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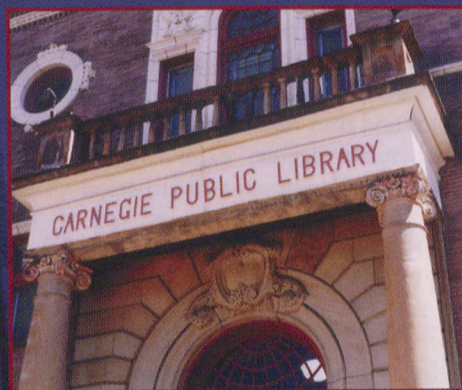
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The storied landmark of Otterbein will get much-needed improvements to its physical plant, and classrooms and hallways will shine with a luster the grand old building has never before known.



Trevor Bounces Back • page 18

This '96 b-baller's amazing recovery from a debilitating accident serves as inspiration to his players.



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Mary Ellen Armentrout '66 has been researching Ohio's Carnegie Libraries. Now a traveling exhibition and book contract are in the works.

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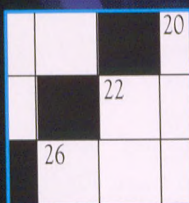
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Leslie Hanawalt McMullen '61 is organizing an Otterbein cookbook and she needs your input!



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Compiled by Patti Kennedy

Biochemistry Major Added

Biochemistry this year became the 37th major offered at the College.

The Chemistry Department personnel worked all last summer to study the feasibility of adding this degree to Otterbein's science program. "We looked at Denison, Hope, Wittenberg, Wooster, Kenyon and some other good undergraduate programs and they had all gone toward a biochemistry degree," explains Chemistry Department Chairperson Jerry Jenkins.

He and other faculty discovered that Otterbein already had the basis

for such a degree and with the addition of one advanced class, Otterbein could offer a biochemistry major.

"Looking at what other schools were doing, we had comparable courses already in place," Jenkins says.

He adds that alumni who work in the field of biochemistry, including Jerry Lingrel '57, and Marilyn Etzler '62, were "very encouraging and felt this was appropriate for our department." Lingrel is distinguished research professor, director of program excellence in molecular biology of the heart and lung, and chair of

the Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Etzler is a professor of biochemistry in the area of molecular and cellular biology at the University of California, Davis.

In addition, surveys of comparable schools that offer a biochemistry major indicated the number of students in the chemistry department increased significantly.

The department wrote and submitted the proposal to create the biochemistry degree and the College

Stichweh Shows Sabbatical Art

Joanne Miller Stichweh '67 shared the results of her recent sabbatical this winter in an exhibit in Dunlap Gallery titled "Garden Icons: A Sabbatical Exhibition."

The paintings and collages in this exhibition are from a new series of work created by Stichweh during a period of sabbatical study in the spring of 1997. The paintings honor famous women from many cultures who made important, but often overlooked, contributions in various disciplines including science, mathematics, art, music, literature, and politics.

As an art historian and a contemporary painter, Stichweh is interested in producing paintings which combine allusions to works from art history with popular icons and images, juxtaposing ancient and modern motifs.

A source of inspiration new to the "Garden Icons" series is garden imagery. The viewer finds a colorful array of hyacinths, dahlias, poppies, tulips, irises, and other flowers accompanying the images celebrating women's achievements.

Joanne Stichweh is an associate professor in the Department of Art at Otterbein College where she has been teaching studio courses and art history for the past 20 years. She is a frequent local and regional exhibitor whose work has received many awards. Her paintings are included in numerous public, private, and corporate collections.



"Georgia with Iris" by Joanne Stichweh >>>

Senate approved the measure this fall. It is a degree that provides a very thorough training in chemistry, adds biology and rounds out the student's education with math and physics. It's important to note that this is a distinct major and not a concentration.

The department now offers two majors: chemistry (with either an American Chemical Society Certified or basic concentration) and biochemistry. The health sciences chemistry concentration is no longer offered; it has been replaced by the biochemistry major.

With this new major, the department has hired a Ph.D. biochemist to teach the advanced course. The goal is to eventually hire a full-time facul-

ty member as the number of biochemistry majors increase.

Jenkins says this move will help attract students to Otterbein's Chemistry Department. "We've always had many students come who are interested in both chemistry and biology. Many have double majors in those areas. The new major will make that unnecessary since it encompasses much of both areas and will be less time-consuming for the students. This is especially appropriate for those going into the health sciences such as medicine and dentistry."

In discussions with current Otterbein science students, Jenkins reports that department faculty were somewhat surprised by their excite-

ment about the biochemistry major. He believes this will easily translate into more effective recruitment into the chemistry program.

"It is increasingly requested by high school students," he says. "And the American Chemical Society, which is superb at establishing standards, has been pushing in recent years for incorporating biochemistry into the curriculum. They are close to requiring that all ACS certified majors take at least one biochemistry course. They recognize the importance of this interdisciplinary work with biology. This new major is very timely and something that we are very proud of."

Mentoring Program Designated a Point of Light

Otterbein's Indianola After-School Project was selected as the Daily Points of Light Award winner for Friday, Feb. 20, 1998 by the Points of Light Foundation.

In 1994, Otterbein, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Indianola Middle School established a collaborative partnership to address a need for after school programming for Indianola students. National surveys show that random acts of violence, destruction and pregnancies in school-age youth typically occur between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. To address these problems, the Indianola After-School Project provides structured, productive activities for middle school students.

The Indianola After-School Project pairs approximately 20 Otterbein students and two Otterbein College coordinators with 20 Indianola school students in an after-school program on Otterbein's campus. There are three parts to this program: the development of middle-school students in the areas of academic, physical, cultural, intellectual and social well-being; the development of the Otterbein students through reflection, keeping of journals and sharing of their knowledge with someone who is less fortunate; and the development of an ongoing partnership to solve community problems.

Indianola students travel to Otterbein's campus once a week for one-on-one sessions. An hour of tutoring is followed by an hour of

family-style dining in the campus cafeteria. Some of the after dinner activities include volleyball and basketball games with Otterbein's athletic teams,



President Brent DeVore cuts the ribbon on the Otterbein-Bank One Community Service Van. Bank One donated \$27,000 to the College for the purchase of the 15-person community van. The March 17 ceremony launched the van on its maiden journey, transporting a group of Otterbein staff and students to Winston-Salem, NC, for an alternative spring break. The group was participating in the National Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge, and worked on several houses during break. Some groups who will benefit from the use of the van are Avalon Elementary School, Indianola Middle School, Habitat for Humanity families, United Methodist Children's Home, several inner city youth who are part of the Linmoor Scholars Mentoring Project, and countless other agencies which are served throughout the year by such events as Otterbein's New Student Weekend Community Plunge and Otterbein College Cares Week.

The aim of the SYE program is to require seniors to pull together the sum of their college experience to examine contemporary social or intellectual issues from a wide range of disciplines and perspectives. The SYE allows seniors to see how all the pieces of their undergraduate learning fit together and how they can be transferred to the work world.

By requiring seniors to put all their learning together at the end of their college career, the SYE is intended to help Otterbein's students become self-directed, lifelong learners and prepare them to approach

and handle the complexities and contradictions they will encounter after graduation.

Funds from ACLS will provide curriculum materials, training consultants and faculty stipends to design new SYE courses and to teach recently developed courses. During the 1998-99 academic year, seniors for the first time will have to complete the Senior Year Experience.

This new senior-level requirement uses interdisciplinary teaching and learning to enhance sensitivity to ethical issues, strengthen synthesizing abilities and increase both the

tolerance of ambiguity and the ability to hear and value different points of view.

With this program, Otterbein links its strong liberal arts core and the pre-professional programs. SYE actively brings both areas of learning together for students.

Students will be able to fulfill the SYE requirement through a variety of options including both on- and off-campus experiences. The requirement can be fulfilled through course work, internships, off-campus study programs or student teaching.

Civil War Paintings Displayed in Fisher Gallery

Otterbein College this spring hosted an exhibit of Civil War paintings by William Otterbein Siffert in Fisher Gallery of Roush Hall. The paintings were given to Otterbein College by the artist's great-grandson, Charles W. Siffert, and his wife Virginia.

The exhibition features the four known paintings of William Otterbein Siffert (1845-1930), a pastor of the United Brethren Church in northeast Ohio who fought on the Union side in the Civil War. The large muslin paintings, all measuring more than six feet by six feet, depict maps and scenes related to the 1863 battle at Gettysburg, which Siffert saw firsthand.

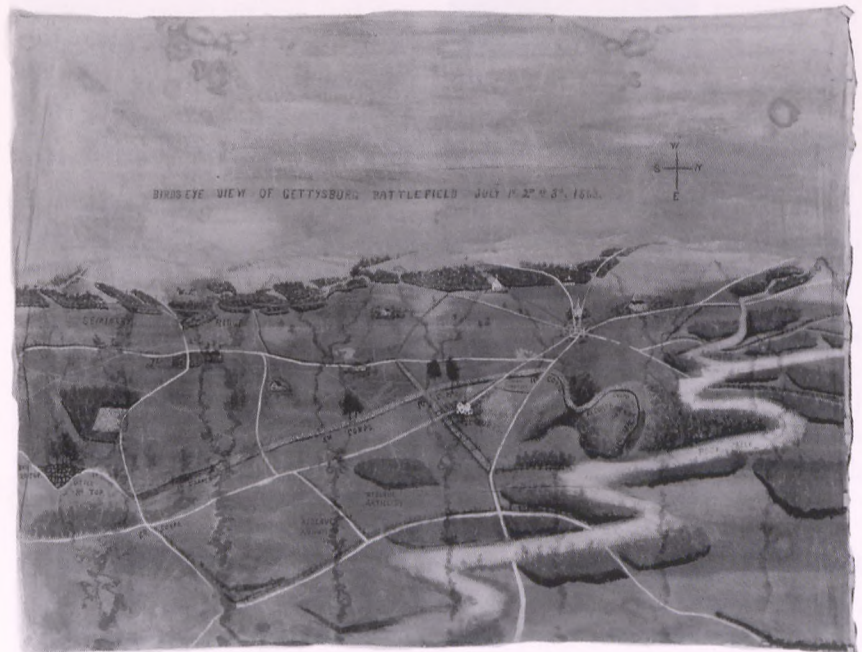
One of the maps shows the mid-Atlantic states prior to the engagement, while another depicts troop movements over the course of the three-day engagement. Yet another map is a bird's eye view of the battlefield showing important landmarks, including the Union and Confederate leaders' headquarters. The fourth, and most artful work, depicts the events of the first afternoon of battle complete with soldiers, cannons, and rearing horses.

Most likely, Siffert created the paintings as part of a revival of interest in the Civil War that swept across the United States in the 1880s. Numerous books and magazine articles analyzed the details of important

battles and enterprising artists created cycloramas, two and three dimensional works that reproduced war scenes on a stunning scale. These installations were hung in public places, and were very popular.

Siffert is known to have given lectures on his war experiences, charging a five cent admission fee for people to see the paintings and hear his talk. The group of paintings

exhibited at Otterbein can be seen as a sort of late 19th-century media presentation with each panel relating to part of his lecture. The painted muslin sheets were hung up at each new lecture site, as evidenced by small holes and tears along the top-edge of the sheets. After a lecture, Siffert removed the painted muslin sheets, folded them, and took them to the next location.



This bird's eye view of the Gettysburg battlefield is one of the civil war paintings of William Otterbein Siffert, a pastor of the United Brethren Church who fought for the Union. Siffert's paintings were recently given to Otterbein College by his great-grandson, Charles W. Siffert.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

New Department of Music faculty member **Jeffrey Boehm** served as a guest conductor at the Ohio Private Colleges and Institutions Conductors' Association (OPCICA) Honors Festival held Jan. 17. Associate Professor **Gary Tirey** is an OPCICA past president and current board member.

Several music faculty members were involved in this year's Ohio Music Educator's Association (OMEA) Conference held Jan. 22-23 in downtown Columbus.

Tirey served on the steering committee and coordinated the all-state performances of the 200-voice choir, the 100-member concert band, 120-member orchestra and 18-piece jazz ensemble.

Boehm hosted the All-State Jazz Ensemble at Otterbein as they prepared for the convention performance.

Director of Choral Activities **Craig Johnson**

served on the OMEA planning committee to oversee choral activities for the convention.



Amy Chivington '69

Associate Professor **Amy Chivington** was a clinician at the conference and directed the Kinderchor children's choir performance.

Otterbein's Campus Programming Board won the national Association for Campus Activities Great Lakes Regional Award for Excellence in Programming for less than 2,500 students.

Associate Professor of Spanish **Marjorie Cornell** has been elected education chair of the Ohio Foreign Language Association. She is also the recipient of Lingo Fun's technology scholarship. She used this scholarship to attend a technology workshop at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language Conference last November.

The Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) held its fall conference on October 16-17, 1997 at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. The theme of this conference was "Making Connections." Coordinator of Student Activities **Ruth Crane** was Chairperson and Co-Program Chair. More than 130 people from all over the state attended the conference.

Vice President of Student Affairs **Robert M. Gatti** has been selected as the recipient of the NASPA IV-East Outstanding Performance as a Dean award.

His award was presented at the NASPA IV-East Conference on February 1-3, at Minneapolis, Minn.

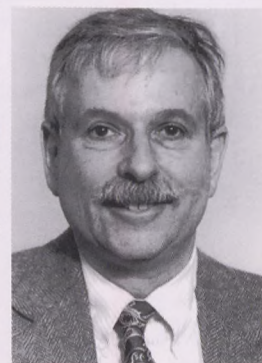
Assistant Professor of Political Science **Debora Halbert** this fall published "Intellectual Property Piracy: The Narrative Construction of Deviance" in the *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*. Another article, "Discourses of Danger and the Computer Hacker," was published in an issue of *The Information Society*.

In February she signed a contract with Praeger Publishers for the publication of her manuscript, tentatively titled *Intellectual Property Rights in the Information Age*. The book should be in print by the end of this year.

Math professors **Bill Harper**, **David Holl** and **Zengxiang Tong** helped run the 1998 MATH-COUNTS program for the Franklin County Middle Schools on Feb. 14. This date indicates their true love of mathematics. MATHCOUNTS is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. In 1999, Otterbein will be the host site for the MATHCOUNTS program.

Harper and Tong continued their involvement with the MATH-COUNTS program at the state level on Saturday, March 7 when they provided expert opinions on questions that were protested by the top middle school students in the entire state of Ohio.

In his retirement, Associate Professor Emeritus **Earl Hassenpflug** still lends his expertise and talent to the Art Department. This winter he helped reorganize the African art collection. He also installed one of his colorful wood relief creations in the Battelle Fine Arts Center dance studio.



Michael S. Herschler, chairperson and professor of Life Science, has been elected to a three-year term as treasurer of The Ohio Academy of Science.

Michael Herschler

Art Department Chairperson **Nicholas Hill** served as a juror for the exhibition "Freedom Celebration: A Focus on Diversity." The exhibition is the initial event in a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Godman Guild in Columbus.

Hill will be one of five jurors for the 1998 Columbus Arts Festival. The jury will review the work of more than 1,000 artists from across the country and will select the artists who will exhibit their work at the Festival in June.

Hill was recently named to the board of directors of the Licking County Art Association.

Hill is one of several guest educators contributing to an on-line educational project entitled "Art and Ecology: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Curriculum." Hill's project included an exhibition of photographs and poetry presented at the Columbus Museum of Art. The work was created by children from seven neighborhoods in Columbus. The project is sponsored by the Getty Education Institute for the Arts and is directed by Dr. Don Krug of The Ohio State University.

Two of Hill's prints were selected for the national juried exhibition, "Alternatives," at Ohio University. Two of his intaglio prints were

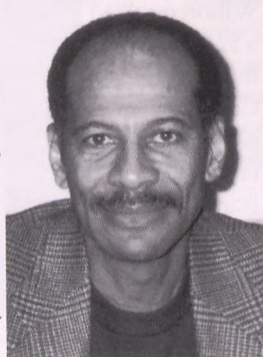
selected for a national juried exhibition entitled "The Image of the Human Form" at Artlink Gallery in Ft. Wayne, Ind. An intaglio print by Hill has been selected for a national juried exhibition entitled "Feed the Body, Feed the Soul 1997" at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton, Ohio.

This past winter Hill received a grant from Ohio Campus Compact, a coalition of Ohio colleges and universities established to increase campus-wide participation in community and public services.

Hill will receive \$1,800 for his project which will bring approximately 50 children from inner city neighborhoods to the Otterbein campus to create a limited edition book. In Otterbein's printmaking studio, the children will generate the words and the images for a book on safety and community that will be distributed to their schools and recreation centers. Hill will then transfer the text and pictures to plates for the printing process.

Under the guidance of Hill, Otterbein art students and other artists, the children also will print and assemble the books. This book will be created and printed during the spring quarter at Otterbein. Following the project there will not only be an exhibition of the book itself but also photos of the children creating the book.

A poem, "No Mo Blues," written by Professor of English **Lonnell Johnson** was published in McGraw-Hill's fourth edition of Literature: Reading Fiction, Poetry, Drama and the Essay.



Lonnell Johnson

Paul Laughlin, Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, had an article entitled "The Yoga of Jesus" published in the Fall 1997 issue of *New Thought* magazine, and another entitled "Re-turning East: Watering the Withered Oriental



Graduate Nursing Wired to Hocking College

Ameritech recently awarded Otterbein \$25,000 for a program called "Nurse-Net Education to Rural Ohio: An Otterbein College-Hocking College Collaborative."

This two-year innovative project will reduce disparities in access to education and health care/health promotion services. The funding from Ameritech will support Otterbein's effort to deliver the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and the Nurse Practitioner (NP) courses over interactive television and the Internet to nurses residing in rural southeastern Ohio.

Specifically, this donation will enable faculty to redesign their courses so they can be delivered over interactive television and the Internet and provide Otterbein nursing faculty training in using these interactive electronic modes to deliver graduate nursing courses.

Otterbein is collaborating with Hocking College, a two-year state-funded technical college which is located in Nelsonville, Ohio. Serving a rural, economically depressed area, Hocking College enrolls more than 5,000 students and offers associate degrees in more than 30 disciplines.

This project is designed to increase access to health care and health promotion in 12 counties in rural areas of southeastern Ohio by educating advance practice nurses who will provide communities with increased access to education and health care services.

Through this distance learning initiative, nurses within these rural communities will be trained as NPs and MSNs. The role of NPs is critical in this rural area. Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses who have additional educational and clinical experience to prescribe medications, deliver primary care, diagnose and treat acute health problems and manage chronic illnesses. As health care moves out of the traditional hospital setting, health planners are encouraging the use of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) for delivery of primary and preventive care.

The primary method for delivering instruction to the underserved rural areas of southeastern Ohio will be through two-way interactive video. Interactive video links the instructor with the graduate students at the receiving site, permits them to respond to a lecture, discussion or demonstration, and provides opportunities for interaction among the participants at both sites. Internet links also will provide the opportunity for graduate nurses to communicate with each other and collaborate on group projects.

Already more than 45 nursing students at Hocking College have enrolled in the first graduate nursing courses offered by Otterbein. Beginning this winter, Otterbein offered two courses by interactive video and the Internet.

Roots of New Thought" in the *Journal of the Society of the Study of Metaphysical Religion*, and has been named associate editor of that publication. He has also published numerous articles and sermons (including several that appeared previously in print) on the World Wide Web at <http://websyte.com/unity/westerville>.

Department of Theatre and Dance Chairperson **John Stefano** received the Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF) Award of Excellence. It was presented in January to him and Mark Shanda from The Ohio State University. The award is presented to those who have made extraordinary contributions to teaching and producing of theatre and to the development of KC/ACTF. Otterbein and OSU co-hosted the ACTF competition the last two years.



John Stefano

Stefano is not the first Otterbein chairperson to be recognized with this award. Former Chairperson **Charles Dodrill H'79** received this award in 1988.

In addition, Department of Music faculty member **Beth Burrier-Bradstreet '89** received an ACTF Certificate of Merit for her musical direction of 1776.

In August, Professor of Economics **J. Patrick Lewis** reviewed two children's books, *A True Story* and *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street*, for *The New York Times*. He also reviewed Tom Schachtman's *The Business of a Neighborhood* for the September 28, 1997 edition of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. More of his book reviews are forthcoming in the *New York Times* (children's books) and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (economics).

Lewis' newest children's book, *Long Was the Winter Road They Traveled*, a tale of the Nativity in verse from Penguin/Dial, has been published and is available in the Otterbein Bookstore.

He is also writing three new picture books for a Japanese publisher. They will be translated into Japanese for use in elementary schools there.

Assistant Dean of Student Life/Coordinator of Ethnic Diversity **Darryl Peal** has been chosen as a recipient for the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce's Ten Outstanding Young Citizens Award.

This prestigious award is presented to exemplary Columbus citizens who have contributed to the betterment of the community. Darryl was invited by the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce to be their guest at the Ten Outstanding Young Citizens Awards dinner and banquet held on Friday, March 27 at the Columbus Athletic Club.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Joan Pryor-McCann** received the biennial Excellence in Nursing Education Award from the Ohio Nurses Association. It was presented to her at a banquet in Cincinnati on Oct. 27, 1997.

Executive Assistant to the President **Barbara Rutherford** has been elected president of the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education (NAPAHE), a 500-member professional association affiliated with the American Council on Education.

Professor of English Emerita **Marilyn Saveson** wrote an article for the January issue of *The Gissing Journal* entitled "More of Gissing's Indispensable False Starts and Discarded Novels." Also her review of volumes 8 and 9 of *The Collected Letters of George Gissing* appeared in the Summer 1997 issue of *Victorian Periodicals Review*.

The Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) held its fall conference on October 16-17 at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. **Ruth Crane**, coordinator of Student Activities, was chairperson and co-programs chair.

Debby Vespoli, coordinator of Community Service was co-chair for the Conference Planning Committee. In addition, Debby organized a one-hour roundtable discussion on service learning.

Kelley McCready, assistant director of Resident Life, presented a workshop on "Continuing to Make Connections: Teambuilding After Training is Over." This workshop addressed issues of communication, trust, creativity and self awareness.

John Weisfenning, assistant professor of Communication, appeared on the program "Ohio's Talking" on the Ohio News Network cable channel, Oct. 28, 1997, to discuss changes in local television news.

Patti Wilson, instructor of Health and Physical Education and head volleyball coach, recently received her CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist) from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

This year Wilson received a \$2,000 grant from Ohio Campus Compact to incorporate service-learning into her Organization and Administration of Health Programs class. The



Patti Wilson

dozen students in her class prepared and conducted workshops on nutrition for senior citizens. They also prepared workshops on fire safety, bike safety and home safety for children attending programs at the YMCA. ■

compiled by Shirley Seymour

1931

Margaret Telian, former dean of women at Otterbein, celebrated her 90th birthday in December with a little help from her friends and family. The celebration was hosted by her son Richard and his wife Marsha at the First Presbyterian Church in Corning.

1935

Ramon George and his wife Fran celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16, 1997, at their home in Palm City, FL.

1943

Robert Penn writes, "Although I was drafted by the US Army before WW II after two years at Otterbein, I did enjoy my time there. After touring the campus in 1997 with Vic Ritter and Jack Pietila, I see how the College has grown, and it appears that this is a Christian institution which actually TEACHES the students what they need to know. It was heart warming!"

1945

Dr. Robert Love was among 11 family physicians honored for 50 years of medical practice in Ohio. The award was announced at the annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians. He was also honored by the Academy of Medicine of Lima and Allen County for his 50 years of medical practice.

1955

Peggy Bates Hockett retired in December as a consultant for the Holmes County Tri-County Ed Services.

1956

Jackie Cooper Comito has been teaching remedial reading and math to elementary students in Fredericksburg, Ohio for the past ten years. One-third of her students are Amish. Last year she set up an e-mail correspondence between her 6th graders and a 6th grade in Emden, Germany to encourage her Amish students to use their German language. Many friendships were formed, packages exchanged, e-mail contacts are continuing, and some are planning visits.

George Fisher is a licensed mental health counselor employed by Family Care Counseling Center in Maitland, FL.

1959

Thirty-eight years after working his way through Otterbein racking balls for \$1/hr. and shooting pool (mostly winning) at Westerville's only pool room (long gone), **Jeff Inglish** has purchased a tavern with four pool tables in Huntington Beach, CA. He says, "What fun at 60!" *Editors Note: This information was erroneously attributed to Terry Hitt '59 in the last issue of Towers. Apologies to both Jeff and Terry!*

1962

Richard LeGrand has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Oak Hill Banks.

1963

Larry Wilson is the athletic director at Dover High School.

1967

Bruce King has been promoted to associate professor of mathematics at Westfield State College in Massachusetts.

1968

Ron and Jeanne Lytle '70 Anslinger are proud of their son Brent, a current student at Otterbein, who was elected king at last fall's Homecoming. Coincidentally, Jeanne was on the court in the fall of 1969.

Dave Gault is vice president of Business Planning for the Hoover Co. in North Canton.

1969

McLean King was appointed the district superintendent of the Lemon Grove School District in San Diego County, CA. He and his wife Terry live in Del Mar. Dr. King is also an adjunct professor at California State University, San Marcos.

1971

Lt. Col. James Brubaker has been recalled to active duty with the U.S. Air Force. Lt. Col Brubaker will serve a tour in Sarajevo, Republic of Bosnia Herzegovina. He will be part of a four-man team of Air National Guard Judge Advocates working on a project to reform the criminal justice system in Bosnia to bring it up to European Community standards.

Rebecca Pfahler Christian

earned her MA at Ohio State in 1977. After 10 years in the field of Student Personnel in Ohio and North Carolina, she moved to Texas where she is a reading recovery teacher with the Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District. Married to "a terrific husband, Kenneth, for 19 years," they have two children: Rachel Anne, 15 and John Daniel, 10. They would like to relocate to northern New Jersey to be closer to her family.

1973

Lynn Callendine Dunn is teaching gifted and talented 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in McCord Junior High, Sylvania Schools in Sylvania, OH.

1974

Robert Cribbs is the director of sales and marketing for Kimball International. He and his wife Dorothy live in Jasper, IN, with their 15-month-old son Christopher.

1975

Deborah Collins Agan is the office systems support specialist at Holophane Corporation in Newark, Ohio.

Cindy Hupp Bridgman

completed her Master's degree in history from George Mason University (VA) in January and is now working as an assistant archivist at the NSDAR in Washington DC.

PROFILE

"Habitat" has Become Habit for this '96 Alumna

by Patti Kennedy

Spring break means heading south to Florida, the Bahamas or Mexico for sun and fun, right? Not for **Laurie Kennedy '96**. During her last two years at Otterbein, she spent her spring breaks building houses with Habitat for Humanity in Beaufort, NC, and Huntington, WV.

Now she's back at it again but this time she is one of the people in charge of Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge working as an on-site coordinator in the Oklahoma City area. The Collegiate Challenge program offers week-long construction experiences to students visiting Habitat affiliates around the country.

Laurie first learned about Habitat from her father, James, who volunteers with the organization in her hometown of Canton. Her mother Betty (Wagner) Kennedy graduated from Otterbein in 1969. During her junior year at Otterbein, Laurie decided to follow her father's example and give house-building a try. She headed south to North Carolina as a member of Otterbein's collegiate challenge team, led by Monty Bradley. She spent a week with the team helping to insulate and side an entire house. The experience convinced her to make Habitat for Humanity an ongoing volunteer project for life. As other Habitat volunteers would say, she was infected with Habititus.

After graduating from Otterbein with a B.S. in life science, Laurie went to work for a veterinarian, Dr. L. Scott Papas in Canton. Then came the opportunity to apply for a collegiate challenge position. Laurie feels that for now she is being called upon to use her time to help others. Though she plans to reapply to graduate school at some point, Laurie believes John 3:18 which says, "Our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love which shows itself in action."

Laurie was assigned to Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity in Oklahoma City to facilitate the house-building experience for nine student groups from around the country. She spent seven weeks this spring in Oklahoma as the on-site coordinator for more than 150 students who decided to

spend their spring break doing something worthwhile—helping Central Oklahoma Habitat build five of their 25 homes to be built this year. Each week Laurie greeted a new group of students. Not only did she work alongside the students at the construction site, but she also helped them coordinate their work week, setting expectations and familiarizing them with the area. "We want them to become part of the community while they are here," she explains.

She also led the students in morning devotions and evening reflections and organized an ice cream social at the end of each week for the students, homeowners, Habitat staff members and local volunteers.

In addition, it was part of her job to send out news releases and drum up media attention. Laurie was thrilled when the first group of students was featured on the front page of the Daily Oklahoman and in the following weeks TV cameramen came to the site and taped footage as well.

No matter where her future leads her, Laurie thanks Habitat and the Collegiate Challenge for helping her build a firm foundation of what is truly important in life.

"One thing we always emphasize is that this is a hand up rather than a hand out," Laurie states. "The future homeowners work right beside us; they grow and learn how to maintain their home for years to come. Our goal is to eliminate poverty housing, but more importantly to build safe communities."



Ruth Ruggles Malick is a financial manager for Marriott Vacation Club International in Orlando.

1977

Catherine Smith Seamans is the adult basic and literacy education coordinator for the Norwalk City School District which encompasses most of Huron County's and part of Erie County's ABLE sites.

1978

Cille Thorburn Childers is a loan originator for residential loans at Heartland Mortgage Corp. She and her husband Jeff live in Johnstown with their two daughters, Alyssa, 11 and Delaney, 7.

1979

Kent Blocher works as a freelance film editor in New York City, most recently on Robert Benton's *Twilight* starring Paul Newman, Gene Hackman and Susan Sarandon. Other credits include *Everyone Says I Love You* (Woody Allen) *Homicide* (David Mamet) and *Goodfellas* (Martin Scorsese).

Mark Granger received his JD from Capital School of Law in May 1997 and passed the bar in July 1997. He is a staff attorney for The Honorable Beverly Pfeiffer, Franklin Co. Court of Common Pleas.

Roger Winemiller is production manager for the Meyercord Co. in Carol Stream, IL. Wife **Tammi Hottinger '80 Winemiller** is a teacher for the Geneva City Schools. They have two children: Tara, 12 and Jordan, 8.

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Compiled by Ed Syguda

Cards Just Miss Trip to the Big Dance

The Otterbein men's basketball team, under 26th-year head coach Dick Reynolds, just missed out on a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Cardinals, in a strange twist of fate, wound up hosting the final four of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Tournament after the tournament's top four seeds all lost at home in quarterfinal games.

Fifth-seeded Otterbein, behind a career-high 31 points from point guard Kevin Weakley, turned back fourth-seeded Muskingum, 76-64, in one quarterfinal game Feb. 25. Weakley, a junior from Westerville, hit 12-of-17 from the floor, including five treys. He made six assists and three steals in the win.

As Otterbein was pulling off the upset in New Concord, eighth-seeded Marietta edged regular-season OAC champion and top-seeded John Carroll, 61-59; seventh-seeded Capital won at second-seeded Ohio Northern, 69-66; and sixth-seeded Baldwin-Wallace defeated third seeded and defending OAC champion Mount Union, 72-69.

Since Otterbein was the highest seed remaining, it earned the right to host the final four of the tournament Feb. 27-28. On the line was an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

In the semifinals, freshman wing Scott Elliott, from Sunbury, Ohio, scored 25 points, leading Otterbein to an 86-68 win over Marietta. Baldwin-Wallace knocked out Capital, 96-83, in the other semifinal matchup.

The Yellow Jackets, putting together a strong second half (52 points on 18-of-29 shooting from the field, 13-of-17 from the line), edged host Otterbein, 83-80, to win the championship. Weakley tallied 27 points, six rebounds, six assists and four steals in the game and was named to the all-tournament team. Elliott chipped in 16 points and nine rebounds, and Jason Dutcher, a sophomore post from Columbus, 16 points and ten rebounds.

Only four times in the 40-year history of the tournament has a fifth seed or lower captured the championship. Oberlin did it twice as a fifth seed in 1976 and a seventh seed in 1970. Wooster, seeded fifth, won it in 1973, and B-W, seeded sixth, won it this season.

Otterbein finished the season at 15-12. Dutcher was named second team All-OAC. Weakley, Elliott and forward Ryan Roston, a junior from Galion, Ohio, earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

All four of those players and the rest of the team should be back next season. Reynolds, the winningest coach (449-256) in the history of the OAC, will open the 1998-99 campaign seeking win 450.

Burns & Good Lead Women's Basketball Team

Jen Burns, a junior center from Plain City, Ohio, and Julie Good, a senior guard from Kingston, Ohio, were named to the honorable mention all-conference team.

Burns averaged 12 points and 7.4 rebounds a game, and Good, 9.1 points and 5.3 rebounds an outing. Burns ranked 11th in scoring and sixth in rebounding in the OAC. Her field-goal percentage, 52.5 (126-of-240), was fifth best in the OAC.

Freshman point guard Kara Grishkat, from Pickerington, Ohio, averaged 4.2 assists and 2.6 steals a game, third best in both categories in the OAC.

Under seventh-year head coach Connie Richardson, the Cardinals finished at 10-15 and in a tie with Heidelberg for sixth place in the OAC, each 7-11.

Johnson Leaps to 8th at Nationals

Andy Johnson, a sophomore from Greenfield, Ohio, placed eighth in the high jump with a leap of 6-8 at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 13-14 at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. Earlier in the season, Johnson set an Otterbein indoor record in the high jump with a leap of 6-10-3/4 at Ohio Wesleyan.

Nine Track Athletes Earn All-Conference Indoor Honors

Track athletes earning all-conference honors at the indoor championships March 6-7 at Ohio Northern University were: Jeff Baggott, a junior from Martins Ferry, Ohio, 3rd 500m (1:07.12); Troy

Rathge, a sophomore from Napoleon, Ohio, 3rd 800m (1:57.14); Brianna Elmore, a freshman from Nevada, Ohio, 3rd 800m (2:20.25); A.J. Wheeler, a senior from Lancaster, Ohio, 2nd 5000m (14:56.0); Jeff Ressler, a senior from Napoleon, Ohio, 3rd 5000m (15:20.5); Todd Stahr, a sophomore from Laurelville, Ohio, 2nd shot (15.26m); Marcos Segovia, a junior from Columbus, 3rd shot (14.90m); and Nate Dendinger, 400m (50.56).

Members of the 4 x 800m relay team, which finished third in a school record time of 7:55.1, earned all-conference honors. The four members: Wheeler, Ressler, Rathge and Greg Bond, a junior from Mansfield.

Under head coach Doug Welsh, the men's team placed fourth and the women's team, fifth.



Kevin Weakley launches a 3-pointer against B-W in the OAC Championship game.



Let the Renov Begin

by Patti Kennedy

Commencement means a beginning, a start. Even though commencement means the end of college years for most graduates, it is the beginning of their professional lives. And this year commencement will mark another beginning—the renovation of Towers Hall.

Immediately after the College sends its newest graduates off into the world, Towers will be taken “off-line.” Renovation efforts will begin June 15 and are expected to last an entire year.

Improving the physical plant of Towers is a major part of the project, which calls for adding air conditioning and improving the heating system; most places in the building will have individual temperature control.

An elevator will be installed in the southwest part of the main corridor to make the building more accessible to those with handicaps. Director of Physical Plant Kevin Miner emphasizes that this elevator will not be for everyday use. The speed of the elevator will make taking the stairs a more practical option. The only part of the building that will not be totally accessible is the Towers Faculty Suite on the second floor. There are four steps leading to the suite. A uni-sex handicap accessible bathroom will be installed on each level of the building.

Upgrading the building’s electrical system is another part of the project. Miner says much of the costs are in these areas—heating and cooling, electricity and making the building handicap accessible. Those may not be the things people notice right away but they are expensive renovations.

People will notice the main hallway, however. It will receive the most detail and finishes. Miner believes everyone who walks into the main hallway will be pleased. He explains that architects have tried to create an interior that suits the building’s exterior. “Towers was probably never this grand; it was more a functional building. This renovation will give it more pizzazz than originally was there.”

The storied landmark of Otterbein will get much-needed improvements to its physical plant, and classrooms and hallways will shine with a luster the grand old building has never before known.

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The first floor hallway will be painted and a wood trim mounted along the walls. The carpeting will be replaced by granite-patterned tile and there will be a series of archways along the main corridor.

The rounded wall on the west side of the main hallway will be disguised with columns placed at the corners and a straight wall in between. Miner explains, "The architect feels that rounded wall doesn't fit the style of the building."

The entryways on both the north and south ends, which are now glass with aluminum frames, will be redone to incorporate an arch more like the current east side entrances. The lower level entrance on the north side of the building will also get fixed up. Granite-style tile with two large chandeliers will be installed.

The classrooms will receive a total renovation, according to Miner, that will bridge the centuries. They will be very modern classrooms but will still reflect the building's heritage. Four decorating schemes have been selected for the classrooms that closely represent the late-1800s style when Towers was built. Each scheme will be used in three or four classrooms.


Each classroom will have a border placed eight feet from the floor that separates two complementary shades of paint. The new carpet in the classrooms will have a patterned border and a complementary center pattern.

New classroom furniture will be installed throughout including some left handed tablet chairs. Some areas will have tables and chairs instead of or in addition to individual desks.

There will be some changes in classroom space. A closet will be eliminated with that space added to an adjoining classroom. The areas which now house the International Studies Office and Honors Center will be combined to create a larger Honors Center that can also be used as a seminar room or class space. The International Studies Office will move to the third floor.

On the west side of the building there are now three classrooms, rooms 110, 111, and 112. The renovation calls for using that space to





make two larger classrooms that will each seat 50 to 75 students.

Miner emphasized that while the classrooms will look better, they will still provide "good quality teaching space." Computer connections will be installed in each classroom to support teaching demonstrations and the larger classrooms will have mounted overhead data projectors.

On the second floor, faculty offices as well as the computer lab and the *Tan and Cardinal* office, will receive selective finish upgrades. Employees of the Service Department inspected each office to determine on a case by case basis what was

needed in terms of paint, carpet and repairs.

Moving up to the third floor, the Philomathean Room will have only minimal repair because it has already been restored to its original appearance.

The Philoproanean Room, which now houses the Grants Office, English as a Second Language and the Westerville Civic Symphony, will become class space for theatre and dance classes. After the renovation, the Office of International Studies and the English as a Second Language Office will share space that is now used by the Jefferson Academy. Four adjunct offices will be made into two larger rooms to be used as teaching space for ESL and a confer-

ence room for the Grants Office. The Grants Office will move to an area adjacent to that conference room that was formerly used for adjunct faculty offices.

Faculty offices will receive upgrades and repairs as needed. Both the second and third floor hallways will be laid with bordered carpeting.

So top to bottom and side to side — nothing in Towers will remain untouched as improvements are made throughout the building. As the millennium nears, Towers Hall will receive the attention it deserves to continue to serve as the historic landmark of the Otterbein campus. ■

Kresge Foundation Lays Down Challenge

The Kresge Foundation has once again chosen to recognize Otterbein's clear sense of purpose and vision by awarding the College its fifth Kresge grant—a \$700,000 Kresge Challenge.

Although the funding will be applied to Towers Hall, the award is a challenge to stimulate the raising of the final \$3 million of The Campaign for Otterbein by December 1, 1998. It is intended to attract new donors and increase gifts of current donors.

The Campaign for Otterbein has been the College's most ambitious undertaking to date. The \$10 million goal for Endowment was exceeded by three million, and \$8 million was raised for Programs. All that remains is completing the facilities portion of restoring Towers Hall. At present, \$3.7 million has been raised toward the \$4.7 needed to complete renovation of Towers Hall.

The Campaign for Otterbein is helping to prepare the College for the next century. The \$13 million addition to endowment will provide for scholarships, awards and special campus-wide and departmental lecture series. Program gifts will enable support for guest lecturers, departmental research, faculty development and general operations.

The renovation of Towers Hall will modernize classrooms to enhance

learning, provide full access to those with disabilities and strengthen Otterbein's attractiveness to prospective students and faculty.

This ambitious, three-pronged Campaign is helping to assure the continued value of an Otterbein education.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corporation or organization. At the time of the December, 1997 grant announcement, the Foundation had awarded 180 grants in 1997 for a total of \$95,908,521. They support a wide range of non-profit organizations.

In 1996, the Foundation reviewed 699 proposals and awarded grants totaling \$87,766,485 to 144 charitable organizations in 40 states, England and Canada. Grants are made to institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs.

Grants are made toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities and the purchase of major capital equipment or real estate. Grant recipients have raised initial funds toward respective projects before requesting Foundation assistance. Grants are then made on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, thereby insuring the completion of the projects.

The Great Towers Hall Exodus

(Your Guide to Who's Going Where)

With Towers Hall unavailable for an entire year, obviously many people, offices and classes need to be relocated. This is a rundown of the "Towers Shuffle" or your guide to where everyone is going.

With some creative room assignments, Residence Life will be able to leave the basement and first floor of Davis Annex empty for a year and has volunteered that space to help the College with this temporary space crunch. The Math and English departments will take over the first floor of the annex. There are 24 rooms available with phones already in place and each department has 12 faculty members—a perfect match! Foreign Language, the English as a Second Language Office and the math computer lab will be in the basement of Davis Annex.

The former Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house, 172 W. Main St., is being renovated into a duplex and the History/Political Science and Sociology departments are moving into one side of the house. The other side will be rented out to students.

"I think it will be fun, kind of like camping out," admits Debora Halbert, assistant professor of History and Political Science. "We've got a kitchen in the house and I think we'll come together in a different way. I think we'll definitely have more of a community feel."

The Courtright Memorial Library is opening its doors to welcome refugees of the Towers Hall renovation. Religion and Philosophy departments will use some of the larger study areas on the second floor of the library and the Grants Office will occupy a staff lounge area on that floor. The *Tan and Cardinal* Office, *Tan and Cardinal* Advisor Debra Mason and a computer lab used by the student publications will be installed in the library's basement near the Instructional Support Services area.

In perhaps the most creative use of space, the Campus Copy Center and Mail Room will be housed in the visitors' locker room of Memorial Stadium. Members of the opposing football teams will have to suit up in the Rike Center.

"That's a better use of space than you can imagine," says Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Dan Thompson. "We'll make the visitors dress outside and hopefully we'll win one more game."

The Office of Continuing Studies, the Registrar's Office and the Learning Assistance Center will remain in Towers Hall during the renovation. There may be certain days when office staff will need to be out of the building but those offices for the most part will stay put and stay in business right where they are.

As for the 10 classrooms in Towers, Otterbein will get a little help from its neighbors. The Church of the Master, on the corner of Main and Grove streets, has seven classrooms available but the College plans to use only five. Two will be rented from the Church of the Messiah located on the corner of State and Home streets. The late night study room in the library and the chapel can also be used as classrooms. Space for dance classes will be rented from Straub Dance Studio on College Avenue.

Moving all the offices out of Towers is expected to be a challenge but faculty members can look forward to returning to the comfort of an improved Towers Hall. ■

**Have a Heart
for Towers!
(the heart of
Otterbein)**

Campus Campaign Launched on Valentine's Eve

In addition to the alumni and friends campaign for Towers Hall, a mini-campaign is being conducted for the Otterbein campus community. The theme appropriately is "Have a Heart for Towers, the Heart of Otterbein," and it was launched on Valentine's Eve.

Faculty, staff and emeriti are being approached to join in the support of the historic landmark's renovation. Towers Hall is an icon historically and psychologically. It is the place where education was earned and memories made.

The main goal of this mini-campaign is 100% support of faculty and staff. This figure is especially significant to outside funding sources, who take a close look at giving percentage levels of institutions. With the Kresge \$700,000 Challenge grant, the campus community has further impetus to ensure the success of this project. The Kresge Challenge is intended to help the College attract new donors and encourage increased giving from previous donors.

A dollar goal of \$50,000 has been established for the "Have a Heart" campaign; \$39,000 has been raised thus far.

LIBRARIES OF LIBERTY

Mary Ellen Armentrout '66 has been researching Ohio's Carnegie Libraries. Now a traveling exhibition and book contract are in the works.





Otterbein's Carnegie Library now houses Admission offices. **Opposite page:** The Xenia Carnegie Library sat vacant for 25 years, but is now being renovated for private law offices.

by Hilary Kimes '98

In early America, public access to books and libraries was more restrained than the freedom of speech or press. Frustrated by this exclusiveness, Andrew Carnegie vowed to change matters and funded the construction of over 2,000 libraries worldwide. A century later, Carnegie's legacy has been highlighted in the thorough research of Otterbein librarian Mary Ellen Armentrout '66.

After devoting her past two years (and she still has two years to go) researching all of the Carnegie libraries in Ohio, Armentrout has received a surprising amount of media coverage. "It has really been gratifying," she said. After being featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Armentrout received a book offer from the University of Akron Press. "I hadn't originally thought about a book," Armentrout said. "I really want to do a traveling exhibition with photographs."

However, Armentrout formally composed a book proposal that was accepted and is scheduled for publication in the fall of the year 2000. She has also planned to compile an exhibition that would travel to all of the existing Carnegie libraries in the state of Ohio. After an article in *Preservation*, Armentrout said that out of the blue, a stranger called and offered to build the exhibition case. "He said, 'I saw the article, what can I do to help you?'" Armentrout thought he was just being friendly, but once he told her that he was a carpenter who builds museum exhibits, she knew she was in luck. Now this gentleman is building the case and Armentrout is looking for funding for the other \$10,000 to finish the desired project.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Armentrout never dreamed she would become so interested in libraries. As a student at Otterbein, Armentrout majored in home economics and French. Following graduation, she moved to Phoenix and worked as an assistant buyer at Goldwater's Department Store. Feeling unfulfilled with that occupation, she moved on to teaching French to kindergartners at a private school. Armentrout then went to Glendale Community College and asked, "What can I do with this degree?" Armentrout said that when a job within the library was suggested, "I never dreamt that I'd like it."

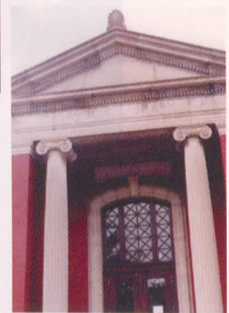
After getting married and having a daughter, Marcella, who's now 22, Armentrout moved to Indiana and went to library school at Indiana University. It was there that she took a class about the history of American libraries. When the class learned about Andrew Carnegie and his libraries, Armentrout thought "it was so interesting that this person would endow so much."

Armentrout put this information in the back of her mind and went on to work as a reference librarian at Adrian College in Michigan for five years. She heard of a job opening at Otterbein and decided to look into it. "I thought it would be really nice to come back and work at my alma mater," she said. When she did get the job, she worked as a periodicals librarian before switching to the inter-library loan librarian four years ago.

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The Avondale Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton Co. features Italian renaissance design with Rookwood tile entry.



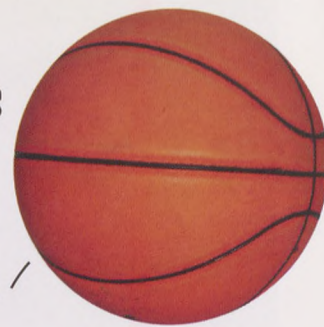
This structure in Warren, Ohio is now the Trumbull Co. Law Library. The glass rotunda is the focal point of the building.



The East Liverpool Carnegie Library has been recently renovated. Carnegie had a fondness for the city and gave a larger than usual grant. It features a mosaic seal of Ohio on the main floor.

'96 B-Baller's Amazing Recovery Serves as Inspiration to His Players

Trevor Bounces Back



by John Hulkenberg '81

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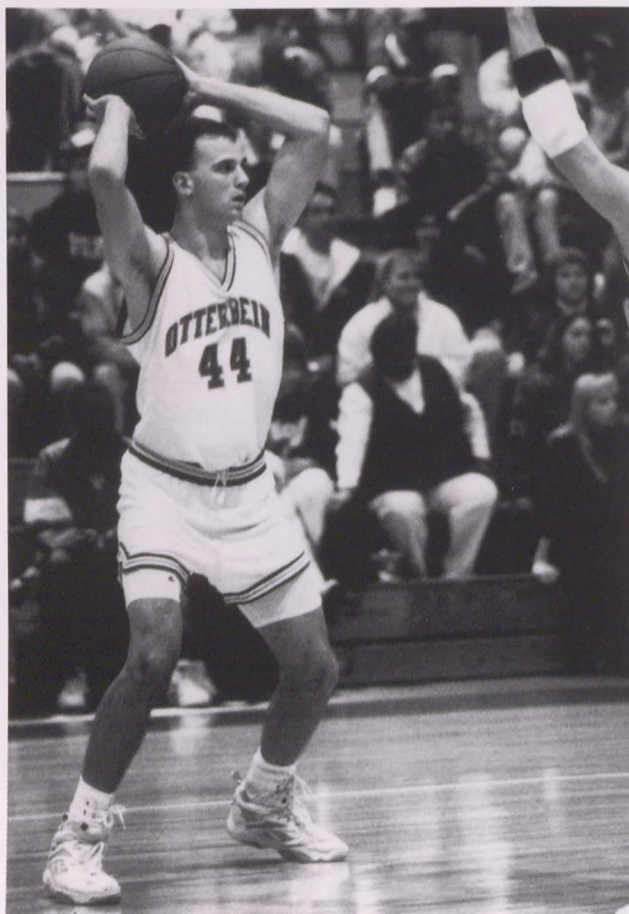
Newark's ancient Fifth Street gymnasium, Trevor Kielmeyer '96 intently surveys freshman basketball practice.

Clad in unmistakable Carolina Blue, he's the one with black cane in hand, barking instructions. There's a slight limp to the gait, an indication something's not quite right.

"Some people think I just sprained an ankle," he said with a grin. "Yeah, right!"

Few can imagine the horrific nightmare Kielmeyer lived through July 1, 1997.

According to police reports, Kielmeyer had parked his new Jeep just west of the school gymnasium. He was ready to enter the building when the parking brake apparently slipped and the jeep began rolling down a hill toward him.



Trevor Kielmeyer during his days at Otterbein.

The vehicle's bumper pinned Kielmeyer against a wall, crushing his legs at knee level.

"I was right there when he did it," said Newark freshman basketball player Brandon Fawcett. "It was so scary. You could hear him yelling. I think everyone was in shock, even him."

Kielmeyer's anguish was only beginning. Soon after his transport by emergency helicopter to the Ohio State University Medical Center, the 23-year-old's left leg was amputated through the knee.

Then, following a month long hospital stay and several surgical attempts to save the right leg, significant muscle damage forced its amputation, above the knee.

"It's not a fun situation," Kielmeyer said. "You're afraid to go to sleep because you don't know what's going to happen next. You want to be awake to see where they're carting you off to next."

"I was down about as low as hopefully I'll ever be."

The fact Kielmeyer even lived through the accident was due to several fortunate factors, said longtime family friend Mike Mohaney.

"Trevor was very lucky the right people were there," he said. "They were having a basketball camp at school, and one kid's mother's happened to be a nurse. She was able to run over and tie off the pressure points."

"And from what I understand, the (hospital helicopter) was on their way back from somewhere, so they were able to stop and pick him up. It's ironic because Trevor always wanted a jeep since he was 16 years old. He finally got it, and this happens."

Kielmeyer still won't discuss all the details of the incident and lawsuits are pending. But he's clearly on the mend, a determined, strong-willed survivor not about to crumble.

"Sure I feel cheated, but I also feel thankful," said the 6-6 Kielmeyer, who played basketball for coaches Ed Calo at Westerville South and Dick Reynolds at Otterbein. "Obviously, it's a pretty traumatic change, but you go on and do the things you always did. It's just different now."

Just four months after the accident, Kielmeyer returned to his teaching and coaching position in Newark, ahead of schedule, working 12-to 13-hour days.

"I wondered how I would've handled something like that in my early 20s," said Ken Johnston, an associate principle at Newark. "He's made an amazing recovery and the kids love him. They'll say to me and other staffers, 'Wow, this is really something.'"

Prosthetic legs that employ hydraulic motion have helped ease the transition. Kielmeyer now is using a temporary set, which cost approximately \$75,000.

"When he walks faster, the knees walk faster with him," said Kielmeyer's prosthetist orthotist Dan Sommers. "When we started with this set, he was walking in parallel bars.

"So just from his desire, he's progressed to the point where now he's at a cane. We're hoping down the road he won't need to use any assisted device."

Still, the healing process is on-going. Sutures remain in Kielmeyer's legs, but when the time comes for his definitive prosthesis, Sommers said, "a high carbon graphite type of design, the kind paraolympians use, is an option.

"If you put weight on it, you're loading that spring and as you come over on it, you're getting kick out of it, so it would provide even more energy return," Sommers said.

Kielmeyer, whose brother Marc plays football for Penn State, can't say enough about the support shown from both the Westerville and Newark communities.

Through fellow employee contributions, Kielmeyer was actually on sick leave the eight weeks he was out of school and never had to take a leave of absence.

Calo is another who offered a hand. He helped arrange words of encouragement from former North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith, current North Carolina State boss Herb Sendek as well as Indianapolis Colts quarterback Jim Harbaugh.

"I think you measure someone by the adversity that they face," Calo said.

"We already knew Trevor was mentally tough. You could see all those qualities when he faced this mishap.

"It doesn't seem like he gets down. This is an extremely difficult thing for anyone to face, but when I've been with him, he almost seems more concerned with how we feel than how he feels himself."

Considering he has every right to question why the accident happened to him and Kielmeyer admits he sometimes gets frustrated, he continues to focus on what he can do, not what he can't. Parents Marc and Vicki said they are inspired by their son's progress, as is his girlfriend Lindsey Weimer.

"There are people who I work with who don't acknowledge it and some who want to know every last detail," Kielmeyer said. "I take the attitude that I don't advertise it and I don't shy away from it either.

"I've had almost every piece of advice you could possibly conjure up. A social worker even told me I should probably pack it up and go on welfare.

"If I were to offer any advice to someone in a similar situation, I'd say: 'Don't change what you want out of life.'"

His attitude and demeanor in dealing with the loss of his legs are offering advice for his players, too. On how to live.

Fawcett, the Newark freshman who witnessed the injury, expressed his admiration and respect. "I just can't believe he's walking right now," Fawcett said, right after the late December practice in the old gym.

"You just want to work harder for him, and I think (the accident's) changed me. I feel I'm nicer to other people." ■

"You just want to work harder for him." Newark freshman Brandon Fawcett on his coach, Trevor Kielmeyer.



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1980

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.

Linda Lucas Ingham has joined County Savings Bank of Columbus and is working out of their newest mortgage loan office in Chillicothe.

1981

Mary Eschbach Cunyng- ham has joined the development team at Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio.

Leslie Lascheid Heryford, after successfully getting three children off to school, is back at school herself to obtain a commercial air pilot's license.

Robert Hughes is the president/CEO of Ohio Central Federal Credit Union.

1982

John Schafer was promoted to district sales manager for the state of Arizona for Americlean Systems, Inc.

1983

Michele Burns Blackwell owns and operates an Arabian horse training facility called Blackwell Stables. 1997 was their most successful show season with seven National Champions; two Reserve National Champions and 37 Top Tens. Michele was nominated for Arabian Horse Woman of the Year.

Bradley Keiser has been promoted to vice president, Midwest Payment Systems, Fifth Third Bancorp.

1986

Bruce Gifford has been elected by Nationwide Insurance as associate vice president and general manager of Nationwide General Insurance Company, a unit of Nationwide that primarily markets personal auto insurance to select employer-based accounts. He recently completed a long-term expense management assignment. Bruce and his wife **Mary Moler '86** live in Westerville with their two children, Erica and Benjamin.

Sherri Puderbaugh Sutter is in her third year of teaching at Wright State University. She is an adjunct faculty member in the Theatre Arts Department teaching singing to all Theatre Arts majors. On her days off from WSU, she gives piano and singing lessons at her home. Her own performing career includes two recitals at WSU and a professional theatre production with The Human Race Theatre Company in which she played Joanna in *Sweeney Todd*; she has also worked in the community theaters. Sherri has been married to Dean Sutter for 10 years and they have two daughters: Kristin, 7 and Samantha, 4. They live in Brookville, OH.

1987

Scott Berkes is an intern architect at Cope Associates in Knoxville, TN. Wife **Michele Davis '87** **Berkes** is a technical writer in the International Programs group at NCI Information Systems in Oak Ridge, TN.

Kelly Engler is the executive director of Somerset Point Retirement Community in Shaker Heights, OH.

Michael Knight is a customer service account representative for Next Link. Wife **April Monroe '89 Knight** is the curriculum facilitator for Dana Elementary (Columbus Public Schools). They have two sons: Justin, 6 and Ryan, 3.

Robert Wagner is general manager for the Hometown Radio Network in Danville, KY, which includes radio stations News, Talk, Sports, AM 1230, Real Country 107.1 FM and Good Times, Great Oldies 105.1 FM.

1988

Carol Svensson Jenkins was featured in an article in *The Columbus Dispatch* listing the Top 10 health mistakes women make and some advice to inspire positive health habits. Carol is an obstetrician-gynecologist with offices in Worthington and New Albany.

1989

Katharine Becker works in shipping and proofreading at Book Masters, Inc. publishing company. She is also writing a devotional for artists which she plans to self publish.

1990

James Archibald is the marketing manager for North America at Ashland Chemical Company.

1991

Sara Koehler Conner is teaching 7th grade English for Tiffin City Schools. She and her husband, Mike, have a daughter, Erin.

Scott Knowlton is the audio-visual director at Geneva High School. He will also serve as ITV coordinator.

1992

Tiffany Valentino works in the Human Resource office at the Association for the Developmentally Disabled.

Marine 2nd Lt. **Todd Lucht** recently returned from a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

Kathy Bowers Oneacre is working on her Ph.D. in Health Promotion and is research coordinator for the Physical Therapy Dept. and outreach athletic trainer at Methodist Sports Medicine Center in Indianapolis. Husband **Todd Bowers '93** received his master's degree in geology from The Univ. of Alabama and is working as a hydrogeologist in Indianapolis. They have a daughter, Savannah, 2.

Barbara Allen North has joined the Columbus office of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur.

Tracey Ellwood Gamb and husband Nick live in Orlando. She is the office manager at a small veterinary hospital in Winter Park, FL.

1993

Jennifer Lowe has joined the staff at Techniques Studio of Dance in Cambridge.

Tracey Young is the director of public relations at Union College in Barboursville, KY.

1994

Becky Ketron was promoted to assistant director of the Troy Recreation Center, the local youth center for jr. high and high school students.

Sara Nichols is the producer of "Munch on Sports" at WTVN-AM.

Chris Troyer received his Master's degree in Exercise Physiology from the Univ. of Mississippi in August '96. He is an athletic trainer for North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, MS.

1995

Jason McGlothlin received his Master's degree from the Univ. of Dayton, Dec. 20, 1997. He has been accepted to the Ph.D. program at Ohio University.

Sandra Crow Mealy is the incentive coordinator for Victoria's Secret Bath/Fragrance in Reynoldsburg, OH.

1996

Chad Beller is a 7th grade teacher and assistant varsity football coach for Logan Elm Schools, Circleville, OH.

Heidi Adams Gordon is public relations coordinator for Community Blood Cen-

ter/Community Tissue Services in Dayton.

Jill Bush Hartson was promoted to assistant director of the Community Relations/Marketing Department at Samaritan Regional Health System, Ashland, OH.

1997

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

Jennifer Koonce Beller is an industrial hygienist for Emilcott-dga, Inc.

Becky Brooks is a registered nurse in the neurological unit at Children's Hospital in Columbus.

David Leslein is teaching at McGuffy Elementary in the Columbus Public Schools.

Tony Owen is teaching mathematics at Newark Catholic High School. ■

M I L E S T O N E S

Compiled by Shirley Seymour

MARRIAGES

1976

Amy Hawkins to John Maerhofer, Dec. 27, 1996.

1990

Tammy Bickmeyer to Brian Dutro, May 10, 1997.

1991

Krista DeVore to **William Hunter '91**, Sept. 6, 1997.

1992

Tiffany Valentino to John Kienle, July 5, 1997.

1993

Rebecca West to Thomas Dye, Sept. 27, 1997.

Chris Maesky to Dalisa Barquero, July 5, 1997.

Sandra Crow to Shane Mealy, Sept. 6, 1997

1996

Heidi Adams to Joseph Gordon, Sept. 6, 1997.

Chad Beller to **Jennifer Koonce '97**, Oct. 4, 1997.

Jill Bush to Rob Hartson, June 28, 1997.

Heather Shannon to Daniel DeRoshia, Feb. 14, 1998.

BIRTHS

1980

Sharon Blair Albert and husband Philip, a boy, Alexander, born July 30, 1997.

Chris Carlisle and wife **Rebekah Medaugh Carlisle '81**, a boy, John Ashton, born Feb. 12, 1998. He joins sister Kaitlin. Proud grandparents are **Joseph '50** and **Helen Haines '53 Carlisle, Sr.**

Kathy Speelman Kramer and husband Dan, twin boys, Aaron Daniel and Seth Jonathan, born Dec. 19, 1997. They join big brother Nathaniel, 3.

1983

Charlotte Latvala and husband Tony Savocchia, a boy, Anthony James Savocchia, born Sept. 6, 1997. He joins big sister Mathilda Ann, 3.

1987

Lisa Rea Madden and husband Eric, a boy, Noah

Emanuel, born Oct. 22, 1996.

1989

Shana Flaven Bender and husband Doug, a girl, Megan Marie, born Apr. 26, 1997. She joins sister, Katie Lee.

Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson and husband Michael Simpson, a boy, Leman William Inskeep Simpson, born Dec. 22, 1997. He joins brother Burr.

Michelle Bartley McGovern and husband Kevin, a girl, Elizabeth May, born Sept. 20, 1997. She joins step-brother Ryan, 12.

1990

Joe Trapp and wife **Vicki Sherer Trapp '90**, a boy, Jeremy Michael, born Dec. 28, 1997.

1991

Deborah Ornelas Wright and husband **Timothy Wright '91**, a boy, Braden Thomas, born June 19, 1997.

Ginny Boyer Wright and husband Ken, a girl, Hadasah Gabrielle born Oct. 8,

1997. She joins brother Aaron, 6 and sister Rebekah, 3-1/2.

DEATHS

1921

Florence Roberts Yund, 100, passed away Feb. 1, 1998, at the Otterbein Home. An English major at Otterbein, she was a member of the Literary Society and Tau Delta sorority.

1924

Marie Comfort, 95, passed away Jan. 6, 1998. She came to the Otterbein Home in Lebanon in Feb. 1975, from Vandalia, Ohio. Miss Comfort taught for many years in the Dayton area where she was active in the Vandalia UM Church as superintendent of the Junior Department and as president of the UM Women. She enjoyed writing stories and essays. A history major at Otterbein, she was a member of the Literary Society and Epsilon Kappa Tau sorority. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Vivian Comfort, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

1928

Robert Weitkamp, 92, passed away Jan. 30, 1998, in Pasadena, Calif. He was the major contributor toward the restoration of the Weitkamp Observatory-Planetarium in 1982.

While at Otterbein, he was a member of Eta Phi Mu fraternity. He was predeceased by wife **Joanna Fox Weitkamp '28** and is survived by two sons.

1930

Margaret LaRue Barnhart, 89, passed away Feb. 3, 1998, at the Worthington Nursing Home. She taught in the Marion County Schools until her retirement in 1961, and volunteered for the American Red Cross for 30 years. An English major at Otterbein, she was a member of the choir and the Literary Society. She was predeceased by her husband, Ivan, and daughter, Marilyn Jean. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Webster and Jane McNally; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; sister Ruth Craft; and sister-in-law Ruth LaRue.

1940

Thelma Warnick Stone, 79, passed away Jan. 6, 1998, in Frederick, Md. A home economics major at Otterbein, she retired from teaching in 1978. She also taught Sunday School for more than 30 years. Pre-

Correction

We apologize for the following error in the 1997 Honor Roll of Donors: The Raica Family Endowed Scholarship was mistakenly spelled Racia.

ceded in death by her husband, Harry, and daughter, Jeannie, she is survived by a daughter, Marylou Stone; and a sister, Dr. Lillian Warnick.

1941

Eleanor Jean Plott Robinson passed away Aug. 28, 1997 at Columbia Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas. She was retired as a technical secretary from General Research Corp. in Santa Barbara, Calif. While at Otterbein, she was a member of Theta Nu sorority. Survivors include her twin daughters, **Jeanette Robinson Thomas '71** and Paulette Robinson Wheeler; and son Richard Robinson.

1960

Marjoree Kidner Johnson passed away Feb. 25, 1998, in a hospice care facility in Arlington, Virginia. While at Otterbein, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Tau sorority. Marge remained active in her profession as a registered medical technologist at Tucson Medical Center until early retirement a few years ago and continued her leadership in the deaf community until her move to Arlington, Nov. 1, 1997. Survivors include a sister, **Patricia Kidner Vinson '60** and brother, Robert Kidner.

1991

Kevin Cervenec, 29, of Westerville, passed away Feb. 17, 1998 at home. He was employed by Lyon Video. Survivors include parents, Frank and Carol Cervenec; brother, Tim (Toni); nephew, Justin; niece, Sarah; and nephew, Joshua; maternal grandparents, Jim and Dorothy Schwartz. ■

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While working at Otterbein, Armentrout proposed an idea about researching Ohio's Carnegie libraries. She received much encouragement and approval from her colleagues, but thought that the monstrous task awaiting her should wait until her daughter grew up and could be on her own.

In 1996, Armentrout felt it was an ideal time to begin her project and started to plan her travel schedule. She received travel funding from the George and Mildred White Fund and the Academic Librarians Association of Ohio. Ohio has 115 Carnegie libraries, so she divided the state into four quadrants for an efficient and organized method of coverage. Armentrout decided to tackle the Southern quadrant first and sent out questionnaires to the libraries in the spring. In a typical questionnaire, Armentrout asks for any historical information as well as what the building is currently used for, if it is still standing, and when she can visit.

Once she receives the answered questionnaires, Armentrout plans her travel schedule around the librarians' schedules. During her first summer, Armentrout traveled non-stop for four weeks, but found the repetitive routine fatiguing. This past summer, Armentrout traveled back and forth to the Northeast quadrant and visited 50 of Ohio's libraries. This coming summer she will visit 33 libraries in the North Central section and will complete her visits with the Northwest quadrant in the summer of 1999.

In a typical day on the road, Armentrout visits one to three libraries, and at each stop she photographs the buildings and their special features, talks with the director, researches archival material and takes lots of notes. She took Architectural History classes while working at Adrian College, so Armentrout already had a basic knowledge about the art of architecture.

"The architecture is the thrust of the project," Armentrout said. While Carnegie mandated similar floor plans in the buildings, the designs are very different. Armentrout said she most enjoys observing unique features like "the elaborate rotundas, beautiful stained glass windows, ornate book stacks, mosaic floors, exterior ornamentation, and intricate carvings. Every library seems to have something special."

Carnegie donated over \$56,000,000 between 1888 and 1918 to fund the construction of 2,509 libraries. The libraries were built world-wide, but only in English speaking countries, with 1,679 built in the United States. Seventy-five percent of the original Carnegie libraries are still used as libraries country-wide, and many have been expanded and renovated for creative reuse.

Through researchers like Armentrout and others in different states, Carnegie's philanthropic legacy lives on.

You can find Armentrout's architectural study of Ohio's Carnegie libraries on the web at www.otterbein.edu/learning/OCLExhibit/. She also travels around the state giving slide presentations about her project. ■

Language & Lit

by Richard Glass '55

Included in this puzzle are language definitions, foreign words and a few literature references given in *Italics* with campus clues followed by (OC).

Across

1. *language (abbr)*
5. *raw (Fr)*
8. Oasis and Voyager
12. *love (Sp)*
13. hoodwinked
14. *Lamb's pen name*
15. two-horse chariot
16. volcano, P.I.
17. rivulet
18. *chapter*
20. white poplar
21. shag
22. *name containing 2 terms*
23. *primer*
26. *Juan and Quixote (e.g.)*
27. computer operator
28. *statement in syntax*
32. *adjective-forming suffix*
33. Ind./Afr. wild cat
34. cereal spike
35. *Shakespeare's Antonio (e.g.)*
37. paper masses
38. HIV disease
39. 40's band leader Shaw
40. lethal
43. three
44. incite
45. *word choice*
49. *heroine in The Lark*
50. academic exam (abbr)
51. leader at Casiphia (Ezra 8:17)
52. aural
53. Sigma Alpha Tau sister (OC)
54. light gas
55. Hawaiian goose
56. individual
57. *railway station (Fr)*

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49					50				51			
52					53				54			
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Down

1. *practical language courses*
2. *female friend (Fr)*
3. strong ale
4. *language system*
5. *intone words*
6. fascinated
7. *universal language*
8. *wordy*
9. foreign
10. follows "willy" (adj)
11. *locale of The Crucible*
19. devour
20. *colloquial contractions*
22. Homecoming A.M. run (OC)
23. Netherlands distance measure
24. *bone (Gr)*
25. *poetic "not ever"*
26. Frick, Gatti, Jadwin, Peal, Smith, Thompson, and VanSant (OC)
28. doubtful
29. tidy
30. Moslem judge
31. *Celtic or Gaelic*
33. Columbus hockey team
36. *rhythmic order of language*
37. *composition*
39. quadrant
40. *Centre d'Etudes Francaise (ville) (OC)*
41. register feelings
42. "one ache"
43. *literary identification*
45. dayspring
46. concept or notion
47. scent
48. zero, nil
50. rapids

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ALUMNI NOTES

Compiled by Patti Kennedy



New White House Staff? This Otterbein group looks like they're ready to field those tough questions from the press. L-R Bert Horn '49, Mary Bivins H'85, Associate Professor of History/Political Science Lou Rose, Jane Morrison Horn '50, Martha Troop Miles '49, Joe Miles, and Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson.

Otterbein Group Gets Behind-the-Scenes Look at White House

Director of Alumni Relations Greg Johnson loaded up the Otterbein van and headed to Washington, D.C. for the weekend of January 23. Traveling from Westerville with Greg were Bert '49 and Jane '50 Horn, Mary Bivins H'85, Martha '49 and Joe Miles and Dr. Louis Rose, associate professor of history.

They were greeted in the nation's capital by fellow alumni as well as the weekend's alumni hosts Doug Babcock '93, Nancy Bocskor '79 and Dr. Richard Runkle '58. Those three alumni devoted a great deal of energy, time and attention to ensuring that everyone involved that weekend had a wonderful time.

Babcock arranged a behind the scenes tour of the working wing of the White House which included the Oval Office, the Roosevelt Room, the Cabinet Room and the Press Room.

Bocskor arranged a group dinner on Saturday evening at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel just off Dupont Circle. Rose spoke that evening and put into context many of the sites the group had visited earlier in the day, particularly the Smithsonian Institution and the Holocaust Museum.

On Sunday, Runkle arranged for the group to attend a special church service at the Foundry United Methodist Church with President and Mrs. Clinton in attendance. The group that day enjoyed lunch at the Old Ebbitt Grill in downtown Washington before touring the Mall and its monuments. That evening they enjoyed the play *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center.

Lifelong Learning Looks at Technology and Privacy

Lifelong learning programs for 1998 opened with Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Debora Halbert addressing a group of 32 on

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Otterbein College National Alumni Calendar

6/19-20/98	Alumni Weekend '98	Otterbein Campus
6/27/98	Dayton Alumni Gathering	Home of Bill '48 and Helen '47 LeMay
	Second Annual June Bug Jamboree	Otterbein Campus
7/24-26/98	Alumni College '98	Bill Ulmer '84, host
8/7/98	Uniontown, PA Alumni Gathering	Keith Froggett '84 and Patrick Baker '89, hosts
8/22/98	Philadelphia Alumni Gathering	Mike Christian '61
8/29/98	Cleveland Indians Baseball Game	Dr. Charles Zimmerman
9/17/98	Native American Religions - Lifelong Ed	Greg Masters '87
9/20/98	Annual Alumni Baseball Game	Otterbein campus
10/3/98	Homecoming '98	Mary Ellen Armentrout '66
10/13/98	Carnegie Libraries of Ohio - Lifelong Ed	Dr. Nancy Woodson & Dr. Cynthia Rose
11/12/98	Cooking for the Holidays - Lifelong Ed	Location TBD
	French & Italian Style	Otterbein Campus
3/99	Cardinal Migration	
6/11-12/99	Alumni Weekend '99	

A TEXAS-SIZED Gathering

by Susan Wilson, director of Capital Giving

Throughout history, Texans have been known for doing things in a "big" way. Otterbein Texans are no exception, as those who attended the Texas Alumni events this March in San Antonio and Dallas demonstrated.

The weekend began in San Antonio with strolls through the Alamo. A balmy 72, mild winds and lots of sunshine made Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush and Buttercups adorn the hills along the highways, a legacy of beautification planted throughout the state. The intensity of their hues spanning miles of Texas countryside quickens the heart and takes the breath away.

But never far behind the raw beauty of Texas is the smoky smell of mesquite burning from the fires and woodstoves of the region's plentiful cantinas and cafes. So naturally, the next step for the Otterbein group was dinner on a river barge cruising alongside the colorful San Antonio Riverwalk. Southwestern Caesar salad, sizzling blackened prime rib and still-crisp vegetables on over-sized plates were just a few of the goodies to grace the table. Frances Touby '48 summed up the group's sentiments nicely when she commented that anyone who missed the enjoyable evening would "surely be sorry!"

The next stop was Dallas, where Susan and George Hittle '64 hosted a lively group of Otterbein alumni in their beautiful home. In true Texas fashion, Susan made sure that no one left the event hungry. Large platters of brisket swimming in Texas barbecue sauce, with bowls of picnic potato and pasta salad and Texas baked beans abound. Audible groans were heard as well-fed alumni pushed back from the tables.

Though the miles are many, Otterbein alumni are loyal to their alma mater. Earlier this year the decision was made to dedicate a room in Towers Hall as The Lone Star Room, with funding for the room coming from participating Texas alumni. Half-way to their goal of \$20,000, Texas alumni in Dallas hummed along to a new country tune written exclusively for their project, *The Ballad of the Lone Star Room* (at right).

Former Associate Dean of Students Dave Peters, who joined the group in Dallas, encouraged the formation of a Dallas alumni group to facilitate networking and regularly enjoy some "down-home, Texas-style hospitality." As everyone said good-bye, there was no shortage of Texas-size hugs and farewells, and the common parting phrase, "Ya'll come back real soon now, ya' hear?"

The Ballad of the Lone Star Room

There's a school up North, that our hearts know well
Called Otterbein College, and we like to tell,
'Bout the days we spent there, learning for life,
Why, some of us found us a spouse or a wife!

There's a glorious building, on alma mater's old square -
It's called "Towers Hall," and for students, it's where
Hard lessons were learned, and private lives shared,
And most of us ran out of breath on the stairs.

Chorus

Sweet Towers Hall, your bells will ring clear
Tho' miles separate us, our hearts still stay near.
Your plumbing's wore out, you just ain't up to scratch,
For today's hi-tech students, your wiring's no match.

Well, the years have slipped by now, and Texas is home.
We're fond of our Cowboys 'neath the big Dallas dome.
But we still remember, and we won't forget,
That an O.C. education, is as good as it gets.

Yes, folks, Towers needs your help with the floors and the cracks,
She needs to be given the things that she lacks.
As Otterbein Texans, we won't stand for doom,
We're goin' to renovate us, a great Lone Star Room!

Chorus

Now I know what you're thinkin', but please - give what you can,
For Otterbein's grateful, right down to a man.
If you need a suggestion, how 'bout a dollar a day,
For the next three short years, that's a small price to pay!

Chorus

And now, my tunes ended, I suppose I'll go home,
In the deep heart of Texas, my memories will roam.
Let me know when you're comin', I'll get out the broom -
And we'll meet as good friends in the old Lone Star Room!

--by Susan K. Wilson



Top Row: Cheryl Gargas Reynolds '77, Tim Reynolds, Paul Paulus '66, George Hittle '64, John Zezech '44, Bill Ahl '68, Bob Billman '55. **Seated:** Sara McLaughlin '92, Laurie Elwell Paulus '67, Susan Hittle, Lizette Paul Peter '76, Aldine Rose Ahl '66, Dave Peters.

'61 Alumna Will Coordinate Otterbein Cookbook



What's cookin'?

That's what Leslie Hanawalt McMullen '61 wants to know since she signed on as chairperson for the recently "cooked up" Otterbein Alumni Cookbook.

Leslie believes that all Otterbein alumni should find a way to stay involved with their Alma Mater. Creating a cookbook should be, in Leslie's words, "a project with universal appeal."

"There are so many different things to do for fun or relaxation in the '90's," says Leslie, "that finding a common bond of interest across the generations can be very challenging. When you talk about cooking, however, you are talking about a subject to which everyone can relate: eating."

Leslie will coordinate groups of alumni from six main regions throughout the country: Northwest, Southwest, North Central, South Central, Northeast and Southeast. Regional chairs will collect recipes submitted to the cookbook committee by Otterbein alumni, and arrange testing and tasting events in various locations nationwide. The project will enable alumni to showcase their culinary talents or simply enjoy the camaraderie of Otterbein-connected friendships, "and maybe," says Leslie with an unconvincing grin, "we'll

start some exercise groups to help us deal with all the calories we may be forced to consume."

While Leslie is counting on the common bond of eating to stimulate interest in the alumni cookbook, she herself is an avid fan of cookbooks and has definitely "turned up the heat" on this new alumni project. Ask husband Mike '66 about Leslie's affinity for cookbooks, and he'll direct you to her sizable collection of cookbooks for evidence of her passion for "true kitchen art."

"It's true," says Leslie, "I do love cookbooks, and I enjoy reading them as books. Cooking itself is a wonderfully creative outlet, but it can be so much more than that. It's people around the table, laughing and sharing. It goes beyond making food for our bodies — the whole process is food for our souls."

The alumni cookbook is an ambitious undertaking with a 27-month timeline. Release of the book is planned for the spring of 2000. "I want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate," Leslie commented. "Like a good stock, a good cookbook will take time to put together." Along with the mouth-watering recipes Otterbein alumni will prepare for the book, Leslie is planning to include anecdotes about Otterbein and memories of favorite times shared in the "QPV." And the organizational categories, if Leslie has her way, will be far from standard.

Soup's Up!

"We might categorize recipes by season, or by different event opportunities," noted Leslie. "I can even envision a section on "foods you wanted to go home for." Professors cook, too — perhaps we'll create a category for academic appetizers. If I am one thing," shared Leslie, "I am flexible."

Indeed, flexibility has been a trademark of Leslie's life. Before cooking and family became a part of her daily routine, Leslie graduated from Otterbein with a degree in elementary education. Different opportunities allowed her to call Garden Grove, CA (where she lived with Mary Anne Anderson '60), Portland, OR and Denver, CO "home" before she moved back to the Columbus area in the '70's.

She met fellow Otterbein graduate Michael McMullen when he was coaching her son's pee wee football team. Leslie and Mike had both grown up in the Westerville area and had both attended Otterbein, but their paths had never crossed. "We began to realize we had many friends in common, and had shared the same professors in school. I think we were destined to be together," remembers Leslie. "We just needed a little extra time to mature."

The couple married in February of 1976, each bringing two children into the family with them. It was during their first Christmas together less than one year later when Leslie was diagnosed with bone cancer. She was given six months to live.

"When I was told I was going to die, I said that 'that was fine,' but I vowed to make the most of every day," she now recalls. That love for life helped Leslie get through the next phase of her illness. Bedridden for the next 10 years, Leslie discovered that she could sit and cook. One of the few things she could do, cooking became a great source of joy. That was 22 years ago.

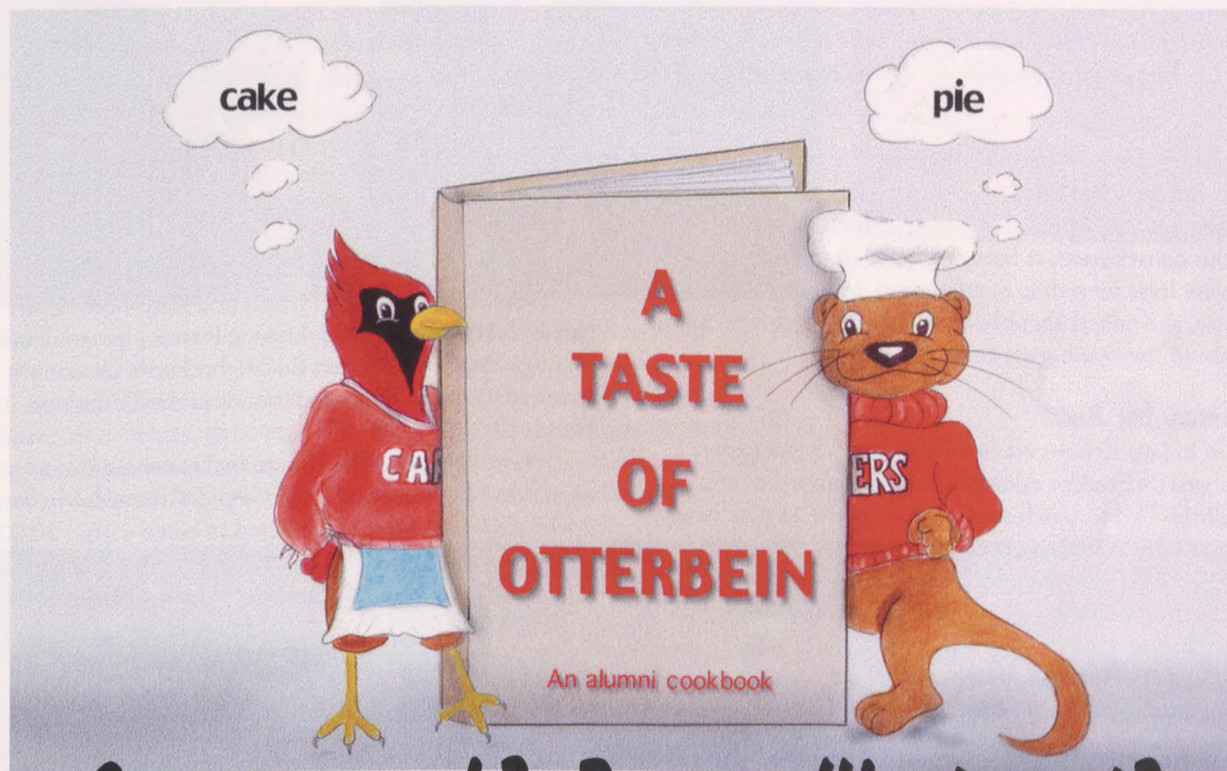
Today, Leslie continues rehabilitation for chronic pain syndrome. "The cancer is in remission," she explains, "but left me with a lot of garbage that I struggle with on a daily

basis. I spend a lot of time at church-related activities. Faith is a big part of my life and I have learned to live and be thankful for each and every thing."

One of the most important things in Leslie's life today is spending time with her five grandchildren. "They are the apples of my eye," she boasts. "When we were looking at houses, I insisted on finding one with a kitchen big enough for all the grandkids to help me cook in."

And what taste-tempting recipe will Leslie submit for the Otterbein Alumni Cookbook? Since her

Grandmother Tussey, who managed the old Kilgore Cafeteria in Westerville, was known for her pies, we can expect a well-tested pie recipe from Leslie, who inherited the Tussey talent for baking. "If there was one thing I would want to be remembered for, it would be my pies," says Leslie. Recently she passed the secret of the perfect pie crust along to her own daughter as they worked side by side in the kitchen. When asked what makes a "perfect" pie crust, Leslie happily answered, "you'll find out all about it in the Otterbein Alumni Cookbook!"



Can you cook? Do you like to eat?

Better than a check from Publisher's Clearinghouse... get ready for *A Taste of Otterbein*, Otterbein's new alumni cookbook planned for release in 2000! (It's just around the corner...)

We need committee people! We need recipes! We need tasters! And we need your wonderful stories and memories about your days in the QPV to include as a little food for thought!

National Chairperson Leslie McMullen '61 is ravenous for your help! Contact her at LCMCooks@aol.com or write her at 7408 Players Club Dr., Lansing, MI 48917.

Leslie will be at the Alumni Weekend reunion June 20 to "get the pot boiling!" Sharpen your knives and cut into a feast of fun.

***It's hot...it sizzles... it might even be nutritious!
A Taste of Otterbein (We're talking food!)***



Above left: Sophomore Rick Hopkins and freshman Tiffany Olmer were part of the winning orienteering team at Otterbein's Outdoor Adventure Club's two-day course which taught participants how to find their way around in the woods. **Above right:** Asst. Professor of Political Science Debra Halbert poses with David Deever (right) and Greg Johnson after her Lifelong Learning program on right to privacy issues.



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"Technology and Privacy Issues" on Jan. 6. Halbert discussed how the "right to privacy," which does not appear in our constitution, is being changed as technology opens private lives for public examination. Looking to the future, she talked about how privacy and technology will relate in the coming century.

Hurray for Rea!

On Jan. 30 news anchor Cabot Rea '78 graciously arranged for Student Alumni Council members to visit WCMH-TV4 to watch the broadcast of the 11 p.m. news. About a dozen students were in the studio for the live broadcast. WCMH wins the rating war at 11 p.m. as the most watched newscast in Columbus with Rea as the anchor.

President DeVore Visits West Coast

President C. Brent DeVore H'86 traveled to the west coast in February and met with a group of alumni from the San Francisco area. This event gave alumni a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with their Alma Mater. All enjoyed hearing an update on the College and its efforts.

Secret Service Program a Huge Draw

Otterbein hosted the best-attended lifelong learning program on Feb. 10 as Secret Service agent Mark Porter '86 gave an after-dinner talk to a group of 93 alumni and friends of the College.

He discussed the history of the U.S. Secret Service and its functions and responsibilities today. Audience members were impressed by the professionalism of the Secret Service and the magnitude of the agents' responsibilities in preventing counterfeiting and credit card fraud as well as protecting public officials and their families.

Adventure Club Blazes Paths in Hocking Hills

At the end of February, Otterbein's Outdoor Adventure Club offered a two-day course on orienteering to students and faculty. The group's advisor Kelley McCready arranged for the group to travel to Hocking Hills with Alumni Relations Director Greg Johnson for a weekend of fun and learning as they camped out. The group of 15 learned how to understand a topographical map and use it with a compass effectively in the woods to find their way around when given only directions and distance between points.

Things That Go Bump In the Night

Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy Phil Barnhart H'90 presented a lifelong learning program on "Things That Go Bump in the Night: Earth-Crossing Asteroids" to 49 alumni and friends of the College on March 17.

Those attending the lecture had many questions on what proved to be a very timely topic with recent news stories about an asteroid predicted to come within 30,000 miles of Earth in the year 2028. A week later that prediction was changed and the asteroid should pass the Earth at comfortable 600,000 miles out in space. And the subject has certainly captured the public's imagination. This summer two movies are being released depicting the efforts to knock incoming asteroids off their collision course with Earth.

Barnhart discussed the classifications of asteroids and the importance of tracking asteroids over time to monitor their orbits and proximity to Earth. He predicted that technology will be developed in time to destroy or divert any Earth-threatening asteroids.

Now that he has retired from the Otterbein faculty, Barnhart is enjoying the luxury of travel. He gives lectures on asteroid research and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence for audiences aboard the Cunard Line cruise ships. After his lecture on campus, the Alumni Association presented Barnhart with an Otterbein shirt so that during his travels he can spread Otterbein's name and fame across the seven seas. ■



Top: John and Diana Bell, executive secretary, with Phil Barnhart H'90, professor of physics and astronomy and Charles Davis. Barnhart's Lifelong Learning program was entitled "Things that Go Bump in the Night: Earth-crossing Asteroids."
Above: At a Chicago gathering, Allen Prindle (far right), associate professor of Economics, talked about urban sprawl. Also in the photo are (L-R) Howard Lerner, Brooke McDonald '83, and Greg Johnson, director of Alumni Relations.

Announcing...

Otterbein's 1998 Alumni Award Winners

Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. John T. Huston '57



Special Achievement

Shirley Omietanski '56

Dr. Robert E. Dunham '53



Distinguished Service

Victor '48 and Eileen Ritter



Honorary Alumnae

Thelma Frank

Ida Freeman



The Crew at the 1998 Cardinal Migration in Charleston, S.C. (Story to come in next issue!)





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Come Back to Otterbein...



...for the joy of
Alumni Weekend

June 19 & 20, 1998

Don't Miss It!

Spring is when alumni thoughts begin to turn to Otterbein reunions and Alumni Weekend. This year, special events are planned to renew old friendships and kindle memories of all alumni on the weekend of June 19 & 20.

The weekend will be kicked off Friday evening with a huge alumni dinner on the green behind the Campus Center. Along with offering plenty of time for catching up and reminiscing, one of the highlights of the party will include the sounds of the Buckeye Ballroom Big Band.

During alumni weekend, special recognition will be given to the pre-'48 Honored Alumni classes, Golden Reunion Class of '48, and the classes '53, '58, '63, '68, '73 and '78. However, members from the classes just before and just after the reunion classes also are receiving special invitations. This will include alumni from the classes of '52, '54, '57, '59, '62, '64, '67, '69, '72, '74, '77, and '79. This gives you a chance to meet up with friends who graduated a year before or a year after you, as well as classmates.

Saturday morning provides an opportunity to greet President Brent DeVore, see friends, have your class picture taken and enjoy a short demonstration on "Entertaining Made Easy."

You won't want to miss the Annual Alumni Luncheon which will feature the Alumni Choir. Immediately following lunch, the Courtright Memorial Library will host a dessert reception featuring a silent auction of autographed items from authors, sports figures, politicians and other celebrities.

Following the library reception, you can tour the campus; learn what's in store for historic Towers Hall as renovation is about to begin; find out about *A Taste of Otterbein*, the cookbook being created for and by alumni; and enjoy the Alumni Choir Concert. The day will end with special dinners for all visiting alumni.

We hope that you will be able to attend most of the events planned for this weekend. If you are unable to attend ALL events, we hope that you will visit campus for even a short time to once again be part of that unique Otterbein spirit.