

# OTTERBEIN TOWERS

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## College enrollment largest in history; student quality rises

Bill Stahler, Otterbein's dean of admissions, is smiling a lot these days. The College's overall enrollment is the highest in the school's history and the quality of students attending Otterbein, as measured by test scores and high school performance, has increased.

Otterbein's overall enrollment for 1985-86 is 1,744 students, which is an increase of 89 students over last year. The count of traditional, college age students (freshmen through seniors) is 1,136, compared to 1,100 last year. The 801 returning upperclassmen (sophomores through seniors) represent a two percent increase in the College's retention rate over last year. Additionally, 335 freshmen have enrolled this year. There are 567 adult degree program students who have registered for the fall term, an increase of 62 over last fall. The fall ADP enrollment is also the best in the College's history.

This year's total enrollment exceeds by 52 students the College's previous highest enrollment of 1,692 students, which was recorded in the 1981-82 school year.

"We're real happy with our enrollment picture," said Stahler, beginning his fourth year as dean of admissions. "We all know the number of high school graduates nationwide is declining relative to the birth rate and that many colleges are experiencing declining enrollments. The fact that Otterbein's enrollment is increasing is evidence of the quality of our academic and social programs."

He also believes students were strongly influenced to attend the College because of the individualized attention they received while visiting the campus and throughout the process of making their college choice.

"We surveyed the incoming freshman class this year, and a number of students said the personalized attention they received was their most important reason for coming here," he said.

In many cases, he added, alumni and friends of the College had a big impact on a student's decision to attend Otterbein. "We thank alumni and friends for their efforts in recruiting students and invite them to continue to encourage young people to attend the College."

Other features of the College that students find attractive, he explained, are the size, location and

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## Presenting...

This is the first issue of the new *Towers* newsletter supplement to *Towers* magazine. It is designed to keep you in closer touch with the people and events that are Otterbein and will be published seven times a year; in November, December, January, March, May, June and July.

We hope you enjoy reading this first issue of the *Towers* supplement. Please send any suggestions for future articles and ideas for making *Towers* a better publication to: Editor, *Towers*, Otterbein College, Cellar House, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

It is with great sadness that we report the very untimely death of Otterbein's librarian for 31 years, John H. Becker. Mr. Becker, a graduate of the Class of 1950, died October 20. For a related story on Mr. Becker, please turn to page 3.



WHITE HOUSE PHOTO  
It was the "experience of a lifetime" for Otterbein freshman Shawn Denton when he sang to First Lady Nancy Reagan at the national convention of "Youth to Youth" last August.

## Freshmen achieve summer success

by Tami Lange

To some, the summer of 1985 was a time for sunshine, swimming, and relaxing. For others it meant summer jobs. In the cases of four Otterbein freshmen though, a summer job was much more than 40 hours a week at a fast food restaurant.

Shawn Denton's summertime activity brought him face to face with First Lady Nancy Reagan.

Denton, a native of Reynoldsburg, is already an accomplished composer. He says he has already written 122 songs and seems to have no plans for slowing down. He is also currently performing with his own band, a group of friends from his hometown who call themselves "Opposing Forces."

Combine that activity with Denton's involvement in an organization called "Youth to Youth," which promotes living a drug-free life, and you come up with quite a story.

Denton and his band were to perform for the "Youth to Youth" national convention held at Denison University last August. Mrs. Reagan appeared on the final day of the conference as part of her anti-drug awareness campaign. As originally planned, the band was to perform an original Denton composition, titled "My Choice," for conference participants and staff members. There was such acclaim for the song, however, that a follow-up performance was arranged for some secret servicemen, and, then, he was asked to sing to Mrs. Reagan herself.

How did Denton describe that special performance? "It was the experience of a lifetime," he said matter-of-factly.

He now is taking a different approach toward performance by entering the Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre program at Otterbein. Theatre, Denton reasons, would be a good supplement for his musical aspirations.

It is musical theatre that has attracted Duff Woodside of Cincinnati to Otterbein. Woodside spent his summer ushering and doing security work for Riverbend Theater in Cincinnati. While the experience allowed him to do everything from "dealing with symphony crowds to dealing with rockers who came to see Ronnie James Dio," Woodside's aspirations lie more on the other side of the stagelights.

He has already completed a play of his own and is currently working on a one act piece. His original play, entitled "Seasons," is currently entered in the Young Playwright's Festival in New York City, where it will be judged by a committee chaired by Stephen Sondheim. By December,

Woodside will find out whether his work has qualified for the semifinals. If it goes to the finals, "Seasons" may appear in lights as a professional production.

If you don't believe that modeling and medicine mix, then talk to freshman Brian Rose. Over the summer, the Hamilton, Ohio, native completed a course of study at Barbizon modeling school. Now he is in pre-med at Otterbein, and he hopes to find a happy medium with the two seemingly opposite vocations.

Rose is unsure whether he will continue to model as he progresses in his studies. For now, though, he says, "I'm still relying on the fact that I will get work." Work that can be rather profitable, considering in this area the minimum wage for models is \$35 per hour.

When Tim Carlson, a Jefferson native, came to the Otterbein music department, he brought much more than a trumpet with him. He brought a whole summer of memories about a musical experience that took him all over Europe.

Carlson was playing second trumpet with a tour group of musicians, directed by Jack Evans, formerly of The Ohio State University. At one point the first chair trumpet player injured his lip, thus putting Carlson in the spotlight of playing solo for European audiences from England to Italy.

Although all four young men have just begun their careers at Otterbein, it seems that their outside careers have more than just begun.



### 'PRIME TIME' QUEEN

"Prime Time at the 'Bein'" was the theme of Homecoming 1985, and Shonda Keckley (center), a member of Sigma Alpha Tau sorority, was chosen homecoming queen. Shonda was crowned '85 queen by last year's queen Lisa Fickel (right) as part of homecoming festivities on October 12. Her escort is Mark Puskarich, a senior from Cadiz. There will be more stories and photos on Homecoming '85 in the December issue of *Towers*.



## We apologize

The reunion photos for the Class of 1960 and Class of 1964 that were in *Towers* magazine inadvertently appeared in the wrong order as, no doubt, members of the two classes immediately noticed. We apologize for the error.

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BILL STAHLER

## Phyllis Tillett: 'Right arm' to 3 Otterbein presidents

by Susan Greiner

Whatever it takes to be the successful "right arm" of a college president, Phyllis Tillett has it.

The executive secretary to Otterbein College President C. Brent DeVore, now in her 17th year at the College, actually has served two other administrations as well, those of Dr. Lynn Turner (for two years) and of Dr. Thomas Kerr (all 13 years of his term).

A native of upstate New York, Phyllis grew up on a farm in the Hudson Valley town of Pine Plains. After graduating from business school, she moved to Washington, D.C., a departure that she really enjoyed for awhile. Eventually though, she and husband, Leonard, yearned for a slower pace and chose the Columbus, Ohio, area so that she could accept a job offer from a friend.

"When Leonard drove down Westerville's Main Street past Otterbein," the longtime College employee related, "he said to me 'this is where I want to raise our family.'" And it wasn't long before the Tilletts and their two youngsters, Deedee and David, were happily settled into a home bordering a local park, where they still reside today.



PHYLLIS TILLETT

pointed out. One occasion she'll never forget was meeting Jimmy Roosevelt.

"I had told Bill Hamilton, a former faculty member, that I was a native of the Hyde Park area of New York, had been a great fan of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as a child (when he would visit shopping areas near my home), and would love to meet his son when the younger Roosevelt came to the campus to speak. Well, I'll never forget when this tall young man walked up to my desk one day and said, 'I hear we used to be neighbors.' I was soon talking with Jimmy Roosevelt!"

An avid outdoors person, Phyllis not only enjoys walks through Sharon Woods and the Westerville area, but she also spends many enjoyable hours on her knees in the dirt, tending her two home gardens, filled with both flowers and vegetables. While she confesses that she spends as little time as possible doing housework, she does meander to the kitchen occasionally where she manages to freeze beans, corn and tomatoes each year.

Looking ahead to retirement just a few years off, Phyllis smiles as she dreams about traveling, more trips back to the ocean (whether it be Maryland or Virginia beaches or Chincoteague Island, famous for its wild ponies), and eating fresh shellfish again.

## Host families help foreign students adjust to life at Otterbein

Otterbein's annual international students-host family dinner held on October 6 served to better acquaint host families with their students and with expectations for the year ahead.

The host family program, coordinated by Holly Harris, director of the International Student Programs, is designed to help international students make a comfortable transition from their native homes to their new surroundings. It is flexible enough to allow hosts and students to decide what kind of interactions they will have during the year.

Ms. Harris shaped the program into its present format. "When I first came to the campus the host family program wasn't as structured. I began an orientation and initiated some planned activities every term," she explained.

Activities include skating parties, rodeos and picnics.

"We especially try to plan activities that will appeal to the American students," said Ms. Harris.

Ms. Harris makes suggestions as to what other kinds of activities the host family and student can do together throughout the year, but there are no specific requirements.

For more information on this program or to become a host family contact Ms. Harris at (614) 890-3000 ext. 1250.

## Enrollment (from page 1)

appearance of the campus; its quality facilities; the small class sizes that gives students the chance to receive personal attention from faculty; and the many opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Nearly 90 percent of the new, incoming students (freshmen and transfers) are from Ohio, primarily the central Ohio area. However, students have enrolled from 11 other states: Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Oklahoma.

There are 50 foreign students enrolled for fall term, of which 17 are newly-enrolled students from 14 countries. For the first time this year, students from Cambodia and the Philippines will attend Otterbein. The native countries of the other new foreign students are Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Malaysia, Mexico, Japan, Oman, and Turkey.

Reflecting the rising quality of students attending Otterbein, 13 freshmen were first in their high school class last year, while 70 ranked in the top 10 and more than 25 percent were in the upper quarter of their class. In addition to these impressive statistics, the average test scores of incoming students is up. The ACT composite test score of 21 is the highest since 1979, well above the national average of 18.5, and the SAT mathematics and verbal test scores also increased. The average high school grade point average for the freshman class is 3.1 on a scale of 4.0, also an increase.

Stahler feels Otterbein's honors and scholarship programs are also key features that help attract quality students. This year 87 students have been named Otterbein Scholars, an increase of 31 over last year, and there are 200 endowed scholarship students, of which 70 are freshmen.

"The endowed scholarship program has helped us to provide scholarships for outstanding students and for students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and personal qualities," Stahler said.

Incoming freshmen this year appear more diverse in their intended major fields of study. They are still very career-oriented and express a "strong interest in specific career-directed" programs, such as business, accounting, computer science and nursing, and majors that lead directly to graduate school, such as pre-med. But at the same time, the admissions dean said, "we are finding increases in majors in the arts and humanities, such as theatre, communications and English, and fewer this year who are undecided about their majors."

The theatre department has the largest entering class in its history.

While Stahler is smiling now, he knows there is a lot of work to do to keep the quality and quantity of students as impressive next year. The Admissions Office has outlined goals for the year aimed at maintaining the College's current enrollment and quality of its educational programs while increasing the diversity of the student body.

"The focus of our admissions program is and will continue to be to provide information about Otterbein and to help students and their families who are in the process of selecting a college," he stated.

"From my point of view, there are a lot of positive things about Otterbein. We feel that Otterbein is a good college choice."

## Writer to be poetry series guest

The 1985-86 Otterbein Poetry Series is proud to include fiction writer Michael Martone as its second guest of the season. He will make an afternoon appearance at Otterbein at 4 p.m., Thursday, November 7, in the Philomathean Room of Towers Hall.

According to assistant professor of English Jim Gorman, coordinator of the Poetry Series, the school is very fortunate to have secured Mr. Martone, who is being shared with Thurber House in Columbus. The writer's first book of stories, *Alive and Dead in Indiana*, was published by Alfred Knopf in 1984.

## otterbein's unsung heroes

After a few years, it was time for the Westerville transplant to change jobs again. This time, she called Otterbein College. No sooner had she discovered that there was a vacancy in the position, known then as backup secretary to the College president's secretary, than the job was hers; one that she loved immediately. (Even though the most embarrassing moment of her career happened on her very first day at Otterbein, when she got a piece of paper stuck in the copying machine. "Within minutes, the whole building smelled as if it were on fire, so I couldn't even attempt to hide my mistake," she reminisced.)

When the president's secretary suddenly announced retirement plans, people-oriented Phyllis Tillett was the only choice of Dr. Turner for the job. "I suppose I should have been overwhelmed," Phyllis said, "but I just jumped right in and have never regretted it for a moment.

"One of the really special things about my job is being able to get to know the board of trustee members, many of whom are not only known here as outstanding local citizens, but whose names are also recognized across the country," she

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## The saga of the singing alums is quite a story

Two came from California, one from Arizona and the fourth from Florida.

They all returned to Otterbein in June for Alumni Weekend. And while the distance they traveled itself was noteworthy, that's not the whole story.

For Shirley Server Hubbard, Gloria Server Swaine, Wilma Bennett Potter and Phyllis Brown Walker—all members of the Class of 1945—Alumni Weekend was more than just a reunion. It was the first time the four returned to Otterbein together since their graduation. But that, still, is not the whole story.

Mrs. Hubbard (first soprano); her sister, Mrs. Swaine (second soprano); Mrs. Potter (alto); and Mrs. Walker (an accompanist) formed a quartet while in high school and sang together while at Otterbein. When they returned for Alumni Weekend, they sang several songs as part of the entertainment for the weekend. It was the first time the four had performed together since graduation. But, you guessed it, even that's not the entire story.



It's 40 years later, and the "singing alumnae" from the Class of 45—(from left) Shirley Server Hubbard, Gloria Server Swaine, Wilma Bennett Potter, and Phyllis Brown Walker—pose in the same position during Alumni Weekend in which they were pictured in the 1945 *Sibyl*.

## "...he was always there for me." John Becker 1925-1985

by Mike Christian

On the gray, chilly morning of October 21, 1985, Otterbein was again numbed by the notice of another death within our campus community.

Students, several faculty and staff, and even a few alumni were huddled outside the Courtright Memorial Library that morning comforting each other as one student said, "...he meant so much to this school." Another spoke, "...he was one of those who made Otterbein work so well." Still another student looked at the flag flying at half-mast and said, "...he was always there for me."

It would be hard put to find finer words spoken about this man, John Becker, who gave so unselfishly to his church and to his beloved Otterbein College.

Born in Miamisburg, John and his wife, Marian Ann Havens, both graduated from Otterbein in 1950. Mr. Becker was a history major, active in student council, Phi Alpha Theta, and Zeta Phi. He lettered twice in football and was a Varsity O member.

Mr. Becker received his MSLS degree from the University of Illinois and his MA degree from The Ohio State University. He was on the library staff at Heidelberg and Bowling Green before coming back to Otterbein as head librarian in 1954.

For 31 years he served in that position with the utmost professionalism, guiding the realization of the outstanding Courtright Memorial Library and Learning Resource Center, and coordinating the documentation of the wealth of historical records and other mementos in the Archives and Otterbein Room.

Mrs. Becker is the records supervisor for the Office of Student Personnel.

The Beckers have been very active members of Church of the Master United Methodist Church on campus. Mr. Becker served in the Army from 1943-45, had memberships in the American Library

Actually, the story began back in the 1920s...

Little did music teacher Clarence Broadhead '25 dream that he would so greatly influence a quartet of students he directed at Central High School in Lima, Ohio, that the four would follow his footsteps by enrolling at Otterbein, that they would continue to sing together throughout their College days, or that any of them would still be singing together today. But that is what happened, and that is how the story began.

Our musical story continues with part two when Mr. Broadhead's four talented students began their careers at Otterbein. It was no time at all before baritone Robert Holmes, first tenor Dick Whittington, second tenor Gordon Shaw, and bass Troy Belden had become a popular quartet on and around campus.

Mr. Holmes '35 and Mr. Shaw '35, the two remaining members of the men's quartet, were also back at their alma mater in June for the Alumni Weekend festivities, where they sang for the 50th reunion class. (Mr. Whittington '35 and Mr. Belden '35 are both deceased.)

Robert Holmes is responsible for part three of our tale. It was he who, in turn, after relocating to Dayton following graduation from Otterbein, was able to prove as inspirational to a group of high school singers as his teacher, Mr. Broadhead, had been to him back in high school.

Under Mr. Holmes's direction at Steele High School in Dayton, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Swaine, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Walker began performing together. They eventually went on to their teacher's beloved Otterbein, where they too continued singing on campus, and even toured regionally to promote the school.

The alumnae were thrilled to return to Otterbein. As Mrs. Potter said, "We just love to sing, and we love Otterbein."

Judging from the distances they traveled back to Ohio, those sentiments ring true. Mrs. Potter returned to Otterbein from her home in Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Swaine traveled from Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Hubbard, from Monterey, Calif.; and Mrs. Walker, from Lancaster, Calif.

If the enthusiastic Alumni Weekend crowds have anything to say about it, the class act from '45 may be called on again for future bookings.



JOHN BECKER

Association, Ohio Library Association, and the Westerville Historical Society, and was an honorary member of Torch & Key. Among his many articles were "A History of Westerville, Ohio from 1920-30," "Otterbein Beginnings," and "Westerville", which is currently in the Encyclopedia Americana. His children, Robert Walter '75 and Rebecca Lee '77, graduated from Otterbein.

Mr. Becker probably knew more about Otterbein than all the rest of us put together. And being the good librarian that he was, most of it is properly documented for the generations and generations to come.

In that way, future students can join all of us who mourn his passing and yet can say, "...he was always there for me."

Your condolences to Marian, Robert, Rebecca, and the rest of the family may be sent to 94 East Broadway, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

The family desires gifts to Otterbein College or Church of the Master United Methodist Church, Westerville, Ohio, in lieu of flowers.

Attention all Cleveland-area alumni. Otterbein President C. Brent DeVore will be the guest of a "Meet the President" luncheon, to be held Thursday, November 12 at Cleveland's elegant University Club. The president will meet alumni, answer any questions they may have about the College and speak on the current state of the College. The cost of the luncheon is \$9 per person.

The University Club is located at 3813 Euclid Ave. Its phone is (216) 431-0091.

Interested in the progress of the restoration of the Philomathean Hall? An open house has been planned for Sunday, November 24, 1985, from 2-4 p.m. to enable alumni and friends to see the work that has been completed. Please plan to attend.

## Judith Whitney presents gift to College to help restore Philomathean Hall

In honor of her family's long association with the College, Judith Whitney '27 presented a \$9,000 gift to President C. Brent DeVore in August. The gift is to go toward the refurbishing of the Philomathean Hall.

The gift was presented to Otterbein on behalf of the Whitney family: the Reverend and Mrs. Charles Whitney, Dr. and Mrs. William Curtis Whitney, both members of the Class of 1895, Eleanor Whitney '22, and Judith Whitney '27.

Miss Whitney said she chose to give the gift to the Philomathean restoration project because her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Curtis Whitney, were actively involved in the College's literary societies. Her mother was a member of the Philalethean Society and her father a member of the Philomathean Society. Dr. Whitney also sang in the Philomathean Quartet as a student and as a member of the faculty.

Miss Whitney wanted to give a gift to the College that would benefit the entire campus community; providing a special place to hold meetings while keeping an old tradition alive.

"We have tried to make the hall attractive, historical and true to the literary societies' epoch of Otterbein College history," said Miss Whitney.

Her family has been associated with Otterbein for more than 90 years. Dr. Whitney first came to the Westerville area at age 16 when his father, Reverend Charles Whitney, became a solicitor for the College. Rev. Whitney, who was a member of the East Ohio Conference of the United Brethren Church, moved his family to Westerville from Lake County.

William married Edith Turner of Lewisburg, Ohio, just a few days after their graduation from Otterbein. The couple planned to go to Africa as medical missionaries and furthered their training at Moody Bible Institute in preparation. Just as plans were finalized, however, they were informed that the Mission Board had decided not to send the young, inexperienced missionaries to Africa because of unrest in Sierra Leone at the time.

Shortly afterward, an offer to head the science department at Otterbein brought Dr. Whitney and his family from their Richville, Ohio, residence back to Westerville. In 1906, they moved to their home at 211 North State St., where Miss Whitney still resides. Both Whitney daughters attended school in Westerville and then Otterbein. Eleanor Whitney took additional work in agriculture at The Ohio State University and became the first home agent for Meigs County and, later, Belmont County. Judith Whitney went on to earn a master's degree in conversational Spanish at Ohio State and then began her career as a teacher, where she taught in Cardington, Martin's Ferry, Upper Arlington and Findlay.

## 1985-86 Artist Series: dance, theatre, opera

Subscription tickets are now available for the 1985-86 Otterbein Artist Series, offering subscribers a substantial 16% savings off the standard ticket cost. Reserved tickets for the entire series cost \$25; individual tickets for each event are \$10.

The worlds of dance, theatre and opera will all be represented in the upcoming three-event series that will feature the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, Nov. 7; Asolo State Theater, Feb. 18; and Connecticut Opera, April 9. All events take place at 8:15 p.m. in Otterbein's Cowan Hall.

For more information about Otterbein's 1985-86 Artist Series offerings or for ticket information, please call Otterbein's Office of College Relations at 890-3000, ext. 1600.



## Steve Locker—architect of Otterbein's soccer success

by Susan Greiner

When Steve Locker talks about goals and winning, Otterbein's head soccer coach is not only talking about what happens out on the field.

To the 31-year-old former professional soccer player, of course there is nothing better than the game he loves, and nothing more important than winning. On the other hand, the handsome Philadelphia native, who can make more noise than anyone in the crowd to "inspire" his players on the field, is also a very serious, intense and reflective individual who wants his team members to do well academically first and foremost.

"This is not an easy school in which to succeed if you don't want to work," he explained. "And I want the kids who choose Otterbein to be here for the right reasons. Naturally a kid will play better soccer if he is comfortable with his academic progress, and conversely, sliding grades will usually have a marked effect on a player's performance in the game as well. Personally, I don't want to have to worry about whether or not a student can continue playing for me because of his grades, so I urge all of the students to come to me at the first sign of any academic problems."

The coach is not interested in the welfare of his soccer players alone. He is also academic advisor to all Otterbein sports teams. As such, his goal is seeing a concerted effort on the part of the entire athletic department to upgrade academic standards.

As if that weren't enough to fill the young man's time, he is also coordinator of recruitment for the athletic department; an administrative assistant to men's Athletic Director E.W. "Bud" Yuest, a responsibility that includes coordinating all sporting events in the Rike Center; and the athletic department's representative to an admissions subcommittee that meets weekly to review files of prospective Otterbein students.

Springtime will bring additional duties for the Otterbein staffer, who will teach a sports activity class and a class on coaching soccer and serve as an assistant coach for a spring sport.

Three years ago, soccer was not even a varsity sport at Otterbein. It has been coach Locker's program to build, and much of its early success is directly linked to his ability to attract quality athletes to the school. Coach Locker believes his team is capable of winning the Ohio Athletic Conference championship this year, a far cry from the program's recent humble beginnings.

A Penn State graduate, where he played four years of varsity soccer, coach Locker entered the Army and worked for three years as a Chinese-Cantonese linguist. His soccer career was not interrupted, however, as he played for several top teams in California, North Carolina and Arizona. He also served as coach of several youth, amateur and women's teams.

After completing his military service, he signed with a semi-professional club in California and served as head varsity soccer coach at the York School, a private high school. After one year in California, he was traded to Hannover 96 Sports in Hannover, West Germany. While there, he also attended the Niedersachsen Fussball Verband Schule in Barsinghausen, where he became the first American to earn a "B" coaching license there.

He returned to the United States in 1981 and served as assistant soccer coach at Colgate

University. In 1982, he went back to Penn State and spent a year as assistant soccer coach before coming to Otterbein in 1983.

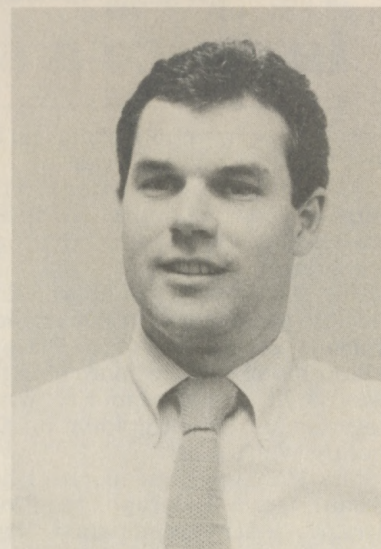
The oldest of six boys, Steve Locker and soccer have always been synonymous. He recalls a period in his life, in fact, when—from the age of ten—he played soccer every single day for 15 years. "My dad coached football at all levels," he related, "in high school, youth leagues, and a professional team, and all five of my younger brothers chose football, so I was really the black sheep of the family."

Although very athletic, he measured only 4'6" as a high school freshman, a size that maybe limited him to only playing street football with his brothers but didn't hinder him in any way on the soccer field.

"Parents and coaches of youngsters have begun to realize that there is no better way for children to develop reaction skills and to become physically fit than by playing soccer," he explained. "I watch all levels of soccer, and typically kids are becoming much more sophisticated soccer players at much younger ages. There are many children of kindergarten age today who already have several seasons of team soccer under their belts. Traditionally, as boys got older, they made the switch to football. But I'm convinced that someday soon more young men will instead choose to remain in soccer."

Steve Locker the athlete, player, coach, teacher, counselor and linguist, is also very much a public relations man, who works seriously at developing a good rapport with soccer players and their parents. "I feel real lucky to have had the foresight from my first day at Otterbein three years ago to begin developing relationships with potential Otterbein players," he explained, "even though I didn't realize the long term effects of a simple friendship with a young soccer player and his family."

Despite all his activities, the energetic young man relishes time spent with his family, which includes wife, Karen, educated at Cornell and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, who is employed at Battelle Memorial Institute, and their two young



STEVE LOCKER

*In just the third season of soccer at Otterbein, he has built the team that finished with a 3-9 record his first season to one that is currently sitting atop the Ohio Athletic Conference. As of Oct. 12, the Cardinals were 6-0 in the OAC; 7-3 overall.*

daughters, seven-year-old Vanessa and Alexandra, who recently celebrated her first birthday.

With a master's degree in counseling and trained as a linguist, Otterbein's soccer coach is well-equipped in many areas, but he says he couldn't be happier anywhere else. "I don't equate being happy at your job with making lots of money," he continued. "I'm sure that I could be a successful businessman in other areas, but I prefer what I'm doing to anything else."

"Our soccer field at Otterbein is located in a beautiful park-like setting that people are discovering is a nice place to go to watch soccer. It is equipped with five sets of bleachers, and has a concession stand on the drawing board," he said proudly. "I saw nearly 300 people in the audience for one of our first games this fall, the biggest crowd I've ever seen at a Central Ohio soccer game. That's a good sign that the sport has arrived at the college level here."

### Otterbein November and December Calendar of Events

#### November

- 1 Opus Zero: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. BFAC
- 2 Football: Ohio Northern 1:30 p.m.
- 3 Marching Band in Concert 7:00 p.m. Cowan Hall
- 5 Volleyball (W): Cedarville 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Men's Glee Club and Women's Chamber Singers 7:30 p.m. BFAC
- 7 Artist Series: Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble 8:15 p.m. Cowan
- 11 Veteran's Day—No Classes—Offices Closed
- 12 Volleyball (W): Heidelberg/Muskingum 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Academic Interest Day #1
- 17 Westerville Civic Symphony 7:00 p.m. Westerville So. H.S.
- 20 Percussion Ensemble 8:15 p.m. BFAC
- 20 Men's Sports Banquet 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Children's Theatre: "Peter Pan" 7:30 p.m. Cowan Hall
- 23 Children's Theatre: "Peter Pan" 10:30 a.m.

- and 1:30 p.m. Cowan Hall
- 23 Concert Choir 8:15 p.m. BFAC
- 24 Children's Theatre: "Peter Pan" 1:30 p.m. Cowan Hall
- 25-27 Exams
- 25 Basketball (M): Urbana 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Last day of Fall Quarter
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—Offices Closed
- 30 Basketball (W): Mt. St. Joseph 2:00 p.m.

#### 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

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