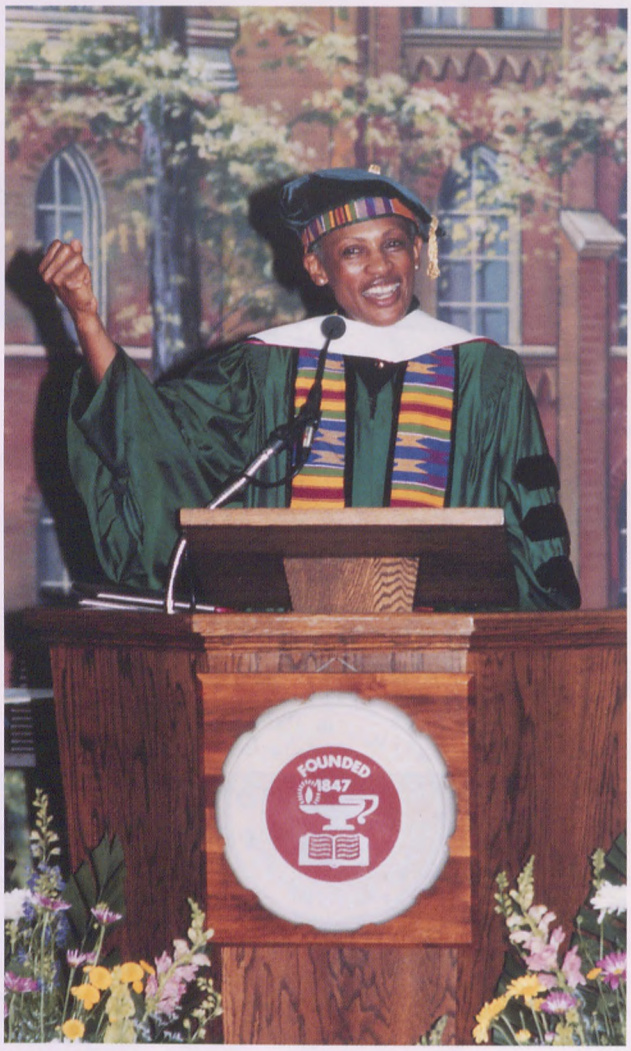
Above: *The Van Sants at the Mirimax party. Gus Sr., Gus Jr., Malinda, Betty, and Joanne.* ***Below left:*** *Gus Sr. and Malinda hobknob with Robin Williams* ***Below right:*** *Gus in his multi-colored, Oscar-night attire with friend, Paige Powell, in the lobby of the Four Seasons hotel.*



Commencement '98

Commencement Speaker Tells Grads to be Humble and Thankful



Dolores Cross addresses the Class of '98 (above) and receives her doctorate of humane letters below from President DeVore.

Otterbein awarded diplomas to 454 undergraduate and 41 graduate students at this year's commencement services. The College welcomed Dolores Cross, president of the General Electric charitable foundation known as the GE Fund, as this year's commencement speaker.

Cross urged the graduates to "listen to the lessons of your life, to do the distance and to relate to the reality of the human condition."

She also asked the graduates to remember those less fortunate. "Reach back, make a difference," she said. "I urge you to be humble and be thankful as you go the distance. Remember to move ahead yet to encourage others and give them a chance. Is a chance too much to ask; is a chance too much to give?"

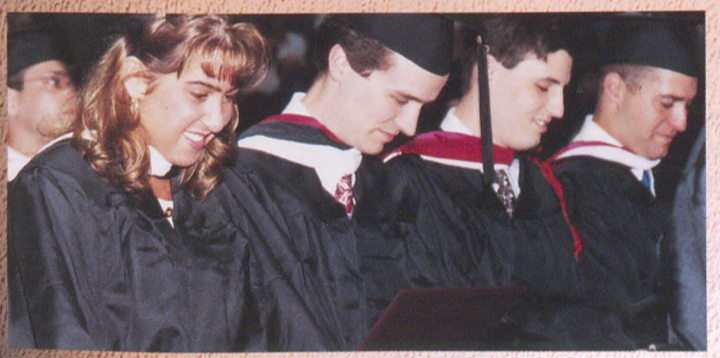
Cross, whose speech was titled "The Race Is Not Over," was honored with a doctorate of humane letters from Otterbein. Before joining the GE Fund, Cross served as president of Chicago State University for seven years. Under her leadership, the university rose to new heights of excellence, increasing access and educational opportunities for its student population. While at Chicago State University, Cross established the Gwendolyn Brooks Center of Arts and was instrumental in bringing many talented artists and musicians to CSU. Her positions on the boards of the American Council of Education, the College Board, Campus Compact and the Association of Black Women in Higher Education have facilitated her mission to be of service to minority students not only on her own campus, but at colleges and universities across the country.

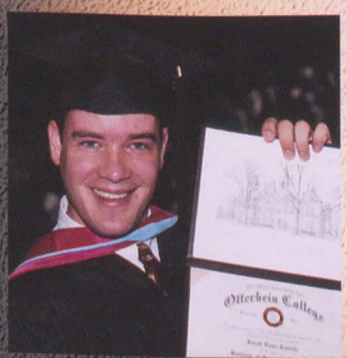
As president of the GE Fund (formerly known as the GE Foundation), Cross is using her diverse professional background in education and state government to lead the fund in new directions. In 1997, the Fund operated with a budget of $33 million. In all of her work, she has maintained her commitment to helping others overcome obstacles and have access to as many opportunities as possible.

Among the graduates was 70-year old Mary Carol Kerr Barr, a Westerville resident, who received a master's degree in nursing 50 years after completing her first degree in nursing.

Also graduating was Mark Hunter, a fifth generation member of a royal family from West Africa's Sierra Leone. Hunter's great, great, great, great, great uncle Joseph Hannibal Caulker, in 1896, was the second black student enrolled at Otterbein.

A few of the reasons why we're here....





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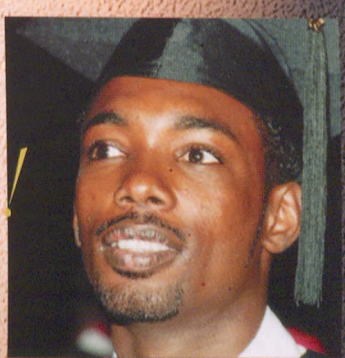

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Into Afri

'78 Alumna Seeks African Experience Like Grandparents Did Many Years Ago

by Patti Kennedy

A series of coincidences led Susan Henthorn '78 to Zimbabwe and Africa University for a nine-month sabbatical and a total immersion into a much different way of life. An assistant professor and reference/bibliographic instruction librarian at Berea College in Kentucky, Henthorn was eligible for her first sabbatical after working there for seven years.

Africa University student Wellington Gurupira poses with Susan Henthorn. Gurupira has been instrumental in developing a student drama club at A.U.

"When first planning my sabbatical, I thought of doing research on my maternal grandparents,who were missionaries in Angola, or participating in a library exchange program. I had heard of Africa University before and Berea encourages librarian exchanges. Well, this tied into both but it wasn't exactly an exchange since they wouldn't be sending a librarian to Berea," she explains.

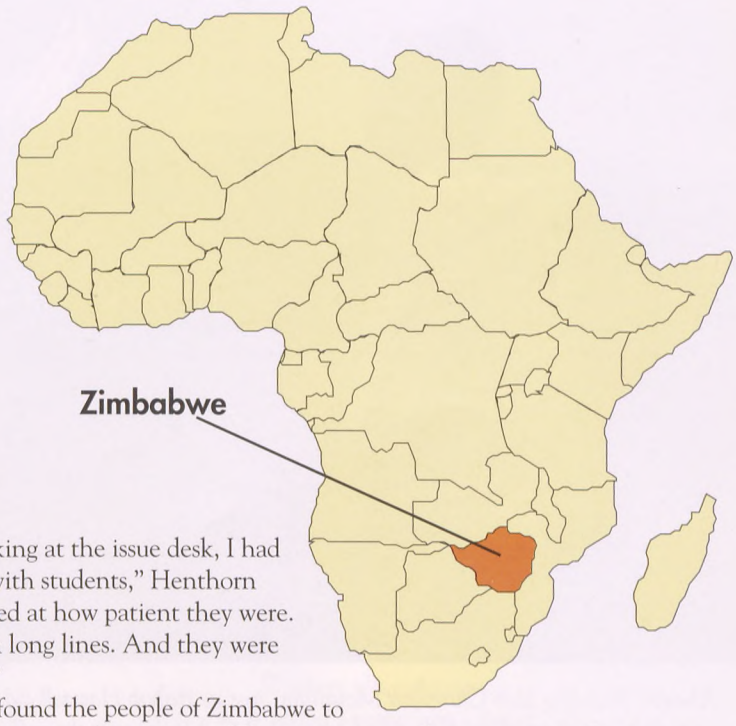
In a search on the Internet, Henthorn located A.U.'s homepage, posted by the General Board of Global Ministries. She then made contact with the Africa University librarian who readily admitted they could use the services of an extra librarian. Henthorn was told that if she could pay her own expenses, perhaps arrangements could be made for a temporary attachment (housing, temporary work permit and residency status).

At times she was discouraged by the difficulties of communication with Africa University in trying to make arrangements, but a colleague encouraged her. "He told me, 'If you want to do something and pursue it, you can do it,'" Henthorn says. "So I didn't give up."

As it happened, a music professor at Berea was taking a group of students to Zimbabwe at the end of June. Henthorn was able to travel with that group and the other parts of her plan then quickly fell into place.

Africa University, located in Mutare, was established in 1992 with faculties in theology and agriculture. "Faculties" translates roughly into majors or colleges in the American university system. The university recently added an education major and much of Henthorn's job was to get education texts cataloged and into the data system.

She also spent a great deal of time at the "issue" desk, which would be our circulation desk. When she arrived, librarians did all the work with no student employees or volunteers to help. By the time she left, they were starting to hire students to take care of the issue desk.



"While working at the issue desk, I had a lot of contact with students," Henthorn says. "I was amazed at how patient they were. There were often long lines. And they were always so polite."

Overall she found the people of Zimbabwe to be very friendly, warm and accepting. "They were generally very non-confrontational. You had the sense that sometimes they were overly accommodating when you were trying to get to their true feelings. They could be almost too agreeable when what you wanted was an honest opinion," Henthorn says.

Henthorn, who admits she is not a summer person, says the climate was a major factor in everyday life. "The sun is much more intense. I had to get used to walking more slowly and wearing a hat," she says. The temperatures generally ranged from the 70s to the 90s with some days exceeding the 100 degree mark. "There is no air conditioning anywhere on campus," Henthorn adds.

The University, which has been steadily adding buildings to the campus, plans to construct a library next. Because of preservation concerns, it will be air-conditioned. During her stay at Africa University, Henthorn saw the completion of the University's chapel. There are currently four classroom/administration buildings on the campus. Due to the continual growth of the campus, the library has moved three times as the university's needs and facilities have changed.

Henthorn says she also learned to live without a lot of things while in Zimbabwe. "I appreciate my washing machine more," she admits after eight months of washing everything by hand. "I had no refrigerator for four months. I also appreciate our ease of transportation. They had more buses but I admit I like being able to hop in my car whenever I want to go somewhere. And since I was traveling by bus and on foot for my weekly shopping, I bought only what I could carry."

Unlike most instructors or university employees, Henthorn lived on campus with the students. With dining hall fare that didn't offer much variety, Henthorn would cook breakfast and supper in her small apartment. Or more often, after getting her refrigerator, she fixed salads since there was no easy way to cool off her flat after using her two-burner hot plate.

Center: *A footpath cuts through an Acacia grove. Because most Africans still depend on travel by foot to reach other means of transport, footpaths are a hallmark of the African countryside.* ***Inset:*** *Conical tower of the Great Zimbabwe ruins near Mashwingo.*

Above: *Standing atop Chiremba Mountain, just as Bishop Hartzell did a hundred years ago, A.U. graduate Rev. Solomon Kupa (D.R.C.) looks over the valley where A.U. is located.* **Right:** *Henthorn and Petronella Chimonyo '88 meet in Harare.*

The main meeting hall at the old Mutare Mission. Located across the road from A.U., the mission is the site of the first United Methodist mission in Zimbabwe 100 years ago.

However, the differences and inconveniences were easily outweighed by the excitement of new opportunities.

"One of the things I was looking forward to was being there at the beginning of an institution," Henthorn says. "Africa University is still discovering itself and still developing an institutional culture. Yet there is a sense of A.U.'s place in a larger history. Both its affiliation with the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and the world, and its close proximity to two long-standing United Methodist institutions, the Mutare Mission and Hartzell School, give A.U. a foundation on which to build. One hundred years ago Bishop Joseph Hartzell, the first Methodist bishop in the area, climbed a local mountain and had a vision of students from all over the continent coming to be educated at the foot of the mountain. First through the original mission and related to primary and secondary school, and now through Africa University, Bishop Hartzell's original vision is being developed and brought to fruition."

Africa University is the first private institution of higher learning in Zimbabwe. There are nearly 20 different countries represented in the student body and faculty. "It is an interesting mix that is still sorting itself out," Henthorn notes.

The charter for Africa University was approved by the government in 1992 and classes began in March of that year. Since that time the class year has run from late January to early December but Henthorn says the University is now making the shift to the United States academic calendar year to facilitate interaction with other institutions.

Two reasons this university is so very important, Henthorn says, is that Africa needs its leaders and the institution is a way to break down barriers on the continents.

In the past, many young would go to foreign countries for their college education and then were tempted to stay. "There has been somewhat of a brain drain, " Henthorn says. "The hope is that if they can educate their young people at 'home' they will stay."

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Workers place the steeple on the recently completed Kwang-Lim Chapel. The chapel was funded entirely by a one million dollar donation from Kwang Lim Methodist Church in Seoul, Korea. **Inset:** *A student from the Democratic Republic of Congo and one of the library employees pause for a photo.*

Out of Africa

by Roger Routson

Ore "Emma" Broderick Awoonor-Renner '67 and her husband awoke one morning to gunfire. Soon they would be forced to flee their homeland of Sierra Leone.

The Quiet Peaceful Village, as Westerville and the home of Otterbein College is known by so many, seems worlds removed from the savage brutality of war-scarred areas around the globe. But don't tell that to Julian and Lauris Awoonor-Renner, both current students at Otterbein. Or to their mother, Ore Broderick Awoonor-Renner '67.

Ore Awoonor-Renner '67

Ore, who was better known as Emma Broderick to her Otterbein classmates, was forced along with her husband to flee their homeland of Sierra Leone in 1997 due to a bloody military coup that ousted a democratically elected government. In the early morning of May 25th, 1997, a Sunday, Ore and her husband, Dr. Walter Awoonor-Renner, awoke to the sounds of gunfire. In the next few days, the workings of a country had come to an abrupt halt.

"The citizens would not cooperate with the regime," said Dr. Awoonor-Renner. "Everything was shutting down; the banks, businesses, schools, everything. We held out hope that things would be resolved, but the situation continued to worsen."

Members of the coup, working under the name of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) and led by Major Johnny Paul Koroma, had broken into high security prisons, let the prisoners loose and armed them. There was much pillage, vandalism, and rape.

"I knew I had to get Ore out," her husband said.

To understand this situation and Sierra Leone today, one must understand some basics about its recent history. And that there are good coups and bad coups.

Multiple Coups Since 1961: What's it All Mean?

Sierra Leone, a British colony, received its independence from Great Britain in 1961. At independence, two main parties shared the votes in a multiparty political system. First in office was the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP)(1962-7) under Sir Milton Margai. The 1967 elections were won by the All People's Congress (APC) under Dr. Siaka Stevens. Almost immediately, Stevens was arrested in a coup, followed days later by another army coup which imposed military rule until the next year. Then, after a further coup, Stevens was reinstated as Prime Minister.

Confused yet? Which coup was good for the people and which was bad? Suffice it to say that the 70's and 80's were not a time of great prosperity for the people. By the late '70s, elections were only one-party. By the end of the '80s, economic conditions were continuing to deteriorate and there was a growing demand for constitutional reform.

According to Dr. Awoonor-Renner, the 1967 coup resulted in "years of an excessively corrupt government."

In 1992, the APC was overthrown by a coup led by Capt. Valentine E.M. Strasser and he assumed leadership under the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC). This coup was popular, favored by most of the people in Sierra Leone. As Lauris Awoonor-Renner states, "they did make some improvements."

However, Strasser was overthrown in early 1996. In February and March of that year, Sierra Leone was returned to civilian rule through democratically held elections monitored and observed by various groups and organizations from the international community. The SLPP emerged victorious under the leadership of President Ahmad Tejan Kabba.

Finally, Sierra Leone had a bonafide democracy and things were moving in the right direction. Until May 25, 1997. This latest coup was opposed by nearly every sector of Sierra Leonean society, including trade unions, religious groups, lawyer's groups, women's groups, teachers, students, and journalists. Large numbers of civil servants refused to work in protest against the coup, despite threats of dismissal by the AFRC. The coup was also condemned worldwide by international organizations.

As Ore said, "If you ask them what their cause is, they wouldn't be able to tell you. It was just absolute greed and quest for power."

A Battle at the Airport

"It was hard being here, and them over there," said Lauris, who will graduate this winter. "It was scary. Fortunately, communication lines never did go out completely. I called them every day before they left."

Americans, the French, and the British began to evacuate people by helicopter. Dr. Awoonor-Renner knew he had to act quickly. "I got Ore on a French frigate headed for Guinea, and from there she was able to go on to the U.S."

The doctor stayed on for a little while, still holding out hope things would be resolved; he almost waited too long.

"I barely made it," he said. "I was to get on a chartered plane organized by KLM, which was evacuating its own staff.

Dr. Awoonor-Renner arrived at the airport at 8 a.m., expecting to be in the air shortly headed for the Ivory Coast. Instead he found peacekeeping forces from Nigeria, Ghana and elsewhere around the airport fighting off attempts by members of the AFRC coup to take control of the airport. The airport was under bombardment for over an hour.

"We finally did take off in the evening," Dr. Awoonor-Renner related. "But the plane was underfueled. We had just enough to reach the Ivory Coast airport."

Ore and her husband were reunited in New Rochelle, NY, in a home of a relative.

In all, it's estimated over 100,000 people fled Sierra Leone in the days after the coup.

A Happy Ending?

The Awoonor-Renners were still in New Rochelle in June when they were interviewed for this story. However, they were making plans to return to their homeland. Earlier this year, peacekeeping forces ousted the AFRC from Freetown and returned the elected government of President Kabba to power.

Military members of the uprising still fight on in pockets, however, mostly in rural areas. And when they retreated, they went on a massive campaign of arson and crime.

It has taken a tremendous toll on a country that was just getting on its democratic feet after years of corrupt government. It is estimated that the population of Freetown (the capital and home of the Awoonor-Renners) has doubled from its previous 500,000 to nearly a million, the rise attributed to refugees living in camps around the city who were burned from their rural homes. And coup members enlisted the service of boys age 6 – 14, teaching them to kill. "There are somewhere between 3,000 and 6,000 young boys who will need to be rehabilitated," Ore said.

"Emma" from the 1967 Sibyl

She added, "There is so much work to be done." She and her husband have been busy organizing relief efforts through a local church in New Rochelle. Items most needed include blankets, towels, sheets, canned foods, toiletries, and educational materials.

The Awoonor-Renners were personally lucky; their home is intact and there was very little looting from their residence. "I think they took a TV," Lauris said. Dr. Awoonor-Renner added, "We had some vehicles which they riddled with bullets. Of course I've been 13 months not working."

What does the future hold for Sierra Leone? "Right now, I don't know," Ore said. "If we all have the attitude to put this behind us and work together, if we don't hold grievances...We need reconstruction and rehabilitation. We need education. We have young minds that need to be de-traumatized." Ore, who gave up teaching English in secondary schools when her second son was born, likely will be involved in teaching again.

If you would like to help, you can send items to Dr. Walter Awoonor-Renner, 102 Remington Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801. ■

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The university is also important for the way it overcomes the differences among the people of the continent. Lectures are in English and for some students that is their third or fourth language. In addition, they are required to learn Portuguese and French while at Africa University. Finding common languages is another way for students, from such diverse origins, to look beyond their differences.

While in Africa, Henthorn had no ready access to a car but did travel by auto with friends to some of the area's tourist destinations. She visited a game reserve named Gonarezhou, which means "place of elephants." Before beginning her sabbatical, she visited Victoria Falls with the students from Berea. She also traveled around the Eastern Highlands area near Mutare where the natural beauty of the land is relatively unspoiled by development.

Due to the political unrest, she did not get to visit Angola where her grandparents worked as missionaries but she learned that most of the physical structures her grandparents worked on were no longer standing because of the war. "But I've found that education and spirituality continue regardless of politics or time. I had a sense of continuation, that part of their interest lived on in the people," Henthorn states.

In fact, she had a chance to meet Bishop Ralph Dodge from Angola who was a prime mover in the push to start Africa University. At the age of 91, he is still intellectually active in the church. During her sabbatical, he came to Africa University as part of the celebration of 100 years of the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. He told Henthorn of his personal experiences with her grandparents. "It was nice to touch base with him," she says.

Henthorn returned to the United States in March. She has been busy giving a number of presentations about her time in Zimbabwe to a variety of community and church groups.

Now back at Berea, she no longer takes higher education for granted. "Some of the students at Africa University had to leave their families behind in uncertain circumstances. I know of students from the Democratic Republic of Congo that hadn't seen their families in three years. There were students from Sierra Leone who were not sure of their families' fates. Yet they had to put that aside to focus on their studies."

Henthorn says she also appreciates the access to information and wealth of resources we have in the United States. "For its size, the library at Africa University does well for what it has. But there is a much more limited publishing industry in Zimbabwe; consequently, they have to order most materials from outside the country. Also, in the process of procuring books, some orders may not arrive for a year and a half."

Henthorn returned to Berea in late March to complete her sabbatical research and writing project and resumed her fulltime duties July 1.

"It was good to get out of my routine," she says, "and rekindle that sense that there is a world of possibilities and the sense that each of us can make a real difference." ■

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impression was of how well organized it all was; the way everything flowed and how the camera men moved."

That outstanding organization began even when they arrived. After walking up the red carpet, there was an outer circle where the nominees entered and stopped for interviews and an inner circle for everyone else who just wanted to get to their seats. Gus was stopped and interviewed for his fashion sense. He ditched the traditional tuxedo in favor of a brightly colored, striped jacket that drew great attention next to the other men clad only in black.

While the glamour didn't interest Dean Van, she says she was glad to see Robin Williams win for best supporting actor in *Good Will Hunting*, especially after his three previous nominations. "People think he's difficult to work with because he's so hyper but I know he went out of his way to spend time with children on the set and he's very down-to-earth and kind. I was thrilled to see him win."

She says she also enjoyed the moment when Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, the young men who starred in and wrote *Good Will Hunting*, won for Best Original Screenplay. She says their energy and enthusiasm was contagious.

Dean Van admits it was nice to be there for her nephew's big night. However, she says in a way she's glad the award didn't go to Gus. "He doesn't care a bit about awards but he has worked so hard I hoped he would get nominated. But at the same time, I rather hoped he wouldn't win because that results in so much pressure to follow that success."

However, if his name makes the list of nominees again, Dean Van admits she might be willing to "go Hollywood" again. ■

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Delta sorority, a Literary Society, and student government. Predeceased by her husband **Robert '27**, she is survived by daughter **Ellen Mumma Kneisly '60**.

1930

Evelyn Edwards Bale passed away April 25, 1998, just a few days short of her 90th birthday. A resident of Westerville most of her 89 years, she had lived in Colorado Springs since 1994. She was an active member of the Church of the Messiah producing dramas and singing in the choir. While at Otterbein, she won the Barnes Short Story Prize and the Declamation Contest. She was a member of the Quiz and Quill Literary Club and the Kappa Phi Omega sorority. Her career included teaching high school English and 20 years of service at Otterbein College in several capacities including editor of this publication. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1973 by the Otterbein Alumni Assn. Other honors include Westerville O.W.C. Woman of the Year in 1974. She served the Otterbein Women's Club faithfully until moving in 1994. Preceded in death by husband **William '50**, she is survived by daughter and her husband **Emily Bale '58** and **Robert Warner '56**; and son and wife **Col. William F. '57** and **Patricia Weigand '58 Bale.**

1932

Martha Ellen Wingate Biggs, 88, of Dublin, died April 27, 1998 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She taught elementary school for over 20 years in Johnstown, Penn. where she was a member of the Homestead Avenue UM Church pastored by her husband, George. Otterbein activities include choir and a Literary Society. Predeceased by parents and sister **Beulah Wingate Fritz '29**, survived by husband **George '32**; sons: **George '67** of Grove City, OH and Joseph of San Francisco, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

1933

Edwin Burtner passed away Nov. 3, 1997. He was living at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Center. While at Otterbein, he was active in Quiz & Quill, a Literary Society, Band, "O" Club and track. Surviving are wife, **Bonita Engle '33**, son Robert, sister **Margaret Hibbard '35** and two grandchildren.

Beulah Feightner Shively passed away June 9, 1998, at home in El Cerrito, Calif., of congestive heart failure. During her 63 year marriage to husband **John R. Shively '33**, she made homes in Yamagata, Shizuoka and Tokyo, Japan; Honolulu, HI; Washington DC; La Mesa and Glendale, Calif.; Falls Church and Arlington, VA, and finally in El Cerrito for the last 47 years. While at Otterbein, she was a member of the choir, Sigma Zeta honorary, student government, a Literary Society and Epsilon Kappa Tau sorority. In addition to her husband John, she is survived by two sons: James and John; and two grandchildren.

1934

Robert Owen Barnes, 85, Williamsport, Ohio, died Nov. 13, 1997 at his residence. He was a teacher and missionary for two years in Puerto Rico where he organized and managed the Ryder Memorial Hospital farm. He returned to a farm in Pickaway County where he farmed for 35 years. Robert was an active member of the Williamsport UMC serving on numerous boards and committees. He liked to farm, sign, read, have a good laugh, follow sports and eat his wife's cooking. He was honored for his efforts in preserving and restoring a century old home on their farm by the South Central Ohio Preservation Society in 1976. Otterbein activities include choir, history club, and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. His grandmother **Mary Funk Gaut** was in the class of 1877. His mother **Adah Catherine Gaut** graduated in 1908. With his sister and brother, he established the Ira. S. and Adah Gaut Barnes Scholarship Fund. He is survived by his wife Margaret; seven children (all Otterbein grads): **Virginia Lehman '63, Thomas K. '64, Catherine Packer '65, Ruth Ellen Wilson '66, Sarah Barnes '69, Paul '72**, and **Robert '73**; nineteen grandchildren; sister **Mary Barnes '35 Smith**. Predeceased by a brother, **John '31**.

1935

Harold H. Platz, 84, passed away Feb. 23, 1998. He was a professor for many years at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton. While at Otterbein, he was a member of the baseball team, Quiz & Quill and the "O" Club. Preceded in death by his wife **Dorothy Fales '38**, he is survived by two daughters: **Josephine Platz Ostertag '68**; and Christine Mann; one brother; and five grandchildren.

1937

Rev. Robert C. Ryder, 84, died March 7, 1998, at home. He was executive secretary of the Attleboro Area Council of Churches for nearly 25 years and had also been administrator of the Woodlawn North Purchase Cemetery Assn. and Protestant chaplain at Sturdy Memorial Hospital. Rev. Ryder was the founder of Parson's Plunkers, a banjo band. Otterbein activities include Quiz & Quill, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and the varsity basketball team. He is survived by his wife Grace; sons, John and Richard; and five grandchildren.

Habet Khelghatian passed away April 4, 1998, after a brief illness. He was the husband of Mary Arndt Khelghatian.

1939

Rev. Robert N. Morrison, 83, died Sept. 27, 1997 at the VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla. He retired from the Chaplaincy of the US Army as a Colonel in 1971. He had been living in Florida for the last 17 years. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Survivors: wife of 60 years, **Gladys Frees '32** ; two sons; and three grandchildren.

1940

William M. Henry, 79, died Dec. 3, 1997, at his residence in Upper Arlington. He worked as a chemist with Republic Steel in Canton, Ohio; with Chrysler Corp. in Detroit, Mich. and was chief spectroscopist with the Chrysler Aircraft Engine Plant in Chicago. He also was an analytical chemist, division head and project manager for Battelle

Memorial Institute. Preceded in death by his wife, Betty, he is survived by his children: **Robin Henry '76**; Michael Henry, and Mark (Barbara) Henry; brothers **Donald (Pat) Henry '33**; Lawrence (Audrey) Henry; and Jack (Doris) Henry; and sister **Mary Henry '36**, of Westerville. While at Otterbein, he was a member of the "O" Club and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

1941

Rev. Paul W. Kirk, 81, of Greenville, SC, formerly of Canal Fulton, OH, passed away Nov. 22, 1997. He was a United Methodist minister in the East Ohio Conference for 41 years: 30 of those as pastor of Faith Church, Lorain, OH. The Canal Fulton Church honored him as Pastor Emeritus. Otterbein activities include band, choir, and Sigma Delta Phi. He is survived by wife Christine; daughter, **Cheryl Turner '72** and son-in-law, **Thomas Turner '71**.

Dr. Milford Ater, 82, a resident of the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Center, passed away unexpectedly April 20, 1998. He served as minister of Antioch Church Brookville, Ohio and was founding pastor of Normandy UM Church. He served as Director of Drug & Alcohol Rehab at Springfield Community Hospital and as trustee on several area boards and businesses. Musically, he sang with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, the Scottish Rite Choir and several Lebanon area choral groups. Otterbein activities include band, choir, tennis, Eta Phi Mu fraternity and Theta Alpha Phi (drama). He is survived by daughter **Rebecca Peters '73** of Bellbrook; grandsons, Andrew and Matthew.

1942

We have received word that **Howard Altman** passed away July 28, 1997. He was the President of H.W. Altman Co. and a member of Sigma Delta Phi fraternity. Survived by wife Carol.

1945

Betty Tucker Alsberg, 77, passed away Dec. 17, 1997 after a two year bout with brain cancer. While at Otterbein, she was a member of the Arbutus Sorority and the choir. A teacher for many years at Patrick Henry Jr. High School in Los Angeles, she also tutored student teachers at the Univ. of Southern California. Upon retirement, Betty volunteered with Hospice and became an avid golfer being honored by fellow golfers at Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, **Carl '41**; son, **Charles '69**; and a sister-in-law Margaret Scribner.

1946

Hazel Stouffer Secrist passed away peacefully April 3, 1998, a mere six months after her husband. She was a member of Kappa Phi Omega sorority. Survivors include a daughter Margaret Davin.

1947

Carolyn "Lyn" Shiffler passed away Dec. 15, 1997. She was the wife of John K. Shiffler, Baton Rouge.

1948

Jeanette Moore Himmelberger, 72, passed away April 3, 1998, at Grant Medical Center in Columbus. Retired from Columbus Public School System, she was a member of O.E.S., Columbus Landmark, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus Historical Society, Friends of the Library and St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Sigma Alpha Tau sorority. She was predeceased by parents and twin sister **Joan Moore Voris '48** and sister Clarine Hallock. Survivors include husband **Mark '49**; son Kevin and daughter Karen Mae.

1949

V. Dean Gross, 75, of Westerville, passed away April 12, 1998, at Northland Terrace Nursing Home after becoming ill in Florida. Retired after 25 years at Grange Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the Church of the Master UM, and a US Army veteran of WWII. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Eta Phi Mu fraternity and the choir. He was predeceased by his first wife **Jeanne Bilger Gross '47**. Survived by wife Diane; children, **D. Jill Gross Barrows '74**, Boca Raton, Fl. and Rich Gross, Pompano Beach, FL.

Myrtle Louise Isaacs Engle passed away Oct. 6, 1997, in Melbourne Beach, Fla. She is survived by her husband **Robert '48**.

Rev. James Riley passed away March 4, 1998. A resident at Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Center, he served Evangelical United Brethren Churches of the Ohio Miami Conference and UM Churches of the West Ohio Conference. At Otterbein, he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Preceded in death by a son **John '76**, he is survived by wife **Winifred Robbins '49**; daughter **Rev. Katherine Riley '74**; son **Timothy Riley '79**; and a grandson, Vincent Riley.

1950

Karl William "Bill" Shiffler, 72, died unexpectedly at his home in Naples, Fla. on April 5, 1998. He owned Shiffler Furniture Store and Shiffler Equipment Sales in Chardon, OH. In his retirement, Bill enjoyed year round golf both in Ohio and Naples. Coincidentally, while at Otterbein, he was a member of the golf team, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and the "O" Club. Survivors include wife **Gloria Stauffer '50**; children, **Susan Enlow '74** and husband Tom and grandchildren, Mark and Alexa of Minn.; **Sally Hughes '80** and husband John of Columbus; Judd Shiffler and grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew of Mentor; John Shiffler and wife Karen; four grandchildren; and brother **John K. Shiffler '47** of Baton Rouge, La.

Elmer (Bunk) Hollis, 70, passed away March 16, 1998, at the Monterey Care Center in Grove City, Ohio. While at Otterbein, he was a member of the "O" Club and Sigma Delta Phi fraternity. He was predeceased by his wife Mary. Survivors include four children.

1969

Jeanette Kribbs Corbett, 84, died March 16, 1998, at Whetstone Care Center in Columbus. A long time resident of Gahanna, she was active with Girl Scout Troop #981 that met in the Olde Gahanna Sanctuary. After the sudden death of

her husband and the high school graduation of her children, she returned to teaching — 5th grade at Lincoln Elementary in Gahanna. A memorial was held March 19, 1998 in the Olde Gahanna Sanctuary where friends and family shared remembrances. Preceded in death by husband C. Wilson Corbett; daughter Jean; and son Michael, she is survived by daughter Susanna of Columbus and son Daniel of Juno Beach, Fla.

1978

Timothy Paul Bach, 42, of Squirrel Hill, Allegheny County, Penn., died April 13, 1998. He received a BA in music education from Otterbein, a BA in church music from Westminster Choir College, an elementary certification from Duquesne University and an MFA in music education from Carnegie Mellon. Professional work included vocal music teacher for Pittsburgh Public School District, accompanist for the Center for the Musically Talented, teacher of piano, organist and choir director at Mifflin Ave. UMC, Wilkinsburg, Penn., and director of St. Margaret Hospital Recital Series. Additionally, he served as Executive Board Member of Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, board of directors of the Organ Artists Series and member of Music Educators National Conference. Otterbein activities include band and Sigma Delta Phi fraternity. He is survived by parents: **Rev. Francis T. '61** and Mary Bach; brothers: **David '70** (Narissa) Minnesota; Rev. **Ted '72** (Rev. Lorelai), Pennsylvania; and **Mark '74** (Laura) Columbus.

Friends

Paul E. Askins, 74, of Westerville, passed away Dec. 24, 1997. A supporter of Otterbein athletics, he was a member of the "O" Club. He is survived by his wife Nancy; son Terry; and daughters Cherry Buckley and Rebecca Potts.

We have received word that **Dorothy Novotny** passed away June 19, 1998, in Flagler Beach, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband George, Otterbein's head football coach, 1946-48.

John Searle, 94, passed away Nov. 10, 1997. During his career in ministry, he was elected to every General Conference from 1940-68. Otterbein awarded him the doctor of divinity degree.

We have received word that **Margaret Underhill** passed away in mid-February of this year. She was an aunt of **Marjorie Lambert Hopkins '58** and a cousin to the Rosselot family. ■

Special Music Friend Passes

Evan A. Whallon, music director of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra from 1956-1982, died June 14 at the age of 74 in Bethesda, Maryland. A friend of the College, Whallon was given an Honorary Doctorate in Music from Otterbein in 1969.

His wife, Jean Borgman, a pianist, was an adjunct music faculty member at Otterbein in the early 1970s. Many of Otterbein's music faculty members performed under Whallon's direction including **Lyle Barkhymer '64, Gary Tirey H'90**, and Jack Jenny.

His son **Paul '88**, played tuba in the marching band.

"It was a good healthy relationship," Tirey remembers Whallon's connection to Otterbein. "I remember once when we were in rehearsal at Fort Hayes Career Center, in the middle of the first half, Evan says, 'Gary, I need to see you.' I thought, 'Geez, how badly am I playing?' But it turned out he wanted to talk about his son coming to Otterbein. Evan was a very popular, easy-going guy. Musicians and audiences alike enjoyed him."

Whallon was invited to Columbus in 1956 to head an orchestra then comprised completely of part-time players and performing fewer than a half-dozen concerts a season.

When he left two-and-a-half decades later, the orchestra had 26 full-time players and a 10-concert symphonic and a three-concert chamber music series. Until 1981, when Opera/Columbus was founded, the CSO under Whallon also presented full stage opera productions three times a year.

Whallon's contribution to the cultural life of Columbus can hardly be overestimated. He established the Columbus Symphony not only as a music entity but as a valued community institution.

He and his wife helped lead the drive to save the Ohio Theatre, and Whallon made the hall the orchestra's home when its renovation was completed in the early 1970s.

Contributions in Evan Whallon's memory may be sent to the Whallon Conducting Fellowship, Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

75 Years of Jonda

Eta Phi Mu Fraternity will be celebrating its 75th anniversary during Otterbein Homecoming 1998. Festivities will include alumni participation in the annual parade, an alumni meeting at the fraternity house following the parade and a formal dinner Saturday evening at the Bent Tree Golf Club. Please contact Jed Hanawalt for more information at 614-431-0214.

Class of 1997 Update

Rachelle Adams is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Erin Alward is an assistant auditor at KPMG Peat Marwick in Columbus.

Angela Amos is seeking her juris doctorate at Capital Univ. Law School.

Carmel Avegnon is a receptionist at On Shore Consultancy Firm in Chicago.

Phillip Babuder is customer service manager for Rockwell Automation in Westerville.

Holly Baker is the assistant riding instructor at Otterbein College.

Maggie Wooding-Scott Baker is seeking her PhD in nursing science at the Univ. of Washington.

Sharon Verity Balthis is a registered nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware, Ohio.

Melinda Barkimer is a staff accountant for Thomas R. Daye & Assoc. CPA's in Worthington.

Jill Davis Barnette is assistant controller at the Columbus Equipment Co. She passed her CPA exam last November.

Elizabeth Filmer Battista is an account assistant II, at CompuServe Network Services in Hilliard. She is seeking an advanced degree in equine theriogerology at Ohio State University.

Angela Bauer is a teacher for the Columbus Public Schools.

Wade Beam is the company assistant at Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT.

Chad Beller is teaching in the Logan Elm School district, Circleville, Ohio.

Jennifer Koonce Beller is an industrial hygienist at Emilcott-dga, Inc. in Westerville.

Michele Benedum is a 4th grade teacher in the Columbus City Schools (Weinland Park Elementary.)

David Black is in sales at The Sharper Image in Columbus' City Center.

Maureen Bourke is a breeding farm manager at Acorn Hill Farms, Inc., a jumper/sport horse farm in Madison, Virginia.

Krista Boyle is a constituent caseworker for Congressman Rob Portman, in Cincinnati.

Michelle Prieto Brooker is a staff accountant for Rea & Associateds in Marietta, Ohio.

Rebecca Brooks is a registered nurse on the neuroscience unit at Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Catherine Brown is a registered nurse, care manager, at Children's Hospital in Columbus.

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Bradley Burns is manager of Burns Electric in Tiffin.

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Sandra Horsfall Clagg is a registered nurse in neurology/neurosurgery at Ohio Health/Riverside Methodist Hospital.

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Erin Sharp Cooper is a banking financial analyst at Fifth Third Bank, E. Broad St., Columbus.

Jolene Hyman Craig is news director at WIBZ/WSXY/WKHT in Sumter, So. Carolina. She is seeking her MAT at the Univ. of South Carolina.

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Alicia Davis is an athletic trainer at Sports Medicine-Grant in Columbus.

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Karen Storm DeJong is coordinating retreat work for churches.

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Dana Gilmore is a music teacher with the Erie School District in Erie, PA.

Krista Schoenleb Gluck is a registered nurse at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus.

Eric Gowans is a business analyst at Banc One Services Corp., Columbus. Eric credits the continuing education program and the support of family and friends as keys to meeting his goal of obtaining his bachlor's degree. "Thank you Family, Friends and Otterbein College!"

Jennifer Dray is publications editor for the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association, in Westerville.

Darcie Gribler is catering/sales manager at Holiday Inn Columbus East.

Tara Chinn Grove is seeking a graduate degree in biochemistry at The Ohio State University.

Denise Gruber is production editor at American Chemical Society in Columbus.

Sue Pierce Hackett is director of med management at Mt. Carmel Health System in Westerville.

Angela Hahnert is a registered nurse at Ohio Health-Riverside Methodist Hospital on the general surgery and urology floor. She's enjoying spending free time with her future husband, Mike Welch and nephew, Taylor Hahnert.

Kellie Hanna is news anchor for Ohio News Network on 70 radio stations across Ohio and also does the morning traffic reporting on WLYR 107.9 and WCBE 90.5.

Heather Harding is a registered nurse at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus.

Elizabeth Vasey Harris is a financial analyst at Defense Finance & Accounting Service in Columbus. She is also seeking a juris doctorate at Capital Univ. Law School.

Heather Harris is office manager at State Farm Insurance in Westerville.

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Peggy Barnes Keefer is an assistant auditor for the State of Ohio.

Kathleen Miner Kisner is associate pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering. She received her MDiv from Perkins School of Theology in May 1997.

Veronica Knox is a registered nurse in Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. She is on the open heart/cardiac thoracic/peripheral vascular unit.

Heather Kohn is a teacher at Indian Springs Elementary in the Columbus City Schools.

Bao Lam is a PE teacher, grades 6-8 and head soccer coach at Champion Middle School in Columbus.

Debbie Drown Legg has two daughters: Courtney Alexandra, 2, and Savannah Hope, 1.

Jason Link is general manager of Bird Enterprises in Delaware, Ohio.

Greg Long is assurance and advisory business service consultant, at Ernst & Young LLP in Columbus.

Tracy Lukeso is a 2nd grade teacher at Whittier Elementary with Westerville City Schools.

Kari Lynch is in administrative finance for the "Taft for Governor" political campaign.

Edward Mack is associate programmer at CompuServe, Inc. in Columbus.

Stephanie Mack is seeking a juris doctorate at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

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Lorrie Mauger is controller at Information Control Corp. in Columbus. She has also opened a new business - ALL-SPICE - at North Market. Line includes over 100 whole and ground culinary herbs and spices, unique spice blends. Retail and wholesale pricing.

Michele Mayfield is a supervisor at Columbia Gas.

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Erin Stewart Miller is a program assistant at Ohio Environmental Council in Columbus.

Jane Mitchell Miller is a school/private duty nurse at Children's Hospital Home Care Services and Children's Express School in Columbus.

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Jason Moore is a staff accountant for Ohio Steel Industries in Columbus.

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Katherine Kieft Osier was married July 12, 1997 to Eric Osier and is enjoying substitute teaching in four school districts.

Sarah Owings is seeking a graduate degree at the University of Central Florida.

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Juliana Taylor is a dance instructor at Dublin Dance Centre in Columbus.

Anne Thompson is a senior circulation rep at Vox Corp Publishing, a Christian music magazine publisher, in Nashville.

Christopher Titler is a business analyst at Banc One in Westerville.

Jennifer Todd is a credit/collections analyst at Nationwide Insurance.

Shonnie Tripp is a supervisory administrative assistant at U.S. Geological Survey, WRD, in Columbus.

Jesse Truett is a math teacher at Westerville North High School.

Angi Seligman Vogel is a teacher with the Columbus Public Schools.

Jennifer Wagner is a nurse at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

Gail Walker-Noel is the lead instructor for Cambridge Technology Partners in Columbus.

Mary Ann Wauford is a analytical chemist at Roxane Labs in Columbus. She lives in Upper Arlington with her 1-1/2 year old daughter, Kinsey.

Susan Weaver is selling supervisor at Lazarus.

Jason Weber is a receptionist/day manager at All Seasons Carriage Service in Columbus.

Carol Phillips Whitt is serving an internship in the Center for Service-Learning at Denison University.

Lori Wilber is quality systems manager at Worthington Steel, in Delta, Ohio.

Sherri Williams is a staff nurse at the Ohio State University Medical Center.

Tamara Winzeler is an accountant at Ernst & Young, LLP, in Toledo.

Julie Wollam is a research analyst at *The Columbus Dispatch.*

Seth Woodward is ticketmaster for a small package carrier-sorter and sales company, Airnet System in Columbus.

Jennifer Eastes Workman is a staff nurse at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Michael Workman is manager at the Westerville Cleveland Ave. McDonalds.

Tracy Worrell is continuity director at WSTR-TV in Cincinnati.

Gina Gayhart Yeaman is marketing assistant at Air Waves in Lewis Center, Ohio.

1997 Marriages

Heather Freeman to **Kevin Olsen '96**.

Peggy Barnes to Michael Keefer, June 14, 1997.

Frankie Pallone to Richard Folk, Sept. 13, 1997.

Michael Workman to **Jennifer Eastes '97**, Aug. 23, 1997.

Christopher Titler to Amy Israel, Oct. 18, 1997.

Amy Stevens to William Smith, Oct. 11, 1997.

Christopher Nichols to **Sara Jobe '97**, Sept. 27, 1997.

Elisabeth Getter to Jeffery Middleton, Sept. 6, 1997.

Jolene Hyman to Joseph Craig, April 19, 1997.

Chad Beller to **Jennifer Koonce '97**, October, 1997.

1997 Births

Angi Seligman Vogel and husband Ron, a boy, Nicholas Eric, born Feb. 7, 1997. ■

Jennifer Beharry to Lead Annual Fund

Otterbein College recently named a new director of Annual Giving to help increase the level of annual support from Otterbein's alumni, parents and friends.

Jennifer Beharry, a native of Niles, Ohio, will be responsible for the all-important donor program which provides unrestricted gifts to the College for a variety of academic purposes, including student scholarships. "The Annual Fund serves as the foundation for alumni philanthropy at Otterbein," says Rick Dorman, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "It is vital to the future financial health of Otterbein that this important program of alumni support to the College continues to grow in the years ahead. In Jennifer we have found a highly motivated and dedicated professional who will be in a unique position to build this resource over time."

Ms. Beharry graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio where she majored in Theatre and minored in Psychology. Prior to her appointment at Otterbein, she served as an admissions field representative for Pennsylvania Culinary in Pittsburgh. While a student at Denison, she worked as an assistant in the Office of the President and honed her impressive interpersonal skills while working at Disney World in Orlando where she was enrolled in their college program, ultimately receiving her "Ducktorate" Degree in Management Through Communication.

Key goals for Ms. Beharry in the coming months will be to launch a new volunteer council of alumni to assist in building the Annual Fund and further developing Otterbein's Class Agent program. "Our efforts will be focused on supplementing our traditional annual phone and direct mail contacts with more personal involvement with volunteers," according to Dorman. "Jennifer's skills and strong desire to succeed will be a great asset as we seek to involve more people in the life of this fine institution."

Towers Hall Update

The fences around the building are up and workers with brightly colored hard-hats dot the surrounding construction site. The Towers Hall renovation has begun!

Since June 15, workers from Turner Construction have been ripping out old carpet, damaged floors, stained ceiling tiles, and outdated wiring to prepare for the major transformation of Towers Hall as it is prepared for the next century of service to Otterbein students, faculty and staff. In a recent tour of the interior demolition work during Alumni Weekend, President Brent DeVore noted, "This is an immensely important project to Otterbein and a sorely needed one. One has to actually witness the poor condition of Towers' interior revealed in this demolition phase to truly appreciate how necessary this project was to the College." The $4.7 million project is expected to take about nine months.

The entire Towers Hall Renovation Project is being made possible through the generosity of Otterbein's alumni and friends. To date, all but $135,000 of the total needed has been committed in gifts and pledges.

"We will continue to seek gifts for the project right up to our December 1 deadline," says Jack Pietila, executive director of Development and Alumni Relations. "There are several naming opportunities still available. Someone out there can be a real hero and put us over the top!"

UMC Pastors Pay Forward!

by Jack Pietila

OSU icon Woody Hayes always said, "Ya gotta pay forward." Guess he figured payback was passé. I agree. Other quotes like, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver" and "Otterbein has done so much for us, now it's our turn to give" come from two less heralded but no less sincere retired pastors: Chester Turner '43 and Harvey Smith '55 and their spouses Margaret Biehn Turner '43 and Carolyn Cribbs Smith '57.
In the past year, both the Smith's and the Turner's have established significant Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) with the College.

Harvey and Carolyn invested wisely in stock which appreciated greatly. Their CGA gift not only benefits the Otterbein students of tomorrow but provides a lifetime income stream for the Smiths. Each year until the last to die, Harvey and Carolyn will receive a substantial income, a portion of which is tax-free. In addition, they received an immediate tax deduction for 1997. The Smiths are in their early 60's. Reverend Smith retired in 1997 from the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Dayton where he and Carolyn served their last six years of nearly four decades of pastoral service. Harvey and Carolyn reside in Centerville, Ohio.

Chet and Margaret Turner initially served a pastorate in Michigan for eight years. In 1958, however, Chet began an extension ministry that would lead them to fund raising in the Michigan Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and ultimately to an appointment at Otterbein College. At Otterbein, Chet served as a development officer and as director of alumni and church relations at various times from 1966 until his retirement in 1983. He was honored with the College's "Distinguished Service Award" in 1992. Recently, the Turners (ages 83 and 77) decided to use retirement funds to provide an annuity gift of $75,000 cash to the College. This gift will pay the Turners an annual income for their combined lifetimes. Again, a significant portion of the annual income is tax free and they will receive an immediate tax deduction for 1998. Chet and Margaret reside in Westerville.

Ultimately, both couples will receive payments quarterly for two lives. At their passing, the College can use the funds for its general purposes or as directed by the donor— i.e. an endowed program, a scholarship fund, faculty enrichment, a departmental award, etc. Students for generations to come will benefit from the generosity of the Smiths and the Turners and others like them. They have truly "paid forward." Woody would be proud.

We invite you to consider "paying forward" and to experience the joy of giving to Otterbein as well as receiving income for life through a Charitable Gift Annuity. For examples of CGA rates for different ages, see the "Example Annuity Rates" box on this page. In addition, should you have any

questions regarding other life income gifts or general estate planning, please contact Jack Pietila, executive director of Development, in care of the College or call (614) 823-1400.

Example Annuity Rates

One Life		Two Lives	
Age	Rate	Age	Rate
50	6.3	60 - 60	6.4
60	6.7	70 - 70	6.8
70	7.5	80 - 80	8.0
80	9.2	90 - 90	10.2
90	12.0		

Otterbein Receives Grant for BRIDGE Project

Otterbein College, in conjunction with three other institutions and six school districts, recently received $135,500 from the Ohio Department of Education for a project called BRIDGE (Bridging the Transition from Teacher Training to Professional Entry Year Success).

The BRIDGE project involves a network of institutions including Capital University, Ohio Dominican College, The Ohio State University-Newark Campus, the Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center and Otterbein. Goals for the 18-month BRIDGE project include ensuring the success of entry year teachers as judged on 19 critical teaching skills. The network of colleges and school districts will create a model support system for each entry year teacher.

New Endowed Scholarships and Endowed Awards

Dr. Marion F. Dick '43 Memorial Endowed Award
Marion's wife, Dr. Beverly Loesch Blakely '43 established this award. Marion and Beverly met at Otterbein and were married. This award in his memory is for Life and Earth Science majors and was awarded for the first time at the 1998 Honors Convocation.

James R. Larson Memorial Endowed Award This award was established by James' wife, Jane, and many of his students, friends, and colleagues in his memory. The award is for continuing studies students, students studying multiculturalism, or a student of color.

The Shackson Memorial Music Education Endowed Award
This award was established to honor the memory of professor L. Lee and Elizabeth Shackson by their family and friends. Professor Shackson was awarded honoray alumnus status in 1955. He taught in the Music Department from 1936 to 1964 and was Chair of the department for many years.

The Pi Kappa Phi "Three Learned Professions" Alumni Endowed Award
This award was established anonymously in 1997 for chapter actives entering the professions of law, religion or medicine. Members of Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Association who are proficient in those fields make up the selection committee.

ALUMNI NOTES

Compiled by Patti Kennedy

Alumni Weekend Full of Activities

More than 400 alumni returned to campus for this year's Alumni Weekend June 19-21. The Class of 1948 celebrated its Golden Reunion and others gathering for reunions included the classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1978. As always, honored alumni from the classes prior to 1948 were invited and were a special part of the weekend.

In addition, members from the classes just before and just after the reunion classes received invitations to Alumni Weekend. This gave reunion classes and other alumni a chance to meet up with friends who graduated a year before or a year after them, as well as classmates.

Friday's festivities were highlighted by after-dinner music from the Buckeye Ballroom Big Band and more than a dozen alumni proved they could still cut the rug as they took advantage of this opportunity to dance. Friday also featured a dessert reception to recognize former National Alumni Award Winners as well as this year's recipients. More than 30 award winners were in attendance.

On Saturday, many reunion class members gathered for their class pictures as well as a chance to talk and catch up before the Alumni Luncheon. They also had the opportunity to learn about "Entertainment Made Easy," a seminar sponsored by the Wood Company and taught by its General Manager, Chris Vehr.

The luncheon was highlighted by the presentation of the National Alumni Awards. For details on the awards and winners see page 40.

The afternoon was filled with fun activities including a silent auction at the library of autographed items from a variety of authors, sports figures, politicians and media personalities. Through the auction, the Friends of the Library raised more than $2,000 to assist the library. Alumni also had opportunities to see the QPV (quiet peaceful village) on a guided trolley tour of campus and the greater Westerville area. Westerville Library's Local History Coordinator Beth Weinhardt served as the guide on these tours.

Those interested in an update on the Towers Hall renovation had a chance to meet with President DeVore and Director of Physical Plant Kevin Miner to discuss what lies ahead for Towers in the coming year and how the finished building will look next spring.

Saturday evening, reunion classes gathered at Little Turtle Country Club for a wonderful meal served in elegant surroundings. The best part of the evening, however, was the good company.

This year many alumni took advantage of the bed and breakfasts located next to campus including Cornelia's Corner, The College Inn and Priscilla's Bed and Breakfast. Being able to walk to campus, they almost felt like students again.

Cardinal Migration Lands in Historic Charleston, SC

The Cardinals flew south for this year's migration when 56 alumni, parents and friends landed in Charleston, S.C., for the Cardinal Migration held March 26-29. The group got a real feel for the area with guided tours of historic Charleston, three plantations, Fort Sumter and Francis Beidler Forest. They also got a real taste for the area when they enjoyed exquisite meals prepared in true southern fashion.

Special thanks go to Erin Mellon, the owner of Charleston Convention Group Service, Inc., who made the arrangements for the migration and helped ensure a wonderful weekend for everyone. Plans are already being discussed for next year's Cardinal Migration.

Meads Host Tony Packo's Bash

Toledo was the place to be on April 17 when David '76 and Robin Sando '77 Mead hosted a wonderful evening for area alumni at the famed Tony Packo's Cafe. Thirty-two individuals joined the Meads at Tony Packo's for a fun-filled social and dinner. The group was given their own room where they could view memorabilia autographed by former presidents, sports figures and other celebrities that is not generally on display to the public. Best of all it was a chance for alumni to gather and renew their ties with Otterbein. *(See photos back cover.)*

The Miracle of Memory

With more than 100 people attending, Psychology Professor Robert Kraft's presentation on "The Miracle of Memory" on April 21 proved to be one of the most popular lifelong learning events ever held.

To a large extent, we are what we remember. The specifics may be

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1998 Alumni Award Winners

Honorary Alumni Award
Thelma Frank

Thelma Frank tried many times to go to college. Her plans to attend Otterbein were waylaid by injuries to first her parents, then to herself. Later, she planned to attend Ashland College but the financial responsibilities of having children of her own again made college out of reach. However, she became very active in the Ashland community doing volunteer work with the Girl Scouts, the Red Cross, local hospitals and nursing homes. She is very proud that her granddaughter Laura Demyan Clouse '93 and Laura's husband Dwayne '95 were able to graduate from Otterbein. She and her husband, Bob, who passed away in 1997, have established an endowed scholarship at Otterbein.

Honorary Alumni Award
Ida Freeman

Ida's husband, Harold, was president of the Otterbein Alumni Association and at that time she was very involved with him in promoting the many activities of the College. She has been a longtime supporter of the Otterbein Theatre and is aTheatre Guild foundation member. She has also made many contributions to the Department of Music; she was one of three major contributors for the Marvin Hamlisch commissioned piece (*Always Something Sings*) for the Sesquicentennial, and has donated several new instruments to the band program. She is also a founding member of the Otterbein "O" Club. Even at her "young" age of 94, Ida still attends many College events.

Special Achievement Award
Robert E. Dunham '53

Bob Dunham was so impressed with the education he received at Otterbein that he chose to make higher education his lifetime career. In 39 years of service to Penn State University he taught and held various positions such as department head, dean, vice provost, vice president and senior vice president. Penn State President Graham Spanier recently commented, "Bob has played a central role in virtually all of the important changes that have brought about the evolution of Penn State into a university of national prominence. His work in redesigning the Commonwealth Education System will have an enormous impact on students for generations to come. He has made higher education better in this state."

Special Achievement Award
Shirley Omietanski '56

Shirley has served for many years as a Miami Township Trustee in her home county of Montgomery, south of Dayton. She has been active with the Solid Waste Advisory Council, Solid Waste Management Policy Committee, County Corp. Board, Affordable Housing Fund, Homeless Shelter Policy Board, District 4 Public Works Integrating Committee and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Board. She is on the Board or Chair of many of these. She is also involved in the United Way Public Policy, HelpLine, League of Women Voters (25 years), WPAFB Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (past president), Sycamore Medical Center Citizens Advisory Council and last but not least, The Otterbein Women's Club (39 years).

Distinguished Service Award – Vic & Eileen Ritter '48

The Ritters have made annual class contributions to Otterbein for the past 40 years, as well as several special contributions to the renovation of King Hall, the Ballenger Memorial Stadium and now Towers Hall. They have also contributed to several "O" Club projects. Vic has served on three Otterbein fundraising campaigns, most recently as co-chair for the Campaign for Otterbein. For nearly 15 years, Vic has served on the Otterbein Alumni Council, and Eileen, being an adopted "Otter," has served as his worthy assistant. The Ritters have also established a scholarship fund.

Distinguished Alumnus Award - John T. Huston '57

After serving for two years in the U.S. Army as Chief of Medicine at Dunham Army Hospital in Carlisle Barracks, PA, Ted was appointed an NIH Trainee in Cardiovascular Disease at the Cleveland Clinic. In 1972 he was recruited to come to Riverside Methodist Hospitals to develop a heart service and cardiac catheterization lab which has become a nationally recognized heart facility. He continues to serve as medical director of Heart Services. He currently is serving his second three-year term on the Otterbein College Board of Trustees. He is past president of the Central Ohio Heart Chapter of the American Heart Association and a past president and charter member of the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions.

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beyond recall, but the result is there in person. In his seminar, Kraft discussed how to increase memory capacity, why motor skills endure so well over time while other skills fade and why people retain so few memories from early childhood. He also addressed the basic structures of memory, techniques that enhance remembering, the importance of memory and contemporary topics such as post-traumatic stress disorder, repression and recovered memories.

The Miracle of Memory: *Former President Thomas Kerr, Psychology Professor Robert Kraft, Carolyn Royer '60, Mathematics/ Computer Science Professor Dave Deever '61.*

Golden Cane Recipient Walks Every Morning

The Golden Cane was presented to Otterbein's "Elder Otter" Lenore Rayot Hare '19 on April 22. Hare, a spry centurion, lives in an independent living facility in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband. They both enjoy good health and can be seen out walking every morning.

Indy Get-Together Included Shopping, Baseball

Alumni and friends of the College in Indianapolis, Ind., enjoyed a chance to catch up with old acquaintances and meet new Otterbein friends on April 25. The day's events included lunch downtown and shopping at the Circle Center Mall, dinner at the Boston Beanery and a baseball game at Victory Field where the Indianapolis Indians took on the Charlotte Knights. Many thanks go to Dick Fetter '73 for his help in organizing and coordinating the Indianapolis gathering.

Go Indy Indians! *Beatrice Ulrich Holm '52, Keith Holm, Rebecca Holm, Mark Holm '83, and Dick Fetter '73.*

SAC Holds Graduation Party

The Student Alumni Council held a graduation party on June 10 for the group's four seniors. The event was also an opportunity to welcome next year's officers to their new positions. Outgoing president Jenny Sullivan was recognized for her leadership in moving SAC's efforts in new and exciting directions and all the seniors were recognized for their support and involvement in SAC.

Student Alumni Council Graduation Bash: *Jenny Sullivan, Amy Pinnegar, Dana Minear, Amy Rohr, Jessica Coriale, Kellie Kitchen, Greg Johnson.*

2nd Annual June Bug Jamboree at LeMays

Alumni and friends in the Dayton-Miami Valley area got together on Saturday, June 27 for the second annual June Bug Jamboree. This year Bill '48 and Helen '47 LeMay graciously opened their home to host the event and a more picturesque setting could not be found.

The day was filled with activities for everyone. More than a dozen people enjoyed a round of golf at the Holly Hills Golf Club and more than two dozen went to Waynesville for a guided tour of the historic city and a chance to scour the shops for unusual antique items and great bargains.

The beautiful spring day ended with a pig roast and special music led by Jim Shand '51 which of course ended with a heartfelt rendition of the Otterbein Love Song. In all, more than 90 people gathered to enjoy the good food and good company and plans are already underway for next year's June Bug Jamboree. (See additional photo on back.)

June Bug Jamboree: *Ed Mentzer '58, Larry Gifford '94, Helen LeMay '47, Bill LeMay '48, and vice president for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman.*

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Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar (Through 1998)

8/29/98	Cleveland Indians Baseball Game
8/30/98	Delaware Alumni Gathering
9/13/98	Cincinnati Riverboat Dinner & Cruise
9/15/98	Dayton Otterbein Women's Club
9/1798	Native American Religions - Lifelong Ed
9/19/98	Denver Alumni Gathering
9/20/98	Colorado Springs Alumni Gathering
9/20/98	Annual Alumni Baseball Game
9/22/98	Albequerque/Santa Fe Alumni Gathering
10/3/98	**Homecoming '98**
10/10/98	Atlanta Alumni Gathering
10/11/98	Greensboro, NC Alumni Gathering
10/12/98	Columbia, SC Dinner
10/13/98	Carnegie Libraries of Ohio - Lifelong Ed
10/18/98	Detroit Alumni Gathering
11/7/98	San Francisco Alumni Gathering
11/12/98	Cooking for the Holidays - Lifelong Ed
11/15/98	Granville, OH Alumni Gathering
11/21/98	Washington, DC Alumni Gathering
11/27-30/98	Men's Basketball in St. Petersburg & Tampa

Hey Alums! How about an Otterbein Vanity Plate (Go Otters)? Call Greg Johnson at 614-823-1956 for more info on how to get your own Otterbein Ohio License Plates!

Tokyo Gathering: *Hiro Suzuki, Akiko Kato, Grace Poling, Mike Matsumura, Yuichi Tsuda, Eiji Tsuda, Nouri Ariga, Sharon Turex, Takeaki Ikeno, Shigeru Kamada.*

That's Some June Bug! *Part of the crew at the June Bug Jamboree hosted by Bill and Helen LeMay.*

Tony Packo's! *Hosts David and Robin Mead right, and at far right the get-together in Toledo.*