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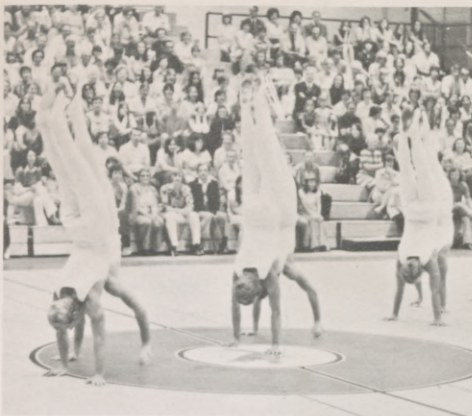
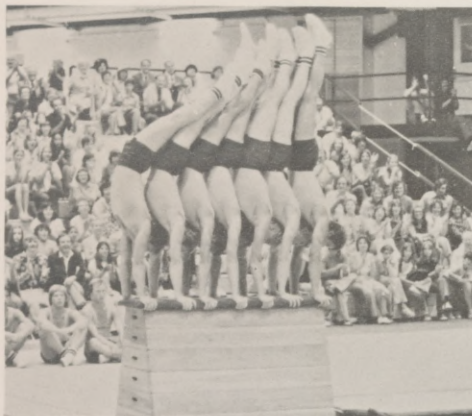
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of TOWERS; and a member of the junior

and senior classes.



The Danish Gym Team entertained the Otterbein community on May 22, as a part of the Rike Center dedication week. See page 12 for the dedication story.

The aerial cover photo is by Dave Bradford; Bill Singleton piloted the plane.

Campus News

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT

AFFAIRS JOANNE VANSANT was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Albright College during their 116th commencement exercises on June 1.

Miss VanSant began her career teaching health and physical education at Mayfield High School, Kentucky. She began her Otterbein career as an instructor in the women's physical education department in 1948 and was named chairman of that department in 1950. Her appointment to a similar post in the division of professional studies followed in 1961, when she also served as dean of women, and later, as dean of students. She was named vice president in 1968.

Her interest in dance and choreography for theatre has prompted her participation in Otterbein's spring musical theatre production for many years.

She is a member of many educational and student personnel associations at the state and national level, including the college section of the Ohio Association of Health and Physical Education and Recreation, which she has chaired, the executive board of the Ohio Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors, and the board of directors of Zonta International, which she has served as vice president.

Miss VanSant is listed in "Who's Who of American Women" and Who's Who in the Midwest," and holds membership in select honorary societies for women, theatre, drama and academics. An ordained elder of

the Presbyterian Church and trustee of Central College United Presbyterian Church, she was named an honorary alumna of Otterbein College in 1970.

THE OTTERBEIN BAND IS PLANNING to augment its program with a "Heritage Band" to commemorate the nation's bi-centennial. The band will perform authentic band music composed in Ohio's formative years with instruments from that era. If you have an old instrument that you would consider donating or loaning to Otterbein, please contact Gary Tirey, Director of Bands. At its own expense the band will restore useable instruments to playing condition. Donations are tax deductible at the appraised value. The band is also collecting old band music for its use in both off campus and on campus appearances.

THE 1975 CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR, co-sponsored by Battelle Memorial Institute Columbus Laboratories and Otterbein College was held on the Otterbein campus April 4-5.

Robert J. Partyka, a junior from Upper Arlington High School and Bishop Waterson High School sophomore Mark Zupan were chosen as the fair's top winners.

These science students, along with their advisors and Battelle and Otterbein representatives, attended the International Science and Engineering Fair in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 12-17.

Robert Partyka's project, entitled "Accelerating Charged Particles," received a second place prize in the overall engineering category. His project also was awarded

the Navy Prize which consists of a week's stay at the San Diego Naval Laboratories.

"The Viral Theory of Cancer and an Experiment with TMV and Potato Virus in Bean Plants" was the title of Mark Zupan's entry. His project placed fourth overall in the microbiology category and received a second place prize from the American Phytopathological Society.

THE OTTERBEIN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES voted at their June meeting to remove the Association Building sometime this August. The Trustees' decision was made in response to recommendations by engineers and architects that the building, whose space is not needed for current or projected College programs, is in need of renovations and is presently a drain on the College's utility resources.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joanne VanSant commented that although those who have been associated with the building might feel a sentimental attachment to it, "At the same time we recognize that with the move of our physical education departments to their new facilities, the continued maintenance of unnecessary space is not wise financial planning."

TWO NEW HONORARY SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED for junior and senior men and women who excel in leadership, service and scholarship.

The men's honorary, Archaghia Circle, inducted ten junior men for their participation or achievement in at least two of five categories: academics; athletics; social,

service and religious activities and campus government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and creative and performing arts.

New members are Randy Adams, Matthew Arnold, Edward Brookover, Joseph Brunk, Robert Buchan, Terrence Eldridge, Charles Erickson, Steven Ricard, Daniel Underwood and James West.

The Arete women's honorary inducted eleven women who have achieved in those same categories listed above, and who have met the following requirements: distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service, a minimum scholarship average of 3.0 and junior or senior status.

The new women members are Linda Bailey, Elsa Giammarco, Marianne Grace, Valarie Ingels, Sue Kocks, Joyce Mauler, Donna Patton, Deborah Venable, Sybil Waggamon, Mary Ann White and Josie Yeakel.

A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND has been established with \$12,000 of an \$18,487.59 bequest from the estate of Marywood Lewis, College friend through the United Methodist Church from Dayton, Ohio. The remainder has been designated by the Board of Trustees for other current needs. Mrs. Lewis was a cousin of **Edith Hahn Richer**, '19.

SIT DOWN SOMETIME, AND WRITE YOUR OWN OBITUARY, filling in your anticipated date and manner of death, and the significant achievements that have marked your life so far. Add the goals you

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Distinguished People Honored at Commencement, Alumni Day Ceremonies

Two hundred eighty-nine seniors were graduated on Sunday, June 8, as over 2,400 people looked on in the College's 128th commencement exercises. This commencement was the first to take place in the newly-completed Rike Physical Education Recreation Center.

An honorary Doctor of Public Service degree was awarded to the commencement speaker, Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, whose talk entitled "Our Next Crisis" underscored the need to "slow down our increase of consumption, learn to conserve, to do more with less" and to recycle those resources that are available to us.

Dr. Frances Harding, Columbus physician and past president of the American Medical Women's Association, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

After completing her undergraduate work in the States, Frances Keller Harding traveled to Edinburgh where she obtained her British Medical qualification. She then moved to Australia where she helped to found the first clinic in Family Planning. She spent her vacations doing medical work

in the Solomon Islands and the Fiji Islands using a mission launch as a base.

Her work in the U.S. since 1941 has been in Family Planning and medical Gynecology in the Student Health Clinic at The Ohio State University. In addition to her service as a lecturer, her work as an author and her hobbies of collecting and lecturing on Georgian Silver and history, she is a devoted mother and grandmother. For her outstanding service to mankind, Dr. Harding was presented with the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from Hobart and William Smith College in 1974.

Awards Highlight Alumni Luncheon

Sunny skies greeted alumni of the classes of '69, '70, '71; '65; '50; '44, '45, '46; '35; the 50-year class of 1925 and the Golden Agers, as they arrived in Westerville for the annual Alumni Day activities. After greetings and pictures were taken care of, over 400 alumni assembled in the Campus Center for the annual luncheon where four distinguished persons were recognized for exceptional service to their professions and to Otterbein College.

Melvin A. Moody, '36, and William C. Moffit were presented with Distinguished Service Awards, and Mrs. J. Balmers Showers and James A. Grissinger were named honorary alumni.

Receptions and Tours

Immediately following the luncheon, President and Mrs. Kerr greeted alumni and campus friends at a reception hosted by The Otterbein Women's Club honoring all retired faculty and staff. Tours of the new Rike Center were given to those who had not previously visited the facility by Woodrow Macke, Vice President for Business Affairs.

Alumni Director Chet Turner was pleased with the turnout for Alumni Day as well as with an overall increase in alumni response to the election of new officers for the Alumni Association.

"Alumni returned nearly three times as many ballots this year than in the last few years," Turner commented. "We appreciate the interest alumni have shown in the election of their association officers and alumni trustees."

1975 Award Recipients



Morton Achter, William Moffit

Distinguished Service Awards

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to William C. Moffit, Director of the marching band at the University of Houston, by Music Department Chairman Morton Achter for Moffit's outstanding service to Otterbein, his own profession and his community.

Moffit is well known across the country for his workshops and clinics, and has developed some of the most advanced concepts and techniques in modern marching band presentation. Author of seven books, he has produced training films and more than 70 musical arrangements. He recently donated twelve arrangements to Otterbein.

He will be conducting his third summer clinic at Otterbein this July, and plans to introduce the most advanced concepts in the nation to its participants.

He holds degrees from Baldwin-Wallace College and the University of Michigan, and taught for more than 20 years in Ohio



William Messmer, '36, Melvin Moody, '36

high schools and at Michigan State University before taking his present position.

He is the recipient of the Kappa Kappa Psi national band fraternity national medal for musical achievement, and is serving as the College Band Directors National Association representative to the NCAA.

Melvin A. Moody, '36, was presented his distinguished service award by Dr. William K. Messmer, '36. Moody is currently director of camping, leisure and outdoor education, Division of Education, for The United Methodist Church.

He is presently Chairman of the Project Committee on Outdoor Ministry for the National Council of Churches, and was instrumental in getting the Church Camp recognized in the American Camping Association.

Moody served as director of Camp Wan-eke and as program chairman of the East Ohio Conference for 25 years before taking



Chester Turner, '43, Mrs. Showers

his present position. He is past president of the Church Camp Council of the American Camp Association, past chairman of the Leadership Committee of the North Central Jurisdiction, and past Director of the National Symposium.

Otterbein awarded him an honorary D.D. degree in 1960 for distinction in the area of church camping and youth work. Moody received his B.S. degree from the United Theological Seminary, and did graduate work at Oberlin College. He and his wife Sarah (Roby), '35, have two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Birkel, of Arizona, and Ruth Moody McDonald, '65.

The Honorary Alumnus Awards

Mrs. J. Balmers Showers was named an honorary alumna for her long standing interest in Otterbein and its programs. She comes from a family of Otterbein graduates, including her parents, an aunt, and two uncles. Wife of the late Dr. J. Balmers



Jim Grissinger, Joanne VanSant

Showers, a bishop of the E.U.B. Church, Mrs. Showers spent her active years in volunteer service for her church and the Dayton YWCA.

Her participation in the Church's missionary work of the Miami Branch spanned over 21 years. In 1922 she was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Association, which she served until 1940, when she was named the association's national president. After the E.U.B. merger, she became president of the Women's Society of World Service, a position which she held for eight years.

Interest in youth prompted her to serve on the board of the Dayton YWCA for many years, and to accept the presidency from 1918 to 1924.

Mrs. Showers earned an A.B. degree in 1907 from Bryn Mawr College, and a doctor of humanities from Indiana Central College in 1950.

The award was presented *in absentia* by Mr. Gwynne McConnaughy, '27.

Dr. James A. Grissinger, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre since 1950, was presented an honorary alumnus award by Vice President for Student Affairs Joanne VanSant. Grissinger was recognized for his service to Otterbein as teacher, adviser and campus leader.

Elected to the Westerville City Council in 1957, he served three four-year terms serving as chairman in the later two years of his term. He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Westerville, and was Executive Secretary for the Westerville Business Association for seven years. In 1972, he was elected to "Who's Who in America."

Dr. Grissinger is Past President of the Ohio Speech Association, past Governor of the Northeast area of Pi Kappa Delta, national speech honorary, and past Vice-President of that honorary fraternity. He is a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and a presiding judge for a Westerville election precinct.

He has published articles on public speaking and speech education in several educational journals, and has served as a consultant in speech and communication for numerous businesses and agencies.

Dr. Grissinger holds the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University, with areas of academic specialization in speech communication, group discussion, broadcasting, and audio-visual education.

"Riprap"

a collection of poetry from the Otterbein community

with an introduction by Dr. Norman Chaney

The American poet Gary Snyder says that poetry is "riprap on the slick rock of metaphysics." This metaphorical assertion requires explanation. What is "riprap"? It is "a cobble of stone laid on steep slick rock to make a trail for horses in the mountain." What is "metaphysics"? It is what we designate as "life". The creation of poetry, Snyder seems to say, is like the laying of riprap on a mountain trail. Through the laying of words on paper, the poet gains a

toe-hold on the slick rock of life.

For this edition of *Towers*, we have selected several works by poet-riprappers within the Otterbein community. What you will find here is poetry sprung from the need to write. And all of it is steeped in the desire to hold to what is humanly precious, and to convey that sense of preciousness to an audience who has been nurtured in the Christian and humanistic tradition of Otterbein College.

A COMING OF AGE

These voices sparking in off the wired air
Rattle my stirrups as the telegraph
Ghosting the express rider;
Register on my metered ears
That translate the electric code.
Rebounded from certain dreamers' heaven:
Technical starlight and a godhead
Orbiting horizon's altar,
I hear the giant choirs Babel chanting
Rumble up through the grounded cable.
But I cannot see them
To tell them I am frightened by their sound,
But cannot switch them off,
Nor mute my silence gilded instruments.

Norman R. Chaney is Assistant Professor of English and teaches in the English and Philosophy Departments. He taught at Otterbein from 1964 to 1966, and returned in 1970 after completing graduate work. He holds a B.A. from Indiana Central College, an M.A. from Indiana University, a B.D. from Yale Divinity School and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

These glaciers dismounting from the ramrod pole
Groove the anvil-pounded clay
With a diamond tooth;
Ride the diaphragm to sound
Against the turntable spin.
Echoed from the moles' shoveled mountains:
Scraping wind-drift skies
An age before Chicago,
I hear the cold descend on the equator
To drum-thudding sirens.
Yet I cannot drive them
Back through that Whaleswum sea,
Yet cannot hold their line,
Nor deafen my eyes to their driven cliffs.

These star-slung planets rocketing a course
Tear the hammered golden cord
Out of its socket;
Crack the hanging crystal ball
Rusting in the brain.
Written in the fortune telling heavens:
Ignited fuses burning down
To a trumpet blast,
I hear Saturn in the Ninth House gearing
To square the new Age.
And nothing I can do
Will break its overloading circuit.
And nothing I can do,
As the nerves cataract and the light fails.

Chris Nicely
Class of 1976

PEACE WEB

Cobweb on the evergreens in
Misty fog of an autumn dawn.

Harbinger of heat or visual afterglow
Of a cool Fall night?

Still, still friendly calm -
Non threatening to a spider's world.

Untarnished environment of peace
To an unknowing primeval creature

Far more cognizant of personal needs
Than sophisticated humans

Seeking to pierce the fog
With puny beams of light,

Dashing to busied activity
In unaware greeting of the budding day

Sensing only annoyance with
Nature's whitened moisture

Frenetically oriented to achieve and overcome
In the presence of an insignificant creature

Who lives in quiet harmony with new hope
For each timeless moment.

Elwyn M. Williams
Vice President
Development and Public Relations

TWO MEN

It is later now . . .

The only eternal, time, has grayed and softened my rememberings,
Has made the sharp and crystal pain
A muted vision of shadow shapes.
As I think back upon them
The shadow is of hands, hands
Moving across the once darkened backwall of my thoughts.
Ever so softly I awake to the flutter
And warming pressure of the drumming fingers.
And the shadows flicker in the path of my aching memory.

They are gentle, tapered, supple, and strong;
The long tanned hands of the pained and sensitive.
They reach down and, reassuringly,
Touch a tiny child upon the head,
Then continue to move a pawn
Across a smooth and wooden board,
Guided by the steady conviction of a learned mind.
They grasp the smooth shaft of an artist's brush and
Unsewn colors become traces of a vibrant life —
Of people once but glimpsed,
Of flowers permanently in fragrance
Of a tiny girl whose eyes hold in reflection
The life force of the moving, tapered hands.

Catch the shadow.
Let its imprint become darker and darker
Larger and evergrowing.
The image not a flicker, but a
Living grasp upon my memory.

And yet they change
To assume a different form of continuity.
The drumming awakes not the paternal
But the primeval aura of loving nature,
The height of which the fingers touch
With an explorative, still quiet . . . expectation.
Now they are the firm, blunted Spartan,
Slightly calloused, sun-darkened.
They possess the touch that stirs a sleeping fawn
To birth the completeness of a shrouded nature.
Heavy, rough, demanding . . .
Yet also like the feathery tip
Of a garden butterfly's wing.

Their pressure is but momentary.
Though, like the sting of a tiny bee,
I know that both have rested upon me.
The quickening thrust is not what hurts
But rather what is left behind.

Nancy Grace
Class of 1973

DISSOLVING DISCIPLINES

Copy fluid and toilet bowls.
This afternoon I ransacked every business
office for copy fluid and flung it into
the toilets.

The river flushed blue.

I am damned tired of disciplines. Waiting
for the curtains to begin breezing and
the soft cloth wind to stop billowing.
Humour plunged to nitwitticism.

Skittering through each room for one minute
light on curtains open I am
waiting for something

displacing.

This does not work! Even in Chicago. I'll
wait until tomorrow when I can get into
the Court House near the river.
There we can redo today's game. Naked,
in a bouffant hairdo, I'll fly through
the lighted offices hoping to be caught by
the clothed breeze.

Darci Birmingham
Class of 1977

GRADUATED IN NINETY-SEVEN

Gracious hostess on the campus edge,
Your house, though small and old and rather plain,
Still lures a generation of the young
And curious to your hearth.

"How much she's like a flower!" a sophomore
Was sighing the other day. The figure's true
Though trite. Your tales of Sans Souci on summer nights,
Of the Ufizzi and Bayreuth in ninety-nine,

Old letters fluttering from even older books,
And your zest revealed the other day
For the new biography of Heine, all are petals
Falling at last — lingeringly — from a fading rose.

Robert Price
Professor Emeritus
of English

WONDERLAND II

Light the spring air that shapes renewing rites,
For words that once were breath and earthly life
Have flung an echo off the ancient wall,
Flaunting its new distortion not to die.

Is not an echo better than a mirror?
Or is there life in some new haunted Alice
Who walks through self to self, and finds dimensions
Altered in the passage? Who would seek out,
At tea, some new March Hare, and play croquet
With pink flamingos?

That cupping air, that echo, and that dream
Count out the pulse of some remembered past
In some tomorrow--while hidden in the real,
On cross street by the drug store bric-a-brac,
A sudden turning brings to play the brief
Prismatic radiance of a word, renewed
For one fine burst of moment to the heart.

Sylvia Vance
Assistant Professor
of French

TO MY CHILDREN

Three things
I wish for you.
May your griefs be rivers
You will cross but will not follow
Drifting.

May love
Become through you
An ocean's endless tide
Whose ebb and flow is constant on
Your shore.

And last --
May each new spring
Hold all the wonder of
The rushing brook upon whose banks
You dreamed.

Sylvia Vance
Assistant Professor
of French

OF GULLS AND DREAMS

Broken dreams and wounded birds
Both born to soar and drop in turn
Responding to the currents they must ride.

Beauty borne on fragile wing
Rising in response to need
Seeks heights beyond earth-bound experience.

There within the glide and dip
Lies the purpose of the flight
Upward spirals reaching out to joy.

Broken dreams and wounded birds
Plummeted from sky to sand
Lie stunned, uncomprehending, fighting pain.

With flutt'ring move, then slow they rise,
And seek to mend the shattered piece,
For dreams die hard and wings are born to fly.

Nancy J. Norris
Class of 1961

IN PASSING

The weight of summer heat
looms ahead.
It presses down on new
unmoving leaves
And on my heart.

Its heavy goldness pales
the willow's green
And bends it ruthlessly
to earth.

A shimmering curtain of
yellow heat
Rises, distorting the lake
and the sky
And when it lifts, my heart
will be left
As the field - parched and sore,
Seared by summer sun.

Nancy J. Norris
Class of 1961

A Recommendation for Accreditation Renewal: a report of the NCA Evaluation team's visit to Otterbein in April

The North Central Association Evaluation Team that visited the Otterbein campus in April noted that "considerable improvement in quality of education service since the 1965 evaluation" had been achieved, and that substantial and important strengths counterbalance less significant areas of concern. The Team recommended that Otterbein's accreditation be continued.

In his reply to Joseph J. Semrow, Executive Director of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Otterbein President Thomas J. Kerr, IV expressed his support of the team's effort and stated that their report was both comprehensive and perceptive.

The report pointed to ten areas of strength that the College has achieved in its academic and administrative program. Sound development of career-oriented programs, improved level of training and continuing dedication of faculty, and an imaginative and successful sabbatical leave program were cited as commendable areas of strength. Although the team interpreted the present direction of the curriculum development to be heavily "careerist" in orientation, and that this direction seems inconsistent with Otterbein's stated liberal

arts emphasis, President Kerr responded with a quote from the recent long range planning committee's report:

"(The liberal arts and professional education) go hand in hand in undergraduate education, for the true professional is one who sees his expertise in training in the broader context of the total human environment of society including such things as politics, education, social and economic concern and moral responsibility."

Other areas of strength cited by the team are the faculty/staff compensation program, the successful involvement of all constituencies in processes of institutional governance, superior programming and facilities in the Library and the Learning Resource Center, and student center and placement programs. The Team also noted Otterbein's good stewardship of limited financial resources, sound planning for its plant development, and an impressive long range planning effort with substantial constituency input.

The accreditation team questioned the definition of Otterbein's "Christian tradition." In their report they stated:

"Otterbein today is not heavily oriented toward United Methodist or Evangelical United Brethren doctrine and it may,

therefore, be misleading to emphasize its "Christian tradition" except in the broadest, non-doctrinal terms." In his response to questions about this definition, Kerr responded that,

"One of the functions of a liberal education is to prepare students in critical thinking. Skepticism and dissent are frequently spinoffs from critical evaluation. They are essential to progress in society. However, if they are not balanced by a sense of conviction, commitment, belief and affirmation the important educational functions of a liberal education can become socially destructive. From our church relationship and Christian commitment we infuse a sense of hope, commitment, belief and affirmation which are most important in balancing the critical functions of liberal education."

The complex nature of the question of church relatedness forces the College to constantly re-define and re-examine those values and problems of relationship. "Critical thinking and creative tension are essential for an institution dedicated to quality higher education," wrote Kerr.

The Evaluation Team noted that scholarly productivity of faculty seems modest, and that an atmosphere of acceptance

**“. . . an impressive long
range planning effort
with substantial
constituency input. . ."**

pervades the faculty ranks. But a strong sense of dedication and community solidarity was noticeably present to the Team, perhaps reflecting the imaginative sabbatical leave program, and the participatory governance structure. However, they noted that the governance program, which earned national coverage at its initiation in 1970, does make major demands on time and energy for faculty and administrative participants.

The Report mentioned that many view the common courses as *the* liberal arts component of the curriculum, and that this view may tend to undermine the traditional liberal arts disciplines.

The Team mentioned in conclusion that Otterbein might benefit from a more structured non-academic counseling and academic advising program, and that more support services and provisions for financial aid would be necessary in the future. At the same time they commented that programming and facilities in the Library and the Learning Resource Center

are "clearly superior," and that the student center and placement programs are well designed and highly sensitive to student interests.

"Preparation for these NCA team visits has always been a very positive opportunity for the College to engage in self-examination," President Kerr added.

Evaluation Team members who visited Otterbein were Bernard S. Adams (Chairman), President, Ripon College; Rosemary E. Cowler, Professor of English, Lake Forest College; Carl Eisemann, Chairman of the Education Department, Knox College; and Laurence E. Strong, Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, Earlham College.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools sends an evaluation team to member schools every ten years. After studying each phase of the institution, the committee submits a report to the Commission with a recommendation for or against renewing accreditation for that institution.

Rike Center Dedicated on May 17th

Seven Rike family members were present at the dedication of the Rike Physical Education Recreation Center on May 17. A luncheon honoring the Rike family of Dayton, Otterbein alumni and friends preceded the dedication, when David L. Rike, Susanne Rike Kircher and Fred McConnaughey were presented with varsity "O" Club blankets and honorary memberships in the "O" Club.

President Thomas J. Kerr, IV presided over the dedication ceremonies in which twelve distinguished physical education persons were honored by Otterbein College and the Alumni Association with the newly-created Distinguished Achievement Awards in Physical Education and Athletics. Honored guests and participants included the Rike family, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the United Methodist Church, West Ohio Conference, Trustee Virgil Hinton, '34, Robert Shaw, '52, Arthur Francis, '33, Elmo Lingrel, '17, and Roy Peden, '22.

The Rike Family

The Rike family holds a long and distinguished association with the College. The late David L. Rike served on the Otterbein Board of Trustees as a representative of the Ohio Miami Conference of the former United Brethren Church from 1879-



Seven Rike family members participated in the ribbon cutting during the Rikè Center dedication ceremonies on May 17. Watching Amanda McConnaughey cut the last ribbon are Dr. David L. Rike, Fred McConnaughey, Ralf Kircher, Susanne Rike Kircher, Diana McConnaughey and Otterbein President Thomas J. Kerr, IV. Not pictured is Mrs. David L. Rike.

1895. His son, Frederick H. Rike, '88, served the College in that same capacity from 1907 until his death in 1947. His sister, Mrs. Susanne Rike MacDonald, '90, taught music at Otterbein in 1894-95, and devoted a chapter of her memoirs, "The Backward Look," to that experience.

David L. Rike, chairman of the board of the Rike Family Foundation, was made an honorary alumnus of Otterbein in 1965.

"O" Club president Smokey Ballenger and Alumni Director Chet Turner display the plaque honoring twelve Otterbein athletes for distinguished achievement in physical education and athletics. The plaque will hang in the main lobby of the Rike Center. Stories about the recipients are on page 13.



Physical Education and Athletic Distinguished Achievement Awards

Instruction in physical education began at Otterbein in 1894 following the construction of the Christian Association Building. At this time **E. Louella Fouts Clements**, '89, (1866-1920), was employed to instruct gymnastics. She was the first Director of Physical Education for men and women.

Probably no one in Ohio's college and high school sports field was better known than **Merlin A. "Dit" Ditmer** (1887-1950). A 1910 Otterbein graduate, "Dit" began his successful coaching career at Piqua in 1913, moved to Springfield High for the 1918-19 school year, and returned to his Alma Mater as head coach for seven years. This genial and outgoing man moved to Miami University in 1927 where he retired in 1942.

Before becoming president of Otterbein College in 1945, **Royal F. Martin**, '14, (1887-1971), was a member of the faculty for 43 years, serving at different times as coach, professor of physical education and chairman of the department, director of athletics and dean. Known for being fair yet firm, Mr. Martin was often referred to as "Mr. Otterbein."

W. Harold "Andy" Anderson, '24, (1902-1967), the legendary basketball coach at Toledo (1935-42) and Bowling Green State (1942-63) Universities somehow always seemed to come out on top. Anderson, a member of four Halls of Fame, compiled a lifetime head coaching record of 504 victories in 29 years, developing ten All-Americans during his career. Anderson's Bowling Green team toured Brazil

in 1950 at the invitation of the State Department. He also gave clinics in Japan, Greenland and Hawaii.

Carroll "Wid" Widdoes, '26, (1903-1971), first won national acclaim in 1944 as head football coach of Ohio State University's Western Conference champions when he was recognized as the American Football Coaches Association selection for "Coach of the Year". Later he became football coach and athletic director of Ohio University in Athens where he was named Ohio "Coach of the Year" in 1953 after giving the school its first Mid-American Conference football title.

Robert K. "Deke" Edler (1893-1953) served Otterbein from 1925-1939 as football and basketball coach and as college physician. While at Otterbein several of his athletic teams were Ohio Conference Champs.

"Don't stay more than two years in coaching if you intend to get out. Longer than that and you'll never be happy in any other sort of work," **Harry W. Ewing** (1888-1962) once said. He was in law school when he received his first taste of coaching and that was the beginning of his 48-year career in the field of athletics. Before coming to Otterbein in 1934 as coach and athletic director, Harry coached at Morningside College, South Dakota State, Ohio Wesleyan, and Miami University. He then settled down for a 24-year stay at Otterbein. The track in the Rike Center is named for Ewing.

Albert A. Exendine (1884-1973), head football coach at Otterbein for three years (1909-1912), started his fabulous grid ca-

reer as a player in 1902 at Carlisle Indian School where he earned All-American honors as an end playing under Glenn "Pop" Warner. The Delaware Indian later coached at six colleges and universities and was honored in Tulsa as Indian of the Year in 1968. In 1970 he was named to the National Football Hall of Fame.

An active participant in football, baseball and track while at Otterbein, **Elmo Lingrel**, '17, was responsible for building the Middletown Middies' athletic program to the prominent position it has held for many years. During his tenure as coach and athletic director, he saw the school win seven state basketball championships and coached four undefeated football teams. After a sports career spanning 50 years, Elmo retired in 1962. In 1970 his name was enshrined in the Football Hall of Fame at Rutgers University, New Jersey and in 1973 in the Ohio High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Dubbed Otterbein's No. 1 athlete, **Roy F. Peden**, '22, earned letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track during his years at Otterbein. During his senior year he was captain of all four teams. Roy established a polevault record of 12'5½" in 1922 that was not broken until 1954. Peden sacrificed one opportunity after another of becoming a national figure so that he might stay at Otterbein. After graduation, he began a 41-year high school coaching career. Peden retired in 1964.

While at Otterbein, **Arthur G. "Barney" Francis**, '33, was awarded twelve varsity letters in three years in football, basketball, baseball and track. Barney was captain

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by Dave Bradford

Beck Cops Otter MVP Award

Larry Beck, who led Otterbein College and the Ohio Athletic Conference in hitting with a .500 average, has been voted Most Valuable Player by his Otter teammates.

The spunky shortstop rebounded from off-season leg surgery to rip 37 hits in 74 at bats and lead the club in RBI's with 20, and total bases with 52. He also topped the team in runs scored (21), doubles (six), triples (three) and finished second in walks with 20.

Dubbed "the best shortstop I've ever

coached" by nine-year Otterbein mentor Dick Fishbaugh, Beck carried a .325 career batting average and fielded his difficult infield spot at .876 clip during his four-year tenure as an Otter regular.

In other awards, Worthington sophomore Dan Wilmoth was named Most Improved after his runner-up finish in the Otter batting race with a .378 average and copping top honors in club fielding for the second straight season with a .975 percentage. Wilmoth, co-winner of the Most Valuable Freshman honor last season, handled 203

chances at first base with just five errors.

Don Dyson, a steady first-year hurler from Grandview who was impressive in both relief and starting roles this season, was named Most Valuable Freshman. Dyson appeared in seven games, starting two, while posting a 3-0 record. The rookie right-hander also received the Earned Run Average trophy after yielding just seven earned runs in 29 innings for a 2.17 ERA.

A special plaque was given to Westerville's Bob Becker, Otter baseball statistician for the past four seasons. Becker established a reputation of accuracy and thoroughness while keeping stats for Otter diamond squads and later added head stat jobs in football and basketball to his list of responsibilities.

Cox, Daubenmire Win Otterbein Honors

Otterbein College sports stars Jim Cox and Dave Daubenmire have been named this year's outstanding senior athlete and scholar athlete, respectively.

Cox, who received the Augspurger-Ballenger award as the outstanding athlete, led the Ohio Athletic Conference in Kick-off returns last fall with 256 yards in 11 attempts for an average of 23.2 yards per try. The 5-10, 170-pound scat-back also added a breakaway threat to the Otter rushing attack, gaining 596 yards in 89 attempts for an average of 6.7 yards per carry. The Middletown native, who lettered three times as a sprinter for the Otterbein track squad, won the award on the basis of leadership and moral character as well as his athletic accomplishments.



Susanne Rike Kircher, Fred McConaughy, his daughter Amanda, and David L. Rike were presented with "O" Club blankets and honorary memberships into the "O" Club at the Rike Dedication Luncheon preceding the dedication ceremonies on May 17. "Smokey" Ballenger, president of the "O" Club, made the presentations.

Another two-sport star, Daubenmire won the Norris Elliot cup after lettering in football and baseball while carrying a B average in the classroom.

The 5-8, 155-pound hustler sported a .301 career batting average and patrolled his spot in center with an excellent .969 lifetime percentage. The Hebron native had his best baseball season as a sophomore when he led the Ohio Athletic Conference with a .462 batting average, seventh-best among NCAA college division batters, and was named to the second team District IV All-star squad.

A halfback and return specialist in football, Daubenmire averaged 20.6 yards per carry during his three-year career and ranked second among OAC kick returners as a sophomore.

Retherford and Westfall Share Otter MVP Award

Westerville junior Roger Retherford and senior Mike Westfall have been named co-Most Valuable Players for the 1975 Otterbein College track season.

Retherford recently won his third straight Ohio Athletic Conference title in the 120 yard high hurdles as well as his second straight NCAA Division III championship in the same event. He also was named the Sterling Geesman award winner as the outstanding athlete of the OAC meet after winning the 120 highs, finishing second in the 440 yard intermediate hurdles and anchoring Otterbein's victorious 440 relay squad.

Westfall twice lowered the Otterbein record in the 440 dash this season to its

present :48.9 level and served as anchor-man on the Otter mile relay squad including freshmen Todd Edwards and Dan Wetzel and senior Gene Paul. The four-some highlighted the season with two record-smashing runs in the NCAA meet, dipping the relay mark to 3:16.9.

Wetzel, who also ran a :49.8 quarter mile to place sixth in the OAC, was named the Otter Most Valuable Freshman.

In other awards, senior (co-captains) Randy Smith and Westfall were recognized for their leadership while Retherford and junior Scott Miller were named co-captains for next season.

Pifer Named MVP

Pam Pifer was named most valuable player by her teammates of the women's softball team at an awards banquet held in May. The sophomore catcher from Ashland, Ohio, who was third in batting averages with a .592, was termed an all round outstanding player by softball coach Denise Durocher.

In other awards Peg Rector and Cindy Loudenslager topped the batting average slate with .645 and .616, respectively. Sue Tice and Cille Thorburn were named most improved players.

The team finished the season winning its two slo-pitch contests with Wittenberg and Baldwin-Wallace, but losing six in fast-pitch meets.

Kathy Hannie's tennis team was not as lucky, losing four heart-breaking matches by one point to finish 1-6 in the final tally.

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of the football and basketball teams. He earned a master's degree from Columbia University. Francis was coach and athletic director for high schools in Youngstown, Columbus, Lancaster, and Shaker Heights before going to Toledo University in 1948 as Athletic Director. He served for many years as business manager and auditor of intercollegiate athletics. Upon retirement in 1973 the University awarded him the status of associate professor emeritus.

Robert Shaw, '52, came to Otterbein to complete his undergraduate program after serving in World War II and playing pro football. Bob achieved All-American status in football at Ohio State University in 1942 where he also played varsity basketball. Shaw, who has an impressive playing and coaching career, holds the N.F.L. record for the most passes caught in one game with five. He coached high school football at Washington Court House and Cuyahoga Falls. His pro playing included the Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Cardinals. He coached the Saskatchewan Rough Riders, the Toronto Argonauts, the Baltimore Colts, the San Francisco 49ers and the Buffalo Bills. Bob is presently assistant football coach for the Buffalo Bills.

Class Notes

Everyone is listed under his/her preferred class year, not necessarily the year a degree was granted.

H'66 USAF Col. William G. Comstock has assumed the position of Deputy Commander of the Defense General Supply Center. Col. Comstock was previously at the Defense Logistics Services Center, Battle Creek, Michigan.

'24 Paul E. Claxton has received his 50 year pin and Life Member's Certificate from Austin Masonic Lodge in Chicago.

'26 The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table recently selected **Earl Hoover's** talk on Benjamin Hanby as one of the 20 best programs presented to that board.

'28 On April 30, 1975, **Frederick A. White** retired from his position as senior vice president of Wright State University. Mr. White has been at W.S.U. since 1962, when he started as business manager. Since that time he has held so many positions he could be called "Mr. Wright State University." White holds the record for longest period of service to W.S.U. White received an honorary doctorate from Otterbein in 1971.

'29 After 25 years of service, **Richard E. Durst** retired from his post of Research Professor at the University of Maine at Orono in September of 1974. Dr. Durst served as a teaching assistant in chemistry at Otterbein in 1929-30, as Chemical Engineer at Capital City Products Co., and as Research Associate at The Ohio State University. He helped initiate the Ph.D program in chemical engineering and served as chairman of the graduate studies committee of the department in 1971. He was also instrumental in the development of a chemical engineering instruc-

tional laboratory at U.M.O. His wife is the former **Leona Marie Raver**, '28.

'35 Harry J. Fisher has served as chaplain of Arbutus Park Retirement Community in Johnstown, Pa. for the past year. He has completed 17 years as Conference Superintendent, District Superintendent in the Western Pennsylvania E.U.B.-United Methodist Churches. He writes that his wife, the former **Myrtle Reid**, '33, is serving well as a chaplain's wife.

Irene Hesselgesser is currently a church deaconess and community worker with the United Methodist Church, working in Buffalo Creek ministries with headquarters at Wesley Center, Amherstdale, W. Va.

'36 R. E. Breden, Manager of Statistical Services in the Sales Services Division of Proctor and Gamble, retired January 1, 1975, after 38 years of service. His prior services to the company include Personnel Research, Chief Statistician in Personnel Research, and supervisor in Sales Training and Methods. He plans to take some boating courses, study organ, and visit his children and grandchildren.

'37 Virginia (Hetzler) Weaston was named one of four "Teachers of the Year" by the Westerville Education Association. Mrs. Weaston teaches grade 5 at Mark Twain Elementary.

'40 Kay (Ward) Campbell and **Randall** have been keeping busy with their church work and teaching duties since we heard from them last. Kay finished work on an M.Mus.Ed. at Ball State University last August and is in her seventh year of teaching music at Garfield Elementary School. This is her 16th year of full time teaching. Randall is in his fifth year teaching 5th and 6th grade social studies after undergoing surgery in December. They belong to the Muncie Gem and Mineral Club which Randall served as president for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville S. Hammond (Jean Cook) write to remind us that as of June, 1975, all six members of their family will be Otterbein

graduates. Their daughter, Linda, was graduated this June and their three older daughters, Gayle, Mary Lou McKeen, and Carol Orndorff, were graduated with the classes of '73, '72, and '69.

'47 Marlene (Arnett) Oliver is currently teaching in Dekalb County, Georgia schools and working on her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Guidance. Mrs. Oliver's husband, Othur, died suddenly in October, 1974, of a heart attack.

'48 Dr. Doyle Blauch, professor of biology at West Virginia Northern Community College, is the author of a thesis which has been adapted and added to "Flora of West Virginia," a definitive publication on West Virginia plant life. The section concerns heathers found in that state which include Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, and Mountain Heather.

'49 Dr. Ruth L. Hovermale, dean of the School of Home Economics at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., has been named Outstanding Woman of the Year for South Carolina by the South Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women. She joined the Home Ec Department at Winthrop in 1962, and became chairman and dean in 1964.

'50 Dr. Paul G. Craig, professor of public administration and economics at O.S.U., has been elected to the board of directors of Buckeye International, Inc., Columbus.

As of February 3, **Roger F. Woolfe** will assume his duties as Assistant Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. Mr. Woolfe resides in New Lexington where he formerly operated a private business.

Colonel Charles L. Donnelly was recently nominated by President Ford for promotion to brigadier general. Col. Donnelly is commander of the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing at Torrejon A.B., Spain.

'51 Carol (Nellie Crites) Beck is currently working as a freelance writer and teacher. She and her husband and sons, Doug, 14, and Jona-

thon, 11 are completing work on their new home in Kent, Ohio.

After serving seven years as the director of development and public relations, **Alfred E. Gilmour** has been named assistant dean, development and public relations at the School of Dentistry of the University of the Pacific. He holds a masters from Columbia University and is a member of several professional organizations. He resides with his wife, Mary Ann, and daughters Teresa, 9, and Laura, 5, in Tiburon, a suburb of San Francisco.

'53 After working with American Greetings for one year, **Duane Frayer** has been promoted to supervisor of employee communications and is responsible for the company newspaper, management magazine, and other internal communications.

'55 **Henry Bielstein** was promoted to Colonel on February 12, 1975. He is still the Commander of the U.S.A.F. Clinic, Norton AFB, Calif.

'56 **Dale E. Griesmeyer**, mathematics teacher at Centerville High School, has been elected to the Ohio Education Association Executives Committee for a three-year term. His wife is the former **Marie Bowman**, '56.

Lola McWherter Smith is currently teaching kindergarten in the Clarkstown, New York school system. She and her husband bought a duplex home in Nyack last January.

Curt Tong has been promoted from Associate Director to Director of Physical Education at Williams College effective July 1.

'60 **John Lloyd** conducted a centenary production of Gilbert and Sullivan's one-act opera, "Trial by Jury," in Pittsburgh in May. John is a choral director in Churchill area schools, Pittsburgh.

Arthur L. Marshall has been appointed a position on the Newton Board of Education. He is a supervisor at Delco-Moraine where he has been employed for 15 years.

'61 **Bernice Pagliaro** and her husband, Chris, are in their second year in a custom crochet partnership, specializing in bikinis, halters, and sun dresses.

'62 **John L. Davis** has been named one of four "Teachers of the Year" by the Westerville Education Association. John teaches chemistry at Westerville South High School. He also will be on the 1975-76 curriculum committee at Otterbein.

Major Jack Pietila has been transferred to Bentwaters A.F.B., England, where he will be Chief of Special Services. His wife, (**Mary Jean Barnhard**, '61), recently received an M.Ed. from Troy University. The Pietila's have two children, Jackie, 8, and Wendy, 5.

"Soft Rains" is the title of a rock opera written by **Ray Ross** and Jamie Ellis, a senior at Springfield North High School where Ray is drama teacher. The rock opera is about the story of Noah and has more ballads and slow mood pieces than actual hard rock. The show was presented in February in Springfield.

'63 **Laurel J. Garman** has been appointed general agent of the Kansas City Agency of State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America.



Terry Hafner is presently working for William H. Rorer Drug Firm. **Susan (Gallagher)** '63, teaches art and craft lessons at home. In the summer of '74 they spent one month in Ireland.

After teaching in Wheeling, W. Va. for two years, **Anthony Stoddard** has begun work in a retail sales store in Connecticut.

'64 In December of 1973, **Capt. John A. Voorhees** was permanently retired from the Air Force. He is now employed by the South Brunswick Security Company and is assigned to the National

Lead Company Research Center, Hightstown, N.J.

'65 **Geoffrey Custer** is the manager of the third Jensen Jeweler's store, which opened recently in the new Gold Circle Mall in Westerville.

Dave Gates has been named the new head football coach at Sidney High School. He previously coached the Graham High School Falcons for six years.

At the December, 1974 commencement of the University of Akron, **Waneta J. Harper** received her M.A. Ed. in Guidance and Counseling.

Marge Lloyd has been elected vice president of the Ohio Council International Reading Association. She has been elected to a three-year term which will culminate when she assumes the role as state president of the organization, which is composed of 57 local councils throughout Ohio.

Don Scott is currently Dean of Student Affairs at Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood, Pa.

Dr. William P. Varga has been named Coordinator of the Urbana College Business Program area. Dr. Varga also was one of nine to receive a distinguished service award at Urbana College's Honors Day program. The award for "outstanding works, student services and general contributions and dedication to Urbana College."

'66 **Mr. and Mrs. Jay Donaldson (Mary Beth Camp)**, '65, are members of the Citizens Advisory Council on Inter-Country Adoptions, an organization which is working to convince the Department of Social Services that they need a service the DSS provides. According to Michigan State law, all prospective adoptive parents must be investigated by an authorized agency before probate courts can process an adoption. The DSS says it no longer has the funds to perform home studies free of charge to parents wanting an overseas child, and these parents must go to private agencies. Between now and the July 1 deadline, the Council hopes to see state legislation passed making it mandatory for DSS to perform the home studies when the adoption is be-

ing handled by an international agency with no offices in Michigan. The Donaldson's themselves have a two year old Korean daughter, Kyan.

Capt. Roger Hohn was recently selected as the outstanding Junior Officer of the Quarter for the 4950th First Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton. Roger also received his second Master's Degree with a major in management from Central Michigan University. He has also been graduated from the Defense Advanced Procurement Management Course at Ft. Lee, Va. as an honor graduate.

Norman Nelson has been named Big Walnut High School varsity basketball coach by their Board of Education. Nelson has taught at Big Walnut for 18 years, and served as reserve basketball coach for 11 years, varsity assistant basketball coach for seven years. His reserve basketball teams compiled a record of 124 wins and 48 losses. In addition to his basketball coaching duties, Nelson has also been athletic director four years, coached football 13 years, and coached baseball and golf two years.

'67 After 2½ years as the General Operations and Accounting Manager of the River Edge, N. J. division of Safeco Insurance Companies, **Herb Anderson** was transferred in August, 1974, to Safeco's home office in Seattle, Wash. where he serves as a Systems Management Coordinator. Herb is married to the former **Judith Schear**, '70, and they have three daughters, Victoria, 6, Christine, 5, and Kathryn, 5 mo. Herb's brother, Eric, is currently a junior at Otterbein, and another brother, Robert, '70, lives in Connecticut. The Andersons would love to hear from College friends. Their address is 12907 N. E. 144th Place, Kirkland, Wash. 98033.

Effective February 16, **Peter W. Bunce** received a promotion and transfer from Independence, Mo., to Chicago, where he is Chief of the Archives Branch at the Federal Archives and Records Center.

After spending three years in Thailand in the Peace Corps, **Don Marks** returned to the U.S. to earn an M.A. in sociology at Northern Illinois University at Dekalb, specializing in Southeast Asian studies.

After completing his Air Force tour as the hospital laboratory officer at Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex., **Jerry Saurich** has been working on his doctorate in Microbiology at Arizona State University.

Susan Kay (Daniels) Tonkinson is currently an information analyst for the House Committee of Internal Security in the U.S. House of Representatives. She and her husband have built a new home in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., Virginia area.

Brian Wood recently received his M.A. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Dayton. He was one of six in the state to receive a Grant-in-Aid from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to attend graduate school. He is currently employed at the Child Guidance Center in Dayton.

'68 Since 1970, **Linda (Fritz) Burnell** has been working for the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission as a counselor in the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. In 1974 she was transferred within the Commission to the Bureau of Services for the Blind where she is district supervisor.

Capt. Terry Q. McCammon has graduated from the U.S.A.F. instrument pilot instructor school at Randolph AFB, Texas. Terry is being assigned to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., for duty with a unit of Tactical Air Command.

Dennis Weaver has been appointed sales manager for the air tool and hoist group of the Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio. Dennis has been with Aro since 1968.

'69 **Barry Askren** received his M.S. Ed. from the University of Akron in December of 1974.

At the winter, 1974 commencement of the University of Akron, **Beth Eggers** received an M.A. Ed.

Dick Beckner received his M.B.A. from Xavier University in January. He has recently been promoted to supervisor of the sales tax unit for the State of Ohio.

Rev. Daryl C. Fourman was ordained on February 23, 1975 in West Carrollton. He is presently pastor of the Marietta Faith United Methodist Church.

Capt. David L. Geary has been selected to appear in *Who's Who in Public Relations* and was recently accepted for membership in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Capt. Geary is an information officer presently serving a career-broadening assignment on the English faculty of the U.S.A.F. Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo.

On January 5, 1975, **Dennis D. Heffner** was ordained as an elder at Vandalia Church, where he works with the senior pastor, the Rev. Paul Chastain. Dennis is married to the former **Carolyn Krumm**, '69.

Walter Husted received his M.Ed. from Bowling Green State University in August, 1974.

Larry Rupp has been appointed superintendent for treatment at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

'70 **Teri Hiatt** is currently in New York doing commercials and working in a law office which specializes in actors' contracts.

'71 **Barbara J. Bibbee** is the director of social services for Alliance City Hospital. She will act as liaison person between the hospital and the community.

Kathy Fernandez has been promoted to Curator of Interpretation at the Ohio Historical Society's Tuscarawas County sites. Kathy was formerly a volunteer coordinator at the Historical Center.

Michael Kirby has received a promotion at Communicolor. Previously the group leader, Mike has been promoted to production foreman.

On May 28, 1975 **Richard Mayhew** received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Mayhew has accepted an internship at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

Capt. Greg Rice has been transferred to Kadena AFB, Okinawa. He is still in the Air Force, flying KC-135 in strategic air command.

Keith Wakefield has been named football coach at Mansfield Madison High School. In addition, Keith will also oversee the entire junior high school football program for Mansfield Madison School District.

A Tribute to Floyd J. Vance

by Lynn W. Turner, President Emeritus of
Otterbein College

"I've been everything at this institution except the Dean of Women!" It was one of his favorite jokes, yet it was almost literally true. He was a student at Otterbein for four years and he graduated, thereby becoming an alumnus. He returned to the campus as principal of the academy, and when that part of the College disappeared, he became the Registrar and thereafter, while still holding that office, he served twice as Dean of the College, twice as Director of Admissions, seven years as Treasurer, and a year as Acting President. When I came to the campus he was still wearing three hats — Registrar, Acting President, and, by common consent, "Mr. Otterbein."

All of this would have made some men unbearably conceited, convinced that they were indispensable, obnoxious in their assumption that they needed to tell everyone else how to run his job. Not even a hint of such attitudes ever surfaced in Floyd. When he was asked for advice he gave it competently and assuredly but his opinions were never obtrusive. Still, he was capable of holding to a position with vigorous force when he felt that he was right and that it was important. He became an institution within an institution,



Floyd J. Vance
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but he achieved that status with modesty, kindness and good humor.

We know, of course, that Floyd encountered trials and tribulations in each of his Otterbein capacities, but I suspect that the worst year he spent on the campus was that interim between the time that Gordon Howard left and the time that I came, when he held things together as Acting President. Being the President is bad enough, but being an *Acting* President, with all of the responsibilities but only half the authority must have been at times, sheer torment. Far from resenting my appearance to take the seat of honor (?) away from him, Floyd welcomed me with genuine relief. Another of his jokes was that he had only been a "substitute" President and he was more than willing to return to the bench. Yet he immediately agreed to serve as my Academic Dean until I could find a more permanent one, a task which required two years of searching. During all that time, Floyd continued to hold down two offices, to serve me as a counselor and friend, to give me the advantage of all his rich knowledge of the institution and to support me when I faltered.

One of the most deserving of men, Floyd, it seems to me, had to bear more than his share of tragedy. He and Ettie had looked forward eagerly to his retirement as a time when they could travel and do together the many things there had not been time enough to do when he was so fully occupied at Otterbein. But before that happened, he was bereft of his beautiful and faithful companion. Ill health assailed him during his subsequent loneliness. When he finally found refuge and companionship at the Otterbein Home, he had hardly entered the place before the Angel of Death summoned him. I doubt, however, that anyone ever heard him complain or rail against his lot. His piety was practical and cheerful and he found the best in every situation. I presided at a good many faculty meetings where his equanimity, his imperturbability, and his command of the facts in the case eased the tension in an angry debate.

Floyd devoted his life to Otterbein College. She could not repay him in wealth but her sons and daughters have surely wished to recompense him in gratitude. He was one of those persons who makes an institution come alive and earn the right to be called *Alma Mater*. He will answer well the question, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

'72 Timothy Chandler is currently the Director of Community Information for Big Walnut Schools. He is also director/co-producer of the Sunbury Community Theatre.

Married since May 22, 1971, **Ronald Earle** is employed by Dayton Flexible Products as a sales manager, medical accounts. His wife, **Patti (Jones)**, '71, is a social worker at the Dayton Mental Health Center.

Deborah (Gunter) Marshall is now living in Quito, Ecuador and will be assigned a new country in September by the Foreign Service.

Deborah Miller is currently a teacher at Logan Elm High School.

Now a grad student at O.S.U., **George Miller, Jr.** is working toward an M.B.A. degree.

'73 2nd Lt. Dan Bush recently was graduated from pilot training at Craig AFB, Ala. He is being assigned to Pope AFB, N.C., where he will fly the C-130 Hercules.

Margaret Hamilton has been elected to a 2-year term as first vice president of the Columbus Association for the Education of Young Children, the local chapter for the national professional organization for teachers of young children. Her responsibilities include programming for monthly meetings and for the annual conference. Under her chairmanship at the most recent conference held in February, Dr. Lee Salk, Director of Pediatric Psychology at New York Hospital, gave the key note address, "Helping Young Children Deal with Stress." Margaret has been an Emergency System Coordinator for the Emergency Child Care Services since March, 1974. The ECCS is funded partially by the City of Columbus through general revenue sharing monies, and provides care on a 24-hour basis by carefully chosen parents to children in crises in Franklin County.

Carter Lewis directed the Players Club Theatre's production of "The Boys in the Band," during March and April.

David Peterson is currently music director-program director at radio station WANO in Pineville, Ky. He came there from station WPRT in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Mary Ann Everhart recently received an M.A. from Southern Illinois University.

'74 Ronald H. Davison, Jr., is now living at 26 King Arthur Blvd., Westerville. He is working as a consultant for Stephens Financial Services.

Daniel S. Evans is a paralegal with Eckert, Seamons, Cherin and Mellott in Pittsburgh. He is married to the former, **Myra Fallis**, '74.

Keith A. Shoemaker has been appointed assistant legislative director of the Ohio Association of Realtors in Columbus. Keith will seek legislation beneficial to property owners and oppose legislation not considered in its best interests.

Robert William Timson is a dental student at Case Western Reserve.

Kim Wells has joined the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation as assistant director of press relations. He is the recipient of the American Farm Degree, the highest degree of the FFA, and is now operating a greenhouse vegetable and plant bedding business with his brother in Warsaw.

marriages

'64 Anita L. Russell to Robert F. Nolan in May of 1975.

Ruth A. Whipp to Paul F. Riggle on February 16, 1975 in Westerville.

'67 Edna M. Doyle to Mel Paradis.

'68 Linda Fritz to Elvin W. Burnell on January 5, 1975 in Attica, Ohio.

'69 Jane Whearty to Donald R. McMeekin.

'71 Todd Graeff to JoAnna Thorley on February 22, 1975 in Toledo.

Cathy A. Reimund to Albert M. Ruhfel on August 26, 1972.

Bonita L. Wilson to Bruce A. Swane on March 25, 1975 in London, England.

'72 Gloria Frank to **Robert Bloomquist**, '72, on August 17, 1974 in Akron.

'73 Marsue (Marcy) Allbright to Randall Wagener on March 22, 1975 in Westerville.

Debra Ann Goodrich to **David Scott Oldham**, '72, on March 29, 1975 in Springfield.

'74 Joy E. Lemke to **2nd Lt. Ronald K. Jewett**, '74, on March 8, 1975 in Celina.

Barbara Prokop to **Glenn Jedlinski** on June 21, 1975.

Mary E. Walcutt to **Robert M. Sells** on March 1, 1975 in Westerville.

'75 Lu Ellen Bullar to **Roger C. Lansman**, '72, on April 12, 1975 in Worthington.

'76 Kim Nuhfer to **James Harruff** in August of 1973. Kim is currently employed by General Telephone Company.

births

'44 Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Gifford, Jr. a son, George Graydon, December 2, 1974 in Cleveland.

'54 Mr. and Mrs. John Szanyi (Miriam Gress) a daughter, Monica Gene, February 4, 1975. She joins Neil Szanyi, 5, Alan Welty, 13, and Daniel Welty, 20.

'58 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reiff a son, Scott Arthur, November 17, 1974.

'62 Mr. and Mrs. William MacCurdy (Brenda Franklin) a daughter, Sandra Lynn, June 4, 1974.

'63 Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Kinkead (Martha Stock) a son, John Robert, November 19, 1975. John joins sister, Marsha Lynn, 3.

'65 Mr. and Mrs. James Starkey (Susan Lindley) a son, Carleton James, March 21, 1975.

'66 Capt. and Mrs. Roger Hohn a daughter, Kristin Diane, October 25, 1974. She joins brother Todd, 3½.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ishida, '64, (Jennifer Villard) a son, Douglas Bradford Tsutoma, October 12, 1974. He joins sisters Melinda Elizabeth, 9, and Michelle Jeanine, 7.

'68 Capt. and Mrs. Richard Burrows (Kristy Lee Courtright) a son, Kenneth Allen, April 27, 1975 at Okinawa AFB.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cain, Jr., '68 (Carol Fleming) a daughter, Kelli Lynn, March 12, 1975. She joins sister Kimberly 2½. Harold also received an M.Ed. from Wright State University in March of 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dominici, '67, (Pamela Hudson) a son, Jason Brent, February 6, 1975. He joins brother Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morgan, (Eileen Condry) a son Brenden Ryan, February 12, 1975.

'69 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Candow (Linda Clouse) a daughter, Heather Lyn Candow. She joins sister Lisa, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. David Heigle (Loretta K. Evans) a son, David Rees, December 28, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reck, '69, (Carol Coldwell) a daughter, Susan Emily, April 30, 1975.

'70 Mr. and Mrs. David Lovelace (Linda White) a daughter, Kerri Leigh, April 26, 1975. She joins brother Brent David, 2½.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Sabean (Karen Schuyler) a daughter, Shannon Judianna, April 10, 1975. She joins brother Jody, 3.

'71 Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Crites (Charlotte Barnes Bookmyer) a daughter, Kathleen Joy, February 20, 1975. She joins Karen Jill born October 13, 1973 and three older sisters.

'72 Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bloom, '69, (Gail Williams) twin daughters, Victoria Gail and Elizabeth Ann, May 7, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hill (Pamela Fowler) a son, Andrew, March 14, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller (Chris Chatlain) a son, Matthew David, April 16, 1975.



The Admissions Traveling Team composed of Dave Deringer, '64, Michael Kish, Sue Dykes and Don Foster, '73, will begin ten weeks of traveling on September 29. The team will be visiting high schools throughout Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Jersey. Alumni who know of high school students in any of these areas who would be interested in meeting with the Admissions representatives may contact the Admissions Office by calling (614) - 891-3325, or writing: The Admissions Office, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Their schedule is as follows:

September 29 to October 2
Columbus
South Central Ohio
Western Pennsylvania
October 6 to October 9
Franklin County
Marion-Mansfield
October 13 to October 16
Detroit

Sommerville, New Jersey
Bergen County, New Jersey
October 20 to October 23
East Dayton
Springfield
October 27 to October 31
Cleveland
November 3 to November 6
Buffalo, New York
Dayton
Lima-Findlay
November 10 to November 13
Akron-Canton
Youngstown, Ohio/Northwestern, Pa.
November 17 to November 20
Central Ohio
Cincinnati
Toledo
November 24 to November 26
Sandusky
Hamilton-Middletown
Northern New Jersey
December 1 to December 4
West Central Ohio

Class of '25 Captures Attention, Admiration, at Alumni Reunions

Below is pictured the Class of 1925, especially honored on Alumni Day on their 50th Reunion. Indeed their energy throughout the reunion festivities made alumni many years their junior exhausted to watch them.

Counting spouses and late stragglers, the 50-year loyalists filled over 65 spots at the luncheon tables. They completely encircled the guest table area, and when

Abel Ruffini began passing out their certificates he sent them sailing airborne in order to spare the onlookers a long ceremonious ordeal.

During their reunion these spirited Otterbeinites viewed slides of their senior pictures taken from the 1925 *Sibyl*. Class chairman Floyd Beelman, who made up the slides, wouldn't quit until each member stood and reported on his/her career.

All in all, their reunion was such a success, that we in the alumni office are already looking forward to seeing them again next year.

We are also happy to report that the annual celebration dinner hosted by Elmer N. Funkhouser, Sr., '13, for the classes of '10-'16 was a "great success," in the words of Lucille Welch, secretary of the Class of 1913. Manette Wilson, '15, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Myrtle Winterhalter Quinn, '15, were the guests of honor on their 60th reunion anniversary.

Also present at the dinner was John A. Wagner, '10, who was from the oldest reunion class present. He was presented with a copy of **The Treasure Chest** at the noon luncheon.

CLASS OF 1925 *Row 1, left to right:* Earl Kearns, Annabel Wiley Carpenter, Kathryn McKinney Stewart, Agnes Tryon Yohn, Florence Vance Clippinger, Norma Richardson Bartelsmeyer, Ruth Streich Morrow, Paul Strouse, Lois Bickel Roberts, Martha Schlemmer Wood. *Row 2:* Harold Mayberry, Verne Gorsuch, unidentified, Anne Jackson Wilson, Lucille Lambert Webner, Abel Ruffini, Mary Noel Anderson, Elma Rhinehart, Floyd Beelman, Frank Durr, Henry Davidson, Ethel Bruner Worthington, Wilbur Wood. *Row 3:* Pauline Wentz Andrews, Harold Boda, Christina Wahl, Aaron Luechauer, Lucille Judy Reid, Nelson Carpenter, Clarence Broadhead, Charles Hayman.





GOLDEN AGERS *Row 1, left to right:* Esther Groff Penick, Blanche Keck, Myra Brenizer Clemons, Hazel Dehnhoff Young, Manette K. Wilson, Lucylle Welch, Alice Miller Everett. *Row 2:* Elmer Funkhouser, Velmah Cole Bagley, Edith Hahn Richer, John Wagner, Sara Wilson Windom, Lois E. Coy, Ethel Shupe Richer. *Row 3:* Harry Richer, Harold Freeman, Ben T. Richer, Richard Bradfield, Gladys Lake Michael, Lyle J. Michael.

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CLASS OF 1935 *Row 1, left to right:* Mary Sue Weekley Cheek, Helen Harsha Fichner, Frances Riegler Reitz, Doris Frease Wolfarth, Sally Roby Moody, Margaret Priest Miller, Mary Womer Reeser, Kathryn Krehbiel Preg. *Row 2:* Paul Frees, Kenneth Barton, Robert Airhart, Harold Platz, Robert Van Sickle, Mary Alice Booher, Trudy Van Sickle Clapper, Elsie Bennert Short, Mary Barnes Smith, Jennie Mieckle Stombaugh, Alberta Kleinhenn Brumbaugh, Margaret Burtner Hibbard, Tom Hibbard, Alton King.





CLASS OF 1944 *Row 1, left to right:* Virginia Andrus Barr, Phyllis Nelson Reinheimer, Floyd Moody, Ruth Deeever Moody.
Row 2: Herman Brown, Margaret Shoemaker Brown, Emily Wilson, Mary Faye McMillan Van Sickle.

CLASS OF 1945 *Row 1, left to right:* Elinor Mignerey Brown, Martha Mikesell Duvall, Ann Hovermale Farnlacher, John F. Olexa. *Row 2:* Helen Rosensteel Clerc, Jennie Wheelbarger Blauch, Phyllis C. Koons, Mary Jane Kern McBlane, Mary Lord, Martha Miltenberger Thomas, Anna Walters Flood.





CLASS OF 1946 *Row 1, left to right:* Jim Sheridan, Marie Holt Nash, Elizabeth McConnell Wolfe, Irene Parker Gillespie.
Row 2: William A. Barr, Carl R. Robinson, Rev. E. L. Donelson, Richard Welsh, Joe T. Ariki.

CLASS OF 1950 *Row 1, left to right:* Marian Havens Becker, Margaret Eschbach Freeman, Jody Day Sellers, Joan Hopkins Albrecht, Clara Liesmann Warren, Jane Morrison Horn, Betty Knight Recob, Ruth Keister DeClark, Ellie Chapman Phelps. *Row 2:* John Becker, Warren Costick, Dick Sellers, Mary Owen, Carol Boda Bridgman, John Lyter, Jim Recob, Judith Edworthy Wray, Gloria Stauffer Shiffler. *Row 3:* John Freeman, Herb Bean, Joe Carlisle, Bud Huffman, Bob Keller, Don Rhoads, Dick Keller, Ken Shively, Bill Shiffler, Vernon Pack, Bill Ganger.





CLASS OF 1965 *Row 1, left to right:* Marge Lengyel Olson, Eileen Marty Mignerey, Marge Lloyd, Joyce Rugh Miller, Joaline Crow Mathias, Mary Ann Crawford Cobb, Nancy McClure Robbins, Carol Darling Carter, Ellen Wagner Mork, Emily Ann Smith, Kay Newhouse Bauer, Virginia Leader Zech. *Row 2:* Charles Olson, Jr., Tom Mignerey, Katherine Newman Dalrymple, Lallie Yarman Cox, Jill Phillips Cervantes, Cindy Vokes Brand, Frederick H. Bohse, Bill Bennett, Vera Garrabrant Hall, Mary Blair Fields, Sally Handel Penrose, Ann Barnes Packer, Jane Schoepke Stolzenburg, Ruth Moody McDonald. *Third Row:* Mary Ellen Hull Earles, Dick Reynolds, Rebecca Daily Viers, Bette Smith Amelung, Jean Thorndike Gould, Al Hood, J. Mills Williams, George Parthemos, Stephen Kennedy, Al Fields, Jerry Wassem, Perry Doran.

CLASS OF 1969 *Front Row, left to right:* Steve Deringer, Marlene Lansman Deringer, Rebecca Morgan Beebe, Barbara Cochrane Palombo, Peggy Neal Koorn, Marcy Farkas Stevens, Stephanie Brandon, Karen Wertz, Ruth Miller Rucker. *Row Two:* Betty Wagner Kennedy, Betty Hughes Shaufl, Linda Spicer Beckner, Becky Kramer Sheridan, Sue Cooksey Mullenix, Pam Traylor Simpson, Ron Simpson, Becky Hart Spahr, Nancy Bradford Thomas, Daniel Jones.





CLASS OF 1970 *Front Row, left to right:* Patti Stinson Reynolds, Charlayne Bennett Schultz, Linda Whitehouse Pace, Trish Deck Garrett, Meg Gill Weil, Ronn Rucker, Fred Mowry, Mike Swanton, Marion Vaughan, Carolyn Koachway Hill, Janet Raver Husted. *Row Two:* Dan H. Bremer, Regina Parcels Bremer, Jack Jamieson, Tom Schultz, Chuck Weil, Beth Hodder, Helen Holupka Ahlborn, Jim Freshour, Melodie Chapman Green, Terry L. Goodman, Sue Weibel Mueller, Berenice Buxton Richard, Linda Sands Price, Gary Paul Price.

CLASS OF 1971 *Front Row, left to right:* Adele Knipp Klenk, Wendy Roush Elliott, Dottie Stover Edwards, Jeanette Robinson Thomas, Nancy L. Eddy, SuAnn Farnlacher. *Row Two:* Pat Spessard Schramm, Margie Kendall Swanton, Kathy Zimmerman Raines, Fred Raines, Rich Thomas, Russ McFarren.



To Otterbein Women and Other Friends:

All women who have an interest in Otterbein College are invited to join the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club, a service group for the benefit of Otterbein College and Otterbein students. Our membership includes alumnae, wives of alumni, mothers and wives of students, faculty members, faculty wives and other friends. Most of our members reside in the Westerville area, but women from all areas of the State and country are welcome.

You may already have heard of the many services we provide. Our last year's activities included:

- (1) Paying \$3,000 on our pledge of \$8,000 toward the Kresge Challenge Grant;
- (2) Continuing to donate furnishings for the Alumni Lounge in Howard

House; and

- (3) Giving \$1,750 in tuition grants to Otterbein students, as well as \$150 toward the expenses of Donna Patton, a student who was invited to do research at the Roswell Park Cancer Research Institute.

The Club plans to equip the kitchen in the Howard House with silver and other serving pieces to be used for alumni functions and entertainment.

Other fund-raising projects included the annual Holiday Bazaar, and the Thrift Shop at 177 West Park St., which is open each Wednesday during the school year from 10:00 to 4:00. We ask all of our members to support these projects.

The only real obligation of membership is the payment of \$1.00 annual dues (or \$5.00 for a five-year membership). If you would like to work on our projects, we

will be happy to call you during the year. If not, your membership dues will be appreciated for our scholarship program.

We hope you will want to be one of us. Please send the slip below with your dues—and we do encourage you to accept the five-year membership, since it will help in our membership drive for coming years.

Total membership last year was 447, with about 270 women as five-year members. When we receive your membership dues, we will send you a program booklet with meeting dates and fund-raising projects. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your support—and *welcome!*

Sincerely,

Marlene Lansman Deringer, '69
President, Westerville
Otterbein Women's Club



New officers of the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club for this year are: (L to R) Pat Zech, '73, secretary; Donna Fishbaugh, first vice president; Marlene Lansman Deringer, '69, president; Evelyn Edwards Bale, '30, second vice president; and Bobbie Thompson, treasurer.

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hope to accomplish before you die. How do you measure up?

What if someone told you you had only 24 hours to live, how would you spend the time? How would you feel about what you have done with your life?

Students and faculty were recently asked to complete these exercises in evaluating their own "value awareness" at a Values Clarification Workshop, where faculty and professional counselors led a series of exercises designed to teach students how to clarify their values, and to learn to define the processes used to live up to these values and ideals. Led by Assistant Professor of Psychology Larry Cox, and John Crandall,

Director of the Westerville-based Concord Counseling Service, students began by defining and examining their own values and ended the workshop with a session on ways to develop desired value-related behavior using principles of self-control.

Assistant Professors of Psychology Joyce Karsko and Larry Cox talk of a three step accumulative process in behavior regulation:

1. assessment and awareness
2. evaluation
3. practice and reward

To hear them speak of it, the three steps sound easy. But like everything else, they take practice.

Although it sounds a little too scientific and programmed for practical use, the workshop actually proved it isn't. Take, for example, the behavior goal: "I am an honest person." A perfectly well-controlled person would sit down and decide such particulars as, "If a clerk gives me too much change, I should return the extra money." Or, "If I am given credit for good work on the job and I know that it was my coworker who actually did the work for me, I should make that known to my coworker and to others."

But ego boosting day dreams are not enough. You must practice and reward yourself if you want to achieve any real behavior modification. Reinforcing rewards can be anything important to you — things, people, activities — as long as they are positive, and you can connect them to the target behavior. If you are earnest in your behavior goal, and consistent with step three, you ought to be successful. If not, start over again with step one, using a lesser goal.

(The Values Clarification Workshop was Phase II of a Residence Programs Services project entitled Student and Community Development in Residence Halls, and was funded by the Ford Foundation Venture Grant.)

Mrs. John Clippinger (Mary Garver) represented Otterbein College at the inauguration of Jerald C. Walker as President of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, on April 12, 1975.

deaths

'07 **Winifred I. (Bennett) Dutton** died April 3, 1974.

'11 Word has been received of the recent death of "**Goldie**" **Gay (McFarland) Clark**. Mrs. Clark was an artist, and taught art for three years in a Methodist Protestant College in West Lafayette before beginning her family of 3 daughters and 1 son. Her husband, the Rev. J. Paul Clark, passed away in 1956. After her retirement in Bluffton, she began painting again and exhibited her work at many colleges in Ohio. Goldie was on campus in 1971 to attend the dinner celebration given by Dr. E. N. Funkhouser, Sr.

'12 Retired high school teacher and coach, **Charles "Tink" Sanders** died March 31, 1975, in Hamilton, Montana. While at Otterbein, Mr. Sanders received 12 letters in athletics. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth (Detwiler) Sanders**, '12, a son Rodney, a daughter Evagene Shonkwiler and a brother Albert Sanders. Numerous relatives of Mr. Sanders have been graduated from Otterbein.

'15 **Mrs. Mary L. Struble** died on October 5, 1974 in Winter Park, Florida.

'16 **Mrs. Edna Bright** passed away January 3, 1975. From 1922-30, she was a Republican 8th district committeewoman and a member of the State Executive Committee. She also served two terms as the clerk of courts for Hancock County. Later in life, she became active in an organization to use tax dollars to provide educators in prisons. Along with her other careers, Mrs. Bright was also a writer and a teacher.

Miss Flossie M. Broughton of Sugar Grove, Pa. died June 1, 1975. Miss Broughton was a retired teacher. During her years as a student at Otterbein, Miss Broughton was a member of Cleioeretan literary society. She later received her M.A. in English literature from Columbia University in 1925.

'18 **Dr. Janet I. Gilbert** died March 13, 1975, at the Otterbein Home in Lebanon, where she had been for one year. Dr. Gilbert was a former member of the board of missions for the E.U.B. church. She was also executive secretary for women's services for the church before it merged with the Methodist Church. Miss Gilbert worked in many other church related areas for almost 37 years. She was awarded an honorary L.H.D. degree from Otterbein in 1947.

Florence (Berlet) Weber passed away April 29, 1975 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

'28 **Carrie (Schreffler) Palmer** died of a stroke March 10, 1975 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Palmer was director of the Royal Oak, Mich. Public Library for 21 years until she retired in 1968. She was also active with the Salvation Army and many senior citizen groups. She was named "Woman of the Year" in 1959 by the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. She is survived by her husband, Roger W. Palmer.

'33 **Rev. Leroy Rhodeback** died April 12, from a heart attack. Since 1933, he served many churches throughout western Ohio until his retirement in 1971. After he retired, he became the minister of visitation at the U.M. Church in Bryan.

'35 **Dr. Richard E. Kelfa-Caulker** died on April 1, 1975. During his long career, he was the first African to serve as principal of the Albert Academy, a position he held for 22 years. Twice he was appointed High Commissioner to the court of St. James, England; first in 1959 and again in 1964. He represented his country as ambassador 3 times: to the United States (1961), to the United Nations (1963), and later to Liberia, West Africa. He also served his church as lay preacher and candidate to the annual conference. He is survived by his wife

Olivette, and six children. His daughter Imodale is a 1963 Otterbein graduate.

'41 **Glenn C. Whipkey** died January 23, 1975. An Industrial Engineer by degree, he received degrees from Muskingum College, Naval Flight School in Florida, and Kent State University.

'52 **Miss Martha Joanne Nichols** passed away April 13, 1975. She had been a high school women's physical education teacher. Miss Nichols was preceded in death by her father, **Dr. Manson E. Nichols**, '22, and is survived by her mother, **Mrs. M. E. Nichols**, '23; three sisters, **Miss Betty Younger**, '49, **Mrs. Esther Avis**, and **Miss Marilyn Nichols**; and two brothers, **Dr. Donald B. Nichols** and **Mr. M. David Nichols**.

'55 **The Rev. Joseph E. Barnes** died January 17, 1975. He had been a lay minister of the United Methodist Church in Rockbridge.

Send news of your career, your marriage and/or new additions to your family to the **Towers** editor, The Alumni-Development Center, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

ARTIST SERIES — 1975-76

Five events are planned for the 1975-76 Otterbein Artist Series with programs in music, dance and theatre on the schedule.

Nov. 1 (Saturday) The Indianapolis Symphony will salute the nation's Bicentennial year with "Happy Birthday America," a program of all-American music. Solo highlight of the concert will be the much loved piano work, "Rhapsody in Blue."

Jan. 16 (Friday) Utah Repertory Dance Theatre combines the best in dance and the best in theatre performed by the group called by critic Clive Barnes "one of the best disciplined troupes in the country."

March 10 (Wednesday) Preservation Hall Jazz Band presents New Orleans Dixieland jazz, performed by these wonderful and endearing musicians. The vitality, virtuosity and sense of fun displayed by these men, "the last of the greats," reflect their pleasure in the music they have lived with.

April 28 (Wednesday) Mummenschanz creates a world full of imagination and humor. Unlike most mime, these three Swiss performers imbue fantasy figures with human foibles in a perfect all-family evening of unique theatre.

Affiliate Artists Carol Courtman and Valerie Hammer — date to be announced. As Otterbein moves into its third year as presenting institution for the Affiliate

Artist program, lyric soprano Carol Courtman and dancer Valerie Hammer will return, to present a program in company with next year's artist, an actor who is yet to be named. Using the informal Affiliate Artist concept, these mid-career performers will provide a varied evening in the arts - and an opportunity to renew friendships with former Affiliate Artists.

There's still time to sign up for the Bavarian Holiday Alumni Tour, Sept. 30-Oct. 8, 1975.

Octoberfest! Munich's world-famous Gala festival will be close at hand as we spend one week in beautiful Bavaria. This low cost includes 8 days and 7 nights accommodations, free use of a rental car to explore the magnificent scenery which abounds in this area, the services of a hospitality desk staffed with experts to help you with your sightseeing plans and two meals per day! This Bavarian Holiday will surely be an unforgettable experience.

All for the low price of \$499, plus 10%, roundtrip from the Cleveland airport. Taxes are additional.

Hurry and sign up now. If you have questions, please contact Chet Turner, Alumni Director, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Schedules

July 21	Second Summer Session Begins
August 21	Exams
August 22	Second Summer Session Ends
Sept. 15	Autumn Term Begins
Oct. 6	John Howe Bicentennial Lecture
Oct. 11	High School Day Parents Day
Oct. 22-25	College Theatre

1975 Otterbein College Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 13	at Manchester	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Kenyon	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	CAPITAL	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Ohio Wesleyan	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	MARIETTA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Muskingum	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	WOOSTER — (Homecoming)	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Baldwin-Wallace	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	HEIDELBERG	7:30 p.m.
	Junior Varsity	
Sept. 22	at Ohio Wesleyan	3:30 p.m.

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