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Otterbein Strides Forward

Enrollment Larger

Otterbein is proud to announce that the Freshman Class enrollment is the largest since 1926-27. One hundred and sixty-six Freshmen—eighty-three men and eighty-three women—have registered to date, and there are indications that several others may still do so. This number is far in excess of the one hundred and twenty-seven registrations at the same time last year and is certainly an indication of the new faith in Otterbein. The total registration for the college is four hundred and eighteen. An unusually large number of the upper-classmen have returned, and although there have been some withdrawals, most of these were due to transfers to other colleges for special work. The records show that Otterbein is steadily reaching out and serving wider areas and more distant points. This year students have

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Housing Facilities Increased; Health Center Added

Two innovations on Otterbein's campus this year are the Cooperative House for girls, and the Health Center. In addition, an auxiliary dormitory for girls has had to be provided for, in the form of Alexander Cottage which accommodates eight girls and which is in charge of Mrs. Alexander on East College Avenue.

The Cooperative House, located across from Cochran Hall on Home Street, provides board and room for eighteen girls at lower rates than in the dormitories. The girls do practically all their own work. So far, the reports from those who have visited other cooperative houses in Ohio Colleges and Universities state that the Otterbein venture compares very favorably with the best of them.

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We Salute . . .

Mr. Lorentz B. Knouff of Chicago, a member of the outstanding law firm of McNab, Holmes, and Long of that city—a favorite son of the class of 1929. Whispers of achievement have now risen to the crescendo of a salute and we “shoot”—from the Towers. A straight-A student at Otterbein, Mr. Knouff later led his law class at Ohio State University and then completed his study with graduate work at Columbia. While at Ohio State he assisted Professor Symmes in the writing of his treatise on “Future Interests,” now an established work. One of his articles on taxation was recently selected for publication in the Michigan Law Review, an outstanding legal periodical of this country. Take your bow, Mr. Knouff.

We Congratulate . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Allton of Dayton, Ohio, upon the arrival of Marilyn Louise Allton, class of '58.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deever of Dayton, Ohio, upon the arrival of David and Paul Deever. Mr. Deever is a graduate of the class of '34, while Mrs. Josephine Stoner Deever will be remembered by her friends of the class of '30.

Mr. Philip L. Charles upon the confidence expressed in his ability as indicated by his appointment to the head of the budget division in

the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. W. Fausey upon his appointment as instructor in the Education Department of Heidelberg College. Mr. Fausey received his sheepskin from Otterbein with the class of '20.

Dr. Lewis Norris of the class of '28 upon his recent promotion to the vice-presidency of Baldwin-Wallace College at Berea, Ohio. Mr. Norris is also head of the Department of Philosophy.

Mr. W. Fred Miller on his new position as teacher of Organ at Mount Union. Mr. Miller received his bachelor of art degree from Otterbein in 1930, and his bachelor of music degree in 1931.

Miss Carol Beachler who will represent Otterbein in the graduate division of Wellesley next year. Miss Beachler has been awarded a fellowship and will work toward her master's degree in French.

And Extend Best Wishes To . .

Maxine Ebersole of the class of '31 who recently became the bride of Mr. Harold R. Coppess of Brookville, Ohio.

Alice Sanders, class of '26, who, on June 17 in Hamilton, Bermuda, became the bride of Mr. T. William Brewster.

Miss Ruth Cook of the class of '37 who recently became the bride of Mr. Vincent Arnold of Franklin, Ohio.

From Our Alumni President

One drop of water isn't a power sensation, but, if drops team up, they can satiate Niagara's thirst, turn Boulder Dam turbines. One nickle isn't much, neither is a dime. Yet, on five and ten cent intakes, Woolworth's, Coca-Cola and Wrigley's built mightily.

Neither Woolworth nor Niagara has any monopoly on the power which springs when many forces confederate. This same brand of cooperative power is equally available to Otterbein if we alumni cooperate.

A New Era began September 1st. Dr. J. R. Howe became Otterbein's new "Prexy." He is one of us—an alumnus. Many of you know him personally. Your Alumni Council thought it particularly fitting for us alumni to do something for Otterbein at this time.

Nothing offered us such immediate possibilities as the need for a vigorous publicity and student recruiting program. The Council felt that a real punch could be put in such a program with \$3,000.00, and the Council told the College that it would go to the alumni for this money. The College took the Council's word and hired a new Field Secretary, Gerald Riley, to recruit students, and an experienced newspaper man, Robert Whipp, to get Otterbein in print. Results already: 165 freshmen; Otterbein in the news; one story with pictures on front page of Columbus Dispatch; a new spirit; a new Otterbein in the making.

\$3,000.00 is very little if every alumnus will contribute. You will be contacted. Let no alumnus refuse. Here is your chance to be a part of the making of the new Otterbein. If you should hesitate, thinking that your contribution could not help, remember Niagara and Woolworth's.

EARL R. HOOVER,
President of Alumni Assn.

Homecoming---Inauguration

"All roads lead to Otterbein"—and we hope you are planning to use them on November 4th to attend the most colorful homecoming program presented in years. Formal inauguration of Dr. J. R. Howe to the presidency of Otterbein College will take place in the morning. Dr. Arthur H. Compton of Chicago University, Nobel prize winner, and the man who recently refused the presidency of Ohio State University, will be our guest speaker. The inaugural luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M., with normal homecoming activities filling out the remainder of the day.

A more elaborate October issue of Towers will give you further information. Don't forget to place Homecoming Inauguration, November 4th, on your calendar of activities.

Obituary

Friends of Mr. John Riebel, of the class of 1897, will be sorry to hear of his recent passing, which comes as a shock to his many friends.

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Pranksters Still at Work

Oft in the stilly night did Otterbein's jokers leave evidence of their work. Many and varied have been the rumors of their efforts to make college interesting. It has been said that the old benches were once taken out of the Chapel, and that alarm-clocks were stealthily placed at strategic points where their off-going would be most alarming. Once again pranksters have been at work. This time the automatic clapper of the bell disappeared, and the old pump-handle system of summoning student and professor was reintroduced. The clapper had departed stealthily and no one knew whither, but the custodian was so obviously inconvenienced in administering Otterbein's clock system "by hand," that sportsmanship caused the joker to terminate his prank, and the clapper was tied to the door-knob of the Carnegie Library during one dark night—again by stealth. No one knows whence.

Otterbein's pranksters are still at work—very still.

Housing Facilities Increased, Health Center Added

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To provide better for the physical well-being of Otterbein students, the Health Center, across from Saum Hall, has been established. Dr. R. K. Edler, a regular practicing physician in Westerville and for many years basketball coach at Otterbein, will have office hours at the Center. Miss Marjorie Bright, R. N. of Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, is the college nurse. Student assistants are used as necessary.

The hospital rooms in the dormitories have been discontinued, and the Health Center will take care of all but major cases. The health service fee, included in the incidental fee, entitles the student to a number of dispensary calls, and six days of hospital care during the school year. After that, a charge of two dollars a day is made. The students are urged to make full use of the Health Center, thereby making it possible to improve as well as maintain the general health conditions.

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come from New Jersey, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and across the Atlantic from Africa. With continued cooperation Otterbein's steady growth is assured.

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