

OTTERBEIN TOWERS

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Otterbein's 130th Commencement Held June 14

Two hundred thirty-six seniors received bachelor degrees and 34 students received associate degrees during Otterbein College's 130th Commencement June 14.

The noon ceremony was held at the Rike Center and featured commencement speaker General Charles L. Donnelly, Jr., who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the College.

Donnelly's commencement address emphasized "A Positive Future" and he shared with the Class of '87 his "five basic principles for positive thinking." These tenets include enthusiasm for life and belief in one's self and fellow men.

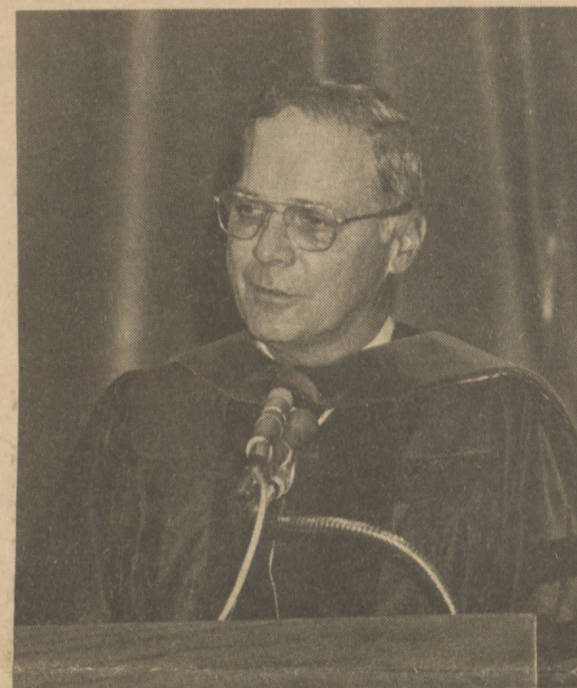
Throughout his speech, Donnelly referred to sources of inspiration for his philosophy—the Bible, the late football coach Vince Lombardi and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, whose book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, has influenced generations following its publication in 1952.

The general defended the United States' role

overseas, particularly during the Korean War, during which Donnelly joined the Air Force. "I believed then as I do today, that it was my duty to answer the call of my country... The United States has answered its call time and time again and will do so in the future to protect God's people," he said, adding, "We should never be ashamed of this calling."

A 1950 alumnus of Otterbein, Donnelly reflected briefly on the College's "true family atmosphere with everyone pulling together, students, faculty and leadership." He called the Otterbein experience "a wonderful recipe for happiness and a road map for a mature and productive future."

Donnelly closed with a poem written by an Air Force wife whose husband was stationed in Germany. Entitled "Accentuate the Positive," the poem encouraged the commencement audience to shift negative thoughts to positive ones to deal with life's difficult situations.



General Charles L. Donnelly, Jr., a 1950 graduate of Otterbein College, received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the College at the 130th Commencement on June 14. Donnelly, who was guest speaker at the commencement, is one of only 12 four-star generals in the U.S. Air Force. He is commander in chief with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and commander with the Allied Air Forces in Central Europe, with headquarters at Ramstein Air Base in West Germany.

College Acquires New Dance Major

The Otterbein College Department of Theatre and Dance has recently added a B.A. degree in dance to its curriculum. According to the National Dance Association 1986 survey, the new program will join 12 other Ohio colleges and universities that currently offer bachelor's degree training.

But Otterbein's program is unique in that no other undergraduate institution in the state offers a dance program with a focus on jazz. The College's dance minor, which was created four years ago when dance was added to the department of theatre, will be continued.

Jazz specialist Denise David will head the program, assisted by Mary Sweeney who holds a master's degree in dance from The Ohio State University. David earned a master's in dance from Wayne State University and has worked with the Ailey School in New York, The Royal Danish Ballet Company, the Twyla Tharp Dancers and modern dance choreographer Bill Evans. Prior to her position with Otterbein, she danced professionally for four years with Dance Theatre, a regional company based in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

While the focus will be on jazz, ballet and modern dance, classes will remain a significant part of the program.

The new bachelor of arts degree program's intention is to provide students with a full range of dance capability on both a technical and theoretical level and equip them to teach dance, dance professionally and/or continue with graduate level study. Requirements for the major include 54 total hours of dance-related courses, incorporating 18 hours of technique, 10 hours of performance, 16 hours of theory and history and 10 hours of special requirements such as anatomy, physiology, life science and kinesiology.

Otterbein has experienced rapid growth in the number of students enrolled in dance classes. In the last three years, students studying dance at the College have increased from 12 to 35, and quarter hours of available dance classes have been increased from 300 to 600.

The expansion of the Otterbein College Dance Ensemble's Spring Concert from one night to two (held this year on May 21-22) is an already-visible outgrowth of the new program.

The new dance program's institution is a "major step," states Theatre and Dance Department Chairman Dr. Charles Dodrill, toward the College goal of "establishing a Center for the Arts with degrees in theatre, music, visual arts and dance."

Dinner Theatre Planned for Alumni

An enjoyable evening is slated for College alumni, parents and friends with the July 23 Dinner Theatre. David Graf, who starred as last summer's guest artist in "The Foreigner," returns again this year to play a pivotal role in the hilarious farce "See How They Run." As an added bonus, Graf's wife, Kathryn—also an Equity guest artist—will appear with him in the laugh riot that showcases an odd assortment of characters galloping in and out of an English vicarage.

The group will gather at 6:30 p.m. at the Monte Carlo Ristorante, 6333 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Dinner, featuring chicken parmigiana as an entree, will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the 8:30 p.m. presentation of "See How They Run" in the Campus Center Arena Theatre.

Dinner is \$10 per person and theatre tickets, \$7.50 each. Reservations, designating number of persons attending dinner and/or theatre, must be received by July 15. Checks, payable to Otterbein College, may be mailed to Jack Pietila, Director of Alumni Relations, Howard House, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

And The Winner Is...

Otterbein's 1986-87 Artist Series Brochure, produced by the office of college relations, was the recent recipient of two communications awards. The brochure, which detailed the series' upcoming events for the past season, was recognized with a Merit Award by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and also was given an Addy Award of Excellence by the Advertising Federation of Columbus Inc.



Spring Sports Wrap-up

Long distance runner Tom Schnurr, a junior from Sandusky, heads a lengthy list of student-athletes who turned in noteworthy performances during spring quarter at Otterbein College.

Schnurr, who competes in both cross country and track, earned his second track all-America title with a third-place finish in the 5000 meters at the NCAA Division III track and field championships held at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. His time was 14:32.77.

Schnurr holds school records in the outdoor 5000 (14:25.8) and 10,000 (30:04.0).

Head track coach Wiley Piazza and cross country coach Dave Lehman are thinking big about Schnurr's senior season. If Schnurr remains in good health, both coaches feel he can win one or two national championships in track and earn all-America status in cross country next season.

"I'd rank him as one of the top ten returning runners in the country," Lehman said.

Schnurr took all-America honors in track as a sophomore, finishing second in the 10,000 at the nationals.

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Senior women's tennis standout Erin Tschanen from Reynoldsburg was selected Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

A four-year letter winner in tennis, Tschanen entered spring quarter with a 3.68 grade-point average in business administration/accounting.

She compiled a career record of 38-13 in singles play and 42-10 in doubles, earning all-conference honors twice. She won first doubles and finished second in first singles as a junior

while Otterbein captured the conference championship.

Tschanen finished second in first singles in the conference championships this season.

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Two-sport four-year letterman Steve McConaghy, a senior from Westerville, was selected to receive the Augsburg-Ballenger Award, presented annually to an outstanding senior student-athlete.

An accounting major, McConaghy participated in football and track. He earned all-conference honors twice as a free safety in football, and three times in outdoor track.

Although McConaghy never won the conference outdoor track championship in his specialty, the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, he qualified for the nationals in this event as a junior. He finished second, twice, and third, once, in the conference championships. He was also a member of the 400-meter relay team, which captured the conference outdoor title his junior year.

Selected as most valuable football player by teammates in 1986, McConaghy also received the Harry W. Ewing Award, given to a senior football player who contributes most to the performance off and on the field.

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Seniors Tim Koethke and Howard Chambers, who led the baseball team to a fourth-place finish in the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) were named to all-region teams by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Koethke, a right fielder from Grove City, was named to the second team and Chambers, a shortstop from Clarence, Pa., honorable mention.

Koethke led the OAC in hitting, .457, and runs batted in, 54, while Chambers topped the conference in home runs with 16. Chambers finished fifth in the race for the OAC batting title, .403. Koethke was second in home runs with 13.

Both players were named first team all-conference.

The Cardinals were 22-19 overall, and 9-7 in conference play.

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The 1986-87 Otterbein senior woman scholar athlete award went to Rhonda Scharf from Wickliffe. The award is presented to a two-sport participant with at least a 3.000 cumulative grade-point average. Scharf, a starting guard in basketball and shortstop in softball, entered spring quarter with a 3.880 in health and physical education.

Scharf earned all-conference academic honors in both sports and was named honorable mention all-conference in basketball and first team all-conference in softball.

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Golfer Charles Cline, a sophomore from Upper Arlington, was named to the all-district team.

Cline, who averaged in the mid-seventies, captured the Denison Invitational and turned in a personal best 73 at the Marietta Invitational.

He earned all-conference honors as a freshman, finishing third in the conference championship. This year, however, Cline finished out of the top ten.

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OST Kicks Off 21st Year

The cast and crew with the Otterbein Summer Theatre kicked off the 1987 season with the musical "Is There Life After High School?" June 23. This year marks OST's 21st year as a program. "High School" ran through July 3 and is being followed by "The Real Thing," a comedy featuring Karen Radcliffe, playing July 7-12; the farce, "See How They Run," to star David Graf July 15-19 and 21-25; and "The Dresser," July 28-31 and August 1 and 2, a drama featuring Michael Hartman.

OST students from left front are Diana Blazer, Mechanicsburg; Jean Childers, Indianapolis; Beth Burrier, Zanesville; Lisa Davidson, Worthington; Beth Ann Smith, Canton; and Todd Kreps, Loveland. Pictured in back are Anne Alexander, Peninsula; Rich Uhrick, Columbus; Catherine Randazzo, Seven Hills; Trad Burns, Vermilion; John Gutknecht, Gahanna; Susie Walsh, Barrington, Ill.; Kevin Ford Carty, Findlay; Rachael Harris, Worthington; Christine Cox, Delaware; Ralph Scott, Albany; Tim Gregory, Cincinnati; and Scott Willis, Lockburne.



...More Winners

Once again, the Office of College Relations received awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America for its basketball publications.

Compiled by sports information director Ed Syguda and former publications director, the late Andy Conrad, the Otterbein men's basketball guide and basketball programs received third-place awards for small colleges in the United States. The program covers were judged best in the nation. Editorial assistance was provided by students David Cawley, a junior from Marion, and Bob Kennedy, a senior from Sunbury.

Trips to Riverfront, Williamsburg Planned

An exciting trio of Otterbein-sponsored trips and tours are on the horizon.

ON AUG. 1 sports fans will depart via motorcoach from the Campus Center at 10:30 a.m. to Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati to see the Reds play the San Francisco Giants. Cost for the luxury transportation and reserved seating is \$17 per person. Reservations must be made by July 21 with alumni director Jack Pietila, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

AN AUTUMN JOURNEY is planned to Colonial Williamsburg Oct. 5-9. The tour will incorporate travel from the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains to the Chesapeake Bay and also include visits to restorations such as the 18th century manor house of Carter's Grove Plantation and Jefferson's Monticello.

The Williamsburg tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, seven meals and all sight-seeing admission tickets. Cost for the package is \$420 per person, double or single occupancy. For information concerning reservations, contact Jack Pietila at the alumni office, (614) 898-1400.

DEPARTING OCT. 6 from Columbus is the Otterbein College Alumni Association tour of South America. The 15-day, 14-night tour includes visits to Peru, Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, Rio de Janeiro and Machu Picchu. Call 1-800-322-6677 for reservations or contact Jack Pietila or Carol DeFine at the alumni office, (614) 898-1400, for more information.



Lucille James, her husband, Richard James '27, Ruth Hursh Schear '27 and Perry Laukhuff '27 greet a longtime friend at the Emeriti/50th Reunion Class Reception held June 12 at the Otterbein College Campus Center. Over 600 alumni took part in activities during Alumni Weekend June 12-14, attending functions on and off campus.

DeVore Named Head of Ohio College Assn.

Otterbein President C. Brent DeVore recently assumed the office of president of the Ohio College Association.

The association, which includes many public and private Ohio colleges and universities which meet its standards, was formed in 1867 to promote the cause of higher education within the state. The organization, as a Forum of

Presidents, encourages interinstitutional communication and cooperative endeavors.

In addition to general leadership during the one-year term, DeVore's responsibilities as president of the OCA will include presiding at business meetings, chairing the executive committee, appointing committees and consultation duties.

Homecoming '87 Will Spotlight Music Alums

Start making return-to-campus plans. The advance word on what's coming up for the 1987-88 Otterbein Homecoming is "fun."

According to alumni director Jack Pietila, this year's event, to be held on campus Oct. 10., will be themed "Once Upon a Time."

Music department alums—including all bands, choirs and ensembles—will be spotlighted guests and have a chance to congregate and reminisce with former classmates and professors "under the Big Top" tent at the corner of Main and Grove streets. A free Otterbein mug will be given to each music alum who registers in the

tent, and a dinner will be held later that evening in honor of returning music alumni.

The traditional "O" Club Banquet will be held, as well as the Homecoming Parade, Otter Brunch, Marching Band pre-game show and coronation of Otterbein's new royalty. Opponents for the 1987-88 Homecoming football game will be Capital University.

"This year," Pietila adds, "marks the inaugural of a 5-K running event to be held within the line-up of festivities." Details for the run are in the planning stages along with special activities for children.

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Faculty and Staff news 'n notes

In the Office of Admission... **Tom Yarnell**, director of financial aid, and **Phil Bovenizer**, assistant director of admission, were active in representing Otterbein during Financial Aid Awareness Month in Ohio. In connection with the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, they made presentations at many area high schools. Mr. Bovenizer also attended the College Board Midwestern Regional meeting in Chicago with **Dan Pohl**, assistant director of admission. Fourteen states were represented in the conferences, with participants including admission and financial aid personnel and guidance counselors. Mr. Pohl, who will be working on a master's degree in interpersonal communication at Miami University during 1987-88, has been accepted for a graduate assistantship at the university's admission office.

In the business and economics department... **Patrick Lewis**, associate professor of business administration and economics, returned from his sabbatical tour of the Soviet Union. Dr. Lewis, who visited Moscow, Leningrad, Yerevan and Tbilisi, was interviewed by the *Columbus Dispatch* concerning his experiences. **Richard Heffelfinger**, assistant professor of business administration and economics/accounting, led two Otterbein teams to a Tau Phi Phi (national business honorary) competition at Westminster College in North Wilmington, Pa., in April. One of the teams placed second.

In the speech department... Adjunct faculty member **Tom Borgerding** received a state award from the Associated Press of Ohio for

Artist Series Offers Entertainment Variety in '88

Season ticket subscriptions for the Otterbein 1987-88 Artist Series are now available at a reduced rate. Subscribers will be able to attend six exciting events for a one-time price of \$25. Individual tickets are normally \$8 each for the four regular Series events, and \$5 each for the two bonus attractions.

Now in its 34th year, the current Artist Series line-up offers more than ever before in top entertainment. An appealing variety of dance, music, comedy and drama will highlight the season.

Opening the season on Sept. 24 will be a production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical revue. The show, praised by Broadway critics and audiences, captures the roadside spirit of smalltown America.

The Cincinnati Symphony, fifth oldest symphony orchestra in the U.S., will perform on Oct. 28 under the direction of associate conductor David Loebel. On Feb. 10 comedian/juggler Michael Davis, who has

outstanding broadcast writing within the state. Mr. Borgerding was honored during an awards ceremony held in April in Dayton for his series of reports on Zanesville and the decline in the coal industry. The award-winning reports were aired on National Public Radio.

In the Office of College Relations... **Patricia Kessler**, director of college relations, was interviewed concerning Otterbein's arts events for the "Cultural Happening" television program which aired at regular intervals on local cable stations. Mrs. Kessler also arranged for a photographic display, including descriptive informational panels about the College, to be on display March 17 through April 30 at the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association in New York City.

In the Education department... **Roger Deibel**, associate professor of education, recently coordinated a WOCC cable television program hosted by Otterbein director of TV production, **David Doney**, detailing how trained dogs can aid physically handicapped persons confined to wheel chairs. Dr. Deibel was recently honored by being selected District 13-F Lion of the Year for his active participation at the local, state and district levels of Lionism.

In the home economics department... **Eleanor Roman**, assistant professor of home economics, was the keynote speaker at a recent American Heart Association workshop held for heads of food service programs from Ohio.

appeared on such major TV shows as Saturday Night Live, The David Letterman Show, Dick Cavett and 20/20, will perform his unique show for Artist Series audiences. The North Carolina Dance Theatre is slated to appear at Otterbein on April 15. With 18 artists that perform works from classical to contemporary, the group is one of the most respected touring companies in America today.

Bonus features of the coming Series include a Jan. 14 performance by the Queen City Brass, a quintet that features an array of classical, contemporary, jazz and ragtime; and a concert by internationally acclaimed folksinger Bill Crofut.

All Artists Series performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Performances, with the exception of the two bonus attractions, will be held in Cowan Hall. The two bonus events will be held in the Battelle Fine Arts Center on campus. For season ticket information write: Otterbein Artist Series, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081—or call (614) 898-1600.

Calendar of Events

July

- 7 Otterbein Summer Theatre presents "The Real Thing," 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Theatre
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- 2 Otterbein Summer Theatre presents "The Dresser," 2:30 and 8:00 p.m., Campus Center Theatre

September

- 9-12 New Student Weekend (Residence halls open)
- 10 Adult Degree Program orientation
- 11 Weekend College begins
- 14 Fall Term begins
- 14 Art exhibit (paintings of C.Y. Woo), Dunlap Gallery, Battelle Fine Arts Center (through Oct. 18)
- 17 Academic Convocation to honor bicentennial of U.S. Constitution, 11:00, Cowan Hall
- 24 Artist Series presentation of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," 7:30 p.m., Cowan Hall