

# OTTERBEIN TOWERS

## PERMISSION RECEIVED TO BUILD MEMORIAL STADIUM

Dear Friend of Otterbein:

The information given in the head-line above is great and good news for Otterbein but it came too late to announce in the regular issue of the TOWERS.

Now that permission has been received, what will we do about it? In this bulletin we are using our most persuasive language and earnest appeal that you get out your check book and start writing as soon as you have finished reading this our story.

Otterbein contributed much to your intellectual, moral and spiritual life and economic success. No amount of money could buy from you what your education means to you. Alumni of the past gave sacrificially to provide the buildings, equipment and faculty which made your education possible. Is it not fair that you, in turn, should give something that others may have the same benefits?

Perhaps Otterbein made it possible for you to get an education by giving a scholarship or work grant when you were in need. Now you have an opportunity to show your appreciation in a tangible way for what the college did for you.

We must raise a little over \$20,000 yet to take advantage of the permission given. Can we count on your help?

### STADIUM BUILDING COMMITTEE

Carroll C. Widdoes, Chairman, Alumni Committee  
A. Monroe Courtright, Chairman, Veterans' Committee





# APPROVAL SECURED TO BUILD STADIUM

## Federal Agency Approves

The Civilian Production Administration, the federal agency charged with approving or refusing all applications to build, has given the green light to go ahead with the erection of the proposed stadium-dormitory project. This approval was officially given on Monday, July 8. The agency does not give any priorities on building materials, but since the structure will be built largely of non-critical materials—cement and re-enforcing steel—priorities will not be necessary. The college agreed not to use wood seats over the concrete until the emergency is passed.

Another favorable condition is that most of the labor required can be non-skilled and some of it can be recruited from veterans living in Westerville who are not attending the summer school.

## Board of Trustees Approve

The college board of trustees in annual session on June 8 approved officially the proposed Memorial Stadium and included it in the Centennial objectives. The board charged, however, that construction should not begin until the funds necessary to build have been provided. This policy adopted by the board some time ago represents good business judgment and will forever prevent the college from becoming encumbered with debts. Believing that this project is well within the capacity of alumni to realize, the board urged that the campaign among alumni and veterans be pushed to an early consummation.

That the stadium is to be a memorial to Otterbein's war dead caused the board to look with special favor on the project because it will be a worthy, lasting and useful memorial.

## WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Alumni—Veterans! The issue is squarely up to us. All major hurdles have been overcome except the financial. One half of the money is in hand. We must provide the balance. As alumni we have derived the most from Otterbein; we now owe it to ourselves to give back to her a reasonable gift.

## We Must Act Quickly

Nine hundred eighty-three seats have been sold in the new Memorial Stadium, but we must sell 1,017 more—and we must do it soon. It will require from sixty to ninety days to pour the concrete, so the construction will have to begin by August 15 to have it ready by November 8—the date of the fall Homecoming. The student rooms beneath the stadium could be finished in time for the second semester.

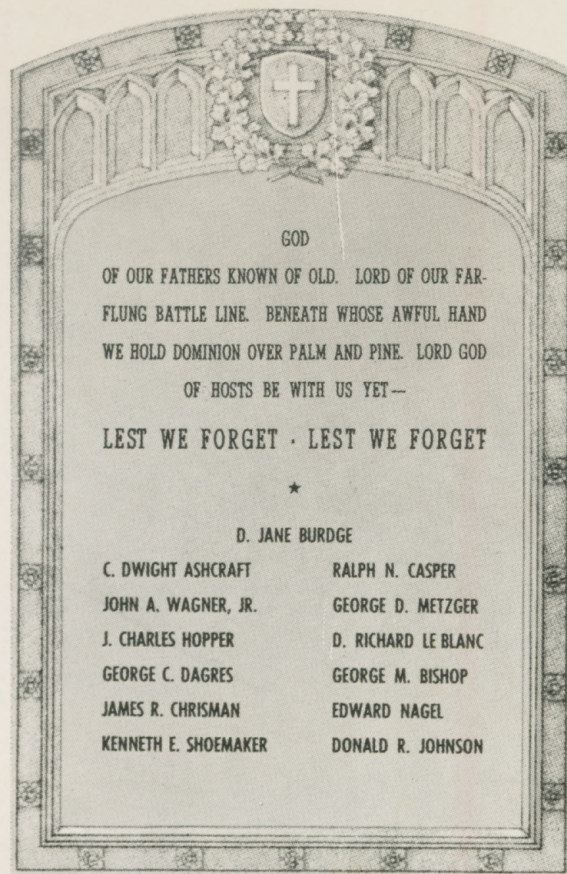
Send your check today for one or more seats or, if you prefer, a short-time pledge will be accepted. The important thing for us to know is how many seats you will buy. Pledges will be accepted payable up to November first.

Surely every alumnus and ex-student expects to make a contribution to the Centennial before the celebration next June. Do it now so it can apply on the special alumni project and so the stadium can be dedicated at the fall Homecoming.

## In Memoriam

It would be an unfavorable reflection on us if we failed to create this memorial. But we shall not fail, for

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# A PERMANENT STADIUM-DORMITORY

## Never Shall It Be Said—

A frequent criticism of stadiums is that they cost too much money for the few times a year they are used. Never shall that be said of the Otterbein stadium, for it is to be a dormitory-stadium, and will provide permanent housing for up to forty-six boys.

The stadium will be approximately 170 feet long (extending from 22-yard line to 22-yard line), 52 feet wide and 26 feet high at the back. This height will be sufficient to build two floors of rooms beneath the seats and still have sufficient dressing, shower and storage rooms. The stadium will therefore fill a three-fold need at Otterbein—a dormitory—seating facilities for games—a worthy memorial. Never shall it be said that this building is too costly.

## A Pressing Need

The need for additional dormitory accommodations at Otterbein is not simply a temporary condition occasioned by the influx of G.I.'s. At present Cochran, King and Saum Halls and four cottages are crowded with girls and dozens more are clamoring for admission. The new Barlow Hall, if it were erected, could easily be filled with girls for this fall.

The only accommodations now available for men are three fraternity houses, private rooms in town (and there are not very many of them) and the temporary facilities supplied by the government. There will always be a need for the housing which the stadium will provide. The dormitory features will be modern in every respect and will make most acceptable living quarters. A number of colleges are now providing housing in their stadiums.

## A GENUINE SERVICE TO VETERANS

Our country took twelve million men out of their normal pursuits for one to four years. Many had educational plans delayed. They want to enter college now. Hundreds cannot secure admission. We could give forty-six more veterans a break if we had our stadium-dormitory. Will we help them? Surely we will.

## The Architect's Drawing

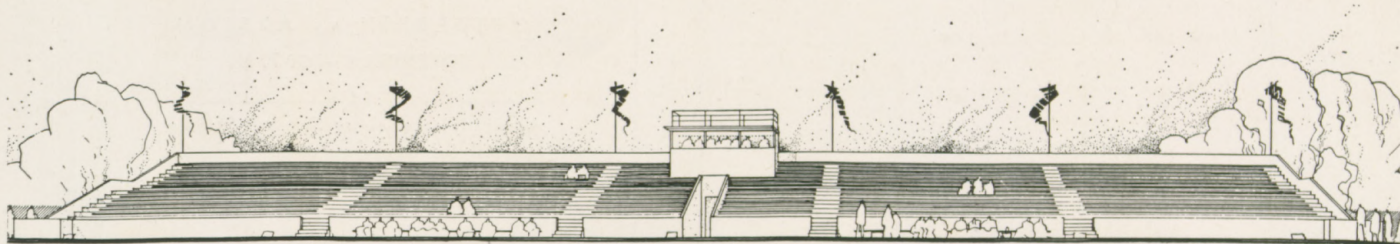
The drawing below was the original conception of what the new Otterbein Stadium would look like. Since the time of that drawing the idea of a dormitory-stadium has been projected and some changes will have to be made in the exterior dimensions.

Latest developments call for a stadium which is shorter but wider and higher. This will make possible two floors of dormitory rooms and also put more seats on and near the fifty-yard line. New exterior and interior drawings will be available soon.

## New College Architect

The drawings for the proposed library, women's dormitory, dining room and stadium have been prepared under the direction of Mr. Eugene T. Benham, of the architectural firm of Benham, Richards and Armstrong, of Columbus, Ohio.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees Mr. Benham was designated as the official college architect. He is making a thorough study of the campus and will in the near future present plans for expansion over the next century. The college is one hundred years late in securing this kind of professional advice.



Otterbein Stadium

Benham, Richards & Armstrong - Architects

March 22, 1945



## Stadium Committees

Three committees are directing the promotion and plans for the Memorial Dormitory-Stadium. They are as follows:

**ALUMNI:** Carroll Widdoes, '26, *Chairman*; Abel Ruffini, '25; Irvin Libecap, '09; Elmo Lingrel, '17; Roy Peden, '22; R. F. Martin, '14; Merlin Ditmer, '10; Howard Elliott, '15; Horace Troop, '23, and L. M. Collier, '23.

**VETERANS:** Monroe Courtright, '40, *Chairman*; Mack Grimes, '41; L. William Steck, '37; T. E. Newell, '23; Francis Bailey, '43; Edna Mae Roberts, '47; and John Ruyan, '48.

**BUILDING:** Wade S. Miller, *Chairman*; R. F. Martin, '14; Harry W. Ewing; George Novatny; Sanders Frye; Marion Morris; one member of the Westerville Alumni Varsity "O" and one member from the Veterans' committee. President J. Gordon Howard is an ex-officio member of all committees.

## The Veterans in College

A campaign is being conducted by veterans among their group in college to help reach the goal of \$15,000. Already this group in college, numbering about ten per cent of all Otterbein veterans, have contributed about half as much as the ninety per cent of service men and veterans out of school. This is commendable on their part and should be an incentive to all others to come through with a contribution.

## Count on Westerville

The faculty, students, business organizations, clubs, United Brethren Church and friendly citizens of Westerville have pledged over \$62,000 toward the Centennial. Despite this fine record it is known that many citizens want to contribute something to the stadium especially since it is to be a memorial to the boys and girl most of whom were known by many of the citizens.

The local Alumni Varsity "O", desiring to co-operate in helping make possible the Memorial Stadium, is now conducting a campaign in town to secure additional support for this worthy project.

## Not For Twenty Years

The last major financial appeal was nearly twenty years ago when the gymnasium was erected. Surely alumni will not feel exploited when the college asks now for contributions to worthy objectives in her Centennial year. This is the most significant event in Otterbein's history. If never before, and if never again, give now.

## Complimentary Tickets

Would you like to have a complimentary ticket to the stadium dedication? Buy a seat for \$20 and the ticket is yours. There is no assurance that the field can be dedicated at Homecoming, but there is no law against hoping. You can help make it possible.

(Send to College or Class Representative)

I herewith enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for  
the Memorial Stadium-Dormitory

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