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Religious Activities Center Helps Students "Feel Good About Themselves"

by Susan Greiner

With each additional sheet of drywall nailed into place, Otterbein College's Religious Activities Center comes closer to completion and Chaplain Monty Bradley comes closer to seeing his dream of a "common space where members of the student body of all faiths can come for meditation, for meetings, and a variety of worthwhile activities" come true.

Although Chaplain Bradley moved from Towers Hall into his new office "suite" in Barlow Hall (adjacent to the College's Career Center) at the start of the current academic year, the remodeling work on the Religious Activities Center has continued to progress all fall.

While delighted with his new office and conference room, the chaplain admits that students took longer to "find" him than he had anticipated.

"I guess our former office, however small, on the first floor of Towers, at least was ideally situated as a quick study spot or gathering place between classes, since so many classes are held either in that same building or close by," he offered.

But he is sure that once the Religious Activities Center is completed, its large worship room will be a big attraction to students.

The room will have a maximum capacity of "close to 100 people," according to the chaplain,

and there are three large windows to keep it bright and airy, an ideal place for the campus wide worship services he plans to lead at least twice each quarter.

"It's a very versatile room," he said. "We will use a portable altar table, so that it can be put in the center of the room for a large group, or rolled over to a corner for a more intimate setting when there are fewer people participating."

"We, of course, have all the symbolic pieces necessary to transform the space into a chapel setting, but at the same time, it can be easily transformed into one or more meeting rooms."

"A slide-away divider wall is just one of the many practical characteristics of the room, which in recent years has been unused except for summer conferences," said Chaplain Bradley.

The fact that Barlow Hall is air conditioned is the reason for the room's popularity when the temperature and humidity rise. It has also been used from time to time as a classroom, and, prior to the construction of the Campus Center, it was Otterbein's cafeteria.

The Baptist Student Union, Christian Support Group and the Otterbein Christian Fellowship are just three of the student organizations that will directly benefit from the new facilities, since the groups will all meet there regularly.

Otterbein's chaplain suggests that the new "home base really will help the students coming



Chaplain Monty Bradley has moved into the Religious Activities Center in Barlow Hall, but more work is needed before the center is completed.

here to feel that what they are about is important, whether it is to attend a worship service, or to plan a service project, such as 'Operation Feed' or 'Campus Sharing Day.' The Religious Activities Center will help them feel good about themselves."



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Katie Riley, a sophomore from Hillsboro, takes advantage of a break from the rainy weather that inundated Westerville throughout November to do some last-minute studying before finals. Finals were scheduled from Nov. 25-27, and then Katie and all Otterbein students could relax before the start of winter term, Jan. 6.

Owls celebrate 75th anniversary

by Jeannine Seitz

In 1910 three sets of roommates in Cochran Hall founded Otterbein's first sorority . . . Sigma Alpha Tau. Seventy-five years later, the active chapter is 55-members strong and has recently moved into a new house.

The sorority's active chapter held an alumnae luncheon Oct. 12 after the homecoming parade to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Women from classes of the 1920s to 1985 graduates attended.

LeAnn Unverzagt Conard '80, adviser to the active chapter, said of the luncheon: "I was extremely impressed with the planning and cooperation of the members of the active chapter. The luncheon was a project of which previous active chapters would have been proud."

During the luncheon, the active chapter recognized two of the sorority's earliest alumnae: Marian Snavely '26 of Columbus and Harriet Hays '22 who also resides in Columbus.

Miss Hays joined the Owls before sororities were allowed at Otterbein. She recalled that there were only 12 to 14 women, mostly from the Dayton area, in the sorority.

Miss Snavely, whose father, Charles, was a professor of history, economics, political science and sociology at Otterbein from 1900 to 1943, grew up in Westerville and wanted to be in Sigma Alpha Tau since her high school days. Being what was called a "town girl," however, she did not think the girls who lived in the dorm would take her.

Miss Snavely was impressed with how large the active chapter had grown.

The Owls have recently left their old house on 121 S. State Street that they occupied since 1971. The active chapter is now renting a house from the College on 121 Home Street across from the Campus Center. According to Shelly Travis, president of Sigma Alpha Tau's active chapter, "If we ask something of the alumnae group, they are very supportive, especially with the new house." Money donated by the alumnae chapter at their homecoming meeting will be used to purchase new furniture for the house.

Miss Travis added, "We intend to keep the 75th year theme through rush and pledging and integrate it through all our activities on campus." Tentative plans for another alumnae and active chapter get-together are being made.



Homecoming is not just for alumni. It's also for the kids, especially the homecoming parade. As this year's parade made its way up Main Street, the Cardinal made sure he did his part in the recruiting effort by greeting all the future Otterbein alumni who were enjoying the parade.

Science alums gather under the tent at homecoming

The men and women standing under the blue and white tent on Homecoming were of all ages and worked in different fields. But they all shared a common bond of majoring in one of the sciences at Otterbein, and, for this day, they gathered for a reunion of science alums.

The science reunion was just one of the many activities that made Homecoming '85, October 12, while gray and rainy throughout the day, enjoyable nonetheless.

The science alums met, along with adult degree program alums, under the tent on the corner of Grove and Main streets prior to and after the parade. Then in the evening they met again over dinner.

Many of the alums who returned had become teachers after earning their degree from the

College. This was the case for Nate VanWey and Mike Ziegler, both graduates of the Class of 1972. VanWey teaches physics at Perry High School in Massillon, Ohio. It was a two-hour drive for him to come back but, he said, "I wouldn't miss it. I'm an Otter man." Ziegler, too, is an Otter man. He also teaches physics and has taught at The Ohio State University and Columbus Technical Institute.

Carol Carter '65 made the trip back from Jefferson, Pa., with her family. She is a substitute teacher in math and science, and when not in the classroom, she may be found working on the family farm back in Pennsylvania.

As the parade neared, a different contingent had gathered under the tent. They were 1961

science grads. For some, like Tom Croghan of Mansfield, Ohio, this was a special trip to campus. For others, like David Deever and Judy Christian, coming back this day was not much different from any other because both are now employed by their alma mater. Dr. Deever is an associate professor of math sciences and Mrs. Christian is the receptionist for the Admissions Office. Dr. Deever's wife, Sarah, another 1961 graduate, also attended the reunion.

Three men standing in a corner of the tent talked over times at the College that none of the '61 graduates could remember. They were S. Clark Lord '39, Robert VanSickle '35 and Jay R. Hedding '37.

Mr. Lord's trip back to campus is not unusual. He comes to Otterbein often to do work in recruiting or for Country Club fraternity alumni functions. When at home in Akron, Mr. Lord pursues his job as "chief mogul" for a railroad running on the Hall Farm route. He is a retired chemical engineer.

Mr. VanSickle is a retired farmer who makes the trip back every year. While he enjoyed himself homecoming weekend, he did comment that, "Nothing on campus looks exactly the way it did when I was here."

Mr. Hedding agreed. The retired chemist, who also taught at Marion Technical College, reflected prior to the beginning of the parade, "It's going to be a good parade—at least better than it was in 1937."

What to be? Cardinal or Otter? Alumni cast their votes at homecoming

by Tami Lange

"To be or not to be" is not the question haunting the Otterbein campus in 1985. It is, rather, "what to be or not to be."

Cardinal or Otter? Which will it be?

As usual (especially at a liberal arts college) there are arguments on both sides. The debate over the College's nickname prompted one possible solution—take a poll and let the alumni decide.

So, during homecoming weekend, alumni were asked to cast their ballot in a nonbinding preference poll. And the winner was . . . the Cardinals, by a not-so-overwhelming 168 to 141 margin.

According to Jack Pietila, director of alumni relations, the Cardinal has been the overwhelming favorite in recent years. This has been the first year the Otter has been able to catch up in the voting, however.



Kaye Kline Schlosser '73, from Cincinnati, casts her vote in the Cardinal-Otter election at homecoming, under the watchful eye of Alumni Records Supervisor Mary Bivins. While a student at Otterbein, Mrs. Schlosser worked for Mrs. Bivins in the Alumni Records Office.

The students, though, he added, "seem to prefer the Otter while they're still in school."

Aside from Mr. Pietila, who admits that had he voted, he would have cast 30 votes for the Otter, it is rather difficult to figure out who is on whose side. Walking around campus before homecoming festivities began, one would never know there was a controversy. Then the parade started . . .

This year, for the first year that many could remember, the Cardinal was not the only animal atop a homecoming float. More than half of the floats in the parade boasted a large brown mass of tissue paper that at least resembled an Otter. How did people feel about this break in Otterbein tradition?

Many alums thought the question was out of their hands. As one man put it, "I haven't been here for 30 years, so I guess if the mascot changes, my life will still be relatively unchanged."

Current students were split on the idea of change. Lori Kuhn, a junior from McMurray, Pa., and sophomore Julie Ashley, from Cambridge, Ohio, thought that while the Otter was cute enough, the Cardinal had earned its place. "Why change now?" said Miss Kuhn.

The parade of Otters ended, and the crowd turned to the stadium to listen to and watch the Otterbein Cardinal football team. Had they been playing Capital, the visitors' stands would have resounded with the traditional "Here Otter, Otter."

How confusing this question has become. Will the trustees have to vote on this? Will a change in nickname change the school colors? If the colors change, will the campus newspaper change its name to the "Tan and Brown"?

Let the alumni decide . . . the students can't seem to, and besides, won't it be the alumni who pay for all that brown paint?

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The former homecoming queens who returned for homecoming '85 are: (from left) Juanita Gardis Foltz '48, Judith Morison Thompson '66, Rita Schumacher Bilikam '71, Elaine Clarke Comery '76, and Rebekah D. Medaugh '81.

Homecoming '85 brought back special memories for five returning homecoming queens

Homecoming is a special day for many people, but especially for the one person chosen by the students to be homecoming queen. She is on center stage all day. It is really *her* homecoming.

But once homecoming is over, after the queen graduates and moves on from Otterbein, the remembrances associated with being queen do not fade away.

For five former queens, those memories were relived at homecoming this year. Juanita Gardis Foltz '48, Judy Morison Thompson '66, Rita Schumacher Bilikam '71, Elaine Clarke Comery '76 and Rebekah Medaugh '81 were invited back to Otterbein for this year's homecoming festivities, October 12. They returned—for some it wasn't much of a journey—to once again ride in the parade and be a part of the day. For all five, homecoming '85 brought back memories of their day as queen.

Echoing the sentiments of the other former queens, Mrs. Thompson said being queen in 1965 was "very exciting. It meant a lot to me that I was voted queen by the student body. It was one of the nicest honors I've ever had."

A mother of three and a former high school physical education teacher, the Wadsworth, Ohio, resident hopes to return to the classroom after earning a master's degree in special education from the University of Akron in December.

Mrs. Bilikam, the 1970 queen, learned of her selection from reading the "Tan and Cardinal." "It was fun," she recalled. "I remember all my friends and I were up early in the morning to wait for the paper to come."

The New Albany, Ohio, resident and pre-school teacher said it was "an honor" being chosen

queen. But an equal honor, the Tau Epsilon Mu member added, "came from being chosen my sorority's representative."

It was just five years ago that Ms. Medaugh, now a Waldo, Ohio, resident and a marketing coordinator for the Marion-based Fulfillment Corporation of America, was chosen queen.

"It was a big surprise and a very nice compliment from the student body, I thought," she said. "In so many ways, it was the culmination of all the good times I had and the friendships I made at Otterbein."

Mrs. Foltz, also a member of Tau Epsilon Mu, was queen in 1945 in an era when sophomores were voted queen. The election of the queen was then held several weeks before homecoming, she recalled, and she was informed of her selection by phone. She was crowned and presented with a football by the retiring queen in a ceremony following the parade in the College chapel, which was then located in what is now the west wing of Towers Hall.

"All my folks came down from Akron for the day," said Mrs. Foltz, wife of Westerville physician Dr. Kenneth Foltz '48 and Westerville resident since 1953. "I remember I borrowed one of my sorority sister's fur coats to wear in the parade because they said I should look sophisticated. The whole day was a very pleasurable experience."

Thirty years later, Mrs. Comery was crowned queen. "I remember the game, walking across the field to be crowned. It just so happened my husband (Tom Comery '77), who was my boy friend then, was president of Jonda (Eta Phi Mu fraternity), and he was my escort for the day.

Otterbein celebrates National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

Although Otterbein College has always been a "dry campus," its student body nonetheless realizes how important it is today to be alcohol-conscious.

To help raise the consciousness level of all the students, a variety of related programs were presented in October, sponsored by the Campus Programming Board, Religious Activities Council, Panhellenic Council, Inter-fraternity Council and the Residence Life Committee.

"It's All In The Cards" was the theme of the alcohol awareness program celebrated at the College October 17-30, in conjunction with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Events included a health fair, a non-alcoholic happy hour, programs on how to handle a friend who has had too much to drink, how to drink responsibly, and a talk with a state trooper on the consequences of being pulled over and charged with DWI. Members of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) urged fellow students to sign contracts with their peers that stated they could be called on to drive them home, in the event they had been drinking.

Other highlights included a showing of the movie hit, "Arthur," followed by discussion on how alcohol affected the life and behavior of Dudley Moore's continually intoxicated character in the film, and the "Great American Dry Out," a 24-hour event during which students were challenged not to consume any alcohol.

That made it more of a special day."

Mrs. Comery, whose father, Robert Clarke, was College chaplain for nine years, now resides in New Albany, Ohio, with her husband and 14-month-old son. "I felt very proud to be queen," she stated. "It was just a real memorable part of my whole Otterbein experience. There is only one homecoming queen a year, and to say I was one is very special to me. People in town still often come up to me and say, 'Weren't you homecoming queen?' It's nice that people still remember that."

Mrs. Comery, like the other former queens, enjoyed her chance to relive fond memories. As she said, "I'm really glad I participated. I'm glad that Otterbein asked me back."



Lori Parker, a junior from Sardinia, Ohio, is doing what many college students do best—talking on the phone. But don't worry Mom, it may have been long distance but it was for a worthy cause. Lori was one of 77 student "Phonathoners" who raised a record \$145,308 during the recently-held Phonathon. This was the first year that students also received a stipend for their efforts.

1985 Phonathon breaks records

The 1985 Otterbein College Phonathon held in October was a great success, according to Alumni and Annual Fund Director Jack Pietila, who reports that a record pledge of \$145,308 was reached. Originally scheduled for 13 nights, the Phonathon was able to accomplish its goals earlier than anticipated, and the event was concluded in just 10 days.

Mr. Pietila explained that the move to a single longer phonathon (instead of two per year) was made in response to Otterbein alumni, who indicated a preference for just an annual telephone contact rather than the twice-yearly ones made in recent years. "What excited me the most about this Phonathon," said Mr. Pietila, "was the enthusiasm of the student workers, who turned out in droves to help on the telephones. I know from experience that if we have the manpower to contact our alums and

friends, the Otterbein family always comes through with pledges.

"This year, with many more students involved (25-35 each night compared to 12-15 in past years), more telephone contacts could be made and made more quickly, and more gifts secured."

The 1985 Phonathon goal had been to beat the previous highest annual pledge total of approximately \$127,000. Mr. Pietila estimates that "almost all" of the 10,200 alums and friends indexed on calling cards were able to be reached by the student callers during the 10-night event.

Former vice president Wade S. Miller dies



WADE MILLER

Wade S. Miller, former vice president for development at Otterbein College from 1956 to 1969, died at Otterbein Home on October 31st. Interment was at the Otterbein Cemetery in Westerville with memorial services at Church of the Master in Westerville and at the Otterbein Home in Lebanon, Ohio.

Preceding his career at Otterbein, Dr. Miller was a streetcar conductor at the age of 16 in Washington, D.C. He received his B.A. from Lebanon Valley College and his M.Div. from United Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He was a pastor, professor and president of Shenandoah Valley College in Pennsylvania.

His tenure began at Otterbein in 1943 in the development field. He was named vice president for development in 1956 and held that position until his retirement in 1969. Funding of Cowan Hall was one of his proudest accomplishments.

His first wife, Jennie, died in 1980 and he married Helen Leichty '33 in 1981. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Otterbein and Distinguished Alumni Award from Lebanon Valley College among his many awards.

What shines above his facts and accomplishments was his pioneering work in development strategies. He was truly "a light for many a journey" into higher education. He will be missed but he made sure he passed on that light.

Your condolences to Helen, daughter Marilyn, and son Wade Jr., may be sent to 4715 Wren Court, Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Memorials may be given to the Miller-Leichty Scholarship Fund at Otterbein College or to The Endowment Fund at Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio in lieu of flowers.

Like father, like son— Ludlum named 'Coach of Year'

In the ongoing Otterbein-Capital rivalry, there is an interesting twist that is literally a matter of debate. It involves more than the two schools but also a father and son.

It involves Otterbein's John Ludlum, chairman of the speech communication department and the College's highly successful forensics coach. In recognition of his outstanding work with students in debate and speech events, John was recently named Ohio Forensics Coach of the Year by the Ohio Forensics Association.

John's father, Thomas, is Capital University's long-time faculty member, debate coach and former dean. And, you guessed it, Thomas Ludlum was named Forensics Coach of the Year last year in the first year the award was presented.

Ironically, the debate debate almost never materialized because John thought of entering another career field.

"When I graduated from high school, the last thing I wanted to do was follow in my father's footsteps," he said. "But I started debating in college (at Capital) as a freshman primarily because my father needed someone on the debate team, and I discovered I loved it."

Needless to say, John's father has influenced him greatly. "He has always been a role model," John said of his dad. "I've always tried to be the kind of coach that he is."

Judging from John's accomplishments at Otterbein, it is apparent that he is succeeding. Under his hard work and leadership, there has been a resurgence in the College's once-proud forensics program.

From the 1950s until 1974, Otterbein had one of the most prominent forensics programs in the state, John said. The program produced several national level debate teams, a number of state champions and two national speech champions,

Nancy Myers Norris '61 and Greg Sabatino '68. For several years thereafter, however, the program lagged, primarily due to budget cutbacks and limited staff. When John was hired at Otterbein in 1980, he said one of his goals was to rebuild the program.

"I kept on saying, 'We're in a rebuilding year, we're in a rebuilding year, maybe next year,'" said John, who, before joining the Otterbein staff, was a graduate assistant debate coach at Miami University, debate coach at Capital, co-director of forensics at The Ohio State University, and director of individual events at Ohio University. "Last year we had really our first successful year in more than 10 years. It was the first year any Otterbein students had been in a state final. This year, we have 20 students who are actively interested in forensics. "We were able to attract into the program the kinds of students who were not only successful but made it fun for others," he continued. "We also recognize this is important, but it is also a fun activity. When you've got good people and they start being successful, it's catching."

Last year David Williams and Joel Riley won awards at the state debate tournament, and this year John said he hopes to see 15 to 20 students attend a tournament and maybe win three state awards.

John was selected Forensics Coach of the Year by the association at its fall convention in Columbus. He was chosen from among the 25 college debate coaches in the state.

"I was very, very honored," he said about receiving the award. "It's always nice to be recognized by your peers. My philosophy, though, is that I'm not concerned with winning awards or trophies for myself anymore. But it's important to me that your peers and students feel you are doing a good job."

Donald Bulthaupt, Otterbein's vice president of academic affairs, reports that a national search is currently underway to select a new head College librarian, due to the untimely death of John Becker in mid-October.

Alberta Mackenzie '40 and a graduate of Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve) with a master's degree in library sciences, who has been on the Otterbein library staff since 1955, has been named acting head librarian and will continue in that role until a head librarian is hired.

Dr. Bulthaupt has been screening a pool of highly qualified applicants for the position. "The strong position of Otterbein in the college community as well as the quality of Courtright Memorial Library has generated much interest," he said.

Dijon sabbatical for Professor Loop just business as usual

Most college faculty members aren't able to enjoy sabbatical leaves that take them to places as exotic as Dijon, France. But to Paulette Loop, assistant professor of French, who spent her recent sabbatical from the department of foreign languages teaching a course of 19th and 20th century French literature at the University of Dijon, it was just business as usual.

She began preparing for her summer semester course (two hours a day, twice a week, taught entirely in French) back in March. "Mine was an optional course in which the focus was to develop a greater awareness of the literature in a very in-depth way," Mrs. Loop explained. "It's different from a survey course in which we teach students how to develop an appreciation for literature based on many works.

"The French technique is to pore through the literature in a more thorough way, studying such things as the relationship between parts of language and thought. My intention was to help students to develop a greater awareness of details in the literature studied in my course, in part by drawing out their ideas and concepts for discussion."

Otterbein French students keep step as the language comes of age

There's a new French being spoken today that has them buzzing in college educational circles: Commercial French.

"Commercial French is very different from conversational or literary French and a great asset," Professor Paulette Loop explained. "Employers today are looking for people with real knowledge of the commercial language. Otterbein is exceptional to even offer it.

"We continue to have more and more students going into international business," she explained. "And since we feel that these people ought to be better acquainted with the differences in French business language, importing and exporting, banking, and so forth, we have attempted to address the situation here at Otterbein.

"The French Chamber of Commerce helps teachers of Commercial French by continually sending information pertinent to commerce and trade," she continued. "New computer and technological language appears practically by the day, in French, as here in English."

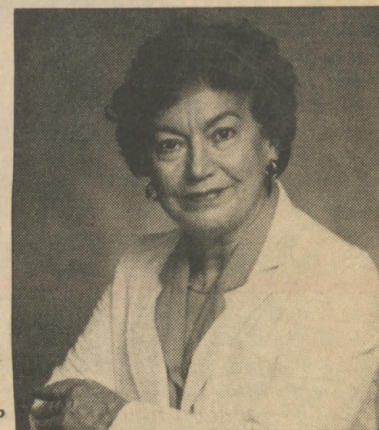
The Otterbein instructor was thrilled last spring when seven advanced Otterbein French students completed the College's Commercial French course, with four of them electing to take the very difficult examination by the French Chamber of Commerce. "It cost them each \$40 and they had to travel to the closest testing center, at The Ohio State University," she recalled. "Those three who passed were notified late in the summer. They are the first Otterbein students to have accomplished that feat. Many people are very proud of them."

Her class of 30 was comprised of students from the neighboring countries of Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and included a few who could speak English. There were only two or three Americans in the class described by the professor as "mainly young and middle-aged teachers wanting to improve their level of French literature." She was particularly taken by a 70-year-old Austrian gentleman who has returned to the university each summer for the past seven years. Each year, in the institution's summer program, approximately 1,000 students of 60 nationalities travel to the prestigious school to study in French.

Professor Loop and her husband were able to rent a house for the summer that was near enough to the University of Dijon for her to walk to work, and her daughter even joined them for a brief vacation as well.

The capital city of the province of Burgundy, Dijon, has always been attractive to the Otterbein instructor for a variety of reasons. "Actually, the Dukes of Burgundy were even richer than the King of France, and were able to develop the area culturally. Its Museum of Art rates second in the country after the Louvre for its works of art," she related.

For years, Otterbein has coordinated a Dijon program of study, with both complete academic



PAULETTE LOOP

year and semester-only options. In her 20 years with Otterbein, Professor Loop has returned to the city many times, both with the program and on her own. Part of the reason for her feelings for the city is the fact that the Parisian-born Loop grew up in Dijon.

Currently, five students are studying at the Centre International d'Etudes Francaise, through the Dijon program, where all courses are conducted entirely in French, available in areas from French syntax, phonetics, conversation and composition, to literature, story, philosophy, art and music and even wine tasting and cooking.

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As an example, explained Robert E. Fogal, vice president for development, a 38-year-old woman can insure her life for \$50,000 by making a gift of \$846 per year for five years. The five-year contribution of \$4,330 would ultimately become a \$50,000 gift to the College.

Otterbein is the only Midwest college participating in the LIFEndowment program. "We were selected because Otterbein is strong in all areas with the exception of our endowment," he said. "LIFEndowment will build our endowment by helping a person to make a modest gift now that will become a major gift later. The donor receives the satisfaction of planning a large gift, and the College will also benefit."

Dr. Fogal said the tax deductible contributions to Otterbein made by a donor will be used to purchase life insurance. The gifts, which can be made in one payment or spread over five years, are used to pay premiums on an insurance policy that is owned by the College, in which the College is the beneficiary. After five years, contributions

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30	675	546
40	1,215	950
50	2,210	1,750

cease, and the plan becomes self-funding.

According to Dr. Fogal, the College's endowment provides important income to Otterbein. "Even if a student pays full tuition, that only covers about 70 percent of the cost of the student's education," he said. "Endowment income, gifts and other grants help make up the difference and keep tuition costs down."

LIFEndowment gifts can be specifically designated toward scholarships, the Courtright Memorial Library, faculty development programs, special academic areas, career preparation programs, or extra curricular activities, or gifts can be earmarked for Otterbein's general endowment fund.

Dr. Fogal reported that the College has currently received \$450,000 in pledges for LIFEndowment and hopes to raise between \$2 and \$3 million within the next three years.

High School Day '85 a solid success

More than 500 college-bound young people and their parents participated in the annual Otterbein College High School Day '85, held Saturday, October 19, at Otterbein.

According to assistant director of admissions Megan Evans Daniels, coordinator of this year's event, the numbers exceeded original estimates. She called the event a big success.

Academic and special sessions chosen by the prospective students provided an arena whereby faculty and staff explained their departmental programs and answered questions. Topics such as admissions and financial planning were then presented by Bill Stahler, dean of admissions and financial aid, to all High School Day participants.

After a complimentary dinner, the high school students and their parents attended an upbeat concert by Otterbein's popular show choir, Opus Zero.

"Subsequent Academic Interest Days scheduled through the academic year will present accepted students with opportunities to meet in-depth with faculty members in their specific areas of interest," Ms. Daniels pointed out.

The first such specialized event this year was Arts Invitational Day, held November 14, geared to those interested in a future in the arts, and included the Department of Theatre and Dance, Department of Music and the Department of Visual Arts.

Nina Miller: "Voice of the College"

by Susan Greiner

What needs four arms, sensitive ears, a photographic memory, and the patience of Job? Answer: Otterbein's switchboard supervisor.

Nina Miller, now in her ninth year at the post, has all those qualities and more. She is a very people-oriented woman who has developed a keen ear from her many years of experience on the telephone line.

"We really have an awful lot of calls where we have to digest what the caller has said, and then calmly try to help the caller decide just what it is he or she really wants," she said. She has had to suffer through countless April Fool's Day jokes, the annual headache of telephone operators everywhere. She also knows when to cut off an obnoxious "joker."

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Although she recognizes the voices of many Otterbein students and staffers alike, Nina good-naturedly goes along with familiar voices who try to disguise themselves to trick her. She even has become a philosopher of sorts, commenting, for example, that personalities change with the weather. "When it has rained all week, generally people get crabby," she admitted. "But on the other hand, a warm, sunny spell really turns people into positive, polite callers."

The switchboard office is a busy one, where



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Nina supervises a group of work-study and other student operators. She is very serious about the qualities she requires from the student workers, who are expected to be able to find all students' rooms and telephone numbers quickly, as well as the times of sports events and major campus activities. "We are, after all, the 'voice of the College,' and I expect them to handle themselves well on the telephone at all times.

"In addition," she said, "they must be quick reactors, punctual, and have good articulation." That last aspect is so important to Nina, that when she has been out on campus on occasion and has heard a nice voice, she has been known to ask the student if he or she would like a job.

In the midst of a busy day, an observer in Nina's work area is also apt to hear her respond to special callers with closing comments like "and when am I going to see the baby?" Nina has been invited to five or six weddings of former Otterbein students each year, because of the friendships that have developed with many young people during their years at Otterbein. To many students, Nina is "that friendly lady behind the glass," who oftentimes was the first person to have greeted them on that initial visit to the Campus Center.

The College initiated a major change in its telephone system October 16, when direct-dial was introduced. "The initial response and use has been even better than we anticipated," Nina stated. "The new system doesn't represent an additional cost to the College, either, beyond the installation charge, but it will save money.

"Now parents and family members can save time and money in calling students living away from home, since they can dial directly to their rooms and avoid paying for the time wait it used to take to go through the switchboard. Also, they will not have to pay for a telephone call to Otterbein just to find out that a son or daughter is not even in his or her room.

"In addition, the new direct-dial system will cut down on the hours that the switchboard will need to be manned," she continued. "For example, we are now available until 1:30 a.m., but since the College offices are not open at these hours, the calls are 95% personal calls to the dormitories that can be made directly now."

Nina carries her enthusiasm for her Otterbein job to her volunteer work with the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club.

She is the mother of Bob, 34; Connie, 33; Dean, 23; and Brian, 22; as well as grandmother of five youngsters, aged eight to two. The outgoing telephone operator grew up on a farm near Toledo, and spent 12 years with Ohio Bell in Toledo before coming to Otterbein.



"The Diary of Anne Frank" opened Otterbein's 1985-86 theatre season. Anne Frank (center foreground), played by Jodie Silk, watches a discussion between Mr. and Mrs. Van Dam (JoBeth Phelen and David Caldwell, foreground) in the Otterbein production, held October 24-27. Also pictured are Dia Huekler and Charlotte Dougherty (back left and right). Dia also appeared in the title role for the children's theatre production of "Peter Pan." Other productions for the year will include "Extremities", "My Fair Lady", and "Ladyhouse Blues".

Two trustees named

Otterbein College has named two members to its board of trustees: Allan B. McFarland and Jane W. Oman. They both will serve four-year terms as trustees-at-large.

Columbus businessman Allan B. McFarland, president and director of State Savings Bank of Columbus, began his career with the organization in 1951 and was elected president in 1970. He also serves as director of Motorists Mutual Insurance Company in Columbus and as director of Savings and Loan Data Corporation, Cincinnati.

In addition, McFarland is director of Sundance Broadcasting of Wisconsin, Inc. (stations WOKY and WMIL) in Milwaukee, director of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio, and director of the Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc., a division of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce.

He holds a degree in business education from The Ohio State University.

Educated at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, Jane W. Oman plays an active role in a number of board positions throughout Columbus.

Currently on the Columbus Academy Board of Trustees and the school's Mothers' Association president, Mrs. Oman has also served as a Columbus School for Girls board of trustees member and Mothers' Association president.

In past years, she has served in top capacities for Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio, including both a term as president and as chairman of the annual fundraising drive. For 10 years, she was also on the board of the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center, during which time she also served a term as president.

The two new trustees are filling newly created positions on the board, as part of the College's plan to enlarge its number of trustees-at-large.

Alumni lounge displays Otterbein artists

The Development Office has arranged a place to display the works of various Otterbein artists in the Alumni Lounge at Howard House on campus. To begin this feature, two works of Vicki Hahn '85 are being displayed.

Vicki was a chemistry and art major and is presently continuing her studies at Yale University on a Chemistry Fellowship.

One work is a self-portrait, an analysis of form. Her second work is a "conte" drawing—a 50 minute exercise in composing from a model.

Anyone having suggestions of artistry to display for all to enjoy should send those suggestions to Howard House, c/o Carol Define or Mike Christian, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.



Donors of the College's endowed scholarships and student scholarship recipients had an opportunity to become better acquainted during a reception for donors and students, held November 1 at the Battelle Fine Arts Center. Jo Ann May '82 from Westerville, representing the May family scholarship, talks with Garth Walker, a senior from Westerville, at the reception. This has been the fourth year Garth has been a recipient of the Albert C. and Frances C. May Scholarship. Following the reception, donors, students and Otterbein faculty and staff enjoyed a concert by Opus Zero.

News 'n notes

Norman Chaney, associate professor of English, presented a paper at the August meeting of the International Association of the History of Religions, held at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia. His paper suggested how literature plays a role in helping us live a life of virtue, he said. The conference, which attracted representatives of every major religion of the world, meets every five years and was formerly known as the World Congress of Religions. Dr. Chaney also presented a paper at the 1980 conference in Winnipeg, Canada. . . Following the conference, he met with an official of the Anglican church in New Zealand to discuss the status of the church in that nation. . . Dr. Chaney is also currently negotiating with Prentice-Hall to write a book he has titled "Five Images of Human Nature in Western Thought," which will examine aspects of his interests in philosophy and literature.

Stuart Knee, chairman of the history department, had an article published in a professional journal printed in England on the Quaker Anti-Slavery Petition, which was presented to Congress in 1890. . . Dr. Knee has recently finished his second book, which is now at the publishers. . . **Ursula Holtermann**, professor of history, spent the summer helping to improve the visual materials on history and political science in the Learning Resource Center. . . This spring, the history department will present an honors course for the first time, which will be titled Civil War and Reconstruction, 1820-1877.

Sandy Alspach, an adjunct instructor in the speech communication department, presented a paper to the national convention of the Speech Communication Association, held November 7-10 at Denver, Colorado.

Paul Redditt, associate professor of religion and philosophy, reports that a number of his reviews and articles have been published recently. They include "Exegesis and Interpretation in Biblical Studies," which appeared in *Miscellany*; "The Jews' Flight to Egypt," which was published in *The Biblical Illustrator*, July - September, 1985; a review of Adela Yarbo Collins' "Crisis and Catharsis," for the October, 1984, issue of *Choice*; and a review of Werner Schmidt's "Old Testament Introduction," for the November, 1984, issue of *Choice*. He also wrote a Bible book study guide, "Habbakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations," a quarterly for individual use as a background for regular quarterlies, for use July - September, 1985. A number of Dr. Redditt's other articles have been accepted for publication and will appear in 1986.---**Paul Laughlin**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, is currently appearing in churches all over Ohio with his "Liturgical Jazz/Arts Ensemble," presenting a new service of worship based on the theme of world hunger. He also will have four articles published in "Religious Periodicals of the United States," a major reference work edited by Charles Lippy of Clemson University and scheduled to appear in June, 1986 (Greenwood Press). Dr. Laughlin is actively involved as well as a ham radio operator in public service and emergency preparedness training with the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the American Red Cross, and together with other hams from the Otterbein community, is teaching non-credit courses in amateur radio and serving as a volunteer examiner for the American Radio Relay League.



A GOAL ACHIEVED

Rich Merola (left), a sophomore on the Otterbein soccer team from Westerville, scores a goal in action this fall. The soccer team achieved its pre-season goal by capturing the Ohio Athletic Conference championship with a 7-0-1 league record, 10-5-2 overall. Merola was the team's second leading scorer with 10 goals and three assists. In a fall sports season of contrasts, however, the Otterbein football team finished the season winless in 10 games to become the first team in school history to finish with an 0-10 mark. The men's cross country team, thanks to the one-two finish of Scott Alpeter and Tom Schnurr, finished third in the OAC championships. The women's cross country team concluded its first season of intercollegiate competition by placing sixth in the OAC championships.

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Four returning starters key basketball hopes

by Ed Syguda

The Otterbein Cardinals men's basketball team enters the 1985-86 season a little hungry. NCAA Tournament hungry.

Six senior members of the squad—three of them starters—have participated in a transformation of stupendous proportions; climbing from 7-17 as freshmen to last season's stunning 23-4 record.

"They had a pretty rough freshman year," said Cardinal head coach Dick Reynolds, now in his 14th season at the helm.

"What was probably the most satisfying aspect of last season," Reynolds continued, "was to see them do well in the classroom, see them all stay together through a hard year as freshmen and then, as juniors, really come into their own. It is sometimes easier to keep winning than it is to lose and then win."

And for a while last season, winning was about all the Cardinals could do. Recording victories in its first 16 games, Otterbein was one of only three teams in the entire country to remain unbeaten in late January.

"We won a lot of games," Reynolds said, "but only tied for the regular season championship."

That's what makes the season ahead so challenging for Otterbein's seniors and the rest of the squad—not so much the 23 victories, but the four losses, one in particular.

An Otterbein loss to Hope in the Great Lakes Regional kept the Cardinals from advancing to the quarterfinals of the 1985 NCAA Division III Tournament and a crack at the national championship.

With four starters back from a team ranked seventh in the Final Division III poll—seniors Frank Gioffre, Dave Langdon and Mike McKinney as well as junior Dick Hempy—the Cardinals will be seeking another chance at competing in the NCAA Tournament.

Before the Cardinals venture north, however, they'll have to make a big adjustment back home. Reynolds' gravest task in pre-season is finding a replacement for point guard Ray Zawadzki, who graduated. Zawadzki led the team and the conference in assists last season with 227, for an average of 8.4 per game.

Top contender for the point guard position is returning starter Frank Gioffre, who played

opposite Zawadzki the last two seasons. Another prime contender is junior Steve Brown, who functioned as Otterbein's sixth man last season, playing guard or small forward. Brown, most likely, will be Otterbein's fifth starter whether he gets the point assignment or not.

"Both can do the job," Reynolds said. "It's just that we're going to have to cram a year's experience of running the point into pre-season practice."

Whoever earns the point assignment will be in an enviable position of dumping the ball off to a member of one of the finest front courts in the conference, perhaps the nation.

The inside domination of All-America forward Dick Hempy, All-Conference forward/center Mike McKinney and All-Conference forward Dave Langdon, was the primary reason Otterbein set an OAC record for field goal percentage, hitting 55.3 percent from the field, which was third among all schools in Div. III last year.

The trio combined for a 58.8 field goal percentage, and averaged 50.7 points and 18.0 rebounds per game last season.

Although the starting five seem fairly certain in pre-season, with the addition of Brown to the lineup, Reynolds will be seeking players to fill the sixth- and seventh-man roles. Of the 276



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points scored by last season's bench, Brown was responsible for 152.

Leading contenders for those spots include senior forward Kit Rowe, senior center Sean McConnell, senior guard Mike Snyder and junior forward Todd McDonald. All four played in 13 or more games last season.

Others expected to contribute and, possibly, play key off-the-bench roles are juniors Tim Dierks, a guard, and Mark Zawadzki, a forward; and sophomores Dec Minton, a guard, and Mark Mnich, a center. Those four formed the nucleus of last season's junior varsity squad.

"I'm really pleased with what the guys have done during the off season," Reynolds said. "They've worked hard."

Otterbein December and January Calendar of Events

December

- 1-8 Concert Choir Tour
- 5 Basketball (W): John Carroll 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Basketball (M): Capital 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Basketball (W): Wittenberg 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Basketball (M): Heidelberg 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Basketball (M): Wilmington 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Basketball (W): Ohio Northern 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Basketball (W): Tiffin Univ. 7:00 p.m.
- 24-26 Christmas Holidays—Offices Closed
- 27, 28 Basketball (M): "O" Club Tournament

January

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday - Offices Closed
- 2 ADP New Student Orientation 7:15 p.m.
- 4 Basketball (M): Muskingum 7:30 p.m.

- 6-Feb. 7 Art Exhibit: Al Germanson, Jr.—A sabbatical leave report, BFAC
- 10 International Student Orientation Noon - 4 p.m.
- Early Music Ensemble 8:15 p.m.
- Philomathean Room
- 11 Basketball (W): Baldwin-Wallace 2:30 p.m.
- 15 Basketball (M): Mt. Union 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Michael Haberkorn, piano recital 8:15 p.m. BFAC
- 18 Basketball (W): Heidelberg 2 p.m.
- 22 Basketball (M): Wittenberg 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Jazz-Lab Band 8:15 p.m. BFAC
- Indoor Track (W)
- 26 Cynthia Bacon, soprano recital 8:15 p.m. BFAC
- 26-31 Career Discovery Week
- 29 Basketball (M): Ohio Northern 7:30 p.m.

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