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Cover Page

Time is no respecter of candidates for college graduation. May Day's flurry, scramble of events . . . Serenades, spring picnics, hikes—still classes, papers due . . . Panoramic fancies projected toward the future. And through the multi-patterned maze, time issues transparently, unnoticed—like the undiscerned changer of scenes for a play.

But in a pensive moment, the would-be graduate cannot see, but feels in force the movements of the backstage hand. In instantaneous realization, touch of cap and gown unveils a rush of scenes from past four years. The microcosmic entity of college life, remembered in a whirl of moving picture bits, is there and gone—like the quick, bright flaring of a lighted match.

Moods are transient; in a moment, the excitement and the hurry start again.

Our cover girl is Mary Ann Charles of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Because she is an outstanding campus leader, and because she represents the *third generation* of the Charles family to attend Otterbein, we think she is particularly well-suited to portray, on our cover, an Otterbein College graduating senior. "Mac" is the daughter of Philipp, '29, and Dorothea Flickinger Charles, x'32, and the granddaughter of Oscar, '07, and Caroline Lambert Charles, '01.

Ed: *The story on Dr. Engle in this issue is small. CCA is preparing a tribute to be published in June Towers. Excerpts from any letters sent in by alumni will also be printed.*

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Pioneers didn't ride off the American scene with the last rumblings of covered wagons across hot Kansas dust. Pioneers are people—any people—with penetrating visions and strong-fibred wills. A staunch group of them instigated the ideas in 1847 which gave Otterbein College its start. Some of them appeared, miraculously, to forge the way when Otterbein, fighting, but wobbling in its youth, had to buck an opposition that swore by their Bibles that higher education is a sinful affair.

The present, with its complexity of distracting details, seldom appears so dramatic as the past, and pioneers are much easier to pin-point in the perspective of history. Yet they are here; and today their sight has shot way beyond the wooded wilderness and sandy plains, into deeper realms of human relations and experimental ideas. Today their actions and their thoughts are colored, strongly, with a global tone.

Otterbein's venture of the moment is a project of the foreign language department: the production of the first complete sound-film textbook in the history of education. The project is emphasized here not only because it is a "world first," but because it also has another kind of value in terms of the international setting. Supplanting abstract description with actual scenes and conversations in the context of their real environment—in this case, in the context of France—certainly aids in the process of language learning, and is a real boost toward broader understanding of the people and the country under study.

Actually, work on the project began quite some time ago, and the beginning on-campus scenes have already been filmed. On May 24 Drs. La Velle and

Drs. Rosselot and Mills review the script.



To Produce First Sound-Film Text

A. P. Rosselot will sail, with Marjorie Lambert, a sophomore from Trenton, New Jersey, for France, for approximately 60 busy days of filming.

The foreign language department is planning, directing, and handling all details of the project. Dr. La Velle Rosselot has written the complete script, and is operating the camera. The entire cast of 15 to 20 persons will include, in addition to Dr. A. P. Rosselot and Miss Lambert, a number of native Frenchmen, three Otterbein AFROTC students, who will be studying at the Sorbonne this summer, and several faculty members and students who participated in the early, on-campus scenes.

The unfolding of this idea, which has been harbored in the thinking of Dr. La Velle Rosselot and Dr. Gilbert E. Mills, department chairman, for several years, is made possible through a grant to Otterbein, specifically for this purpose, by Irvin L. Clymer, '09, and his wife, both residents of Dearborn, Michigan.

The professors' interest in broadening some phase of audio-visual aids in education was initiated by their study of experiment results obtained by other schools, indicating that students retain subject matter 37 per cent more effectively with the more graphic teaching methods. A film text, the professors reasoned, could introduce each day's lesson in about ten minutes of class-room time. Outside reading material could supplement this main "textbook."

When Mr. and Mrs. Clymer, surely interested in Otterbein, and intensely interested, too, in developing stronger ties between the United States and Europe, promised their support, the department immediately began to develop the plan. A complete shooting script was written. French students on the campus were assigned to the opening chapters, and

the hectic, sometimes tedious business of filming began.

The story of the text involves a college freshman, majoring in French, who receives permission to accompany her uncle on a trip to France. Miss Lambert, previously mentioned, is playing the role of the coed, and Dr. A. P. Rosselot is cast as her uncle.

Vocabulary and grammar are simple, gradually increasing in difficulty as the trip progresses. The script is written to include a background of history, geography, cultural patterns, and Franco-American relations.

After landing at Le Havre, the trio plans to travel down the Brittany coast through Rouen, Mt. St. Michel, the fishing villages, Carnac, and through the chateau country. Then up to Paris for a few days, east to Audincourt, Geneva, Basle, and up to Alsace (which was the home of the Rosselot family), and Strasbourg, across the northern part of France, back to the coast, and home.

A rather special aspect of the trip is that the route will touch nearly all of the E. U. B. churches in France—an opportunity for developing some valuable friendships between Otterbein and the denomination abroad.

The remaining days of summer will be thoroughly occupied with the job of cutting and editing, so that the text will be ready for use when school reopens in September.

The film text is so planned that it will carry the student through the first year of college French, or through two years of high school French. Still pictures, extracts from the film, and sound tapes will also be used for laboratory work to augment the use of the film text.

Beginning scenes were filmed on campus, Dr. Rosselot's cast doubling as "back-stage" crew.



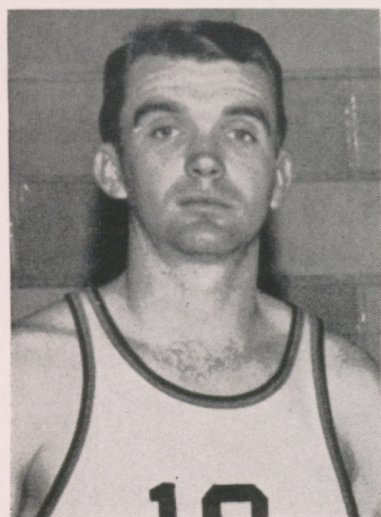
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Dr. Jesse Engle

Maynard Goare



Dr. J. S. Engle Dies—Student Killed

Ed: See note on page 2 concerning a future tribute feature on Dr. Engle.

Two deaths touched Otterbein's campus over Easter weekend, as Dr. Jesse Engle, '14, chairman of the religion and philosophy department, died March 29 after a serious illness, and Maynard Goare, a Fredericktown senior, was killed March 30 while operating a tractor.

Dr. Engle had been a member of Otterbein's faculty for 33 years, and was scheduled for retirement this June. A combined heart and gall bladder attack, just previous to the start of this second semester, had forced him to leave the classroom ahead of the planned schedule.

Just before his end of active service, Dr. Engle was advisor to Council of Christian Associations, as well as chairman of his department. Members of C. C. A., as a special project this year, had decided upon having a portrait of Dr. Engle painted and presented to the college. Fortunately, the sittings for the portrait were completed before his illness.

After graduating from Otterbein, Dr. Engle attended United Theological Seminary, Dayton, and later received his master's degree from University of Chicago. The honorary doctorate degree was conferred upon him by Otterbein in 1951.

Before coming to Otterbein, Dr. Engle had served for a time as a pastor in the Sandusky Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Maynard Goare, an army veteran and an honor student, was captain of Otterbein's basketball team this year. Maynard's major field of study was physical education, and he planned to teach after graduation. Less than 24 hours after Maynard had left Otterbein for his spring vacation, the tractor he was operating overturned, crushing him. Death was instant.

Both deaths were a shock to the campus. Little can be said in tributary comments that will not sound inadequately trite. To those of you who have known Maynard, to the many of you who knew Dr. Engle, the memory of their lives will speak for their goodness better than any words.

FACULTY NOTES

Schutz — Maurice Schutz, '53, has joined Gene Ribelt, also '53, as field representative for the Admissions Office, recruiting new students for Otterbein. Maurie was previously "employed" by Uncle Sam, for whom he served at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. He was released with the rank of corporal.

In his undergraduate days, Maurie was class president for three years, and was elected Representative Senior.

Scott — Dr. Ralston Scott, professor of economics and business administration, is teaching a series of classes in "Management" to members of the supervisory staff of the Timken Roller Bearing Company in Columbus.

Later, the Timken Company is hoping to offer two other courses to be instructed by Otterbein profs. This venture represents a commendable step toward greater cooperation between Otterbein and industry.

Shackson — Professor Lee Shackson, music department chairman, was vocal guest director of the Pickaway County music festival March 23, and judged choruses in a district contest sponsored by the Ohio Music Education Association at Wilmington March 24, and a contest of fifteen fraternity choruses at Ohio Wesleyan University March 18. Added to this was the judging of vocal solos and ensembles in the regional final OMEA contest at Bowling Green April 14. Mr. Shackson also served as local chairman of the state final Class B-1 band, orchestra and chorus contest held on Otterbein's campus April 28.

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Defying Little-College "Mediocrity" — Editorial

The average little college has a real fight to maintain existence, and an even greater struggle to rise above the level of mere subsistence and define itself as an entity with a unique and valuable personality. Even more than the serious financial-technical problem, which may or may not be the initial thwart to all effectiveness, it is the latter aspect which bears the main brunt of the attacks.

The "unwealthy" small colleges, like Otterbein, are often labeled "mediocre," "social" (rather than intellectual), "conservative" and "behind the times" in policies and educational methods, and are sometimes satirically thrown into juxtaposition with the Ivy League schools for comparison, and declaimed as a mass educational farce.

This moment has seemed especially appropriate for consideration of the problem. One reason is that we see the current project of the French department (see feature, pages 2 and 3) as an extremely hopeful attempt to build something unique and exceptionally fine into Otterbein's personality. The completion, last fall, of the Weitkamp Observatory and Planetarium was also a step in defiance of the harsh claims.

Neither of these projects could have been attempted without their respective alumni gifts. Still, every bit as significant as the actual monetary contributions, were the *idea interests* in the background. It seems quite pertinent that neither project could have been started if Otterbein's focus had been constantly narrowed to just the most pressing financial-technical needs. Merely the original cost estimate on either project would probably have transcended possibility by several-fold. But a liberal use of imaginative idealism, projected with hard practical thinking toward the stubborn facts, uncovered amazing potentials involving minimum cost.

Considering the problem

Early in the semester, our president invited the student body to consider changes or modifications that would enhance the academic, social and organizational effectiveness of Otterbein in future years. The invitation was a commendably generous one, and represented, we believe, another lively effort on the part of our college to avoid the asserted "little-college mediocrity." Students—and faculty, too—did begin to think and talk about Otterbein's future, and met several times for discussion in the president's home.

Nothing was solved. But several problems, not uniquely ours, were brought to the fore. And interestingly, even though large universities have hardly

similar bases of comparison with the small liberal arts schools in many respects, an article in an April edition of the *Ohio State Monthly* alumni magazine summarized several of the identical issues disturbing our own campus body.

Need for effective thinking

The crux of the matter is that a high level of *effective thinking* (add "from a Christian philosophy of life" and you have the basic purpose of Otterbein) on most college campuses is reached by overwhelmingly few. Furthermore, really serious study and thought, beyond necessary vocational preparation, are not considered of very practical significance by the vast majority of students.

Also, the balance hangs heavy on the side of extra-curricular and social activities—all of which are undoubtedly essential aspects of the school's personality, but can become destructive in their excessive weight and lack of integration and control. At present, our academic honoraries are predominantly inactive. Most other organizations are constantly in strong competition to find participants in their affairs. Activities of various groups overlap in function to a high degree; leadership is hardly dispersed beyond a limited and recognized group. The social fraternities and sororities, with broadening but still limited scopes of interests, are alone effectively strong.

On the academic side of the scales, faculty and students pondered lack of motivation—and what might be done to augment the drive for a solid education.

In the first place, the relation to the social and extra-curricular side is undeniably direct. The content of one side will always influence the other. But considering areas of academic achievement: more specifically, needs for greater experimentation in modern teaching methods were expressed. Faculty efforts to stir up basic questions, beyond mere dissemination of the facts, were urged. And another idea, well in accord with an article in a recent Denison University statement to alumni, is that colleges need to increase encouragement of independent study projects, and not just among members of the senior class.

Solution: imagination, ideas

These are only fleeting glimpses of the problem—as much or more dependent for solution, as we see it, upon imaginative and clearly thought-out ideas, as on financial status. Pulling aside the filmy curtains of idealization, and looking at our college more austere-

in the light of some of the more disparaging facts, it would seem that the Ivy League proponents have a just case. But our consideration doesn't end in such abasive self-defeat.

The recent Ohio State article would solve the issue by suggesting that the problem is, and has been, almost universally existent, and that the matter is a personal one, to be handled by each student as he will. Barely a handful of colleges, the article said, can afford the extreme measures needed to correct this situation.

For a large state university, with little control over its number or selection of students, the "personal" solution may be the only feasible idea. But for a small college this notion is only half the story told, the "easiest row to hoe," and a clear evasion of level-headed tackling of the toughest and most basic matter in our midst.

Our controlled variables

Admittedly, Otterbein, too, is operating within a "resisting medium" of controlled variables. Our purpose, as an educational institution, is not to serve merely the intellectually elite. Excepting the lowest stratum of quality, our present student body is representative, in background and intellectual capacity, of the student body we can expect to have in future years. This may keep us from competing in academic progress and intellectual atmosphere, with the Ivy League, but this is no sad fact. If we expose the students who stand within our realm of responsibility to the most effective education that we can give them, all limitations honestly considered, then we are kneading into the basic stuff of American society an ingredient of inestimable value. This is a job of lesser prestige than the training of just the intellectually keen minority, but a task of no lesser impact on the total panorama of society.

Suggesting that we cannot, ethically, hope to achieve the highest level of intellectual atmosphere, and admitting that we are probably no worse off than the average college of our nature, the question still remains as to whether we are providing the most effective education that we can.

It is our opinion that the establishment of a unique and valuable personality for our college, beyond our friendliness and very wonderful traditions, is an area that has hardly been scratched. We are not a nonentity, but neither have we polished our facets of potential distinction.

Perhaps it is a misfortune of small colleges that they must keep so engrossed with questions concerning the income of the next few dollars that they almost inevitably become conservative. The colleges are afraid to take what Agnes De Mille has described as the "leap in the dark," the creative risk toward an *idea* end that keeps imagination and uniqueness alive. Perhaps, too, the drive to prove that "we measure up" with other colleges in all respects has often kept small colleges from discovering, and letting be known, their areas in which they actually might excel.

Let us make this one point clear: we are not deriding Otterbein. It is a wonderful little school that need not hang its head in the milieu of like institutions. Nonetheless, we are not satisfied. Good enough to pass is not the best, and we've got to find new levels of growth. We've got to give our college a personality that bespeaks imagination, ideas, and level-headed thought. Within the limited realm of most expanded possibility, we've got to transform student attitudes toward an awareness of life's most real and basic values. We've got to instigate a strong desire to learn.

Faculty Notes (con't'd from page 4)

Mettler — Miss Helen F. Mettler, home economics instructor, was elected treasurer of the Ohio Home Economics Association during the annual convention held at the Deshler Hilton Hotel April 13 and 14.

Holtermann, Burks — Dr. Ursula Holtermann and Dr. David Burks of the history and government department were invited to write articles for the *Dayton Daily News* as part of a public relations project in which approximately 80 college and university professors are participating.

Dr. Holtermann's article, "Economic Conditions of England," was published earlier in the year, and Dr. Burks' "Trends of the 1956 Primaries and Conventions" appeared in the April 27th edition of the *News*.

Sometime later, the articles will be discussed on TV by a group of high school students.

Rosselot — Dr. LaVelle Rosselot, professor of French, represented Otterbein at the recent Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages held at the University of Pennsylvania.

Results of the convention revealed that Otterbein's language laboratory techniques are on a par with the best and are actually advanced beyond most schools.

DR. SAM ZIEGLER

The February 3 issue of *Collier's Magazine* carried a six-page feature on Espanola Medical Center, New Mexico, founded by Dr. Samuel Ziegler, '36, who is now senior physician there.

The article is entitled, "Where 'the Clock Walks.'" The medical center, with "one of the best little hospitals in New Mexico," is operated by the E. U. B. Church. It ministers to a territory of about 10,000 square miles with approximately 35,000 inhabitants. Before Dr. Ziegler arrived, most of the villages had depended on their "own resources," including dangerous home remedies.

"Here You Live Like in a Fairy-Land"

— Duan Roth, '59

Editor's note: The group of foreign students drawn to Otterbein each year add a richness all their own to campus life. Their role, one of acquainting our students with other cultures, becomes progressively more significant in a world where international scope in thinking is becoming a real necessity.

Five of our foreign students were guests late in April of the Zanesville Council on Human Rights for its annual World Friendship Weekend. A different college is invited to participate each year.

Germany

"Here you live like in a fairy-land!" said Horst Muerle of his first taste of being in an American college. Speaking of "taste," Horst was very emphatic in his statement of the varied U. S. diet. "In Germany we eat five times a day, but even then not nearly so much food as here!" he explained. He was amazed at the student-teacher relationship at Otterbein, the close ties among the student body and with the school itself, and the friendliness of everyone on campus. He added, "At home the universities are located only in the cities. It is no community in itself as I found here." Though he had taken ten years of "Oxford English" in Germany, he found the language somewhat difficult at first, but he said, "This was made much easier for me by the help of professors and students." Horst is in America on the exchange program of the E.U.B. Church. Each year one German student is assigned to one of the seven denominational colleges. This summer he will speak in camps in Nebraska and Iowa before returning to his home in the Black Forest section of Germany on September 4.

Africa

Otterbein has two students on campus, Victor Sumner and Dan Ademu-John, who represent Sierra Leone, Africa.

Dan, a biology major and religion minor, plans to attend a seminary after graduating from Otterbein next year, and then attend a graduate school in science before returning to his home. He has studied at the University of Dayton two years, and has taken summer courses at Sinclair College.

When asked with what scholarship plan he was attending, he laughingly replied, "I'm not—I'm on my own!" Dan is a member of the All African Students Organization of the Americas, and participated in a convention at Ohio State University earlier this year, discussing the future of Africa.

"I was so impressed by the good work Otterbein's alumni are doing in my country, I wanted to come there, too," replied "Vic" Sumner when he was asked how he had selected Otterbein as his home for the next four years. He was awarded a full-tuition scholarship through the assistance of his friend, Otterbein alumnus Dr. Broderick, who attended Otterbein on the Fulbright plan. "Vic" found American football "... rather rough and tumble—in Sierra Leone we play mostly cricket and soccer." He has been impressed by the Ohio countryside. "You have bigger towns here," he said, "and the cows I see on farms are much larger, too."

Greece

Greece, too, is represented in the student body by Peter Loleas, a freshman. "Pete" has been living in New York City with his aunt since his arrival in the United States three years ago. A close friend of his and a senior here at Otterbein, Christy Christ of Mount Vernon, N. Y., described life on the campus of the Quite Peaceful Village in such a way that "Pete" decided to attend Otterbein—"and," he added, "it's as friendly as he said it would be! I like the way people *think* here." "Pete" is majoring in chemistry and plans to enter the field of chemical engineering following graduation in three years.

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Above, left to right: D. Ademu-John, C. Izuka, J. Bilodeau; below: Ebrahim Senehi, Peter Loleas, Horst Muerle, Victor Sumner.



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"Pete" lives in Clymer Cottage with another freshman from Guam, Calistro Izuka, and eight other men. "Cal" first heard of the campus at his job in the Coca-Cola bottling company on his island in the Pacific. "My boss's brother-in-law was a graduate of Otterbein and told me about it." He is taking a general course at the present time. "At Otterbein, it's lots tougher studying," said Cal while being interviewed, "but I can get help." He plans to enter the field of mechanical engineering. When asked about his future, he replied with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, "Oh . . . I might go home, get married, and bring my family—in a few years—to America to live . . . I like it so much here!"

A pre-law student, Ebrahim Senehi comes to the campus from Teheran, capital city of Iran. He

attended schools in England, as well as a private school in the States to study the English language. He came to Otterbein so that he could gain a greater proficiency and working knowledge of the language in preparation for entrance to the Harvard University College of Law. "Ebbie" is a proficient violinist and was awarded a full-tuition music scholarship to Yale. When I asked him what he missed most about his home, he flashed his quick grin and replied, "Girls!"

By arrangement with Dr. Lavelle Rosselot, Josette Bilodeau, of France, is working as an assistant in the language laboratory of the French department as well as continuing her studies here. "I miss my family most of all," she stated, "but here at Otterbein it is like one *big* family . . ." Josette added, "I have learned to like the American habit of eating popcorn very much!"

Following her stay at Otterbein, she will begin teaching at Laval University, in Quebec, Canada.

Otterbein's famous friendliness was an oft-mentioned good impression these students have of the campus and its activities. Horst Muerle was emphatic when interviewed on this point. He stated that here he can be ". . . a person, not a number."

Westerville does not have the climate nor the terrain suitable for Horst's hobby—skiing . . . nor does it have the sandy beaches, waving palms, and sweeping expanse of blue Pacific surrounding "Cal's" small island . . . Otterbein does not have the intercollegiate soccer teams of "Pete" and "Vic" . . . or even "Ebbie's" "girl back home" . . . but the ivied towers of the campus, they all agreed, will be remembered for a special niche carved in their memories.

CAMPUS CHATTER



But, of course—it's spring!

Attention Alumni

If any alumnus desires part-time or permanent employment or a change of employment, please contact the Placement Bureau at Otterbein College. In writing, give your present experience since leaving Otterbein and the kind of employment you are seeking. The Bureau has many requests, both in business and in teaching, and will be glad to help anyone wishing such assistance. Write directly to F. J. Vance, Director of Placement.

The high-powered hub-bub of a national nominating convention invaded Otterbein's "peacefulness" May 4, when the Mock Republican Convention got under way. Each fraternity and sorority represented a number of state delegations, and the faculty and Westerville High School were also invited to participate in the proceedings.

The Democrats were asked to shed their pride and join in too, since the convention, less than a partisan affair, was designed to promote interest in government and party politics.

Representative Seniors elected this spring, chosen by their classmates as the outstanding contributors to their class and the school during their college careers, were Mary Ann Charles, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Thelma Hodson, Dayton; Wade Miller, Westerville, and Robert Warner, Lakewood.

Interestingly, "Mac" Charles is a third generation student (see Cover Page write-up), "T. J." Hodson and "Bud" Warner both have sisters who are Otterbein grads (Myrl Hodson Fitzpatrick, '47, and June Warner Hunt, '55, respectively), and "Dewey" Miller is the son of Honorary Alumnus Wade S. Miller. Must be significant. . . .

Twenty PK's (preachers' kids) attended the tenth annual party for Otterbein sons and daughters of ministers, given by the Reverend and Mrs. M. J. Miller in their home. Besides the games and fellowship, the special treat of the annual affair comes in the form of excellent onion sandwiches!—Other refreshments are served for the less brave.

MEN'S SPORTS

When a husky athlete gets out-door sunshine all mixed up with the current lecture on social problems in Japan, then it's spring, and you know the fellow's got an itch for the feel of a baseball, a tennis racket, or the wind cutting past him as he moves around that track. Such appears to be the case with Otterbein's athletes.

Baseball

This is Coach Dick Rich's first season for baseball. Biggest problem is a lack of pitchers, but the team material is good, with lots of power at the plate. The first two games were lost to Denison and Muskingum, but the Otters came through with a strong game and a 14-13 win over Wittenberg.

Tennis

Tennis chances look good this year, with four veterans back, plus John Howe, number one man, who was ineligible to play last year because of a ruling against transfers. Our netmen took the first game against Muskingum, 6-3.

Track

Interest is unusually high in track this season, with half of the 26-man team composed of freshmen. In the first meet Otterbein came in second, with Ohio Wesleyan first and Bluffton third.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Homerun . . . Love . . . Shuttle . . . Hole-in-one . . . Oh, my aching back . . . Exaggerate? No, not mis-set type, but rather a young co-ed's spring vocabulary—softball, tennis, badminton, golf, outing, and modern dance respectively symbolized.

Spring sports are plentiful enough in themselves, minus the million and one other activities which accompany nice weather, to keep any co-ed on her toes.

In the aching back category, one of the outing classes is planning an overnight hike—the ground is going to feel mighty hard after nice, soft mattresses since September!

Of course, good sportsmanship tournaments in softball, badminton, golf, and tennis (since the old clay courts have taken on a new appearance) have been in full swing since the end of April showers.

Some of the more experienced girls have had fun visiting other schools and hosting to neighboring colleges, too, for inter-collegiate games in tennis, golf, and softball.

The campus Dance Club has been working all year and recently culminated those efforts through the annual Spring Dance Show, May 2. The members have coached the colorful May Pole dancers and, in addition, will present a number of their own during the May Day festivities.

So spring is here, and during the process of that young man's fancy turning to . . . it occasionally gets sidetracked, watching girls (in their outdoor sports).

Spring Athletics

Baseball

April 13	—	Denison	There
April 17	—	Marietta	Here
April 19	—	Muskingum	There
April 21	—	Wittenberg	There
April 25	—	Denison	Here
April 28	—	Capital	Here

Tennis

April 14	—	Wooster	Here
April 18	—	Muskingum	Here
April 25	—	Muskingum	There

Track

April 18	—	Ohio Wesleyan	There
April 20	—	Wittenberg	Here
April 24	—	Oberlin	There
April 27	—	Wooster	There



Above: Curt Tong, Wade Miller, John Howe

Below: "Outing"—Renie Morris, Margie Kassner, Lois Kauffman.





Perry Laukhuff, '27

Founder's Day

Perry Laukhuff, lecturer, writer, and consultant on foreign affairs, spoke during the chapel program, April 26, in commemoration of the 109th anniversary of Otterbein's founding. Mr. Laukhuff's speech dealt with the qualities of an educated person in a world of expanding international relations.

A 1927 graduate of Otterbein, Mr. Laukhuff has worked in the field of government and world affairs. He was a United States Foreign Service officer from 1937-1953, representing the United States in its dealings with various European countries. He is currently a member of the John Price Jones Company, Inc., of New York City.

Among Mr. Laukhuff's most recent publications are a featured article, "How to Bargain with Russia," in the June issue of *Harper's Magazine*, and an article concerning United States policy in Germany, in the March edition of *Current History*.

In addition to his study at Otterbein, Mr. Laukhuff did graduate work at Harvard and University of Michigan and received a certificate from the Academy of International Law, The Hague, in 1936. From 1930 to 1936 he taught government at Sweet Briar College.

May Day Schedule

May Morning Breakfast	8:00-9:00 a. m.
Coronation — City Park	10:30 a. m.
Lunch for all Guests — Barlow	12:00-1:00 p. m.
Zeta Phi Luncheon	12:00 n.
Talisman Luncheon — Cochran Dining Room	12:15 p. m.
Kings Luncheon	12:30 p. m.
Alumni Council Meeting — Cochran Dining Hall	12:30 p. m.
Theta Nu Tea	1:30-2:30 p. m.
Baseball — Otterbein vs. Wittenberg	2:00 p. m.
Owls Reception	4:00-5:00 p. m.
Tau Delta Silver Tea	4:00-5:00 p. m.
Dinner for all Guests	5:30-6:30 p. m.
Play — <i>As You Like It</i>	8:15 p. m.
Arbutus Tea	Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p. m.
82 W. Main Street.	

ART DISPLAY

An exhibit of audubon prints and contemporary textiles is being shown at Barlow Dining Hall during May. Samples of weaving by Columbus artists include rugs, upholstery fabrics, screens and drapery material. On display from New York are four fascinating pieces of embroidery by the celebrated artist, Mariska Karasz. Also, art projects for elementary education are displayed in Lambert Hall in an exhibit entitled, "Carnival."

THE COURT

The attractive coeds pictured below, all members of the May Day Royalty, are Eva Holmes, Westerville; Janice Gunn, Attleboro, Massachusetts; Barbara Fast, Haviland, and Elaine Ellis, Baltimore, Maryland. The women, according to tradition, have been chosen from the junior class. The queen's identity will kept secret until the band-shell ceremony.



Commencement

Seniors will hear their last Cowan Hall address before officially becoming Otterbein alumni on Monday, June 4, when Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president-on-leave of Ohio Wesleyan University and present director of the Washington Office of Defense Mobilization, speaks at the commencement exercises.

Dr. Flemming did his undergraduate work at Ohio Wesleyan University and received his A. M. degree from American University. He also holds the LL. B. degree from George Washington University, and LL. D's from Ohio Wesleyan, Temple, American, and George Washington Universities, and Oberlin College.

On leave from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he has been president since 1948, Dr. Flemming has been director of Defense Mobilization since 1951.

In addition to serving on various governmental committees, Dr. Flemming has been Vice President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America since 1951.

BACCALAUREATE

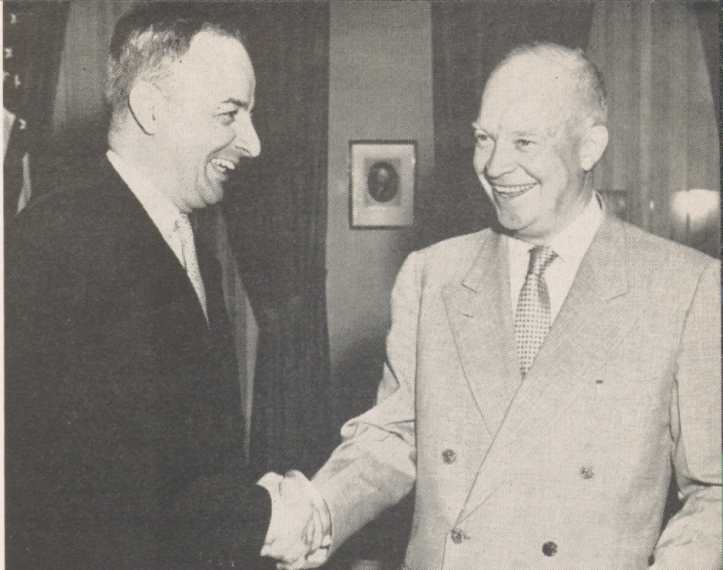
Dr. Paul Eller, newly-elected president of the Naperville Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois, will present Otterbein's Baccalaureate sermon in the Westerville First E. U. B. Church on Sunday morning, June 3.

Dr. Eller first went to Naperville Seminary after receiving his Masters and Doctor of Divinity degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and has been connected with the school in some capacity ever since. He did his undergraduate work at North Central College and received his B. D. degree from the Naperville Seminary.

Three years previous to his October, 1955, appointment as seminary president, Dr. Eller served as dean of the school, and before that he was a professor of church history. His years of service at Naperville total nearly 25.

HONORARY DEGREES

Six honorary degrees will be awarded during Otterbein's commencement ceremonies June 4. Receiving the Doctor of Divinity degree are the Reverend O. E. Johnson of Bowling Green, superintendent of the Ohio Sandusky Conference; the Reverend Murn B. Klepinger, '23, of Dayton, pastor of the Belmont E. U. B. Church, and Lt. Col. Glen C. Shaffer, '32, of Hamilton Air Force Base, California, USAF chaplain. Mr. Carl C. Byers, '32, of Parma, Ohio, superintendent of schools, will receive the Doctor of Education degree; the Doctor of Laws degree will be awarded to Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president-on-leave of Ohio Wesleyan University and Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization in Washington, and Mr. Armand Spitz, Director of Spitz Laboratories, Yorklyn, Delaware, will be presented with the Doctor of Science degree.



Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, commencement speaker, shakes hands with our nation's President.

Friday, June 1

Meeting of Development Fund Board	10:00 A.M.
Meeting of Board of Trustees	1:30 P.M.
Phi Sigma Iota Picnic	6:00 P.M.
The Rosselots'	
Trustee Committee Meetings	7:00 P.M.
Dedication, Observatory—Planetarium	9:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 2

Quiz and Quill Breakfast	8:00 A.M.
Meeting of Board of Trustees	9:00 A.M.
Dedication, Clippinger Ad. Bldg.	11:00 A.M.
Class Reunions and Alumni Dinner	12:00 N.
Unveiling of Corner-stone of Cochran Dormitory.	
Otterbein Women's Club Open House	
For Alumni and Friends	3:00-5:00 P.M.
Cochran Hall Parlor	

Sunday, June 3

Baccalaureate Service	10:00 A.M.
Reception for Seniors and Parents	2:30-4:00 P.M.
President and Mrs. Howard	
Phi Sigma Epsilon Initiation	3:30 P.M.
For Tau Delta Seniors	
Band Concert	4:00 P.M.
Carillon Recital	7:00 P.M.
Program by the Music Department	8:00 P.M.

Monday, June 4

Commencement	10:00 A.M.
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DEDICATIONS

Two dedications and the unveiling of a corner-stone will add an extra flurry of activity to this year's commencement weekend.

Dr. Armand Spitz, inventor of the Spitz A-1 Planetarium, will speak for the dedication of the Weitkamp Observatory and Planetarium Friday evening at 9:00 p.m. Clippinger Administration Building, named in honor of the late Dr. G. W. Clippinger, one-time president of Otterbein, will be dedicated Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Bishop A. R. Clippinger will participate in the ceremony in honor of his brother. The corner-stone of Clements Dormitory will be unveiled Saturday immediately following the Alumni Dinner.

administrative affairs

Admissions Policy Development Fund

A Glance Toward the Future — Dr. J. Gordon Howard

Who should be admitted to Otterbein College? This question is faced by the Admissions Committee every day. The Admissions Committee must keep in mind the purpose of the College and see that the admissions policy conforms to this purpose.

Admitting a student is not a light responsibility. Without good-quality students, we can do little to maintain or advance our scholastic standards. While the admission of a student is a serious responsibility, refusing to admit a student is also a grave matter. To deny admission may be slamming shut the door of opportunity and arbitrarily determining that a young person will not be able to fulfill his dreams for a larger life.

The Admissions Committee collects a large amount of data in the case of each prospective student, but evaluating that data is not easy. Experience has proved that a commendable record in high school predicts the likelihood of college success, while poor high school grades indicate the contrary. But there are enough exceptions to cause concern. Some young people do not wake up intellectually during high school days, or some disturbing personal problem can cause high school records to suffer. So it cannot be said unequivocally that high school grades are completely reliable as a basis for determining college admission.

English and math essentials

Experience has shown that ability to handle the English language — to write English, read English, speak English and listen to English — is essential to success in a liberal arts college. Poor high school English grades foreshadow serious difficulties. In some high schools English is not well taught and students therefore are ill-prepared. Also, some young people come from homes where atrocious English is spoken so with even good high school English instruction a young person may be sorely handicapped.

Poor grades in elementary and secondary school mathematics predict trouble in college. Many young men come to college full of ambition to pursue a career in engineering or in one of the sciences, but after a semester or two they fail their courses, not for lack of intelligence, but for lack of good basic preparation at the grade school and high school levels.

Question of motivation

To complicate the decisions of the Admissions Committee, we have the question of motivation. How do you measure the ambition and drive necessary for

a student to do good college work and complete his college career? The student with only average intellectual ability, but possessing strong motivation, will often outstrip a student who has high academic ability but is weak in purpose and low in ambition.

Alumni interests

Another factor the Admissions Committee must take into account is the alumnus who wishes his child to enroll in Otterbein and who has planned accordingly for years. The Admissions Committee has an unwelcome problem when it is discovered that the prospect does not measure up to the academic standards for college admission. Shall the Committee render a verdict of "admission denied" which is utterly final, or shall the Committee offer some degree of leniency? If there is to be leniency, where shall the line be drawn? When does leniency become a liability to all concerned?

Church constituency

Furthermore, we have the case of the pastor of a church which is related to Otterbein College. He brings a young person from his church with the expectation that the prospective student will be admitted without much question. What shall the Admissions Committee do if it is found that admission standards can not be met. Shall the prospect be turned down with the risk of alienating the support of a good pastor and his church, or shall there be some special consideration and, if so, how much? The Church constituency of the college certainly does not want to dilute the college's academic quality or lower standards of scholarship. On the other hand, if a church connection means anything, it probably means that "within reason" everything possible will be done to enroll young people from our churches. The question in each case is: What is meant by "within reason"?

There are numerous complications when the Admissions Committee considers the requests for scholarships and other financial grants. Are scholarships to be regarded as a reward for academic merit or as assistance in the case of financial need? If we deny scholarships to superior students who are not in financial need, how shall we satisfy the desire for the prestige that accompanies the receiving of a scholarship?

The Admissions Committee has many other problems too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say that the Admissions Committee is one of the most important on the campus. It is rendering outstanding service and deserves the full cooperation of all persons interested in the welfare of Otterbein College.

Important Facts About the 1956 Development Fund

Ed: Dr. Wade S. Miller has returned to the college as vice president in charge of development. More will be written concerning Dr. Miller and his new position in the summer issue of Towers.

What is the Development Fund?

In 1948 a Development Fund Board was organized at Otterbein College. This board is responsible for all the fund raising efforts of the college and all gifts received from all sources constitute the Development Fund.

During 1955 when the Advancement Program was promoted, gifts were not solicited for the Development Fund. In the past the gifts to this fund have been used largely for operating expenses, whereas the money raised through the Advancement Program was for plant improvements and endowment.

For what purpose is money being raised in 1956?

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees has decreed that all money raised in 1956 unless otherwise designated shall be used for increases in faculty salaries.

Are salary increases necessary since the college received \$170,300 from the Ford Foundation for that purpose?

It should be noted that the college can use only the income from the Ford grant for salaries. The income from this grant will enable the college to increase salaries by about 4% whereas they need to be raised by at least 20%. According to a report by McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, the individual faculty member's purchasing power today is 5% lower than it was in 1940.

Will payments on a pledge made to the Advancement Program count toward the 1956 Development Fund for faculty salary increases?

No. Gifts to the Advancement Program were for capital improvements and not for operating expenses. Because of the challenge of the Ford Foundation gift and because of the urgency of the appeal, it is hoped that many alumni will make a supplementary gift designated for salaries.

What is the goal for 1956?

The goal is \$85,150 a year for the next two years. It will be recognized that the two-year goal is an amount equal to the Ford grant. Inasmuch as many alumni are paying on pledges, which will not count

on the 1956 goal, it behooves all others to be as generous as possible in their contributions. Furthermore, those with pledges unpaid are encouraged to reconsider their total giving to Otterbein and, if possible, make a supplementary gift to this most worthy cause.

What has been done to date?

The Development Fund campaign for 1956 was launched on April 2 and the results to date are as follows.

Source	Number	Amount
Alumni	189	\$ 4,374.65
Non-alumni	16	1,525.00
Clubs and Organizations	5	1,098.55
Churches	2	125.00
Bequests	1	3,000.00
Total		\$10,123.20

This is an excellent beginning. The average gift so far is \$23.00. If 66% of our alumni and ex-students would give the same average gift, we would exceed our goal by \$7,000. Is that too much to hope for? It is understood that many will feel they can not afford to give that much, but it is hoped that each will give something and that many will give much more than the average.

Why is it so urgent to increase salaries?

The strength of a college is in the strength of its faculty. If Otterbein is to remain strong, and an institution of which alumni can be proud, it must have good teachers.

However, with increased enrollments on the way, there is tremendous competition for good teachers; with an ever-expanding economy, industry offers big inducements to those properly qualified; with additional services provided by the government, more well-trained men are needed in this field.

Every year hundreds of college teachers, particularly in the private college, leave the classroom to take more lucrative positions and others who would become good teachers never give the profession serious consideration because of inadequate salaries.

Have You Made Your Will?

During this year all member denominations of the National Council of Churches are urging all Christian people to "Remember the Church in your will." By church is meant not only your local congregation but all agencies and institutions sponsored by the church. This is a good time for you to consider remembering Otterbein in your will.

Would You Like a Life Income?

You can have a guaranteed life income through an annuity agreement with Otterbein College. The amount of the income depends upon the amount of your investment and your age at the time the contract is executed. Write today to the Development Fund office for details. No where will you find a safer investment.

alumni

Dayton alumni dance
Robert Eschbach
Flashes from the Classes
Births, marriages, deaths

MIDDLETOWN ALUMNI

President of the Middletown Council of Churches for the coming year is Ralph C. Knight, '24, and five other Otterbein graduates have been elected to subsidiary positions on the Council.

The Reverend E. H. Hammon, '27, retiring president, presided at the election dinner. Dr. Mabel E. Gardner, '08, and Mr. Hammon were elected to the finance committee; Vance E. Cribbs, '20, and Richard Hofferbert, '50, were chosen for the committee on inter-church activities, and the Reverend Robert W. Ward, '40, was selected as a counselor for the Christian Youth Council.

Dr. Charles Ray Goff of the Chicago Temple spoke for the banquet, which was attended by more than 200 people.



Left to right: Frances Barnett Bell, '50; Pauline Shively; Joan Hopkins Albrecht, '50; Barbara Tompkins Andrews, '55.

DAYTON ALUMNI FUN

"College Moments to Remember" was the original song-and-dance skit (pictured above) performed during intermission-time at the annual Dayton alumni dance February 25.

Eighty persons attended the dance and, so we are told, "the music was smooth, the free refreshments appetizing, the door prizes exciting and the original entertainment—out of this world."

Flashes

1913—Dr. Carl Vernon Roop, '13, is the author of a recently published book, *Evangelistic Sermons*, a collection which he has gathered during his 55 years in the ministry.

Dr. Roop is a graduate of Bonebrake (now United) Theological Seminary and holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from Otterbein. He has served a number of pastorates during his ministerial career, spending most of his time at E. U. B. Churches in Marion and Galion. In recent years he has been engaged in evangelistic and fund-raising work for the Otterbein Home, Otterbein College and York College.

Dr. J. Gordon Howard wrote concerning Dr. Roop's book: "Dr. Carl Vernon Roop has produced a volume of interesting and inspiring sermons. He has spent his lifetime as pastor and preacher, and gained wide recognition as a successful evangelist."

1918—Miss Janet Gilbert, '18, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Otterbein Women's Club of Westerville during its annual guest night dinner in March.

Dr. Gilbert is executive secretary of the Department of Women's Service of the Board of Missions of the E. U. B. Church. She is also a member of the general denominational Council of Administration, the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, and the Inter-Board Program Committee. In addition, Dr. Gilbert represents the E. U. B. Church in the Assembly of

the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and is a member of the National Board of the Department of United Church Women.

1928—Donald J. Borrer, '28, is one of two chief researchers at Ohio State University studying birds' songs and attempting to discover why birds sing. A project to record songs of birds was begun by O. S. U.'s zoology and entomology department in 1948 to provide a teaching aid in ornithology classes.

1934—The Reverend Parker C. Young, '34, has been named Director of World Missions of the Eastern Area of the E. U. B. Church. His responsibilities will include promotion of Foreign Mission work, working with churches and conferences, and interviewing candidates and arranging deputation schedules. Until the close of this church year Mr. Parker will remain as pastor of the Woodville E. U. B. Church. He will then be transferred to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In recognition of his contributions to medical research, Robert E. Shipley, M. D., '34, has been appointed senior physician in the Lilly Laboratories for Clinical Research at Indianapolis General Hospital.

1940—Ferdinand Wagner, '40, was one of four ministers to be invited by the Air Force recently to conduct protestant preaching missions for two months in Europe. Mr. Wagner was to visit Germany and France, eventually spending a week in England.

from the classes

Fred Anderegg, '40, has been appointed assistant chief chemist at Great Northern Oil Company near St. Paul, Minnesota.

Joseph C. Ayer, '40, is assistant principal this year of Hughes High School and of West Night High School in Cincinnati.

1941—Elected to the position of Ohio Superintendent of the last annual Ohio South East Conference of the E. U. B. Church was the Reverend Clayton Lutz, '41.

1942—Charles C. Bridwell, '42, is now wage and salary administrator for the Mansfield Works of the Westinghouse Electric Appliance Division. Mr. Bridwell has been with Westinghouse since 1952.

1943—Rudy H. Thomas, '43, was elected in February to the position of vice president of Columbus Area Council of Churches in charge of Department of Christian Education. In March he was elected president of Central Community House and chairman of the Board of Trustees of this Community Chest agency in Columbus, the position once held by Dr. J. Neely Boyer.

1951—Lee G. Burchinal, '51, received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Ohio State University March 16.

1950—Richard V. Willit, '50, has been a member, for the past eight months, of the staff of the United States Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C.

ESCHBACH TOURS EUROPE AS REPORTER

(From a story which appeared in the Dayton Daily News.)

When the United Theological Seminary 35-voice men's choir tours Europe this spring, Robert Eschbach, '54, will send stories of the trip to the *Dayton Daily News*.

"I thought," Bob said, "readers might find it interesting to learn how a blind man observes customs and people in foreign countries."

The choir sails May 30 aboard the Queen Elizabeth for a six to eight weeks singing tour of France, Germany and Switzerland.

Bob, who is in his second year at United Theological Seminary, will be accompanied on the trip by Mamba, his seeing-eye dog.

"I love to travel, and I'm certainly used to it," Bob said. "You would be amazed to know how much a blind person can 'see.'"

Other Otterbein graduates included in the touring group are Robert Myers, '55; Herbert Hoover, '55; Jack Hemskey, '55, and Donald Switzer, '55.



Robert Eschbach, '54

Stork Market Report

1940—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Connor, '40 (Anne Shirley, '40), daughter, Margaret Ann, February 14.

1941 and 1942—Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gould, x'41 (Jane Gallagher, x'42), son, Kerry Edward, March 1.

1945 and 1947—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roush, '47 (Mary Louise Harold, x'45), son, Daniel Harold, March 10.

1946—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerhardt (Catherine Barnhart, '46), daughter, Cynthia Jo, January 29.

1947—Dr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Gebhart, '47 (Wanda Boyles, '47), son, John David, June 27.

1948—Mr. and Mrs. James C. Brown, '48 (Mary Jo Wood, '48), son, Thomas Wood, December 29.

1948 and 1949—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Becker, '49 (Marilou Becker, Sp. '48), daughter, Karla Ruth, December 29.

1948 and 1950—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Spafford, '48 (Frieda Johnson, x'50), son, Robert Arthur, March 2.

1949—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Frey (Catherine Suter, '49), son, John Paul, Jr., January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schutz, '49 (Pam Pollock, '49), daughter, Holly Beth, October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Tressler, '49, daughter, Jeanine Ann, March 6.

1949 and 1950—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bridgman, '49 (Carolyn Boda, '50), son, David Harold, November 12.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyter, '50 (Barbara Stephenson, '49), son, Richard Stephenson, March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Truitt, Jr., '50 (Kay Turner, '49), daughter, Nancy, February 8.

1949 and 1951—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ridinger, '49 (Miriam Wetzel, '51), son, Richard Alan, March 14.

1950—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baker, '50 (Mardell Leslie, x'50), son, Frederick Leslie, March 28.

Cupid's Capers

1925—Helen M. Taylor, x'25, and Mervyn Jaycox, February 7, in Galena, Route 2.

1946—Jane Bentley, '46, and Roland P. Sparks, January 21, in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

1949—Eleanor Steffel, '49, and William K. Allshouse, Jr., December 17, in Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1950—Lois Virginia Brockman and Herbert Eugene Bean, April 14, in Cincinnati.

1953—Helen Marie Brown, x'53, and Lewis Norman Cash, April 14, in Franklin.

1954—Jeanne Black, x'54, and Carl J. Krivenki, Jr., August 6.
Ruth Whiting, AGE '54, and Richard Boyer, August 27, in Columbus.

1955—Nancy Krick, x'55, and James Thompson, November 11, in Dayton.

1957—Charlotte Keeney, x'57, and John Grove Smart, March 16, in Westerville.

1958—Ann Kingsley, x'58, and Harry L. Swain, III, March 18, in Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glaze, x'50, daughter, Deborah Jean, February 4.

Dr. and Mrs. Jaime Gomez (Erline Padilla, '50), son, February 4.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Morris, '50 (Ruth Pillsbury, '50), son, Jeffrey Lynn, March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prentice, '50, daughter, Patricia Lynn, February 21.

1950 and 1951—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sherriff, '50 (Jean Share, '51), daughter, Ann Marcel, October 6.

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Berry, '50 (Priscilla Warner, '51), daughter, Cynthia Delle, January 31.

1951—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Girton, '51 (Thelma Riegel, x'51), daughter, Sandra Kay, February 13.

1952—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hahn, Jr., '52, daughter, Ruth Marie, March 9.

Toll of The Years

1894—Mrs. William R. Tuttle (Fannie Lesbia Beardsley, '94), died on April 11.

1904—Mrs. Richard Taylor (Ethel Shaner, x'04), died on March 1.

1914—Dr. Jesse S. Engle, '14, died March 29, in Westerville.

Alumni and friends will be sorry to learn of the death, March 4, of Mrs. F. N. Thomas, mother of Mary Thomas, '27. Although Mrs. Thomas never attended Otterbein, the college has not had a more loyal friend and supporter. Her gifts to Otterbein were many and generous. One of her significant gifts was for \$5,000 to create the Frederick N. Thomas Memorial Lectureship Fund, designed to bring prominent speakers to the campus. From 1930 to 1940 she served on the college board of trustees. She was active also in church and community activities and gave freely of her time, talents, and money to all good causes.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Rosensteel, '52 (Naomi Mann, '52), son, Bruce Douglas, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stoufer, '52, son, Robert Michael, February 29.

1952 and 1953—Rev. and Mrs. C. David Wright, '53 (Miriam Fritz, '52), daughter, Vicki Christine, April 13.

1953—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baughman (Barbara Croy, x'53), daughter, Becky Jo, January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Martin (Phyllis Longacre, x'53), son, David Allen, February 13.

1954 and 1955—Mr. and Mrs. Hal G. Tippet, '55 (Marilyn Will, x'54), daughter, Kathryn Lyn, February 29.

1955—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Francis (Barbara Bowman, x'55), daughter, Pamela Sue, March 14.

1956—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell, '56 (Jeanne Etling, x'50), son, Richard Lee, April 5.

Spring Farewell

Important Dates

May Day	May 12
Alumni Day	June 2
Baccalaureate Sunday	June 3
1956 Commencement	June 4

Reservations

Private or tourist home accommodations may be procured through the alumni office.

I
Stippled light in fluttering leaves . . . Darting shadows in their frolic-games of dizzy flight . . . In contrast, solemn shades that stand against old brick, or crawl in rectilinear paths across the grass in evening sun . . .
Chromatic schemes of May . . . deep violet and yellow-gold, subtle nuances of liberal green . . .
Windows lifted to a lilac wind . . . Beating of birds' wings nearby, their fluting cries . . .
Spring-time cottons—breezy color blurs appearing, vanishing . . . or often lingering in the after-supper light . . . Fragmentary laughter hushed by feathered distance . . . cautiously divulging bouyancy in sound.

II
Everywhere an openness . . . The unbound interplay of all that is becomes more poignantly revealed in flourishing designs of verdant radiance and growth . . .
The give and take in spring-clad facts, realized in renovated consciousness of life, cracks off wintered shells . . .
Students grouped in twos and threes, sensing luxury in distended rays of sun, steal soft-edged pieces out of time . . . In slow-paced conversation, deepest value-tones of life are bartered under blue and cloud-hung sky.

III
Some now feel harsh vibrations forcing through the academic shield of custody and warmth . . . Graduation, though a bright adventure, is an up-rooting thing, and wiser seniors fear, anticipate . . . not sure of much, but sure that life is more than a chimera, a notion whistling in the emptiness of time . . .
Perceiving esoteric mysteries of inter-twining growth in nature's season, and within their beings, they sense the slightest tingling surge of embryonic buds . . . the pregnancy of wisdom yet to come.

Commencement Notes

Alumni Day

The alumni banquet will be at noon again this year. Class reunions will take place at noon. There will be no evening dinner program.

Class Reunions

Members of reunion classes should make reservations without fail. You will not be able to sit with

your class unless you have made a reservation. The following classes are scheduled for reunions: 1896, 1906, 1916, 1926, 1931, 1946.

Sunday Night Musical

The two glee clubs, A Cappella Choir, and a string orchestra will perform Handel's great oratorio, "Judas Maccabaeus," in Cowan Hall Sunday night. Professor Robert Hohn will direct the group.

