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Ed Mentzer '58

Dear Alumni and Friends of Otterbein,

Greetings from the one who is about to become your National Alumni Association president for the next two years. Let me first say a big thank you to Porter Miller '65, for the exceptionally fine work he has done, not only these last two years as president, but also for his previous three years on the alumni executive committee. I would be remiss if I also did not mention Marge Lloyd Trent '65, for her tireless work as the immediate past president these last two years. Marge has always had the uncanny ability to come up with the right words or ideas whenever needed. We'll miss her on the executive committee, but we have her phone number just in case!

I am fortunate that we have great new officers on the executive committee. Elizabeth Glor Allen '64 is the new vice president, Heidi Matzke Kellett '86 is our returning secretary for her third term and, of course, Porter will be returning as the immediate past president.

As you all know, Otterbein is very much alive and well as we approach its sesquicentennial and the 21st century. She has given much to us, and I believe we have a responsibility to repay, in whatever way we can, large or small, by helping the faculty, staff and administration and trustees keep Otterbein a strong and vigorous college.

We have a very active Alumni Relations group at the College and many of you probably know the director, Greg Johnson. Greg is a bundle of energy and has initiated many fine events and activities for the alumni, not only at the College but in several states. Some of these activities include Alumni College, which is part of the Lifelong Education program he has established, the National Alumni Advisory Council, Student Alumni Council (SAC), and I could go on and

on. The underlying purpose is not only an active alumni association but ultimately to help keep Otterbein the great college that it is today.

What I would like to do in my tenure as your president is to get more of our alumni involved in our activities. Perhaps the activities don't appeal to our younger graduates, and perhaps some don't get involved because they haven't in the past and are reluctant to do so now. Whatever the reason, we would like to get more, and a greater diversity, of our alumni involved.

I believe most of us had great times at Otterbein. By joining in the alumni activities, you can relive those good times, renew old friendships and acquaintances — and you don't even have to study or crack a book to do it! If you haven't seen Roush Hall, the Rike Center, Student Center or the new look of the Old Alumni Gymnasium, you are missing a lot. We would love to see you at a Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, Alumni College or whatever. If you have ideas about what you would like to see your alumni association do or how we can improve and get more of our alumni involved, let us know. You can reach the alumni office at (614) 823-1400. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you so we, together, can help keep Otterbein on top! So "...come on down to Otterbein, a better place you'll never find..."

—Ed Mentzer '58
President, Otterbein
National Alumni Association

Rubbermaid CEO Spoke at 137th Commencement

Otterbein College saluted its class of 450 graduates at its commencement ceremonies at noon on Sunday, June 12 in the Rike Center.

Wolfgang R. Schmitt '66, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Rubbermaid Inc., gave the commencement address, which focused on the future of

Otterbein's graduates in a rapidly changing global environment. He received an honorary doctorate of business and science from Otterbein.

In his commencement address, Schmitt told graduates: "People seem to divide into two categories in their reaction to change . . . people in the first category—the active agents of change—are already the leaders in their fields and, in my opinion, will be more so in the 21st Century because they not only cope with rapid change but actually thrive on it. The majority in the second category are fated to be stressed and have diminished opportunities unless they can overcome their aversion to change.

That is the future that awaits you as members of the Otterbein class of 1994. More opportunity than ever before as a result of the waves of constant changes you will experience in your lifetime. Set your sails to catch and use the powerful winds of change.

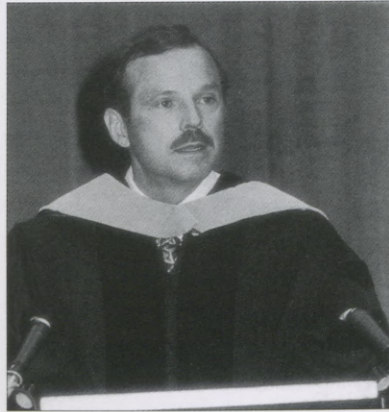
You have already taken the first major step to be creatively adaptive to change by obtaining your degree from one of the leading comprehensive liberal arts colleges in the country. You and your families have invested much to obtain that education, and it has been an investment that will continue to pay dividends for the rest of your lives."

Rubbermaid, the Wooster-based household plastic products manufacturer, was recently named "most admired" U.S. company by *Fortune* magazine.

Born in Germany in 1944, Schmitt came to the United States with his parents after the war. Immediately after graduating from Otterbein in 1966, Schmitt joined Rubbermaid as a management trainee. In 1976 he became director of research and development for the company's Home Products Division, Rubbermaid's largest and most visible division. He moved up the ranks through the division becoming its president and general manager in 1984. He was elected Rubbermaid's executive vice president and a director in 1987, corporate president and chief operating officer in 1991 and co-chairman and chief executive officer in 1992.

Schmitt was named "Vendor Executive of the Year" for the mass merchandising industry in 1988, 1991, 1992, the only person to receive the honor more than once.

Schmitt, who currently serves on Otterbein's Board of Trustees, has been an active Otterbein alumnus. He served on the campaign steering committees for the 1987 renovation of Dunlap-King Hall, a residence hall on the Otterbein campus, and the 1989 renovation of Memorial Stadium, the College's football stadium. He has passed on the Otterbein tradition to his son Christopher who graduated from Otterbein in 1991.



Wolfgang Schmitt '66

ED SYGUDA

Otterbein Honored by Newcomen Society

The Newcomen Society of the United States honored Otterbein for its many successful years and contributions to the community in a ceremony on Thursday, May 12.

The Newcomen Society recognizes one organization each year that has proven itself to be a successful enterprise and has made significant contributions to the community. Otterbein College is honored to receive such recognition as the College approaches its sesquicentennial in 1997.

The Society dinner to honor Otterbein included a reception sponsored by National City Bank, Banc One, and Ernst and Young, and a presentation on the history, growth and future of Otterbein by President C. Brent DeVore.

The Newcomen Society of the United States, founded in 1923, is a non-profit educational foundation that strives to preserve, protect and promote the American free enterprise system.

Original Play Performed

Otterbein College Theatre this spring was awarded a grant of \$6,000 by the Ohio Joint Program in the Arts & Humanities for the project entitled "A Stage Adaptation of Dostoevsky's 'The Brothers Karamazov.'"

This grant aided Otterbein College Theatre in presenting the very first staging of an original play. On May 25, Otterbein opened *The Brothers Karamazov*, a brand new, never-before-seen play by Anthony Clarvoe based on the novel by Dostoevsky.

Like the novel, the play is set in Russia and focuses on four brothers who return home to face their cruel and hateful father after following widely divergent lifestyles. Each is searching for his individual place in the universe and, because they have never met before, the brothers are searching for their identity as a family.

While the story is Dostoevsky's, it is Clarvoe's play. The language and words are his own. Clarvoe is a playwright on the rise. His works have been commissioned by both the Mark Taper Forum and South Coast Repertory. He is sought after in almost every market and recently completed his first screenplay for Universal Studios.

A resident of Gambier, Ohio, Clarvoe chose to work with Otterbein because of its proximity and strong reputation. Clarvoe has won nearly every play-writing award in the country and Otterbein Artistic Director Dennis Romer said it is an "honor to work with someone of his stature."

His play brought theatre critics and representatives from regional theatres around the country. Following its run at Otterbein, *The Brothers Karamazov* will be performed at the St. Louis Repertory Theatre, Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park and the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

As part of the grant, Otterbein College Theatre also held a symposium on Wednesday, May 25. Panel members included Clarvoe discussing the process of adapting the novel for stage. Harlene Marley, chair and professor of drama at Kenyon College, briefly reviewed Clarvoe's plays and discussed her discoveries while directing Clarvoe's *The Living*. Otterbein Associate Professor of English Jeremy Smith, a Dostoevsky scholar, discussed *The Brothers Karamazov*.

Finally, the grant provided for a talk-back session following the Wednesday, June 1 performance. Clarvoe, the director and designers were present at this post-performance discussion session.

Both the panel discussion and talk-back session were videotaped, transcribed and edited. Otterbein hopes to have the proceedings published at a later time.

Science Lecture Series Addresses Health Care

This year's Science Lecture Series presented "Health Care 2000: America Through the Looking Glass," a day-long public program that examined a variety of issues relating to health care policy and reform in America.

FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Atheneum and Penguin/Dial have accepted new children's book manuscripts by Professor of Economics and Business Administration J. PATRICK LEWIS — his 18th and 19th books. *The Boat of Many Rooms* (Atheneum) is a retelling of the Noah's Ark story in narrative verse. Penguin/Dial will publish *Long Was the Winter Road They Traveled*, a Christmas ballad.

MARSHA HUBER, assistant professor of Accounting, is writing three essays for *Great Lives from History: American Women* for Salem Press. She will be writing about three famous business executives: Anna Bissel (vacuum cleaners), Eileen Ford (modeling agency) and Ruth Wakefield (Pepperidge Farm).

AMY LEVENTER, lecturer in Earth Sciences, traveled to Valparaiso, Chile, to attend a meeting with the Chilean Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service to process clearances for geological field work in Patagonia scheduled from mid-July through mid-August this summer. She also traveled to the American Geophysical Union-American Society of Limnologists and Oceanographers to present a paper entitled, "Sediment Trap Algal Assemblages from the Ross Sea."

Associate Professor of Education and Director of Graduate Programs PATTY RYAN presented a paper, "Praxis for Professionals: Professional Development for Teacher Educators," at the Association of Teacher Educators. She presented the same paper for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. At that conference she also presented "Master's Degree Programs in Small Liberal Arts Colleges: Successes and Advice."

Associate Professor of Education ELIZABETH STULL was recently selected by Simon & Schuster to edit, revise and illustrate the manuscripts for "Social Skill" curriculum for K-12 teachers. This project was originally developed by the Cleveland Public Schools for Violence and Control, a nonprofit organization.

ERIC LEWANDOWSKI, director of grants and special projects, attended a conference entitled "Sponsored Programs for Predominantly Undergraduate Colleges and University," sponsored by the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) in Washington, D.C. Lewandowski subsequently arranged to meet with several funding agency representatives in that area about potential grant support for Otterbein's institutional and program priorities.

MEG BARKHYMER, director of Career Development Services, attended a conference on "The Senior Year Experience." Participants met to discuss ways to bring integration and closure to the undergraduate experience and facilitate graduating students' transition to post-college life.

Associate Professor of Education BARBARA PETTEGREW attended the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts annual state conference. She demonstrated how language immersion, through the use of multi-cultural literature, can promote the acquisition of advanced academic English language skills and successful transition to mainstream classes for limited-English proficient high school students during their first years of education in the U.S.

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages SUSAN RICHARDSON completed her Ph.D. in English literature at The Ohio State University this winter.

Head Men's Basketball Coach and Men's Athletic Director DICK REYNOLDS was honored by the Westerville City Council with a resolution recognizing his career and outstanding record at Otterbein.

Professor of Music MICHAEL HABERKORN has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for this summer. He will participate in a six-week seminar at Dartmouth College entitled "Music and Literature."

Associate Dean of Students REBECCA SMITH was named 1993-94 Outstanding State Division Leader of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). Smith, who served as the 1991-92 Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) president, was chosen from state division leaders across the nation.

Director of Equestrian Studies JOE MAS attended a session on Law and Society that was part of the Mid-West Faculty Conference. The symposium related to an Integrative Studies course Mas is preparing for next year on law and society.

Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages CARMEN J. GALARCE presented the paper "Las Fases Del Exilio en la Narrativa De Isabel Allende" at the 11th Annual International Conference on Foreign Literature. The conference focused on continental, Latin American and Francophone women writers.

Department of Religion and Philosophy faculty members BILL AMY, GLENNA JACKSON, JIM RECOB and CHUCK ZIMMERMAN attended the Ohio Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Zimmerman presented a paper entitled, "Natural Evil as Divine Mercy: The Role of Theodicy in Tertullian's Works" and Jackson presented a paper entitled "The Canaanite Woman." Jackson's article "Naomi, Ruth and Orpah," appeared in the March issue of *The Bible Today*. ■

The program, an annual event at the College, is supported by the White Science Symposium Fund.

The program focused on the impact of technology on the health care system, ethical issues related to health care and technology and health care policy at the national, state and local levels.

The one-day event began with an all-campus convocation with keynote speaker Jacqueline Fullerton, executive director of the Ohio Health Care Board, addressing "How Health Care Policy Will Affect Ohioans."

Fullerton's speech was followed by an afternoon of seminars and workshops concerning health care policy as well as medical technology and biomedical ethics.

The Otterbein College Science Lecture Series, now in its seventh year, is organized by the Otterbein Science Lecture Committee in association with the Otterbein College Office of Grants and Special Projects.

Women's History Week Held

Otterbein hosted the first ever Kate Winter Hanby Women's History Week Feb. 28 through March 5. The week was named for an alumna from Otterbein's first graduating class.

Presentations covered a variety of topics such as women's health issues, feminist theology, sexual harassment and the role of women in art, film, math, higher education and literature. Keynote speaker Judith Mayne presented a lecture entitled "Watching Bette Davis."

The Kate Winter Hanby Women's History Week is funded in part by the Ohio Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Department Promotes Writing

The Otterbein English Department hosted a week-long Writers Festival centered on the theme "Writers and Social Change" April 25-28.

The Festival is part of another aspect of the Community Writing Program. The Festival brought to campus four writers with records of working in their communities and using their talents to encourage social change.



Members of Otterbein's Chapter of Habitat for Humanity spent their spring break in Pendleton County, WV, helping build homes for local families. Pictured is the Otterbein Crew including (back row, l. to r.) Associate Professor Roger Hamm, Chaplain Monty Bradley, Melissa Briggs, Bridget Doody, Jennifer Kanis, Krista Garrett and (front row, l. to r.) Jennifer Noll, Jennifer Cochran, Zenia Dacio.

A major part of their time included framing the Bennett House (pictured at right), which was just a foundation when they arrived. They also helped finish another house, built a food pantry and a plumbing shed during their six-day stay.



Highlights included a panel discussion of the topic "Social Change — Can Writers Help?" and a reading by two visiting authors at the Westerville Public Library.

Otterbein's Community Writing Program, supported by a grant from the Percival Fund of the Columbus Foundation, is designed to help students and faculty recognize the importance of literature and writing beyond the classroom. The hope is that students will learn that writing can make a difference on an individual level in terms of self-discovery and on a community-wide level in terms of bringing about change. The Percival Fund grant supports the training of faculty members to implement this program.

As part of this program, Otterbein this year began a new curriculum for its literature and writing majors that promotes service learning, underscores the practical, aesthetic and personally

fulfilling aspects of their chosen field, and, at the same time, creates new opportunities for community members to better appreciate and enjoy literature and writing in their lives.

During the festival, the writers also visited classrooms and participated in evening readings on campus. ■

CORRECTIONS

The following corrections are for the 1993 Annual Report and Honor Roll of Donors:

- *Lola Jennings Searles was remembered by an Honorary contribution, not in Memoriam as indicated (pg. 29). Under the listing of The Lola Dell Jennings Searles and Raymond L. Jennings Scholarship (pg. 45), we forgot to list contributors Raymond & Helen Boyer Jennings. We incorrectly listed them as donors to the The Reverend Allen C. Jennings Memorial Scholarship (pg. 42).*
- *Neeley & Estella Boyer were remembered with a Memorial contribution. We incorrectly listed Mrs. Boyer's name as Estrella (pg. 29).*



Noyuri Flora Ariga '52 will return to Otterbein from her native land of Japan this fall as a visiting professor. She will present a harpsichord recital on Friday, Sept. 16 in Battelle Fine Arts Center.

She also will speak to students in the Integrative Studies course "Music and Human Nature" and present master classes to music majors on baroque interpretation.

S P O R T S

Golf Team Takes 5th at NCAA Tourney

The Otterbein men's golf team, paced by the performance from three All-Americans, finished in a tie for fifth among 23 schools competing at the NCAA Division III Golf Championship.

Host Methodist (NC), with 1,177 strokes, captured the 72-hole championship, which was held May 17-20 at the King's Grant Golf and Country Club in Fayetteville. Defending national champion UC-San Diego, 1,201, finished second and was followed by John Carroll, 1,224, Skidmore (NY), 1,240, Otterbein, 1,244, and Nebraska Wesleyan, 1,244.

The Cardinals, under fifth-year head coach Dave McLaughlin, overcame an eight-stroke deficit to jump from tenth place to fifth on the last day of the tournament.

Senior Matt Mohler, who took home second team All-America honors with a 12th-place finish, turned in Otterbein's top performance. Mohler, from LaGrange, GA, shot a 304 (75-80-73-76).

Juniors Brian Dreier, finishing 21st, and Mark Paluszak, 23rd, earned

honorable mention All-America honors. Dreier, from Zanesville, OH, fired a 307 (75-74-79-79) and Paluszak, from Westerville, shot a 308 (74-78-80-76).

Teammates Matt Ehlinger, a freshman from New Carlisle, OH, and Jason Boyer, a senior from Warsaw, OH, shot 336 and 339, respectively.

Mollick Signed by Cleveland Thunderbolts

Don Mollick, holder of four Otterbein rushing records, signed with the Cleveland Thunderbolts of the Arena Football League.

Mollick, a senior fullback from Columbus, set four school rushing records in 1993: single-game yardage (246); single-season attempts (247) and yardage (1,070); and career yardage (2,492). He ranked second in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) in rushing (107 yards a game) and scoring (6.6 points a game) last season, and was named to the first team All-OAC.

Women's Tennis Team Fourth at OAC

The women's tennis team, under second-year head coach Scott Welsh, finished in a three-way tie for fourth place at the OAC Championships hosted by Mount Union May 6-7.

Three players advanced to the semifinals in singles competition: Stacy Olah, a senior from Zanesville, OH, in second singles; Naomi Miller, a sophomore from Groveport, OH, in fifth singles; and Amy Hassenpflug, a senior from Westerville, in sixth singles. Olah and Shelley Rice, a freshman from Mount Vernon, OH, advanced to the semifinals in first doubles while Miller and Jill Kapui, a sophomore from Medina, OH, advanced to the semifinals in second doubles.

Baseball Squad Finishes Strong

Otterbein, falling out of the chase for the OAC baseball title early, closed out the 1994 season on a strong note.

The Cardinals, under 28th-year head coach Dick Fishbaugh (518-405-11), won seven of its last 10 conference games, including five of its last six, to finish at 7-10-1, seventh in the OAC.

First baseman Adam French, a senior from Chillicothe, OH, was chosen by teammates as most valuable. French, an honorable mention All-OAC pick, led his team in hitting, .406, ninth best in the OAC, and runs batted in, 28.

Center fielder Mark Otto, a senior from Bridgeport, OH, joined French on the all-conference team. Otto, batting .327 and leading his team in runs scored, 29, was named to the first team. He knocked out 11 doubles, fourth best average in the OAC, and played perfect defense, recording 71 putouts and five assists without an error. Otto was named honorable mention All-Mideast.

Right-handed pitchers Brent Jarrett, a junior from Shadyside, OH, and Matt Lattig, a freshman from Newark, OH, led the squad with earned-run averages of 3.83 and 3.73, respectively. Lattig posted the best won-loss record, 4-0, and was one of three players chosen by teammates as most improved.

Marlette, Hill Capture OAC Track Championships

Distance runner Linda Marlette and hurdler Tara Hill helped lead the women's track and field team to a fifth-place finish at the OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships held May 13-14 at Mount Union College in Alliance.

Marlette, a junior from Avon, OH, won the 10,000 meters in 41:23.2 and placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run (20:24.1). Hill, a freshman from Delaware, OH, captured the 400-meter hurdles in 1:05.56.

Budreau, Hagquist Snare OAC Long Jump and 5,000 Titles

Jumper Brad Budreau and distance runner Rob Hagquist helped lead Otterbein to a third-place showing at the OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships held May 13-14 at Mount Union College in Alliance.

Budreau, a freshman from Reynoldsburg, OH, won the long jump with a distance of 22-8-1/2. Hagquist, a junior from Twinsburg, OH, captured the 5,000 meters (15:31.65) and placed second in the 10,000 meters (31:45.7). ■

I'd Rather Be C♦O♦L♦L♦E♦C♦T♦I♦N♦G

Ever collect stamps, autographs or baseball cards as a kid?

Collecting isn't just a child's pastime anymore.

Many adults, including Patricia Kidner Vinson '60, have been collecting for years.

"It's a challenge," said Vinson, describing the appeal of collecting. "You never know what you'll find."

Vinson, a registered occupational therapist, has lived in Bryan, Texas, for nearly 25 years. She's been collecting ever since she was a young girl. In elementary school, things like playing cards and souvenirs from family vacations were objects of her collective habits.

Her particular passion is collecting the works of Fern Bisel Peat, a children's book illustrator, popular in the 30's and 40's. She's been collecting her illustrations since the early 70s.

"My father-in-law got me interested in collecting Peat's work," explains



Vinson displays some of her Fern Bisel Peat collection.

Vinson. "He loved to give gifts with meaning on holidays. When reading to my daughter from my childhood copy of *The Sugar-Plum Tree*, illustrated by Peat, my father-in-law shared with me a book he had, illustrated by the same artist. Since he was a book collector, I asked him to help me start on my collection. I began to get her books for Christmas and birthdays. An avid collector himself, he was most known for his extensive collection of Edgar Rice Burroughs memorabilia—author of the Tarzan works."

From Bellville, Ohio, Peat also designed children's nurseries, served as editor of "Children's Playmate Magazine," and made puzzles for children.

Vinson also collects circle green depression glass, a glass manufactured by Hocking. She has 12 place settings of 10 or 12 different items.

"My father used to spend his summers in Westerville with his sister, my Aunt Ruby," remembers Vinson. "We used to browse in the 3-C Flea Market in the old theatre [in Uptown Westerville]. That is where I found many depression glass treasures."

"Fern Bisel Peat has a very distinctive [illustrative] style," said Vinson. "And her works are hard to come by. She was published in both hard and soft cover by Saalfeld Publishing Company."

Vinson has more than 100 of Peat's books.

by Tuesday Trippier

Photo courtesy of Pat Vinson '60

This joy for treasure hunting runs in the family. Vinson's husband, Bradleigh, maintains his father's collection of Edgar Rice Burroughs books, as well as his own collections of stamps and insects.

In addition to her collecting, which she tries to fit into her busy schedule, Vinson serves as a docent for many of the exhibits for Texas A&M University. She takes groups of people through the exhibits and explains them from her own perspective.

"I really like it because you can draw on your own experiences to facilitate the groups' understanding of the exhibit," explains Vinson. "I also encourage them to express their feelings and reactions to what they see."

Not one to sit still, Vinson is also involved in Hospice and is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts. Beginning as a scout herself, she moved on to troop leader, then to board member, and is still involved. Some summers, you can find her at Camp Groveport in Maryland serving as a nature counselor.

Coming from a true Otterbein family, Vinson is very fond of her alma mater. A physical education major, she attended Otterbein for two years before transferring to The Ohio State University to become an occupational therapist. Her mother, Goldie (known as Gwendolyn) Clark '30, attended Otterbein and so did Pat's sister, Marjoree Kidner Johnson '60, who now lives in Arizona.

Vinson and her husband, an entomologist at Texas A&M, have two children: daughter Shirleigh Beth Vinson, of the Detroit area, and son Stuart Brentleigh Vinson, who lives near them in Texas. They recently became grandparents when Shirleigh had a daughter, Carleigh, in October 1992. Vinson says she loves to share her children's book collection with her granddaughter. The baby's nursery is even decorated with framed illustrations by Fern Bisel Peat. ■



Calling All Collectors!

Do you make a hobby of collecting? Or maybe even a *living* from collecting? Please let us know! We would like to share this information in a future issue of *Towers*. Call us at (614) 823-1601, FAX us at (614) 823-1360, or write us at Otterbein Office of College Relations, 141 W. Park St., Westerville, OH 43081, Attn: Tuesday Trippier, editor. As soon as we collect enough information about alumni collectors and their collections, we will publish a listing—for you to collect!

In the Face of Disaster

by Julie Ferrante '94



Karen O'Neill in Florida following Hurricane Andrew's aftermath.

In the midst of hurricane, hailstorm, earthquake and fire comes a woman who helps put back together the lives of victims whose homes and lives have been destroyed. Karen O'Neill '89 is a national assist team member with State Farm Insurance, and to many she is a savior in the midst of destruction.

A calm, beautiful afternoon was a sharp contrast to O'Neill's frenzy of preparation for a sudden trip to Dallas, Texas. Like a whirlwind, she was clearing her day to make room for an afternoon flight to deal with the mysterious hail storms which struck Dallas in April. "I have to be ready to go to a disaster site within twelve hours of receiving a call," says O'Neill. "When a disaster happens, people need help right then." She keeps a bag

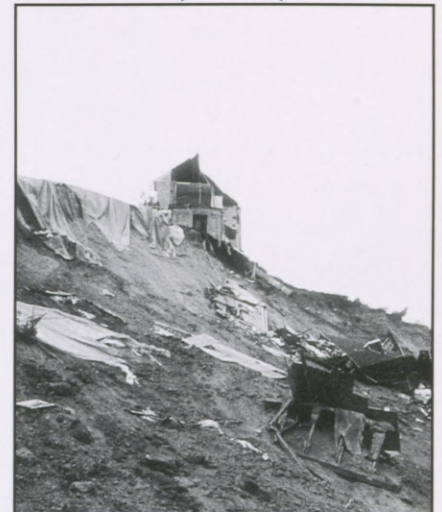
packed with everything she will need to remain on a disaster site for a week to ten days, the average length of a stay. Because she leaves with almost no warning, O'Neill stays at least three weeks ahead on her groceries. The evening before her trip, she was busy catching up on laundry and baking casseroles to freeze so her husband would have food to eat while she was away.

In 1990 State Farm formed five national assist teams, each consisting of five people. "We do whatever is necessary to assist the region affected by the disaster," says O'Neill, from setting up claims to training people. Her abilities were enhanced in 1989, when she completed her Business and Organizational Communication degree through Otterbein's Continuing Education Department. "I use every aspect of my degree," O'Neill says,

"from psychology to organization and business." O'Neill has worked with State Farm since 1976.

When a disaster strikes, O'Neill and her national assist team must quickly set up disaster operations. After first reporting to the local people in charge, O'Neill and her other team members find office space to establish a base for disaster claims operations. Due to serious damage, office space wasn't available at the Hurricane Andrew site in 1992 and State Farm shipped in trailers to serve as mobile offices for the claims headquarters. Along with establishing offices in the midst of disaster, O'Neill judges the size of the disaster to help estimate the number of adjusters needed to handle the situation. The disaster coordinator then puts out a nationwide call for

A glimpse of the rubble caused by the California Earthquake this year.



adjusters. While she was in Dallas, O'Neill helped develop and teach the orientation class for the out-of-state adjusters.

A base of operations is the primary concern, but communication with the public is the ultimate goal. Once offices are established, O'Neill and her team use whatever means are available to spread news of their location to State Farm claim holders in a disaster area. "To get to our customers we have to be experienced with different types of communication, two way radios, computers, cellular phones..." she explains.

O'Neill's flair for helping those in need stems from her compassionate attitude for the victims she works with. She has an open ear to people who need to talk. "It is most important to listen to the people who come to us. They are in a state of shock and are usually completely devastated," she says. Being sympathetic to persons whose lives have been destroyed also means being sensitive to their situation. O'Neill doesn't take pictures of wrecked homes or of the victims of disasters she witnesses because, "I can't stand to take pictures of other people's misery." She recalled a small town in the scope of Hurricane Andrew's destruction where people too poor to afford insurance were living in mud-covered trailers—these were their homes.

O'Neill has been a national assist team member since the program's inception four years ago and, despite the tragedy she's witnessed, she confesses, "I still go because there are a lot of people worse off than me at those sites." The Otterbein graduate



O'Neill in Florida in front of a State Farm Mobile Unit used during Hurricane Andrew.

appreciates her husband and new daughter Katie more after each trip away from them. She recalls a victim of the January California earthquake whose apartment building collapsed, killing her entire family and destroying her home. "She literally had nothing. I am very fortunate that I have my family and my home."

O'Neill's job allows her to see much of America as well as its disasters. She's travelled to California, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, and Texas. As exciting as it seems, the fast pace of her job becomes a bit inconvenient at times. The week she returned to work from her honeymoon in 1992, O'Neill was called to Florida to handle Hurricane Andrew for six and a half weeks. O'Neill was also separated from her four-month-old daughter, Katie, for two and a half weeks while she was covering the

California earthquake in January.

Even with the good and the bad, O'Neill enjoys her challenging career. A change is in her future, however, as she would like to work part-time to spend more time at home with Katie. Having a baby was not as easy as she'd thought. "I figured having and taking care of a baby would be easy. After all, I'd taken care of Hurricane Andrew! It's funny that I ever thought that—I incorrectly assumed it would be easy."

Disasters that aren't widely destructive do not make headlines, but are just as important to O'Neill; the size of the disaster does not influence her commitment to her job. She is constantly involved in some sort of disaster and whether it's arson, flood, hurricane, or high winds, O'Neill is there to help victims begin to rebuild their lives. ■

Photos courtesy of Karen O'Neill



ince the Boarding Hall of 1848 where 40 male students roomed for \$1.25 per week, Otterbein has seen many changes in the housing of its students.

With ground soon to be broken for our first student apartments, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on residence life throughout the years.

Let's begin at the beginning. With an enrollment of 144, Saum Hall was erected in 1855. Originally a gentlemen's dormitory, it later became the ladies' dormitory. In 1898 it was remodeled into an academic facility, Science Hall. Then in 1969, Saum was razed to build the Courtright Memorial Library.

Cochran Memorial Hall, named after Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran of Dawson, PA, was built in the College's 60th anniversary year. Women were its first occupants. It housed 78 women on the corner of Home and Grove streets.

Cochran Hall provided many memories for generations of Otterbein students. During the Christmas season, a beautiful tradition at Cochran Hall involved students holding a candlelight procession, carolling through the halls of the dormitory.

Cochran Hall served the campus well until tragedy struck in 1976. It was early morning. A fire. And the aftermath left 64 women without a place to stay. But Joanne VanSant H'71, then Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, remembers the generosity of the College and the Westerville community. The Campus Center stored all of the women's belongings and many Westerville families opened their homes to Otterbein students. Those who could, moved home, taking their roommates with them, although some women were able to stay in Mayne Hall.

King Hall, named after John R. (class of 1894) and Zella B. King, who also attended Otterbein, was built in 1926 as a new men's dormitory (housing 75 men). The Kings Fraternity even served as the first hall managers there after returning from missionary work in Africa. All freshman and sophomore men were required to live and eat there. During World War II, the dormitory was changed to women's housing. Only during a brief span (1973-1977) did men return as residents. It has remained a residence hall over the years and was saved from the wrecking ball in 1989 when it was renovated and rededicated as Dunlap-King Hall. Nationwide Insurance donated funds in honor of the late George Dunlap H'91, a member of the board of trustees and lifetime friend of the College.

A notable event in men's housing occurred from 1946 to 1959 when three barracks were erected at the west end of Lincoln Street. According to notes and records of the late John Becker, former Otterbein librarian and historian, the barracks were an emergency addition to the campus [due to a post-war spurt in enrollment] and were not ready for occupancy until after Thanksgiving in 1946. Until then, 48 men lived in the State Street armory. In 1954, the two north barracks were torn down. The permanent residence halls of Scott and Sanders (named

A Glimpse at Student Housing Through the Years

by Tuesday Trippier

with assistance from Krista Beaven '94



King Hall



The "Flick House" in 1903. Pictured (l. to r.) Louis Weinland '05, Alzo P. Rosselot '05, Ira Clymer '05, C.M. Bookman '04, William Snavelly '07, Sardis Bates '05, Cary Altman '05, and boxing Fred McDonald '06 & Ira Flick '06.

East and West Dorm initially) were built in 1959, eliminating any need for the remaining structure and it was razed.

Veteran's Village was another aspect of College housing for many WWII veteran's and their wives. As Becker documented in 1985:

"Veteran's Village, or Trailerville as it was later named, had a brief but dramatic life at Otterbein. Twenty-four trailers used by army enlisted men were placed behind the fence separating them from the west side of the outdoor track during the summer of 1946. A combination laundry and twin restrooms provided the necessities for personal hygiene. An extreme sense of camaraderie developed among the residents with diverse backgrounds and interests. When the trailers deteriorated and the number of married students declined, the units were removed in 1954."

In 1952, VanSant described the campus as having three women's dorms and a few cottages. The cottages were owned by the College and housed between 8 and 10 women, like Clippinger Cottage on Grove Street.

"Housemothers were the norm then," remembers Dean Van. "And security, well, it wasn't much of a problem."

When the trustees decided to erect Clements Hall in 1955, enrollment was rising gradually following the post World War II bulge and decline. A gala groundbreaking was held, as this was the first major student housing project since King Hall was opened in 1926. A bulldozer and the college band led a campus community parade from Cowan Hall to the construction site. With President Howard riding, Dean VanSant "manned" the dozer controls to break the earth. Sorority club rooms moved from Cochran Hall to the large basement rooms soon after the hall opened.

Hanby Hall was built in 1961. According to records from Becker it replaced "a Sears-Roebuck house facing Home Street and the former home of "Mom" Priest, who had served the College men for many years as a boarding club cook and renter of rooms." Access to Clements Hall through Hanby's lounge was closed in the summer of 1978 when the men were moved into Hanby (and women were in Clements).

With the '70s came Greek houses. And housemothers gave way to head residents. Today, residence hall directors also have adjunct responsibilities in other areas of Student Affairs.

In addition to the residence halls listed at right and the sorority and fraternity houses, today's students may also live in theme houses. Organizations apply for these each year. Next year, they will include the Honors House, Host and Tour House, Golden Z House and the House of Black Culture.

The new apartments, which are scheduled to open in the fall of 1995, will be located south of Dunlap-King. These furnished four- and three-person apartments will house 90 students. The first floor apartments will be handicap accessible. In addition to a kitchen, living room and a bathroom and half bathroom, they will have individual bedrooms. Cable access and computer networking capabilities will also be available.

"We are excited about these apartments because it provides another housing option for students and maintains the tradition and mission of the Otterbein community by increasing the percentage of residential students," says Janet Clevenger, coordinator of housing and residence hall director.

Student housing at Otterbein has had many faces over the years. These changes have taken place to meet the constantly changing needs of the College's number one priority: its students. ■



Saum Hall, located where the library now stands.

Otterbein Residence Halls Today

Dunlap King Hall is home to 96 freshman and upperclass women.

Clements Hall, named after Frank O. Clements '96 and Vida Shauch Clements '05, was constructed in 1956. It is home to 111 freshmen women.

Davis Complex consists of two buildings:

Davis Hall, built in 1961 and home to 122 upperclass and freshman males and **Davis Annex**, built in 1965 and home to 59 upperclass and freshman women. Both were named after former Otterbein College President Lewis Davis.

Mayne Hall was so named for the mother of Horace L. Mayne '13, when it was constructed in 1964. It is home to 149 upperclass and freshman males.

Hanby Hall is home for 99 upperclass women. Built in 1961, it was named in honor of Kate Winter Hanby, a member of the first graduating class and wife of Benjamin Hanby.

The **Triad** (formerly the Quad when Sanders Hall existed) is a complex consisting of three buildings: **Scott Hall**, home to 34 freshman women, **Engle Hall**, home to 46 upperclass and freshman women, and **Garst Hall**, home to 48 upperclass men and women. Scott and Garst halls were both built in 1960 and named after two Otterbein College Presidents, George Scott and Henry Garst. Engle Hall followed in construction in 1961 and was named after Jessie S. Engle, a professor of religion.

Opening the Doors of Opportunity

By Patti Kennedy

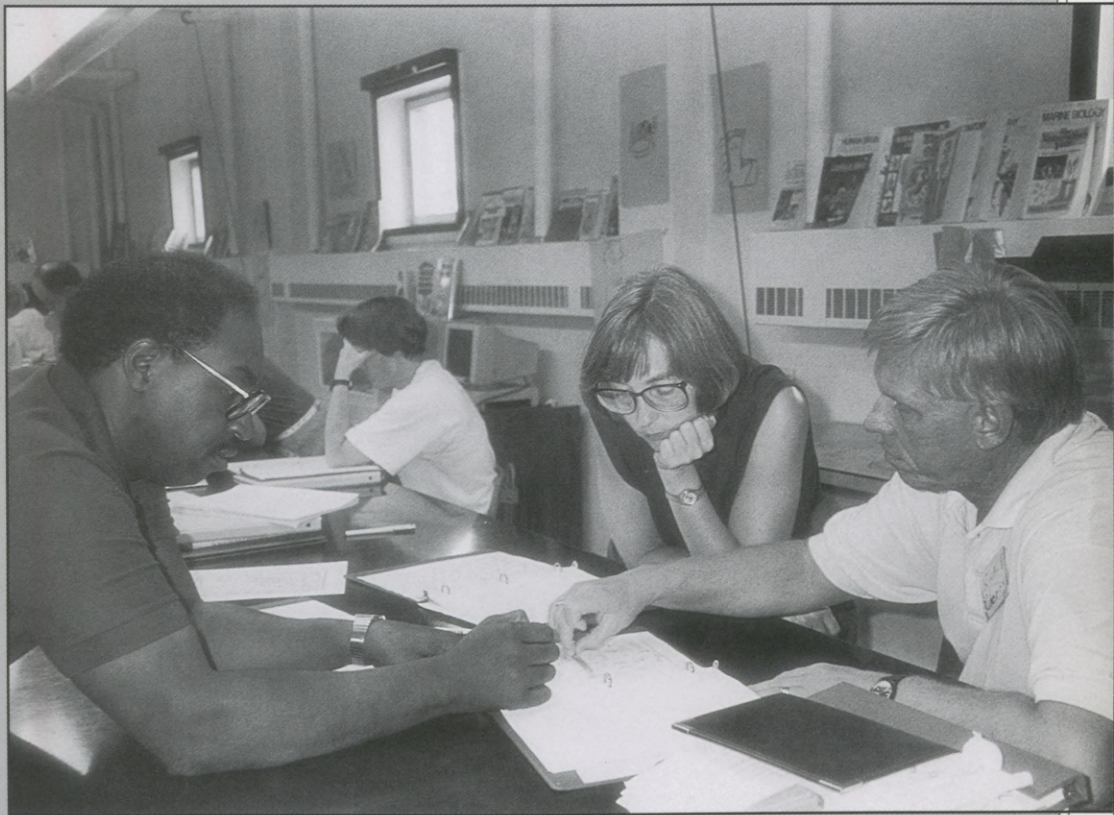
Over the years at Otterbein, the Office of Grants and Special Projects has moved up both literally and figuratively.

With the opening of Roush Hall, the Department of Education moved allowing Grants and Special Projects to move from the basement of Towers to the Philophronean Room on the fourth floor.

In addition to its "elevated" position, the Grants Office has been gaining attention and recognition during the past few years. Originally, grantseeking fell under the Director of Development's job description. Since the job has become more involved and time consuming, a separate position and office was created for the work.

Now, grantseeking is an integral part of the College's efforts and is headed by Director of Grants and Special Projects Eric Lewandowski.

The Office became official in April 1991. Between that time and March 1994, the Grants Office has prepared 76 individual proposals from 17 departments and offices requesting a total of \$5.6 million. These efforts have resulted in the College receiving 31 grants that



Twenty-nine teachers from the Columbus Public, Columbus Diocese and Gahanna-Jefferson school districts took part in "The Everyday World as a Laboratory," an educational enrichment program sponsored by the Otterbein Department of Education. Funding for the program, which is in its fourth year, is provided by the Ohio Board of Regents Eisenhower Program. Photo by Patti Kennedy.

equal \$1.2 million in awards.

"Each year surpasses the last," Lewandowski says. This year, Otterbein has received \$608,000.

At most institutions, about 28 percent of proposals submitted are funded. Otterbein fares much better with a 42 percent ratio. Lewandowski says there is a misconception that Otterbein is less able to compete against research institutions when it comes to grantseeking; in fact the College is often more

effective. "Otterbein has much less bureaucracy and can respond more quickly and effectively to conditions on grants," he explains.

The Academic Grants Office is the professional support service on campus responsible for furthering the basic mission of Otterbein through regular, sustained and systematic grantseeking from government and corporate agencies as well as foundations. Those grants generally are for research,

program development, capital and special project activities.

"Our goal is essentially to link the institutional needs with the needs of the funding community," Lewandowski explains. "We take an idea that a faculty member or administrator has and develop that idea from the conceptual to the workable. We then articulate that idea in language that dovetails with the funding program."

The Department of Nursing has, over the last

few years, received several grants including a \$15,000 grant from the Leo Yassenoff Foundation to provide emergency scholarship assistance to students participating in the LPN-to-BSN program.

"The Grants Office enables us to make different grant contacts in the community. That is very valuable," says Department of Nursing Chairperson Judy Strayer. "The faculty doesn't have time to search out funding sources." She credits Lewandowski with making the initial contact which led to the Yassenoff grant.

She adds that her department can make more applications because the grants office takes care of the preparation. "That's a tremendous amount of work and because they write most of the grant proposals, that frees us up to do more nursing and teaching."

Lewandowski says, "Our faculty are wonderful intellectuals but sometimes they need a sounding board for their ideas. They may think they have completely thought out an idea and then, in talking with us, realize there are other angles they have to consider. Sometimes a faculty member has an idea but when it comes into putting it into language needed for a proposal, they need help."

One of Otterbein's most recent grants came from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Department of English received a \$155,000 grant to fund a one-year project called "Joining Hands in the Teaching of American Literature." The grant is one of 12 such collaborative projects sponsored nationally by the NEH

Division of Education.

Associate Professor of English Beth Rigel Daugherty says she took the idea for this project to Lewandowski in February 1993 knowing the proposal deadline was March 15.

Lewandowski set up meetings between Otterbein representatives and

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representatives from the participating school systems. "We wanted to talk to those school administrators to make sure they would support the program if we got the grant," Daugherty explains.

She remembers when winter weather trapped her in Washington, D.C., she called Lewandowski with

last minute changes. Grants Office Secretary Kathi Morgan even braved near blizzard conditions to get to the office on a Saturday and produce the final copy so it could be postmarked March 15.

The result was successful and Daugherty is now preparing for the summer reading sessions.

"Eric is a good salesperson with grant ideas," Daugherty says. "I always have a real sense that he cares and wants to get this grant for Otterbein so he made sure it was in a form the NEH could accept. He knows the philosophy of the funding agencies and puts the requests in language they will want to fund."

Creating proposals that catch attention at the funding agencies is just the beginning. If a proposal is funded, the negotiations begin. "We often don't get all we asked for,"

Lewandowski admits. "And so we need to configure the project to make it work."

Even when the award is finalized, the Grants Office's job is still not done. The office tracks all grants received through the required reporting process, which shows the funding agency how the money was allocated as well as how effectively the project or program was conducted. "We need to make sure we do what we promised," Lewandowski says.

Now the Grants Office is helping Daugherty with the financial end of the NEH grant and taking care of the necessary bookkeeping. "They're taking care of it all so I don't have to deal with that," she says.

Special projects shouldn't be left out when discussing the Grants Office. The best known special project the office oversees is the annual science lecture series,

Education Department Chairperson Niki Fayne talks with students visiting campus last year as part of the Linmoor-Otterbein Scholars Program. Photo by Patti Kennedy.



formerly called Science 2000.

For example, in 1993, the lectures, with generous support from the GTE Foundation, examined what some regard as the first step in a medical revolution—genetic engineering. The College hosted a series of four programs focusing on the future of genetic engineering and its effects on contemporary society. The title of the series held on campus was “Genetic Medicine: Accomplishments, Prospects and Bioethics.”

This year the science lecture series addressed the issue of health care and anticipated changes in the United States’ health care delivery system. Lewandowski says picking a topic can be tricky because “you’re not sure how well an idea will fit in with faculty needs and appeal to the general public.

“So far we’ve had good speakers and good attendance, but we may go to a two-year cycle. We’d like to be able to bring in a more recognized speaker — someone of national and international recognition — and draw a larger audience. It would depend on the topic and who’s available.”

While looking toward the future of special projects, Lewandowski has a view for the future of Otterbein’s grantseeking overall.

“My vision is to continue to develop an interest in and commitment to regular grantseeking that continues to meet with a high level of success, and that encourages ever increasing numbers of administrators and faculty in grantseeking,” he says. “And I hope that grants received will continue to enrich the College not only financially but in value added to the academic mission.” ■

A Sampling of Recent Grants Awarded to Otterbein

OTTERBEIN BEGINS PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP AT-RISK STUDENTS (Aug. 1991)

Otterbein College began a new pilot program in the summer of 1991 to help economically disadvantaged at-risk students look at college as a viable option. Otterbein formed a partnership with Linmoor Alternative Middle School to design a program of academic and social intervention for selected seventh grade students.

This pilot project, called the Linmoor-Otterbein Scholars Program, is being supported through funds from The I Know I Can Program, The Westerville Fund, The Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference Board of Higher Education and the College. Additional funds have been pledged by the Post-Secondary Education Demonstration Laboratory program which is funded by the Ohio State Board of Regents and administered through Columbus State Community College. Otterbein hopes that each year 10 to 15 at-risk, economically disadvantaged seventh grade students, who demonstrate academic potential, will be selected to participate in an academic enrichment program which will enable them eventually to apply to Otterbein College or other colleges of their choice. Otterbein is in the process of seeking funds to expand this program in the coming years.

OTTERBEIN RECEIVES GRANT TO EXPAND LITERATURE PROGRAM (Jan. 1993)

Otterbein College received a \$3,000 grant from the Eleanor and Milton Percival Fund of the Columbus Foundation. This grant funded a project called “Beyond the Text: Developing an Innovative Literature Curriculum at Otterbein College.”

Through this project, Otterbein English faculty members designed and taught three new courses, beginning this year, intended to expand and strengthen the Department of English literature program.

Two new courses, “African-American Literature” and “Women Writers,” support new minors in Women’s Studies and African-American Studies established by Otterbein. The third new course, “Literature from Diverse Cultures,” is taught around alternating topics to include American ethnic literatures, such as Native American, Jewish, Asian, Latino, as well as gay and lesbian literature and contemporary non-Western literature.

In addition to introducing new topics of study, the faculty members will use new teaching methods such as guest speakers, team teaching, mixed media presentations, student-initiated research projects and off-campus special events.

OHIO EPA GRANT TO IMPROVE OTTERBEIN’S ENVIRONMENTAL CURRICULUM (March 1993)

Otterbein received a \$4,500 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to develop a model environmental science and natural resources curriculum.

According to a recent assessment of state-based environmental education programs, Ohio currently offers a large variety of approaches to natural resources and environmental education. With this grant, Otterbein created a uniform model environmental curriculum that might be appropriate to other educational institutions. Otterbein also plans to increase the number of its majors in the area from 15-20 currently to 50 by 1997.

GRANT TO SUPPORT NURSING STUDENTS (July 1993)

Otterbein received a \$15,000 grant from the Leo Yassenoff Foundation to provide emergency scholarship assistance to students participating in the LPN-to-BSN program.

The LPN-to-BSN initiative is an innovative program for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to earn a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN). The program allows students to work with registered nurses at St. Ann’s Hospital, Riverside Methodist Hospital or Grant Medical Center while taking classes for their bachelor’s degree at Otterbein.

FOURTH GRANT FOR MATH AND SCIENCE WORKSHOPS (Nov. 1993)

The Otterbein College Department of Education has been awarded a \$95,172 grant by The Ohio Board of Regents to promote mathematics and science education in central Ohio. The grant, sponsored nationally by The Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Program utilizing federal funds, is administered within the state by The Ohio Board of Regents. Otterbein College is providing \$52,313 in matching support. It is the fourth and largest such award Otterbein has received.

NEH GRANT FOR MULTICULTURAL LITERATURE PROJECT (Feb. 1994)

Otterbein College Department of English received a \$155,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant to fund a one-year project called “Joining Hands in the Teaching of American Literature.” The grant is one of 12 such collaborative projects sponsored nationally by the NEH Division of Education.

The project includes six intensive two-week seminars held at Otterbein July 11 through 22, 1994. At these seminars, college and high school teachers will collaborate to study American literature classics paired with contemporary multicultural literature.



Exploring Shape

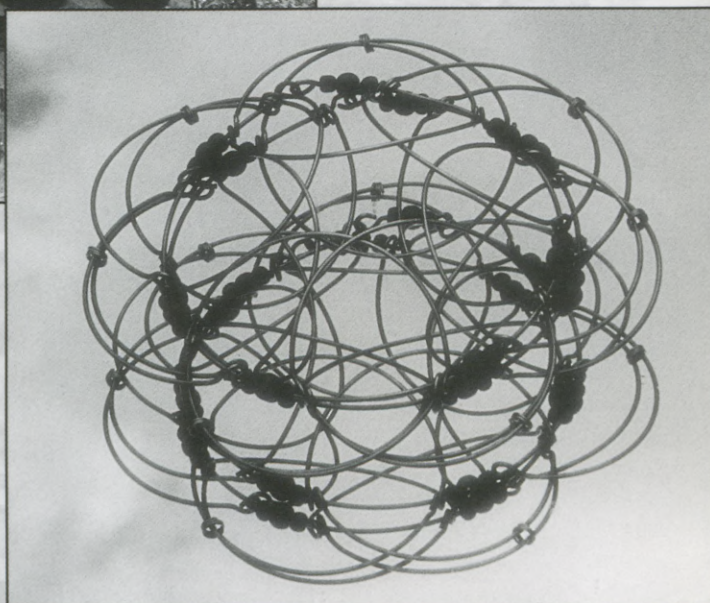
Students in beginning photography (Art 150, taught by Dave Stichweh '67) explore subjects for their most basic visual structure: shape.



Scott Atkinson '95



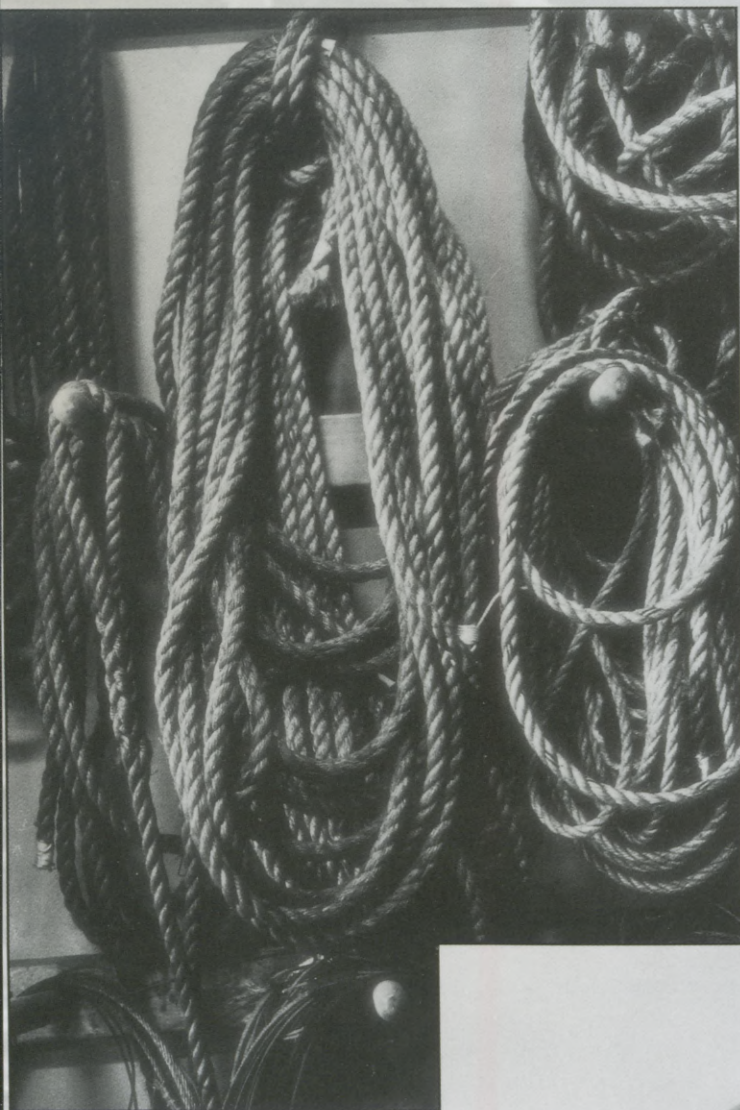
Angelina Kerling '95



Elizabeth Miller '97



Kathy Hubbuch '97



Scott Atkinson '95



Mark Pennington '95



Dwayne Bailey '97

1931

Lorene Billman Wabeke moved to Grand Rapids, MI.

Margaret Anderson Telian celebrated her 50th year living in Corning, NY. Margaret has many accomplishments including the founding of Corning Community College, having 18 grandchildren who are all college graduates, and having 21 great-grandchildren.

1938

George Russell was featured in Kissimmee Good Samaritan Retirement Village's newsletter for being selected by Congress to serve in the Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program in Washington, D.C.

1941

Milford Ater wrote, produced, and directed the play "A Magnificent Assumption" at Otterbein-Lebanon.

1942

Bette Greene Elliott will have two of her watercolors hung in the U.S. Embassy in Nepal. Both paintings are of scenes in Ohio's Hocking Hills. The North Canton artist is first vice president of the Ohio Watercolor Society.

1944

Howard Fox and **Kathleen Strahm Fox** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7 with a reception hosted by their three children. They live in Strausburg, OH.

1948

Doyle Blanch retired to Sugarcreek, OH, where he teaches botany part-time at the New Philadelphia branch of Kent State University.

Clifford Kerns and wife **Marjorie** continue to operate their farm vacation business.

1949

Carolyn Carbaugh married **Luther Wimberly '50** on Dec. 4, 1993 in Orlando. Carolyn and Luther dated when they were both attending Otterbein and had not seen each other for more than 40 years.

Gary Garrison is retiring from Greater Latrobe H.S. where he was athletic director for 41 years. His service is believed to be the second longest tenure of any current H.S. athletic director in the country.

1950

Winston Gress retired on Jan. 26 and was featured in an article in the *Dayton Daily News* for his 40 years of service as an emergency medical technician and paramedic. He was also honored by the Ohio Ambulance Licensing Board of Directors.

1951

Ronald Smith is retiring after nine years as manager with Norman, Jones, and Enlow CPA's in Lancaster, OH. Ronald was previously in savings and loans for 30 years.

1952

Phyllis Shultz was a resident

host for the first Otterbein West Coast Alumni College weekend in the Carmel-Monterey-Salinas, CA, area.

1956

Miyoko Tsuji Takeda is serving Baika College as chancellor. Baika is a women's college embodying the beliefs and ideals of Christianity, and is located in Ibaraki near Osaka, Japan. She sends her best regards and love to all of her dear friends of Otterbein.

1957

Jerry Lingrel is studying how genetics relate to heart disease, particularly with inherited high blood pressure. Jerry is a scientist at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

1958

Mary Larrick Cowgill taught at a church mission in Laredo, TX, and will be visiting and working in Florida this year.

1959

Don Tallentire has visited six continents and 45 countries in 13 years. His unusual trips include a train trip from Vladavostic to Moscow covering 6,000 miles, Iceland and Greenland, Equator-Galapagos, South America, Kenya, West Africa, and Antarctica.

1960

Larry Willey has been appointed as pastor of the Estherville United Methodist Church by the United Methodist Bishop.

1961

Rebecca Jenkinson Dusek is working in San Antonio, TX, as a reader/scorer of tests for The Psychological Corporation, a division of Harcourt Brace Publishers.

1963

Richard Emmons retired from the USAF in 1992 with the rank of full Colonel and was appointed Deputy Inspector General for the State of Ohio in 1993.

1965

Linda Snyder Rea served as a member of the U.S. Citizens Elections Observer Mission for the El Salvadorian elections on March 20, 1994. It was their first elections since the signing of the Peace Accords in 1992, ending 12 years of civil war.

1966

David Crippen and wife **Connie** spent two and a half months living in London for Dynamics Research Corp., David's employer. They are back in Beavercreek, OH and looking forward to a warm summer, as England is cool.

1969

Patience Cox Bernards is a full-time homemaker and has seven children. In her "spare time" she does church work, serves on a PTA Board, and is involved in advisory councils and strategic planning in the local schools.

Douglas Smeltz is the director of the "Singing Buckeyes," a

PROFILE

Interest in Music Takes Alum to Japan



Professor of Music **Lyle Barkhymer '64** headed back to Japan this year for sabbatical. His interest in Japan and Japanese music began with a National Endowment for the Humanities grant which funded his study of non-western music at the University of Michigan and resulted in a new Otterbein course, Music in World Cultures. Following that study, Lyle

traveled to Japan on sabbatical in 1991 to study that country's music and acquire new information for the Music in World Cultures class.

While on sabbatical this year, Barkhymer took on three projects. In the first part of his sabbatical he studied Japanese in an intensive language course.

He then helped Otterbein alumni living in Japan form an alumni group. Otterbein has 81 alumni who live in Japan. "They very much have maintained their fondness for Otterbein," Barkhymer says. (See photo in Alumni Notes.)

Barkhymer's trip also included visiting Japanese colleges to explore exchange possibilities. "At this point, it's still in the talking stages," he explains. "I visited five colleges and met with those in charge of international studies. We'll maintain the contacts and see where it goes."

Lyle credits Noyuri Ariga '52 for providing introductions to college administrators. "She made it all possible," he says. "Without her help I couldn't have done it." At Baika College, Lyle met with Miyoko Takeda '56 who is chancellor at that institution.

Barkhymer says this won't be his last trip to Japan by any means. He looks forward to returning in two years to continue studying Japanese music and to renew his friendships with Otterbein's alumni in Japan. ■

—Patti Kennedy

90-man barbershop chorus, which won its second Regional Championship. The chorus will also compete this summer in Pittsburgh at the international competition.

1970

Deborah Park Crawford is active in the Ohio Federated Women's Clubs and will be state conservation chairman for the 1994-96 administration.

Richard Fox, director of the Tuscarawas County Child Support Enforcement Agency, has been elected president of the Ohio CSEA Directors' Assn. He also has a private law practice in Strasburg and lives outside the village with his wife Gerry and son.

1971

Carol Strout Jones is an elementary physical education teacher for the Westerville City Schools. Husband, **Ron '72**, is the director of human resources for Dublin City Schools.

Gary Nikolots is director of the division of appraisal and analysis at Thomas A. Barnhart, MAI, SRA, in Palm Beach, FL.

1972

Richard Calhoun started his 20th year as director of recreation in Plant City, FL, the spring training site for the Reds. He is on the board of directors of the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Adult and Community High School, and Tampa Area West Coast Official Association for High School Basketball.

1973

Victoria Sinclair Capper has been the music instructor in Granville Public Schools for

20 years and has played the violin for numerous central Ohio orchestras.

Kenneth Burket has been named manager of the Sears store in Piqua, OH.

Robert Day gave a special performance at the United Methodist Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights, OH. He has been an organist at the church since 1986.

Lynette Davis Yeagle is a foreign language teacher at Springfield North H.S. Lynette earned her master's at the University of Dayton. She lives with her husband Don and daughters, Amy and Cindy, in South Vienna, OH.

1974

Carol Turner Leasure was promoted to park manager at Golden Gate Canyon State

Park west of Golden, CO. Carol has been with the Colorado State Parks for 16 years.

Dennis Roberts is president of the Tri County North Board of Education in Preble County, OH.

1975

Sharon Hoy Hoskins was honored as Teacher of the Month at Groveport-Madison H.S. (OH) where she teaches business education classes.

Julianne Witsberger Houston and husband Greg, opened a retail musical instrument store, "Big Daddy's Family Music Center," in downtown Delaware, OH. Julie is office manager and also volunteers with Girl Scouts.

Mary Lynne Miller Westfall is the education specialist at Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District.

1976

Gail Crosby Baldwin was promoted to director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for Harrison Carroll and Tuscarawas counties.

J. William Reid has been appointed manager of American Residential Mortgage Corporation's new Charlotte, NC, regional office.

David Buckle received his master's in education with a concentration in chemistry from John Carroll University. David teaches chemistry and is science department chair at Chagrin Falls H.S. in Ohio.

Frederick DeBell is doing systems work in the administrative and investment areas of NationsBank in Baltimore and Washington.

1977

Ann Sheppard Richards is show manager for Beckmans Handcrafted gift show in Los Angeles and Chicago. Ann manages the east coast office in Maryland and is involved as a PTA officer and Girl Scout leader. She lives in Gaithersburg, MD, with children Kelsey and Jenna.

Frank Dantonio was sworn in to a four-year term as a member of the Big Walnut Board of Education. His firm, Limbach, Nolan and Dantonio, Inc. celebrated its second anniversary of providing state and local tax advisory services to Ohio taxpayers. Frank, his wife and two children live outside Westerville, OH.

1978

Cabot Rea was master of ceremonies at the 1994 Miss Crestline Scholarship Pageant held in Crestline, OH. He is a news anchor for WCMH-TV, Ch. 4, Columbus.

1979

Daniel Albrecht received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his exceptional professional judgment, accomplishments and devotion to duty. Daniel, a Lt. Cmdr., is assigned at the Naval Medical Clinic in Port Hueneme, CA.

Suzanne Stilson Edgar is a member of the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees where she will serve on the Personnel and Finance Committee and the Building Committee.

1980

Michelle "Mitch" Davis Howell received a bachelor of science in education degree from Ohio University. Mitch,

husband Chris, and their three children live in Clarksville, OH. She teaches middle school language arts for Sabina Elementary Schools in Ohio.

Linda Lucas Ingham was hired by First Federal Savings Bank of Washington Court House as branch manager and loan originator for the Circleville office. She lives in Chillicothe

with husband Tom and children Michael, Wesley and Haleigh.

1981

Rebecca Fickel Smith was named the 1993-94 Outstanding State Division Leader of the American College Personnel Association. Becky is associate dean of students at Otterbein.

Peggy Miller Ruhlin is a partner at Budros & Ruhlin in Columbus, and has been named to the 1994 Investment Manager Advisory Board at Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

1983

Valerie Thompson is parish nurse for St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and St. Ann's hospital in Columbus, OH.

1984

Susan Diol recently starred in the CBS-TV series "Christy." Her role was the part of Margaret, the daughter of Miss Alice, played by Tyne Daly.

1985

Mike Dietzel accepted a position as defensive coordinator at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

James Yerina was named partner in the consulting firm Professional Practice Management. James lives in Westerville.

Thomas Ryan ran for a seat on the Southeastern Local School Board in Springfield, OH.

1986

Bruce Gifford is a general actuary for Scottsdale

PROFILE

Alum Finds Success in Women's Soccer



Patrick Baker '89 is on the move in women's soccer. Baker was recently hired as the head women's soccer coach at the University of Pennsylvania. Taking the opportunity to get in on the ground floor, the U of Penn women's team just completed its third year as a varsity team, after playing as a club team for one

year. According to Baker, the team has struggled. It was the only women's team in the Ivy League without a full-time coach. They won only one Ivy League game in the last three years. But Baker plans to change all that.

"The program can only go one way and that is up," he said. He said there has been a burst of growth in women's soccer. A year ago 25 new college programs began nationwide with 20 planned for this year.

After graduation from Otterbein in 1989, Baker took over the women's soccer team at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC. He also served as the sports information director.

"The former coach left in January 1989 and I was brought on board one week before the opening of the season in August. There had been no recruiting and not much done with the team. Consequently, many of the women had left the college," explained Baker.

But he relined. In the last three years, the team was ranked in the top ten nationally, played in the NCAA tournaments and had 9 out of their 11 players elected all-conference, six elected all-region and two All-Americans.

For the last four years, Baker has been involved with coaching the best 12- and 13-year-old girls in North Carolina. He has also been a member of the South Region Olympic Development Staff, involved in picking and training the top girls in the South. In October of 1992, he was named the U.S. Amateur South Region coach, where he will coach the best college and post-college players in the region. Players from this team could be selected to the National Olympic Team.

Baker was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America South Region Coach of the Year for Division III in 1991. This year he was named the Amateur Coach of the Year, as his South Region Amateur Team had its best season at the national trials, placing second and sending nine players into the national pool. ■

—Tuesday Trippier

Insurance Company and has moved to the Arizona town with his wife **Mary Moler** and their two children, Erica and Ben.

Jane Maxie Friend is a children's librarian for the Martin Luther King Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Victoria Beerman was awarded a tuition grant from the Art Director's Club of New York City. She is studying art at the Pratt Institute-Manhattan.

Nancy Ray Owens joined the staff of the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center as public relations coordinator. Nancy previously served five years as marketing director for the Capital Area Humane Society and two years as education assistant for the Columbus Zoo.

Bill Harnsberger moved from Saginaw, MI, to Portland, ME, where he is a marketing assistant and media relations specialist for Talk America, Inc. Bill previously spent seven years at WGER Radio in Saginaw.

1987

Patricia Fott Geary was hired as a communications assistant for the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, located in Columbus, and was elected treasurer for the Columbus Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Polly James is supervisor of international primary and excess casualty claims for American International Underwriters in Manhattan, NY. Polly is on the Trustee Board of the Bound Brook Congregational Church, where she is the youth advisor.

IN RECOGNITION



A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mrs. Ida O. Freeman during the Otterbein Band Concert on April 10. Mrs. Freeman has been a generous supporter of the College over the years. Pictured are (back row, l. to r.) Chairperson of the Department of Music Morton Achter, student James Ziogas '95, John Hill '83, Associate Professor Gary Tirey, Chery Freeman Hill '87 (Ida's granddaughter), and student Denise Gruber '96, (front row, l. to r.) Geoffrey Hill, Ida, wife of Harold Freeman '23, and Jennifer Hill. Not pictured is Ida's son Dr. William Freeman '57.

Michael Maxwell was hired by the Ohio School Boards Association as a policy specialist.

1988

Jean Graham Gates moved to Pittsburgh and is working on her master's in music education at Duquesne University.

Andrea Strom VanSickle has accepted a position as event planner for the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce.

1989

Paul Hill was named a new associate in the office of Frank Dosch, district agent for Northwestern Mutual Life. Paul is on the Board of Directors of the Zanesville YMCA and the Muskingum Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is external vice president of the Zanesville Jaycees and a member of the Zanesville Assoc. of Life Underwriters.

Merle Kidwell is boys varsity head coach at Lewis County H.S. in Kentucky. Merle is the third person in the Kidwell family to be a varsity basketball coach at Lewis County High.

Cynthia Heston is plant accountant with North Star Concrete of Ohio in Columbus.

Beth Paulino accepted a teaching position at DeSales H.S. in Columbus. She will teach 10th grade English.

Deborah Shandor Bruce completed her master of arts degree in teaching in 1993,

and is teaching English at Cuyahoga Falls H.S. in Ohio. Deborah lives in northeast Ohio with husband **David '90**.

Kyle Ramey teaches biology and coaches baseball and basketball at Kettering Fairmont H.S. in Kettering, OH. Kyle graduated from the University of Dayton with a master's degree in education and is seeking his Principal Certificate.

Barbara Jones Warren is a psychiatric mental health nursing consultant and research manager. Barbara is currently a doctoral candidate at The Ohio State University, College of Nursing, in the area of psychiatric-mental health nursing/depression in African American women. She is an Ethnic Minority Fellow with the ANA, and lives in Worthington with husband Stephen and their two children.

John Gadd serves as treasurer for Hill Staffers for the Hungry and Homeless, a nonprofit community service organization made up of people who work for members of U.S. Congress.

1990

Jane Adams Heller was included in the fifth edition of 2,000 *Notable American Women*. Jane has appeared in the movies *A Few Good Men*,

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Mr. Saturday Night, Candy Man, and other films, and lives in Topanga, CA.

Rob Rode completed his MBA at Emory University in 1993, and accepted a position with Merck & Co., Inc., in Macon, GA.

Michelle Brown West and her fiancé started a retail clothing quality control inspection business called Superior Corrections, Inc.

Donald Rohl has begun clinical rotations at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital. Don is a third-year student at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Susan Brown is the coordinator of media and public relations for the world headquarters of the USO in Washington, DC. She recently completed her master's degree in public communications from the American University.

Craig Scott moved to Harrisburg, PA, to accept a promotion as district sales representative for Discover Card Financial Services.

Christopher Rupp is the controller for Schlumberger Technologies, Automated Systems Group in Columbus.

Andy Wherley graduated from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He just began a three-year internship in Columbus, after which he will start a three-year residency in Ophthalmology at Ohio State.

1991

Mary Kae Theisen is a licensed social worker at Franklin County Juvenile Court, working in the "Kids in Different Systems" program.

Jon Jacobsen is on assignment for the Peace Corps as a rural training instructor on Ambae Island in Vanuatu in the South Pacific.

Ronald Maurer was selected as a Regional Moot Court Team competitor at the University of Dayton School of Law, where he is a third-year student. Ron will participate in the national mock trial competition in Dallas, TX.

Linnette Taylor Schaffer works in an environmental laboratory in Mentor, OH. She received her master of science degree from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in May 1993.

Kevin Cervenec was promoted to production coordinator at Lyon Video in Columbus.

Daniel Auvin works at Food Equipment Manufacturing Corporation in the sales/marketing department. He lives in Parma, OH.

1992

Rick Sedlacek is a learning disabilities tutor, student council adviser, freshman basketball coach, and an assistant baseball coach at Olentangy H.S. in Delaware, OH.

Michele Frank was promoted to regional sales coordinator for Glenco-Division of MacMillan/MacGraw-Hill Publishing Company. She lives in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Angie Miller teaches kindergarten at Heyl Elementary in Columbus.

Rhonda Meadows is a branch manager/assistant treasurer for Equitable Savings Bank. She lives in Columbus.

Melissa Barber is a professional singer in the Cleveland area.

Lisa Steury recently joined BSB/Leff & Squicciarini Advertising and Public Relations, in Dublin, as a public relations specialist.

Bob Nevin is a consultant/salesman in the Kirkwood Group in Cleveland where he also owns his own consulting/marketing/distribution firm. Bob will sing with the Cleveland Orchestra this

summer in The Blossom Festival Chorus.

1993

Louisa Sadowski Schulte is dance instructor in Rapid City, SD, where she also dances and choreographs pieces for various groups. Next month, Louisa and husband Rick will move to Oklahoma City, OK, where she will pursue an MFA in modern dance at the University of Oklahoma.

Lynn Burman Ritchey is substitute teaching for schools in Baltimore County, MD.

Jennifer Wollam Pittser is a child care supervisor at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC.

Aimée Zerla is promotions coordinator at the American Ceramic Society in Westerville.

Michelle Arbogast is in the master of social work program at the University of Cincinnati.

Julianne Castle Hedrick teaches sixth-grade math and science at Finland Middle School in Grove City, OH.

Jason Podplesky appeared as "Hank" in the Contemporary American Theater Company's production of *Marvin's Room*, in Columbus.

Tracey Young was hired as communications assistant at Safelite Glass Corporation's headquarters in Columbus.

Megan Harrington is communications and public relations coordinator at Highlights for Children, Inc. in Columbus.

Kirsten Gasser sang backup for Kenny Rogers on his 1993 Christmas tour. She was featured in an article in the *Medina Gazette*. ■

MARRIAGES

1949

Carolyn Carbaugh to
Luther Wimberly '50 on
Dec. 4, 1993.

1961

Allen Gress to Gail Hoffman
on Aug. 28, 1993.

1983

Jennifer Schutz to Fritz Rizer
on Sept. 18, 1993.

1985

John Case to Roxann
Jakubetz on Dec. 18, 1993.

1986

Nancy Ray to Timothy
Owens on Feb. 20, 1993.

1988

Lisa Gravley to **Jeffrey Boyd**
'90 on Dec. 18, 1993.

1989

Jennifer Mavis to Edward
Westerheide on June 19, 1993.

1990

Christopher Rupp to Sandra
Ramsey on June 26, 1993.

Craig Scott to Renee Boring
on Jan. 29, 1994.

1991

Linnette Taylor to Edward
Schaffer on Oct. 16, 1993.

1992

Daniel Auvil to Anina
Verroca on Sept. 4, 1993.

Shannon Rauch to James
Bohren on April 16, 1994.

1993

Lynn Burman to Robert
Ritchey on Jan. 7, 1994.

Tracy Smith to Scott Edgell
on Nov. 27, 1993.

Christina Stitzlein to Keith
Nicol on June 26, 1993. ■

BIRTHS

Birth in the Family?

If there is a birth in your family, please let us know. Not only will the announcement be included in Class Notes, but the Alumni Relations Office will send your son or daughter a complimentary bib making him or her an official "Little Cardinal from Otterbein."

1978

Jim Oman and wife Jill, a
son, Hunter Glenn, born
Jan. 22, 1994.

Nadine Rohal Spencer and
husband James, a son,
Zachary James, born March
29, 1994. He joins brother
Andrew 2 1/2.

1980

John Horn and wife **Melissa**
McCoy Horn '84, a son,
Alec, born April 6, 1994.
He joins brother Taylor, 3.
Proud grandparents are **Bert**
'49 and **Jane Morrison**
Horn '50.

Paul Hritz and wife Susan, a
daughter, Julianna Leigh,
born Sept. 18, 1993. She
joins sister Natalie, 2.

Linda Lucas Ingham and
husband Tom, a daughter,
Haleigh Jean, born April 16,
1993. She joins brothers
Michael Lucas, 9, and
Wesley Joseph, 3.

1981

Susan James Stoltzfus and
husband Ken, a daughter,
Leanne Marie, born Aug.
17, 1993. She joins brother
David, 7.

1982

Cathy Myers Hahn and
husband Peter, a son, Mark
Myers, born Jan. 5, 1994.
He joins sister Anna Jane,
and brothers Ben and Paul.

Rick Harle and wife **Sonya**
Spangler Harle '84, a
daughter, Alissa Lynnae,
born May 21, 1993. She
joins brother Taylor, 4.

Joanie Romeiser Schilling
and husband Dan, a son,
Benjamin Daniel, born Aug.
28, 1993.

Lisa Jones Simmons and
husband **Monte '84**, a son,
Adam Edward, born June
12, 1993.

1983

Esther Barnes Cammack
and husband Casey, a
daughter, Laura Beth, born
Feb. 24, 1994. She joins
brother Andrew, 7, Taylor,
5, and Isaac 2 1/2.

Jeffrey DeFine and wife
Tracey, a son, Tyler
Michael, born April 20,
1994. Proud uncle is
Gregory DeFine '92.

1984

Elizabeth Coxton Glenn
and husband Rick, a
daughter, Mary Elizabeth,
born Nov. 17, 1992. She
joins brother William
Benjamin, 3.

Wendy Peterson Ware and
husband Cameron, a son,
Austin Alexander, born
May 28, 1993.

1985

Lisa Fairchild Chacey and
husband **Edward '87**, a
daughter, Molly Elizabeth,
born March 9, 1994. She
joins brother Matthew
Edward, 4, and sister Megan
Eileen, 2.

Bill Gruber and wife **Robyn**
Powell Gruber '88, a
daughter, Kellie Elizabeth,
born Feb. 22, 1994. She
joins brother Billy, 2.

John Johnson and wife
Anita, a daughter, Nicole
Renee, born Dec. 1, 1993.

Susan Johnston Kreuzer
and husband Robert, a
daughter, Kaela Sue, born
Oct. 11, 1993.

James Yerina and wife
Deborah, a son, Justin
Michael, born Jan. 25, 1992.

1986

Sherri Puderbaugh Sutter
and husband Dean, a
daughter, Samantha Nicole,
born April 19, 1993. She
joins sister Kristin Alyse, 3.

1987

Becky Barnes Harris and
husband **Dan '88**, twin sons,
Timothy Andrew and
Phillip Alexander, born
Aug. 2, 1993. They join
brother Adam Michael, 4.

Claire Rawlings Snider and
husband Ken, a daughter,
Kiah Renee, born Dec. 13,
1993.

Merrilee Wagner
Schlemmer and husband
John, a son, Jack Earl, born
Feb. 16, 1993.

1988

Sarah Ross Arena and
husband Paul, a son, Louis
Ross, born March 3, 1994.
Proud grandparents are
Donald and **Mary Ellen**
Carroll Ross '52.

Dennis and **Polly Moore**,
twin sons, Dylan McBride
and Alexander Douglas,
born May 7, 1994.

Jean Graham Gates and
husband Terry, a daughter,
Rachel Jean, born Sept. 1,
1993.

Maureen Sims Motter and husband James, a daughter, Sarah Catherine, born Feb. 5, 1994.

1989

John McMenemy and wife **Stacey Paxson McMenemy '90**, a son, Joshua Thomas, born Sept. 30, 1993.

Kyle Ramey and wife **Phyllis Schultz Ramey '91**, a daughter, Rachel Lilian, born Feb. 26, 1994.

1990

Burt Crimmel and wife Leesa, a daughter, Elizabeth Madigan, born Feb. 7, 1994. Proud grandparents are Larry and **Mary Hankinson Crimmel '58** and aunt **Marlyne Crimmel '90**.

Holly Hodkins Lawhead and husband **Joseph**, a son, Hunter Ralston, born Nov. 30, 1993.

Elizabeth Bohse Neininger and husband Mike, a son, Drew Michael, born May 20, 1993.

Andy Wherley and wife Carla, a daughter, Jordan Noelle, born Feb. 10, 1994.

1991

Hal Howard and wife **Amber Brock-Howard '93**, a daughter, Sophie Kate, born April 5, 1993. She joins brothers Zac 5, and Brendan 2 1/2.

1993

Bob Kleekamp and wife Tina, a daughter, Courtney Marie, born April 23, 1994. She joins brother Ryan. ■

DEATHS

Friend of the College

Gladys R. Dunlap H' '93, 83, May 14, 1994, Upper Arlington, OH. A former teacher, Gladys taught in Harrison County Schools for 12 years. She was a member of Ohio and Harrison County Historical Society, State Teacher and Ohio Retired Teacher Association. She was also a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by husband **George H' '91**.

1921

Elizabeth Fontanelle Cornetet, Newark, OH. Elizabeth was preceded in death by husband **Wendell '21**. She is survived by son Wendell Jr.

1925

Doris Drum Hampshire, 92, Delaware County, Sept. 9, 1993. Doris was a member of Bethel Tabernacle in Columbus for 40 years, and served as its organist for 24 years. She was an active charter member of Rho Kappa Delta. She is survived by daughter Elizabeth and son Dan.

1927

Mable Eubanks, 92, March 21, 1994, Oberlin, OH. Mable taught home economics at Elyria H. S. for many years. She is survived by stepdaughter Ettabelle Reith and sister Margaret Collins.

Margaret Baker Kelly, April 22, 1994, Cambridge, OH. Margaret retired in 1969 as chief pathologist at Children's Hospital Medical

Endowed Award Update

Paulette Kuntz '70 Memorial Endowed Award Family, friends, colleagues, and students created this endowed award to remember and honor the remarkable life of **Paulette Zechiel Kuntz '70**. For more than twenty years, she taught French and toured Quebec and France with countless students. The award will be presented to an Education major concentrating in French. ■

Center of Akron. She was one of four women accepted to the University of Pittsburgh Medical College, graduating in 1933. She interned in pathology at Western Pennsylvania Hospital before coming to Children's Hospital in 1938. She is survived by husband of 53 years Ralph, son Michael, daughter Carol Rudd and a granddaughter. Memorials may be made in her name to Otterbein College, Development Office.

1930

J. Parker Heck, 85, Feb. 24, 1994, Otterbein Retirement Center, St. Marys, OH. Parker was an accomplished artist. He worked for 28 years as an account executive and artist at Griswold-Eshelman Company in Cleveland. He was a member of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his son **David '60**. Parker is survived by wife of 63 years **Geraldine Bope Heck '33**, son and daughter-in-law John and Mary, daughter-in-law Reiko Heck, four grandchildren and sister **Eleanor Heck Newman '34**.

1932

Gladys Burgert Mitchell, 86, March 17, 1994, Lakewood, OH. She graduated from Otterbein Cum Laude and was president of Sigma Alpha Tau Sorority. Gladys

taught home economics, French and Latin at Brewster (Ohio) H. S. for five years. She was an avid traveler and collector of primitive artifacts. Philanthropist and traveler, Gladys touched the lives of many she met during her travels to the Orient and New Guinea. She belonged to the Canal Fulton Heritage Society and was a former trustee of the Lakewood Historical Society. She was a 51-year member of Cove United Methodist Church in Lakewood and a life member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter C.M., a secret philanthropic society in Cleveland. Gladys is survived by husband Maurice, daughter Beverly Wallace and two grandchildren.

1936

Virginia Robart Lembright, 79, Dec. 12, 1993. Virginia worked on Staten Island, NY, caring for inner city children, then attended Otterbein. She was active in the First United Methodist Church in Dover, OH. She was a volunteer with Mobile Meals, and a precinct worker for the Board of Elections. Virginia was a 20-year employee of J.C. Penney Co. She is survived by husband of 58 years, Elmer, daughters Carol Groh and Dana DeSpain, son Wynn, and six grandchildren.

1937

Roy Shoaf, 80, Oct. 29, 1993, Chautauqua, NY. Roy was director of Released Time for Religious Education in Wheeling, WV, from 1937 to 1939. He graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1942. His first church was in Pocomoke City, MD, and he also served in Moundsville, WV, Quincy, MA, Lansing, MI, Indianapolis, IN, and Coitville, OH. He returned to Chautauqua in 1979 and served as interim pastor for Union City, Mill Village, Waterford and Fredonia, NY. He was preceded in death by son Roy D. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, June, daughter Jean Gentry, sons Philip and Randall, sisters Ruby Scroggins and Grace Salata, and five grandchildren.

1939

Alice Carter, 76, Beeghly Oaks Nursing Home, Youngstown, OH. Alice was superintendent of music in Struthers schools, and taught music at Princeton Junior High in Youngstown. She also was a guidance counselor at South H.S., retiring in 1975. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, where she served as an elder and deacon, and was a member of its choir. She belonged to the First Presbyterian Women, Ohio and Mahoning County Retired Teachers Associations and the National Education Association. She had been choir director and soloist for several churches in the area and was a founding board member of Jubilee Gardens. She is survived by several cousins.

Stanley Forkner, Dec. 21, 1993, Wyoming, MI. He is survived by wife Naomi, sons Robert and Paul, daughter Mary, and four grandchildren.

1940

Charles Messmer, 79, March 13, 1994, Otterbein Home, Lebanon, OH. A graduate of the United Theological Seminary, Charles was a former pastor for the Lewisburg and New Madison EUB Churches. He was pastor at Lewisburg for eight years and New Madison for six. He served as the assistant administrator for the Otterbein-Lebanon Home for 7 1/2 years and was employed part-time with the Community Relations Department at the Home. For many years he was a volunteer fireman, a volunteer for the United Way, Red Cross and the Boy Scouts and served as president of the Lions Club in Germantown and of the Germantown and Lebanon Rotary clubs. He is survived by wife **Alberta Engle MacKenzie Messmer**, sons, Charles Jr., James, and John, daughters, Kathleen Althoff and Marilyn Burns, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

1941

We have received word on the death of **Madonna Wills Allen**, May 8, 1994, Mansfield, OH.

Neil Mann, 76, Nov. 26, 1993, Delaware Court Nursing Home. Neil retired after 34 years as district sales manager for the Reynolds' Metals Company. He played football at Otterbein and was a member of the "O" Club. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is survived by

his wife of 50 years, Lillian, son and daughter-in-law Rick and Rosita, daughter and son-in-law Debi and Tim Steahly, and three grandchildren.

1943

Mary Lear O'Herron, 72, Worthington, formerly of Westerville. Mary was a former school teacher. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Geoffrey and Marti, son David, and daughter Susan O'Herron.

1945

Joy Johnston Holford, Jan. 19, 1994. Joy was a member of Arbutus Sorority. She is survived by husband **F. William '43**, daughters **Marilou Holford Cook '66**, **Rebecca Holford Miller '73**, **Jane Holford '71** and Elyzabeth Holford, son Sky, sons-in-law **Gordon Cook '64**, **Tommy Miller '74**, and Steve Betts, and two grandchildren.

1949

Luemma Briner Foltz, 69, March 19, 1994, Louisville, KY. Luemma taught elementary education for the Canton City schools. She retired in 1989 from Baxter Elementary School following 29 years of service. She was a member of First Christian Church and its

choir. She was also a member of the Canton Entertainers and Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She is survived by husband Norwood, daughter Eilene Fonner, son William, step-daughters Eileen Jones and Janet Carpenter, and four grandchildren.

1969

Kerry Maxwell Caudle, 46, Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, after an extended illness. Kerry lived in Galion, OH, since 1988, and worked as a media specialist in the Bucyrus School systems. She received her master's degree from Xavier University. She attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She is survived by husband Fritz, daughters Kristi and Lisa, son Jeff, mother and father Jim and Betty Maxwell of Cincinnati, and four brothers.

Barry Askren, who died as a result of a bee sting in 1992, has had many tributes since his death: The Beach City School named their playground after him, the Fairless H.S. offers a scholarship in his name and has named the track after him. The Navarre Branch of the Massillon Public Library has been named The Barry Askren Memorial Library. ■

Former Equestrian Coach

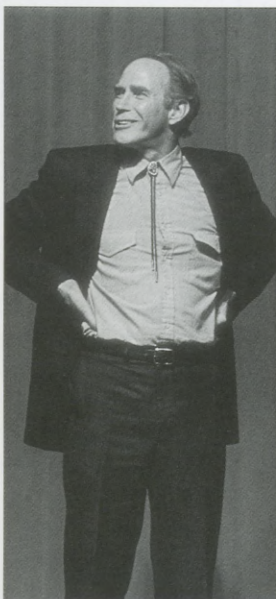
A.J. Coyle, 41, Feb. 23, 1994, Bristol, VA. A.J. coached the equestrian team at Otterbein for six years. During this time she served on the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Board of Directors and was president of its Region 8. A.J. led three OC riders to individual IHSA national championships, and in 1986 she coached the OC national champion stock seat team.

In 1990 she began coaching at Virginia Intermount College where she was an assistant professor. This spring a course in A.J.'s specialty, cross-country riding, will be dedicated in her memory by Virginia Intermount.

THE STARS CAME OUT!

The Department of Theatre and Dance presented an alumni benefit, *Showcase '94*, on June 10 at the Villa Milano in Columbus. The highlights of the evening included dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment provided by Susan Diol '84, Judi Garratt '68, Maribeth Graham '82, Tim Gregory '88, Michael Hartman '70, Karen Radcliffe '80, Mike Echols '80 and Cabot and Heather Rea '78, Craig Bennet Icsman '84, David Mack '72. Pictured at right during their performances at *Showcase '94* are (l. to r.): Michael Hartman '70, who performed with his daughter Tess Hartman '94; Susan Diol '84; and Craig Bennet Icsman '84, who performed the rousing final number.

Photos by Ed Syguda.



Alumni Weekend

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Former roommates Jean Wyker Troop, Barbara Bone Feightner and Zetta Albert Herrick, all from the Class of '49, pose for a reunion photo.

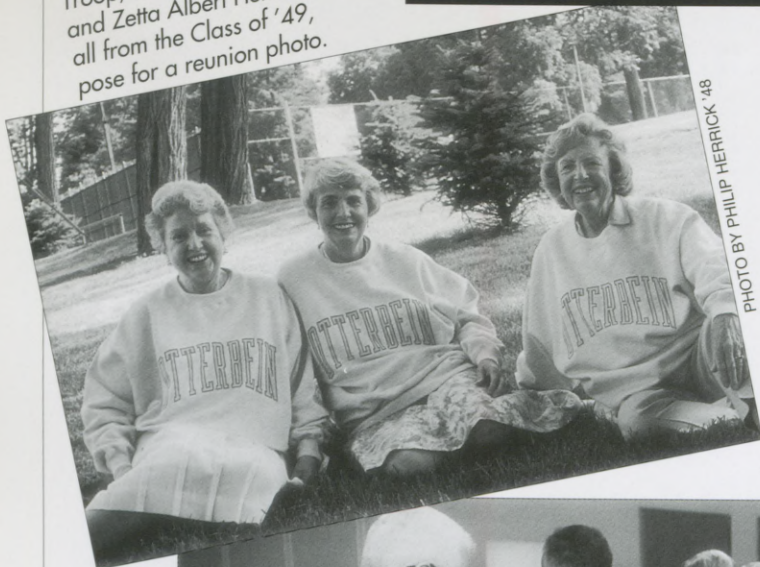


PHOTO BY PHILIP HERRICK '48

Catharine Robertson James '44 and Emily L. Wilson '44 check the roster board.



Chester R. Turner '43 greets Mary Arika Shiba '44.



Leona Longanbach H'94 and Mary Bivins H'85 smile for the camera.

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GATHERINGS

■ Alumni who love the outdoors gathered on March 5 to plan upcoming nature-oriented activities. More than 30 alumni met to share ideas and talk about possible alumni outdoor adventures throughout the United States.

As a result of the evening's discussion, an alumni trip is being planned for **Sept. 16-18 to hike the Cuyahoga Valley area**. The group will stay at the Stanford House Hostel, an historic 19th-century farm house, and enjoy hiking through forests and fields to scenic waterfalls and historic sites. Watch for details on this chance to enjoy hiking in a beautiful part of Ohio at a beautiful time of the year.

■ Recently a group took to the great outdoors in Kentucky. **Tammy Parker Lane '80** served as alumni host when 16 people traveled to **Carter Caves State Resort Park in northeastern Kentucky** for a weekend of camping, April 29 - May 1. Carter Caves is one of Kentucky's 15 state parks and is widely acclaimed as "The Nation's Finest." The group visited the park during Campers Appreciation Weekend and activities included canoeing, hiking and nature study. The weekend was also part of Otterbein's lifelong education effort as a state forester led tours highlighting "Native Flora of Northeastern Kentucky."

■ The enology course held April 23 at the **William Graystone Winery**, located in the Brewery District of Columbus' German Village,

proved to be a successful alumni events. The room was filled to capacity with nearly 70 participants and more alumni had to be turned away because of space restrictions. This tremendously popular event will be repeated.

Many thanks go to **Tracy Austin '93** and **Liz Rufener '93** for their help in organizing the event and **Chris Maesky '93** who served as alumni host. Twelve Ohio wines were presented by winery owner Bill Butler along with a lesson in the science of wine and wine making.

■ Alumni in the San Diego area gathered for a breakfast social on April 30. Several alumni in the area joined **Doug '63** and **Mary Pat Knight**, who served as alumni hosts, at the Starbucks Coffee Company. The group discussed various ways to promote greater alumni involvement in College sponsored events in southern California. Many thanks go to Doug, who also serves on Otterbein's Board of Trustees, for his initiative in hosting the event and supporting the Alumni Association's goal of reaching out to alumni across the country.

■ Greg Johnson, alumni relations director, led a group of students from the **Student Alumni Council** to the District V Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation meeting held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor March 25-27. Thirty-seven other institutions were represented and Otterbein's students enjoyed three days of idea sharing and networking.



Mary Pat Knight '63

The Monterey Bay provides the backdrop for the West Coast Alumni College. Enjoying the scenery were (back row, l. to r.): Nancy Eberhart, Hugh Allen '62, Liz Glor Allen '64, Greg Prowell '72, Norman Plat (instructor), Doug Knight '63, Steve Lorton '68; (middle row, l. to r.): Margaret Lloyd Trent '65, Bernice Glor Pagliaro '61, Amanda Hofferbert, Joanne VanSant H'70 Greg Johnson (alumni director); (front row, l. to r.): Jean Schulz Coddington '81 and Richard Hofferbert '50.

West Coast Alumni College A Success!

The first ever out-of-state Alumni College was a huge success when the West Coast Alumni College was held March 18-20 in Monterey, Calif. Many thanks go to **Steve Spurgeon '70**, who



served as chairperson, and the National Alumni Advisory Council for their leadership in organizing this event. Thanks also go to **Phyllis Shultz '52** who served as a resident host. Alumni sampled diverse courses which exuded the flavor of the Monterey Bay area. Photography in nature, a trip to John Steinbeck's home, a study of marine life at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, as well as wine tasting and seafood delicacies were highlighted.

With an enthusiastic endorsement from the 29 participants, the next out-of-state Alumni College is already being planned. A similar event will be held March 24-26, 1995 in Tucson, Ariz.

National Alumni Council Happenings

The Executive Committee of the National Alumni Council met on April 18 with Margaret Lloyd Trent '65, President Porter Miller '65, Heidi Matzke Kellett '86, Ed Mentzer '58, incoming vice president Elizabeth Glor Allen '64, Joanne VanSant H'71, Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89 and Alumni Relations Director Greg Johnson in attendance.

The group discussed the evaluations from the West Coast Alumni College, which were generally very supportive, as well as plans for Alumni Weekend and Alumni College to be held on the Otterbein campus. They also worked on ideas for alumni programming in the 1994-95 academic year.

Towers magazine was also discussed and the group approved of recent changes that put more emphasis on alumni news and photos. Towers Editor Tuesday Trippier will attend executive committee meetings in an effort to solicit alumni feedback and ideas for the magazine.

Many of these same topics were discussed at the National Alumni Advisory Council meeting on May 14. In addition, the council heard reports on the "O" Club Foundation, Dayton and Westerville Otterbein Women's Clubs, alumni choir and band, Greek organizations, nursing alumni, etc. Those in attendance included Porter Miller '65, Edward Mentzer '58, Margaret Lloyd Trent '65, Heidi Matzke Kellett '86, Joan Hopkins Albrecht '50, Loretta Evans Heigle '69, Brian E. Napper '71, Sherri Orr '85, William L. Evans '56, Gordon Griffiths '68, William Currin '67, Victor Ritter '48, David L. Deever '62, LeAnn Unverzagt Conard '80, Brian Cunningham '89, Tom Heisey '66, Amy Hoshor '81, Shirley Griesmeyer Omietanski '56, Sara Elberfeld Deever '61, Amy Doan Chivington '69, Brian Hartzell '70 and Linda Di Sanza '90.



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■ Mark your calendar now for Alumni College '94 to be held July 22-24. Thirteen courses have been specially designed by Otterbein professors and alumni to inform and enlighten youth and adults alike. Enjoy courses on world religion, horseback riding, investments, and more.

A special field trip is planned for those taking "Early Transportation in Ohio: The Story of Its Navigation Canals." The group will travel to southern Ohio to explore and examine several canals still intact.

A nationally renowned guest speaker will address the group after dinner on Friday. Dr. Ron McCaffrey, from Boston University Medical Center, will discuss the potentials of gene therapy in a manner we can all appreciate and learn from.

On Sunday, a special visit is planned to historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio. Roscoe Village has been preserved as a 1890s canal town with many quaint shops, a museum to tour and even an ice cream parlor.

To register, call the Alumni Relations Office at (614) 823-1401.

■ Otters to frolic in Portland, OR, on Aug. 4 at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. Pacific Northwest alumni and friend watch your mail for details.

■ This fall Professor Bob Place, from the

Department of Chemistry, will give two lifelong education lectures on the topic, "Stay Out of My Ozone." He will speak on Sept. 14 in downtown Columbus and Sept. 22 on campus about the state of the ozone and what lifestyle changes everyone needs to make to compensate for the ozone depletion. This is sure to be a fascinating talk on a subject that affects us all.

■ The colors of early autumn will be the backdrop for the Sept 16-18 alumni outing to Cuyahoga Valley. Admire the pastoral Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, learn the history of the Ohio and Erie Canal or visit the Seiberling Naturealm with host Barbara Natterer. The group will stay in the Stanford House, a Hostelling International location.

■ Lifelong education will travel to the Otterbein Community Retirement Center this fall. Howard Longmire '55 will serve as alumni host when two or more Otterbein professors present workshops on Saturday, Oct. 1. The topics are yet to be determined but watch for details this fall.

■ Hit the greens with alumni and friends during the James V. Barnhard II Scholarship Golf Outing. This tournament swings into action at the Lakes Country Club in Westerville on Monday, October 10 (registration at 9 a.m.).

ALUMNI NOTES



GREG JOHNSON

Enjoying the Life-Long Education enology outing are (from l. to r.) Tonya Dollings '93, Chris Maesky '93, Cathalee Bauman, Tracy Austin '93 and Jeannie Olszewski.



GREG JOHNSON

The annual Otter Scramble was held on May 17 at The Medallion Club in Westerville. With 33 participants, the event saw beautiful sunny skies. Pictured is the winning foursome (from l. to r.) Judy Lutz, Darla Chalcraft, Brenda Slane and Chris Carlisle '80. Much appreciation goes to Otterbein coaches Dick Reynolds '76, John Hussey '78, Chris Carlisle '80, and Doug Welsh.



GREG JOHNSON

Alumni, parents and friends gather during a recent trip to Carters Cave State Resort Park in Ky. Pictured (from l. to r.) are Clyde Gosnell, Irene McComas, Sandy Davidson, Marleen Wulum, Tammy Parker Lane '80, Susan Ramser, Jim Davidson, Barbara Natterer, Sharon Treaster and Joel Wachtel.



About 40 alumni attended gatherings in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. Noyuri Ariga '52 was selected as the new Japan alumni group's president and Tatsuo Tsuda '55 as the administrator. Also in attendance were (l. to r., back row) Norikazu Yoshida '92, Masaaki Tsuda '66, Noyuri Ariga '52, Yuichi Tsuda '64, Shimpei Fujinaka '75, Eiji Tsuda '62, Yoshitake Kishi '87 (middle row) Yuji Hashimoto '92, Tatsuo Tsuda '55 (front row) Kiyoshi Satoh '91, Kozue Tsuda, Miyoko Takeda '56, Lyle Barkhymer '64 (who helped start the group), Haruyo Nakaji, Hiroko Tsuda, and a friend of Mr. Kishi.

Alumni Association of Otterbein College

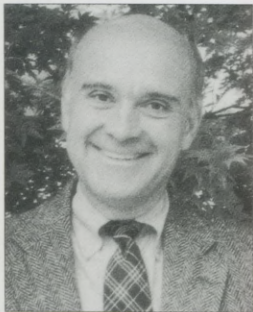
The purpose of this organization is to support an on-going positive relationship between Otterbein College and its alumni by:

1. Providing opportunities for social interaction among alumni and between the College and its alumni;
2. Assisting the College in achieving its goals;
3. Serving, under the direction of the College, as a volunteer resource pool for opinion gathering, committee participation, fundraising, etc. . . ;
4. Providing for and promoting the organization of local alumni clubs.

Distinguished Alumnus Award **Steve Lorton '68**

Steve Lorton is Northwest Bureau Chief of *Sunset Magazine*, a lifestyle magazine, targeted to the 13 western states with a readership of five million.

During summer breaks at Otterbein, Steve worked in Glacier National Park, Mont. After graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where



he served as Director of the Army Education Center for 7th Infantry Division in Tongducheon, Korea. From Korea, he made frequent trips to Japan, establishing a lifelong love of Asia and Oriental culture.

In 1970 Steve returned to the U.S., married Anna Lou Turner, a 1968 Otterbein graduate, and the two set off for Eugene, Ore, where Steve pursued a master's degree in journalism. In February of 1972, he took his first job as a garden writer for *Sunset*. In 1980 their son, John, was born.

Living and working in Seattle, Steve became deeply involved with the community and region, writing and volunteering time for the causes he loved, most horticulturally and environmentally related. The state of Washington named him *State Friend of the Cooperative Extension Service*. The Yakima Chamber of Commerce gave him its *Distinguished Service Award*. Steve founded the Madison Park Garden Club and started the Seattle Street Tree Advisory Board for the City of Seattle. In 1992 Steve was one of five writers asked by President George Bush to hike with him in the Sequoia National Forest in the Sierra Nevada.

Last year Steve and Anna Lou established The Nancy Davidson Endowment for the Washington Park Arboretum. Steve's current interest is in children and gardening.

Distinguished Service Award **Lillian Frank H'68**

Lillian's first years of teaching at Otterbein were during the war years with their shortages of many things, especially young men and money. In spite of very limited financial resources Lillian was able to start a program of art exhibitions with three or four shows a year. A lending gallery of framed reproductions and originals was started from which students and faculty could rent pieces for the year. The present art collection began in that period.

Lillian's interest in Japanese art and culture goes back to the fifties when her son brought home a lonely Japanese student. This resulted in her home being the center for four students from the

Tsuda family. After her first visit to Japan on a sabbatical leave in 1968, she was hooked. One year of teaching at Kobe College furthered this bond. This gesture of hospitality has resulted in a continuing two-way relationship between Otterbein and its alumni in Japan.

In 1956 the Franks bought the old Evangelical church to convert to a residence. The result was a home that has frequently been used for receptions, concerts and casual entertaining for 38 years.

She still lives there and is close to her two sons, their wives, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



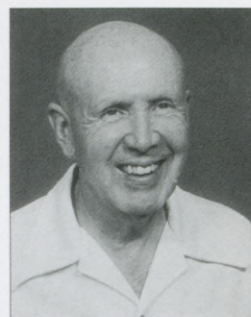
Distinguished Service Award **James A. Grissinger H'75**

James Grissinger began life with three problems: he was an only child, born in Brooklyn, and was left-handed!

World War II interrupted his electrical engineering studies, and he served as a Communications Officer in the South Pacific. Returning to Ohio State, he changed majors — from engineering to English to Speech. Specializing in Public Address, he joined the faculty at the College of Wooster for one year, and then began what he identifies as the two most important events of his life: Jo Ann Smith of Worthington, Ohio, and he were married, and he joined the Otterbein faculty as Chairman of the Department of Speech.

For the next 37 years, Jim's service in the classroom and with the speech activities continued. In 1958, little WOBC became Big Ten Watt WOBN, one of the first educational FM stations in Ohio. Otterbein students won more speech contests than any liberal arts college in Ohio. WOCC began broadcasting from the Audio Visual Center and speech com-munications majors grew from five to 150.

In 1987, he retired after 37 years of teaching. In 1977 he was named Outstanding



Speech Teacher in Ohio by the Ohio Association of College Teachers of Speech which also awarded him their 1983 Distinguished Service Award.

Daughters Lynn and Beth graduated from Wooster and Otterbein, respectively, and are now teaching. A granddaughter in Westerville, and a grandson and granddaughter in Florida complete the family.

Special Achievement Award **Suzanne Stilson Edgar '79**

Suzanne Stilson Edgar is a native of Worthington. She graduated from Otterbein in 1979 with a degree in business administration and a major in chemistry. Her plan was to join an engineering firm upon graduation. She never did.

In 1977, her father died. While serving as executor of his estate,



Suzanne was responsible for selling a small Westerville-based tile manufacturing company her father purchased in 1973. It was called Epro, Inc. While searching for a buyer, Suzanne began working with Epro, its people, and handmade ceramic tile products. In 1978, she bought the company herself.

Over the past decade, under her guidance, Epro's sales have increased five fold. Suzanne combined her business acumen with engineering expertise to design, develop, manufacture and market five new full-scale tile lines. She also increased Epro's distribution network, developed innovative marketing materials and programs, and hired her own sales representatives instead of using independent representatives.

Further evidence of Epro's strength is Suzanne's decision to form her own tile distribution company. Called Surface Style, the company is the exclusive distributor for 25 different tile manufacturers for the Central Ohio area.

She lives in Worthington with her husband William and son William Alden.

Special Achievement Award **Nita Shannon Leland '55**

Following graduation from Otterbein, Nita married Robert G. Leland, then serving with the U.S. Air Force, and spent 18 months living in central France. Later, while her husband earned a law degree, Nita tended a lively family of four children.

Fate intervened in 1970 in the form of a birthday gift from her husband: a set of watercolor paints. Nita signed up for a class at the YMCA and in less than three years was exhibiting and selling her work and teaching others to paint.



In 1977 Nita Leland began a study that resulted in the publication of her first book, *Exploring Color*, in 1985. The book became an immediate bestseller in art instruction and has been published in German. Her second book, *The Creative Artist*, is used by artists and teachers as a guide for stimulating creativity. In 1994 her third book, *Creative Collage Techniques* (with Virginia Lee Williams) will be published.

Nita teaches from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada, including workshops for art groups, museums, and universities. In 1990 she presented a seminar for the National Art Materials Trade Association, (NAMTA) and continues to teach several seminars a year. In 1994 Nita was spokesperson for ARTworks, a NAMTA program that sponsors free art classes for beginners to help them overcome their fears about getting started in art. In 1993 Nita manufactured the NITA LELAND Color Scheme Selector, which she designed to help her students organize and plan color in their art work.

Special Achievement Award

Robert Woods '69

Otterbein alumnus Robert Woods is president and chief operating officer of Telarc International Corporation, the parent company of acclaimed Telarc Records. He founded the label in the 1970s, together with his partner Jack Renner, and saw Telarc become a pioneer in digital recording technology. Indeed, for its excellence technically—as well as artistically—Telarc is highly respected worldwide.



Over the years, Woods has headed up the artistic side of Telarc's business, not only by deciding on repertory and artists, but often by hands-on producing of the recording sessions.

It was while majoring in vocal and instrumental music at Otterbein that Woods

began his recording career by developing a recording program for the music department's recitals and concerts. During this time, he considered pursuing a career as a recording producer, and even interviewed in New York for a job at CBS Records. But he decided to take a chance on performing. A highlight of his singing career occurred at the Blossom Music Center when Robert Shaw chose him to be a soloist in the Bach St. Matthew Passion at a memorial concert for George Szell.

Honorary Alumna Award

Donna Jean Thayer

Donna is a former elementary teacher who taught in North Baltimore and Bloomdale in northern Ohio as well as Westerville and was administrator of the Central College Preschool when it was founded.



Life now revolves around family, church and Otterbein. She has always enjoyed the various Otterbein activities, but especially was involved with the theatre students.

She is a devoted supporter of the Otterbein Women's Club and was honored by her fellow workers as "Volunteer of the Year" in 1993 for her service to the Otterbein Thrift Shop.

An active member of the Church of the Messiah, she has been involved continuously with some office or committee. Also active with the United Methodist Women, she was honored for her many activities with a "special membership" award.

Donna Jean has been married since 1951 to Fred, who retired in 1993 after 33 years with the theatre department. They have three children: Linda; Gregg with wife Amy and daughters Maggie and Jessie; and Steve who, along with wife Tracy Miller, graduated from Otterbein in 1989 and have a daughter, Alexandria.

Honorary Alumna Award

Ruth "Petie" Dodrill

The day Petie and Chuck Dodrill left Northwestern University and arrived at Otterbein in the Q.P.V. of Westerville, they decided to stay two years...maybe. That was 1958.

In the 60's Petie began designing costumes for the theatre productions. In 1966, she began her other Otterbein career, Children's Theatre director. She served as advisor to Theta Nu sorority, and president of Westerville American Association of University Women.

The Otterbein Women's Club named her "Woman of the Year" in 1979.

Her love of theatre led to a B.A. degree from Penn State and an M.F.A. from Ohio University in 1953. During these years she enjoyed being a "summer stock" actress in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

Petie is Director of Theatre at Gahanna Lincoln High School, having built a highly respected program involving about 125 students in theatre courses and 150 in productions yearly.

She continues to enjoy decorating the Dodrill-designed home, scene of dozens of cast/crew and theatre parties, and sharing in the exciting lives of her three children, Tracy, Brad and Tricia, and four grandchildren.



Honorary Alumna Award

Leona Longanbach

Leona was born in Tiffin, OH. After her high school graduation at Melmore Ohio, she worked as a secretary until she married Pearl Zellner, who died six weeks before the birth of their daughter, Thelma Marie.

By the time Thelma was two years old, Leona married Forest Longanbach, a farmer. They worked their farm together.

For seven years, Leona served as President of the Women's Society of Christian Service (her family was Methodist). For 18 years, she taught the Beginner's Sunday School Class. Through all this, she learned about Otterbein College.

Her daughter Thelma attended Otterbein. She loved her college and was a faithful supporter. In 1976, Thelma was chosen International Secretary of the Year. She had advanced to Administrative Assistant to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Racal-Milgo, manufacturers of computer parts.

When cancer took her daughter, Leona felt she had lost her best friend. Thelma's will called for the balance of her estate to go to Otterbein College. With the help of College officials, Leona established the Thelma Zellner Memorial Choral Music Endowment Award Fund. She, too, has learned to love Otterbein College. ■

All photos courtesy of award recipients.



With Respect to the Otterbein Class of 1994 . . .



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Thomas R. Bromeley '51

I was deeply moved and impressed by the Otterbein Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies in June.

After each of the Baccalaureate "perspectives," I thought—nobody can top this one. Every one was a gem in its own right.

Commencement was scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m.; it did. It was to last one hour and 45 minutes; at 1:45 p.m. the reception had started.

Absent were Halloween costumes, signs, and other undignified manifestations still common on college campuses.

I graduated in 1951 with the GI's who had returned to college after having several years torn from their lives. They were serious and they were "digging potatoes."

The Class of '94 is serious, too . . . and mature. More mature, frankly, than we were.

Usually, the older generation deplores the younger and despairs of what will happen to the world when they are gone.

I am comfortable. If the younger generation is like this Otterbein Class, we are in good hands. I am not only tranquil to leave the world in their charge, I am exhilarated and excited about the wonderful things they will accomplish. And I stand ready to help in any way I can.

The highest commendation on a military officer's fitness report is "I would particularly like to have this officer serve with me in combat."

As for me, I am delighted to serve in combat with the Class of 1994.

Most sincerely,

*Thomas R. Bromeley '51
Vice Chairman & Chairman-elect
Otterbein College Board of Trustees*

Dear Mary,

I am excited to write you about a great program I just discovered. As I have told you through the years, I really wanted to make a significant gift to our alma mater. I didn't think it was possible because I still want a regular income from my investments—for my retirement.

Recently, I spoke with Jack Pietila at Otterbein and he told me of a way I could meet both of my goals and possibly realize a tax savings in the process. It really is a way to make my money work smarter for me.

You see, a few years ago I bought shares of stock for \$10,000. While today it is worth \$60,000, the annual dividends are not impressive. If I sell the stock to receive income, I must pay taxes on the capital gains of \$50,000. I felt as if there were no other options.

Mr. Pietila helped me set up a charitable gift annuity at Otterbein using my \$60,000 worth of stock. Since I am 60 years old, Otterbein will pay me 6.1% every year. This means I'll receive \$3,660 every year for the rest of my life. Not a bad return on an original \$10,000 investment!

Also, I will not have to pay the capital gains tax on the stock and when I die a \$60,000 scholarship will be established at Otterbein in my name.

The whole process was simple. I just called the college and they took care of everything. I want you to consider doing the same. Wouldn't it be great if two college roommates could establish substantial scholarships at the ole 'Bein?

Call me!

Trish

Trish

p.s. See you at
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October 15!



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68	6.7%	78	8.3%	88	10.6%
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