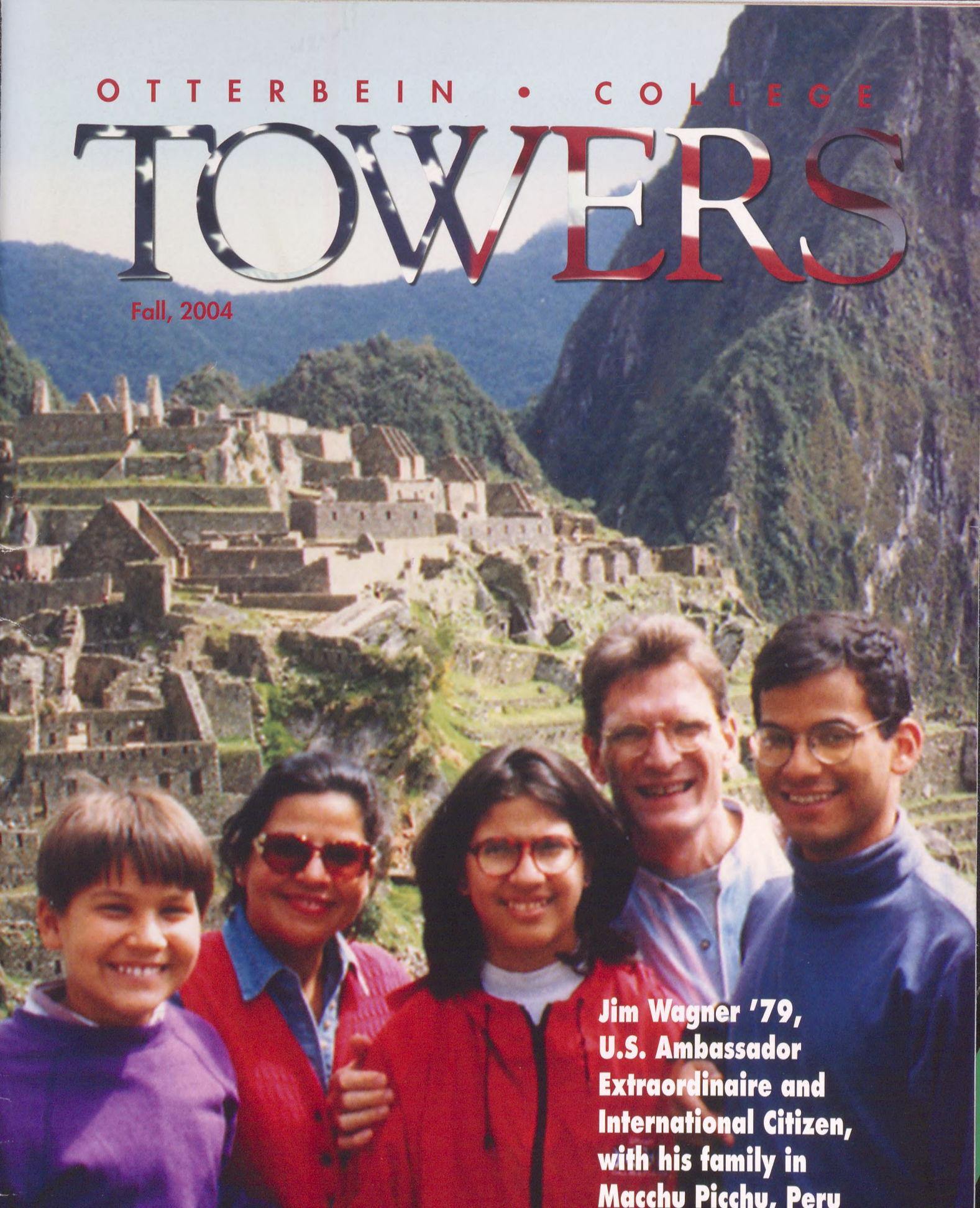


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**Jim Wagner '79,  
U.S. Ambassador  
Extraordinaire and  
International Citizen,  
with his family in  
Macchu Picchu, Peru**



# Otterbein Love Song

*Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill/Music by Grant Grabill, Class of 1900*

In a quiet peaceful village  
    there is one we love so true.  
She ever gives a welcome  
    to her friends both old and new  
She stands serene  
    'mid tree tops green,  
She's our dear Otterbein

## CHORUS:

Old Otterbein our college,  
    we sing of thee today.  
Our memories round thee linger  
    in a sweet and mystic way.  
O Otterbein, we love thee,  
    our hearts are only thine,  
We pledge anew, we will be true,  
    Dear Otterbein.

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# College News

compiled by Jenny Hill

An enhancement to Courtright Memorial Library adds the Cyber Café, right, and three classrooms to the old overhang area by the main entrance on the east side.



## The Ever Changing Face of Otterbein

Alumni visiting campus this school year might notice some improvements to “Our Dear Otterbein.” Over the summer, construction began throughout campus that will change the face of Otterbein with updates and expansions to benefit the students of today and tomorrow.

The most involved renovation on campus is to Cowan Hall, site of the College’s largest theatre, where many of the theatrical, musical and other cultural events on campus are presented. The majority of the \$1.4 million project is earmarked for structural changes that will vastly improve the facility’s acoustics. All new seats and the Dr. Charles W. Dodrill Lobby round out the project, which will be completed by the end of 2004.

The first Otterbein College Theatre production staged in the renovated theatre will be *Dance 2005* on March 3-6, 2005.

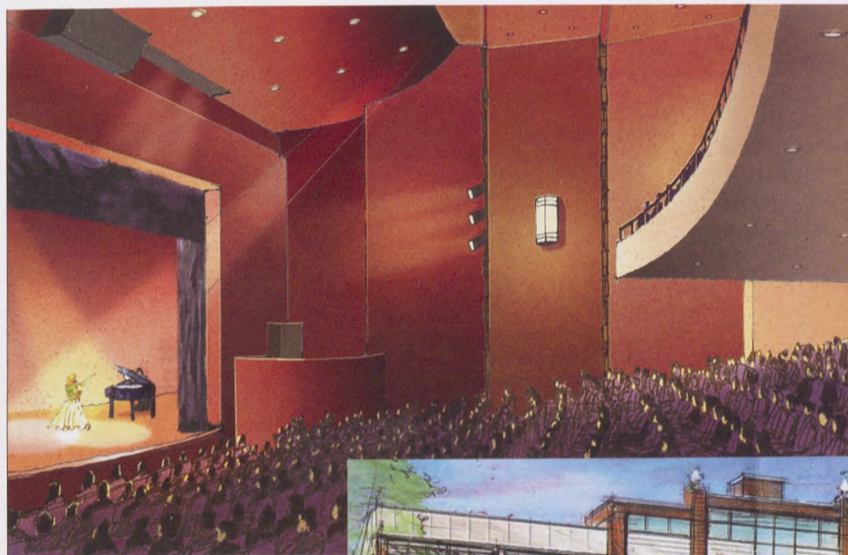
In keeping with the growing popularity of coffee shops among the American public, and college students in particular, Otterbein has added a Cyber Café to its food service offerings as part of a renovation of the Courtright Memorial Library.

Completed over the summer, the renovation adds three classrooms and the Cyber Café, which will include wireless Internet connection, under the former overhang to the east side of the library, where the entrance to the building is located. New handicapped accessible doors provide easy access to the building, and first floor public rest rooms have been added.

While the construction was completed in time for the opening of the autumn quarter, the equipment necessary to furnish the Cyber Café is being installed during the first six weeks of classes. Once completed, this area will provide a relaxing atmosphere for students to meet with friends, work on group projects for classes or study between classes.

Workers also spent the summer making improvements to Mayne Hall. According to Director of Residence Life Joyce Jadwin, this project is part of a larger plan of residence hall improvements.

“Each year the college is spending approximately \$500,000 on improving the residence halls. This is a multi-year process,” Jadwin said. “We started in 1999 with Davis Annex. Our



Cowan Hall, above, is having major renovation work done. For a rendering of the new Dr. Charles W. Dodrill Lobby, see the inside front cover of this magazine. At right is a rendering of the new football stadium, which will be ready for the 2005 season.




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**“With the addition of the new stadium, we’ll have one of the best sports complexes in the conference.” -- Vice Pres. for Student Affairs Bob Gatti**

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next renovation was Davis Hall. This past summer we completed the three-year renovation program in Mayne Hall. Given the funding and time constraints (completing the work over the summer only), it takes two to three years to do one building.”

“During the renovation we purchased new furniture, upgraded mechanical systems, added all new finishes (painting, crown molding, cabinetry) and often added features that provide more handicap accessibility,” Jadwin said.

According to Jadwin, the renovations are critical for many reasons. “Some of the buildings have had very little major work done since they were built. Electrical systems, heating and plumbing are all being addressed through this renovation.”

In addition, Jadwin said the expectations of students and families have changed over the years. “Students ‘shop’ for residence halls as part of making a decision about where to go to college. Students want and expect Internet access, voicemail, cable, flexible and up-to-date furnishings and other amenities within the residence hall. Additionally, most students have grown up with their own room and often their own bathroom. Living in a residence hall is a vastly different experience but students expect the same comforts. Finally, we need to be able to provide environments which allow students room to study, meet other students and grow during their college experience,” Jadwin said. “Offering computer lab space for group projects, lounges for social

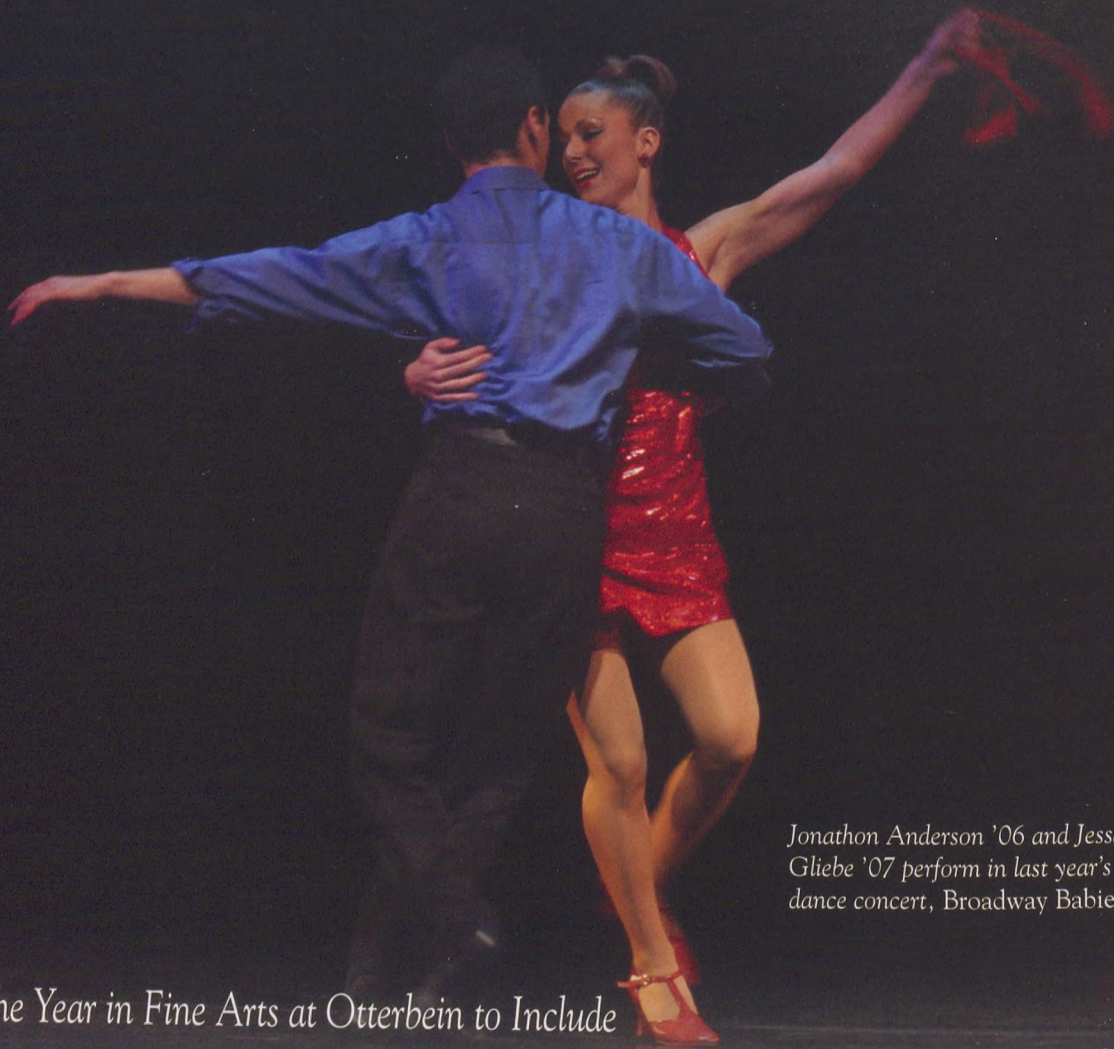
activities and floor lounges for quiet study is critical to enhancing the academic focus and experience of students living in the residence halls.”

Also, for the convenience of students, additional parking has been added on Center Street between Home Street and Davis Hall. This project provides 156 spaces to serve the parking needs of commuter and resident students, as well as faculty and staff. The lot will provide additional parking for athletics and other events on campus.

Beginning in 2005, Otterbein will be playing football in a new home as construction of a \$2.7 million football stadium grandstand is scheduled to begin in October.

“This new stadium will complete the multi-year upgrade of our sports

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Jonathon Anderson '06 and Jessalyn Gliebe '07 perform in last year's dance concert, *Broadway Babies*.

*The Year in Fine Arts at Otterbein to Include*

## Shakespeare, African Art, Opera, & More...

Continuing its tradition of excellence in fine arts offerings to enrich the education of students and the community alike, Otterbein announces a superb line-up of music, theatre and arts events.

The newest member of Otterbein's fine arts community, The Frank Museum of Art will present two new exhibitions this fall, *Life Patterns: Art from New Guinea* and *Threads of Time: African Textiles from the Otterbein College Collection*.

Albert Germanson, professor emeritus at Otterbein, curated the New Guinea exhibition. It includes pottery, masks, sculpture, shields and related artifacts from the Otterbein College collection, the Albert Ger-

manson collection, LaGrange, Indiana, and the Charles Gerhardt collection, Lebanon, Ohio. Many of the Otterbein collection works were gifts from David and Karina Rilling of Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

*Threads of Time: African Textiles from the Otterbein College Collection* presents a rich array of African textiles from the College's collection including small woven caps and a large-scale Kente cloth. Most of the works have never been exhibited before. The exhibition is made possible by a generous gift to the museum by William Ward of Solon, Ohio. Mr. Ward's gift will underwrite regular textile and fiber-related exhibitions at the Museum and was given in memory of his

wife, **Evelyn Svec Ward '43**, an accomplished fiber artist.

The exhibitions opened on Wednesday, Sept. 15 and continues through Nov. 19. Museum hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum will be open for Homecoming, on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Frank Museum of Art is located at 39 S. Vine St., Westerville.

This year's Children's Theatre Production, *The Ugly Duckling + 2* will bring to life the classic storybook tales of Hans Christian Andersen, through the creative insight of playwright and director Doreen Dunn.

Dunn has adapted the children's classics *The Ugly Duckling*, *Thumbelina*

and *The Brave Tin Soldier* for the stage through a special grant given by the Otterbein College Enrichment Series. In this new take on the classics, young Hans has a terrific imagination – one so real that the voices in his head actually come to life. Simon Scowell (complete with British accent), Tenacious Q, Cartman Copy and others join Hans on stage and encourage him to create his first story. Through their instruction, his stories come to life. Children will be inspired to use their imagination to do some writing of their own in this creative play.

New York choreographer **Dan Knechtges '94** will be assisting with the performance, making it a production sure to please children and parents alike.

*The Ugly Duckling + 2* will run from Nov. 12-14 at Westerville Central High School, 7118 Mt. Royal Ave., Westerville. The Nov. 12 show will begin at 7:30 p.m., the Nov. 13 show at 10 a.m. and the Nov. 14 show at 2 p.m.

All the world's a stage, and the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express has played it. For nearly two decades, this performance troupe has delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic with its bold, energetic productions of the works of William Shakespeare and his contemporaries. This winter, this versatile and engaging group returns to Otterbein as part of the Otterbein Enrichment Series to present a series of six daytime workshops and three of Shakespeare's plays from Feb. 14-17, 2005.

Praised by critics for "blowing the cobwebs out of Elizabethan drama," The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express delights audiences at home and abroad with a fresh, energetic approach to Shakespeare. The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express promises "shamelessly entertaining" productions.

By following the basic principles of Renaissance theatrical production, The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express has always attempted to give its audiences some of the pleasures that an Elizabethan playgoer would have enjoyed. Among these principles are

universal lighting, so that the actors can see and engage with their audience; doubling of actors so that a small troupe can perform a play with many parts; and modern costumes with elements designed to distinguish character, rank and role. In addition, The Shenandoah Shakespeare Express accompanies their performances with music and uses simple sets that sometimes employ boxes or set pieces to indicate location or provide a changing area and always relies on the audience's imagination to piece out any imperfections.

On Feb. 14, woo your Valentine with *She Stoops to Conquer*. One of the comic jewels of the English theatre, *She Stoops to Conquer* lampoons the quirks and customs of 18th-century England, from matchmaking and marriage to character and class. Aptly subtitled *The Mistakes of a Night*, this lighthearted farce turns several imminent romances upside down through an absurd series of deceptions, disguises and mistaken identities. It's a wildly funny romp through the English countryside.

On Feb. 15, the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express will present *Measure for Measure*. Considered one of Shakespeare's "problem plays," this exploration of the arrogance of power hovers tantalizingly between comedy and tragedy. Isabella, a nun in training and the play's heroine, must decide whether or not to ransom her brother from a death sentence by giving her body to Angelo, the hypocritical deputy Duke who sternly enforces the chastity laws that put Isabella's brother in jail. All the while, the real Duke, who has supposedly traveled to Poland, watches events unfold, lurking through the land disguised as a friar.

The final performance will be *Twelfth Night* on Feb. 16. In *Twelfth Night*, one of his most popular plays, Shakespeare creates comedy at every elevation, from low slapstick to high

irony. Writing at the height of his powers, Shakespeare gives us a feast of language and a stage full of memorable characters – from the lovesick Orsino and Viola to the ale-sick Toby Belch and the fop Sir Andrew Aguecheek. *Twelfth Night* breaks rules and bends gender to show love in all its guises and disguises.



Evelyn Svec Ward '43  
(from the 1942 Sibyl)

All plays will be performed at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. The plays are free and open to the public. From March 3-6, the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Otterbein Enrichment Series bring to the renovated Cowan Hall stage the annual dance concert, *Dance 2005*, this year featuring a second act by Randy Skinner, the award-winning director and choreographer whose work has encompassed Broadway.

Skinner will come to campus, choreograph and teach Otterbein students and offer a master class/information session to the campus community. He will also give sound bites (via pre-recorded video) about his life as a Broadway dancer.

Selected faculty and student choreographers will showcase our students in original compositions in the first act of the show. Skinner's second act, *The Training of the Broadway Gypsy*, will give the audience a glimpse behind the Broadway curtain, featuring short pieces of tap, ballroom, jazz and ballet in a rehearsal atmosphere. Skinner received a Tony Award nomination for Best Choreography for the 2001 revival of *42nd Street*. His other Broadway credits include co-director and choreographer for the world premiere of *Rodgers and Hammerstein's State Fair* and choreographer for *Ain't Broadway Grand*. Skinner staged the London, Australia, Amsterdam and two U.S. national companies' productions of *42nd Street*. He also choreographed and played the leading role of Val in a

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and recreational facilities," said Otterbein President Brent DeVore shortly after the Otterbein College Board of Trustees approved the financing plan last May.

"It will have state-of-the-art locker rooms, a training room and equipment room," said Otterbein Head Football Coach **Joe Loth '91**. "It will be a great place to not only play in, but also to come watch us play."

The new grandstand, to be built on Center Street on the same site as the present Memorial Stadium, will be financed through private funds, raised through the Clements Foundation and the Otterbein "O" Club, both long-time contributors to athletics and academic programs at Otterbein.

Demolition of Memorial Stadium, built in 1948, will begin right after Homecoming, said Bob Gatti, Otterbein Vice President for Student Affairs. Otterbein will play the Polar Bears of Ohio Northern at Homecoming, which is scheduled for Oct. 16.

"We wanted our seniors to play three games at home," Gatti said.

The new stadium, with handicap access, will feature seating for 2,400 people, including a reserved section in the middle with 500 stadium chairs, and a press box. Corna-Kokosing Construction Company has been selected to build the new grandstand.

Over the last four years, Otterbein has added the Clements Recreation and Fitness Center, a new softball field and new tennis courts to its athletics complex.

"With the addition of the new stadium," Gatti said, "we have one of the best athletics complexes in the conference." ■

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highly acclaimed production of *Babes In Arms* directed by the legendary Ginger Rogers.

Dance 2005 will be held in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville. The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. All other performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

From May 1-4, 2005, the Department of Music will sponsor the Women in Music Festival, featuring performers and seminars on a decidedly female note. Libby Larsen, one of America's foremost composers, will be the featured guest artist during the event and has written a commissioned piece for Otterbein. Larsen received a Grammy in 1994 for a recording of her sonnets from the Portuguese and in 2003, the Library of Congress named her the first holder of the Harissios Papmarko Chair in Education and Technology. She will serve as keynote speaker and clinician during the festival.

The festival opens Sunday evening, May 1, with a concert by the Westerville Symphony at Otterbein College at 7:00 p.m. One of Ms.

Larsen's pieces will be included in the evening, and she and Music Director Peter Stafford Wilson will present a joint pre-concert lecture.

The festival continues on Monday afternoon, May 2, at 1:00, with a full schedule of events, culminating in a concert at 8:00 p.m., which will include Larsen's commissioned piece performed by the Otterbein Chamber Ensemble.

On Tuesday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m., Opera Theatre will present an evening of one-act operas by women composers, and the festival concludes with a veena concert presented by Indian artist Veenai Jayanthi at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. The Westerville Symphony concert will take place at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and tickets are available by calling 614-890-5523. All other events are free and open to the public and will be held in Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center, 140 W. Park St., Westerville.

For more fine art and educational enrichment opportunities, view Otterbein's calendar of events at [www.otterbein.edu/calendar/index.asp](http://www.otterbein.edu/calendar/index.asp). ■

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Under the direction of Professors Gary Tirey and Jeffrey Boehm, the CD showcases many of the College's historic pieces, such as Kris Lehman's and Paul Shartle's arrangement of "The Otterbein Love Song," Glenn Grabill's "Fight Song," arranged by both Lehman and Tirey, as well as many other favorites. In addition, the CD features spoken commentaries by several of the composers and arrangers represented on the recording, including Anthony Zilincik, Jim Shackson and Grammy Award winner Marvin Hamlisch. An added attraction is a complete history of the Otterbein College bands written by music alumnus and College archivist Stephen Grinch.

CDs are available for \$20 each. Proceeds beyond the costs of the recording will benefit the band program.

To purchase, call Professor Tirey at 614-823-1608 or email him at [gtirey@otterbein.edu](mailto:gtirey@otterbein.edu).





Jim Wagner with his wife, Ruth, overlooking Florence, Italy.

# He's been shot, taken hostage, and battled tarantulas in the shower, but Jim Wagner '79 loves **Serving his Country**

by Jenny Hill

**I**n this election year, the political climate has focused a lot of energy on foreign diplomacy. One Otterbein alumnus, **Jim Wagner '79**, has been in the thick of international relations for the government of the United States since he joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1981. He has dedicated his entire career to improving the relations between his homeland and the various countries in which he has served, while gracefully tackling situations from tarantulas in the shower to a diplomat party that resulted in Jim spending five days as a hostage of Peruvian terrorists.

Jim has had an interest in foreign relations since he was a high school student in Dayton, Ohio. After graduating from West Carrollton High

School, he took a year before college and went to Japan as a Rotary exchange student.

"I was the first exchange student to be sent to this very small town in southern Japan," he said. "The population was around 10,000. Despite the hardships of small-town life when I was struggling to learn Japanese, I probably had a better exposure to traditional Japanese home life than if I had been sent to a big city."

After his year in Japan, Jim came to Otterbein, where he was a member of the student senate and the student representative on the curriculum committee. Through the independent major program, Jim created his own major of international studies, which is now a major offered through the Department of History and Political

Science. As part of his major, he participated in the Semester in Washington program, which introduced him to the federal government. After returning from Washington, Jim worked at the Ohio Legislature's Budget Office during his last semester of college.

Originally, Jim had considered becoming a translator or interpreter. Eventually, he changed his mind. "I knew myself well enough to realize that I didn't want to facilitate a conversation across cultures; I wanted to be part of the conversation," he said. "While on the Washington semester, I sat for the written examination for the Foreign Service and started looking seriously at jobs in the State Department."

According to Jim, the process of joining the Foreign Service has not

changed a lot through the years. It requires a written exam, which Jim compares to a college entrance exam. Those who pass (approximately 10% when Jim tested in 1979) are eligible to take a daylong oral evaluation. Those who pass the oral exams (again, approximately 10% passed when Jim tested) are given medical and security background screenings. The process lasts 1-2 years and successful candidates are placed into a skill roster: political, economic, administrative, consular or public diplomacy, which was added after Jim entered the Service. As job openings became available, they were offered to people on the various rosters.

When Jim passed his written test, he was invited back for the oral exams. At that point, he had to fly from Columbus to Washington, D.C., on a Thursday to take a Friday exam. His flight was delayed and rerouted due to a pilot strike, and he didn't arrive at his hotel until 3 a.m.

He overslept but managed to wake up, dress and get to the testing center on time. "I must have looked a mess, especially compared to other applicants, most who were extremely uptight, over-dressed in expensive suits and with silk ties and matching pocket handkerchiefs," Jim said. "I guess that I was so amused at the series of mishaps that had befallen me in getting to the test center, that I took the entire day in stride. Later, I learned that I was the only person that day that passed the evaluation."

Jim went to Georgetown University where he earned his master's degree in Foreign Service. However, because of the program, he had to turn down his first job offer with the Service. He took the second offer, which came in the spring of 1981.

Jim's first position was as a consular and personnel officer in Managua, Nicaragua, "only two short years since the revolution that swept the Sandinistas into power."

The anti-American sentiments of the Sandinista leadership, as well as its policies against organized religion, made life difficult for the embassy

employees. "From the Sandinista party anthem that identified the United States as 'the enemies of mankind' to the billboards that greeted you announcing that the 'eyes and ears of the revolution are on you 24-hours a day,' Managua was a very difficult political environment for U.S. officials," Jim said. "The Sandinistas set up their own religion and expelled missionaries. As the embassy officer responsible for protection of U.S. citizens, I have vivid memories of escorting American missionaries to the airport as the Sandinista immigration police were deporting them."

"I worked with American civilians a lot there. One American was shipwrecked, and his documents went down with the ship. He was kept in jail for three months until the Americans proved his identity," Jim said. "Other people assigned to the Embassy were held for no reason. One was held for a traffic accident. I stayed with him to make sure he wasn't mistreated."

The hostile environment actually helped Jim to become fluent in Spanish. "In Nicaragua, I was stopped by all officers everywhere I went – immigration officers even stopped me in a grocery parking lot. I learned Spanish to defend myself against the harassment."

"The U.S. Embassy stayed despite the political environment to align with non-Sandinista organizations, like the newspapers and the social welfare organizations," Jim said. "Despite the harsh government, the Nicaraguan people are some of the nicest you'll ever meet."

However difficult his job might have been, Jim will never regret his time in Managua, particularly because that was where he met his wife "over a piece of fruitcake at a Christmas party."

"My wife, Ruth, was born in Managua of a Nicaraguan father and a U.S. citizen mother. She grew up in a home where every Christmas, family and friends in the U.S. would send tins of fruitcake as gifts, but just like in the United States, no one ever seemed to eat the fruitcake, except my wife who thought it was exotic. So, in

December 1981, my wife accepted her mother's offer to accompany her to an 'American Christmas party' where there surely would be fresh fruitcake."

Jim and Ruth met at that party, and Jim came to admire the cake he won't eat himself. "I'm not a fruitcake fan, but for our December wedding, I baked fruitcakes and passed them to the guests as presents."

Another challenging time in Jim's career was his 1998-2002 stint as counselor for law enforcement and narcotics issues for the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. "The member nations of the European Union have been slow in integrating their legal systems, despite the rapid evolution that has occurred in melding the economic, trade and political policies. Likewise, it was difficult to make Washington offices understand that we needed to rethink our abilities to investigate and bring criminals to justice in a Europe-wide context," Jim said. "I shepherded through some very novel and creative approaches which eventually led to agreements between the United States and the European Union on extradition, legal assistance and police cooperation."

In this position, Jim also faced the immediate aftermath of the September 11 tragedy on the world. "I was the USG representative who, on the 13th of September 2001, made a passionate appeal to the senior justice representatives from the 15 member states of the EU to set aside our preexisting concepts of cooperation against terrorism and to find the means for our police and judicial services to track down terrorists," he said. "It was a not-to-be-forgotten meeting."

Despite taking on some difficult jobs, Jim has had some very rewarding experiences, including his time as political officer on the Mexico desk at the State Department in Washington, D.C., from 1993-1996. "In my time there, Mexico underwent a massive social, political and economic upheaval – entry into the North American Free Trade Agreement, an armed uprising in the southern state



*Clockwise from topleft:*  
Mayan ruins in Tikal,  
Guatemala. Jim and Ivan  
Wagner with dancers at a New  
Year's Festival in Peru. The  
dancers go through the village  
with whips driving out sin. Ruth  
Wagner in Lourdes, France.  
James Wagner at a Franciscan  
monastery in Ocapa, Peru.

of Chiapas, the assassination of the leading presidential candidate, a second assassination of a major figure in the ruling party, a crisis in the value of the Mexican peso which threatened to bring down various major banks throughout the world. It was exciting and non-stop work and I was an integral part of the change in the manner in which we deal with Mexico and in the changes that were so greatly needed within Mexico itself."

His 23-year career has also included the positions of aid to the U.S. ambassador at the embassy in Madrid, Spain (1983-1985); watch officer in the State Department Operations Center in Washington, D.C. (1985-1986); political officer in the U.S. Consulate in Cebu, Philippines (1986-1988); consul (head of post) at the U.S. Consulate in Maracaibo, Venezuela (1988-1991); desk officer for the Dominican Republic at the State Department in Washington, D.C. (1991-1993); head of the political section at the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru (1996-1998); and deputy director for Central America at the State Department in Wash-

ington, D.C., (2002-present).

Outside of work, Jim must make adjustments when he moves to a new country. "What I have found normal might be unusual for others. Like finding a tarantula in the shower," Jim said.

"I've been shot at and even shot. That's what being in the Foreign Service is about these days. It is not a glamorous, movie-type job. It's dangerous," Jim said. "In Venezuela, I was driving a nice car, and I was carjacked five minutes from my house by two men with guns. They took my car and then shot my leg."

"At first, I thought he missed because I didn't feel anything," Jim said. "Then I looked down and saw blood gushing out and I collapsed. The bullet went straight through my leg. When the men were gone, a good Samaritan took me to the hospital."

"The world isn't like the United States, and we don't understand how dangerous the rest of the world is," he said. "We in the West, especially in the United States, live in rarefied lives. We are surrounded with excess. Our exposure to harsh reality is usual-

ly limited to surreal Hollywood movies or pumped-up video game thrills."

"Americans are the most open, transparent, trusting and naïve people in the world," he added.

Also in Venezuela, Jim faced a kidnapping threat made against a "senior U.S. government official in western Venezuela – which meant me." According to Jim, those who made the threat were most likely drug traffickers, and he was assigned a security detail.

Guards were often employed in household residences of U.S. government officials to guard against everyday crimes. Sometimes they were helpful in other ways, according to Jim. "In Managua one day, a door wouldn't open when I tried to turn the knob. I pushed the door open and a black coral snake landed at my feet. It was stunned so it didn't move, and I backed away. The air conditioning had made the snake lethargic when it had found its way into the house, but I was worried about my 7-year-old son

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Miguel Ortiz '00 is the pride of the

# THE LION KING

by Jenny Hill



Miguel Ortiz '00

In May, two semi-trailer trucks rolled into Columbus, bringing Disney Theatrical Productions' national tour of *The Lion King* to its June 4-July 11 engagement at the Ohio Theatre downtown. And with the production came 26-year-old **Miguel Ortiz '00**, the guest services manager for the tour.

Over two years earlier, on February 17, 2002, Miguel was spending his 24th birthday working as an usher at *The Lion King* on Broadway. He and some coworkers were throwing a ball of string around when his boss came up to him and said he needed to see him

after the show. Miguel was sure he was in trouble, but the boss told him he had recommended him for a new job with Disney Theatrical Productions.

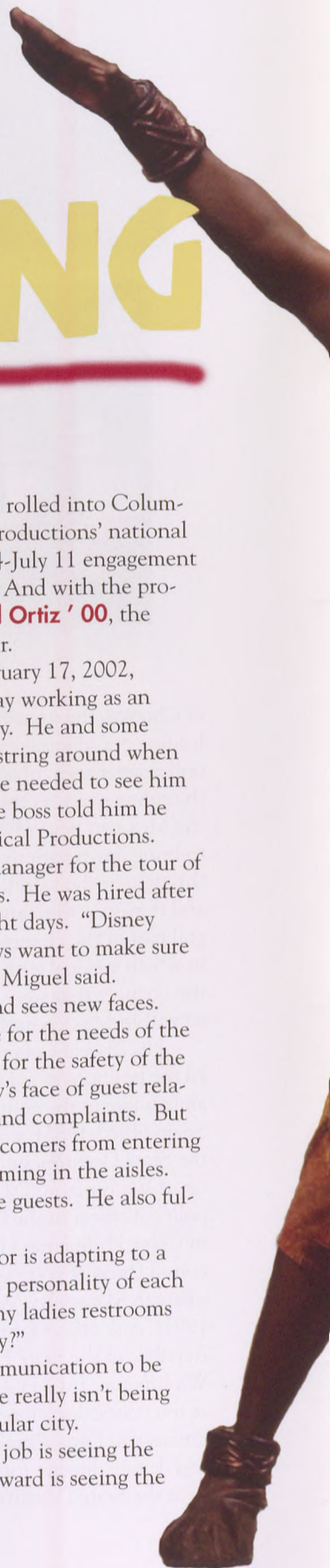
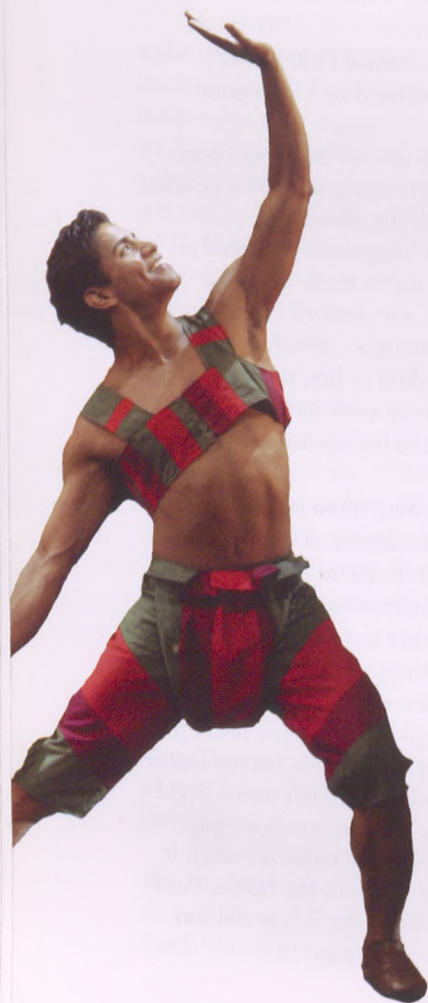
The job would turn out to be that of guest services manager for the tour of *The Lion King*, a position that no other Broadway tour has. He was hired after a grueling interview process involving 10 people over eight days. "Disney wanted to make sure I could handle pressure. They always want to make sure they are putting a good Disney representative out there," Miguel said.

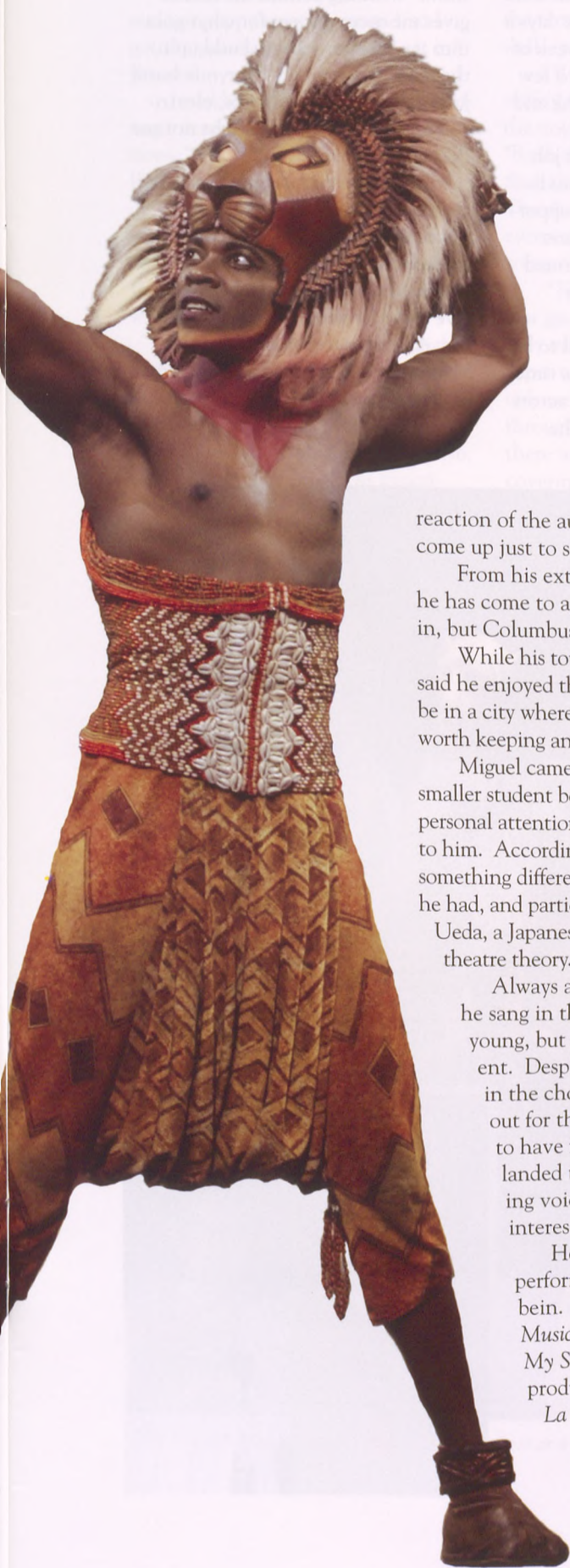
Everyday on the tour, Miguel has new experiences and sees new faces. With 110 people in the production, Miguel is responsible for the needs of the show inside and outside the actual theatre. He looks out for the safety of the performers and crew, as well as the guests. He is the show's face of guest relations, solving seating problems and taking compliments and complaints. But he also makes sure the show starts on time and keeps latecomers from entering during the opening number, which involves actors performing in the aisles. This restriction is both for the safety of the actors and the guests. He also fulfills the merchandizing needs of the tour.

The major challenge he faces as guest services director is adapting to a new theatre every six to nine weeks. "I have to learn the personality of each new city. Do people typically come late there? How many ladies restrooms are there? Even how do people communicate in each city?"

Miguel said that in some cities it is common for communication to be harsher. So when an usher seems to be rude to a guest, he really isn't being rude at all. That's just how people interact in that particular city.

According to Miguel, the most rewarding part of his job is seeing the audience fall in love with *The Lion King*. "The biggest reward is seeing the





*Above:* Futhi Mhlongo as “Rafiki” in the opening number, “The Circle of Life.” *At left:* Alan Mingo Jr. as “Simba,” singing “He Lives in You.” Both photos by Joan Marcus and © 2003, Disney.

reaction of the audience during the show. People will see my nametag and come up just to say how fantastic the show was. That is the best part.”

From his extensive travels and his time living in New York City, he said he has come to appreciate Columbus. “There are not many cities I could live in, but Columbus is one of them,” he said.

While his touring coworkers have grown to be his family, Miguel said he enjoyed the tour stop in Columbus. “I’m fortunate to be in a city where so many friends live – friends who are worth keeping and who really work at it.”

Miguel came to Otterbein because of the smaller student body and the opportunity for personal attention from professors appealed to him. According to Miguel, he learned something different from each professor he had, and particularly remembers Aya Ueda, a Japanese professor of musical theatre theory.

Always a performer, Miguel says he sang in the car often while he was young, but never thought he had talent. Despite this, he decided to sing in the chorus in high school and try out for the school musical. He began to have faith in his talent when he landed the lead role. He began taking voice lessons and pursuing his interest in singing more seriously.

He had many opportunities to perform on stage while at Otterbein. He was in the cast of *The Musical Flute, 1776*, *Pinocchio*, *My Secret Garden*, the workshop production of *Yerma* and Act 2 of *La Bohème* as Schaunard.

Miguel graduated in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in

musical theatre and moved to New York City. "Right after graduation, I intended to stay in Columbus, but my parents pushed me to move to New York right away and supported me so that I could pursue my career rather than ending up staying in Columbus for good," he said.

Without a job waiting for him in New York, Miguel began temping while pursuing an acting career. Eventually, he took a day job with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals while ushering at night for *The Lion King* on Broadway.

"I would work (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at Pfizer and (6:30-11:00 p.m.)

at *The Lion King* with a one-hour walk between the two. I worked five days a week for Pfizer and 8 shows a week of *The Lion King*," he said. "After a few months it became overwhelming and I had no time to audition."

Miguel eventually quit his job with Pfizer and spent his days auditioning for acting jobs. Some opportunities arose, including a cabaret that he and some friends performed at Don't Tell Mamas, a popular nightclub in New York City.

While his aspiration is still to be on stage, Miguel is enjoying his time behind the scenes. "On stage, actors forget what it takes to put on the

show. Working behind the scenes gives me more respect for what goes into it. So many things build up to the start of the show. Everyone has a job to do – wardrobe, props, electricians, sound. An actor might not see these things," he said.

"Being onstage is great, too. I get and give with the other few actors on the stage. Out here, everyone needs something from me. It's a give situation out here, whereas it's a give and receive situation on stage."

As for his dream of acting, Miguel said, "There is plenty of time to do it all." ■



**Above:** "The Lionesses" in the haunting "Shadowland." Photo by Joan Marcus and © 2003, Disney. **Right:** Miguel with Jamie Sponcil '00, who also works behind the scenes on the *Lion King* National Tour.



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and our puppy running around, so I got the guard on duty to come get it," Jim said.

In addition, locals were employed as gardeners or other household positions. "Once we had an iguana family living in our patio grill. They sunned on the patio, and the largest was the size of a small dog. I told the gardener that if he caught them, he could eat them, and the iguanas were gone within 24 hours."

Some of Jim's memories are light and funny, while others take a more serious note, like the hostage situation in which Jim and his wife found themselves on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996, while working in Peru. His experience was recently featured in a program on The History Channel.

That day, Jim and Ruth were celebrating their wedding anniversary, but were invited to a big diplomatic party at the Japanese Embassy. "We didn't want to go, so we arrived 45 minutes late. We went through the receiving line and walked to the patio.

Immediately, there was an explosion – the terrorists had blasted through the wall – and shooting."

"We were speaking to the chief of staff of the president of Peru, who said the noise was fireworks," Jim said. "Ruth thought the sound was more than that, and we went back inside. The shooting lasted 15 minutes, with everyone on the floor and bullets going through the air like fireflies."

"The Peruvian police unleashed tear gas, but the terrorists were the only ones with gas masks. We used paper napkins soaked in whatever liquids were accessible to breathe through," said Jim. "On the sofa, there was an elderly Japanese lady covering her mouth, breathing through her nose. I reached up and pinched her nose closed. It turned out that woman was the president's (of Peru) mother, and I was helping a woman that the terrorists were looking for."

"The terrorists let all the women go right away. They had hundreds of people and started letting groups go to

get to a manageable level. The Americans were released on the Sunday after we were taken hostage," Jim said. "The MRTA terrorist groups kept the Peruvian and Japanese hostages until April. Their goal was to free some of their own people who had been imprisoned."

"In those four months, Peruvian soldiers had been trained and finally stormed the house. They killed all the terrorists inside, and two commandos and a hostage died. The house was destroyed."

"The hostage who died was a Peruvian Supreme Court justice who hid in the closet and was shot through the door," Jim said. "It wasn't clear whose bullet had killed him, but the government reported he died of a heart attack."

Jim was looking for a "mental health break" for himself and his family when he took his next position in Brussels, Belgium, which turned into another difficult job with the tragedy of September 11.

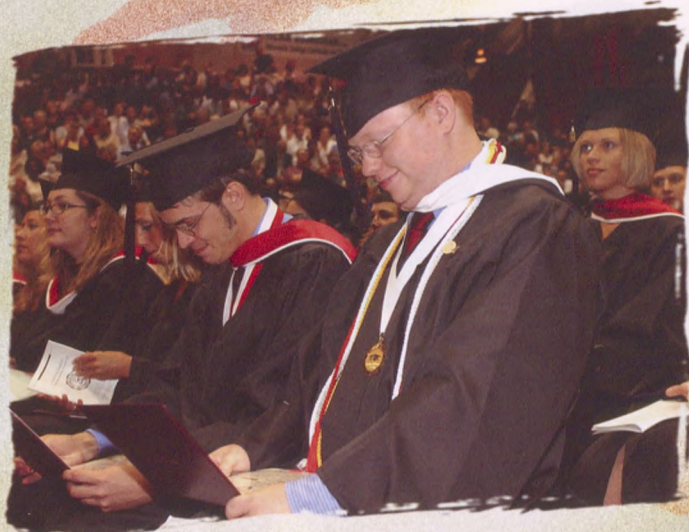
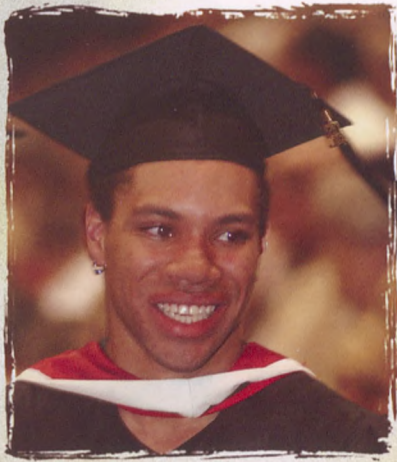
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The Wagner family poses with costumed dancers at a New Year's festival at an Andean village high in the mountains in Peru.







# Congratulations! Class of 2004



With the number of students graduating from Otterbein on the rise, this past June a separate commencement ceremony for students earning their master's degrees was added to the festivities of Otterbein's traditional graduation weekend.

In the 2003-2004 school year, 143 graduate students earned their degrees along with 470 undergraduate students.

The graduate students celebrated with their commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 12 in Cowan Hall. Speaker Kirk Hummer, chief operating officer of St. Ann's Hospital/Mt. Carmel Systems, addressed the students.

The commencement ceremony for undergraduate students was held on Sunday, June 13 in the Rike Center. The ceremony featured remarks by Dr. Richard Ekman, president of the Council of Independent Colleges.





# Alumni We



Alumni Weekend 2004 was the most successful yet, with over 500 alumni returning to campus to partake in fellowship with one another and participate in activities designed to rekindle the memories of college years past. The turnout was exciting, as was the special passing of the torch of Alumni Director from Greg Johnson to **Rebecca "Becky" Fickel Smith '81**, who co-hosted this year's event, which was planned by a committee of 41 alumni. During Alumni Weekend, special recognition was given to the Golden Reunion Class of 1954. Other groups celebrating reunions at this year's festivities were the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, and 1979, as well as Honored Alumni Classes that graduated prior to 1954 and emeriti professors.

This year's Alumni Interest Group — alumni who majored in Life Science (Biology), Chemistry, Physics, Nursing or Equine Science — came in record numbers to attend special receptions and science-oriented programming led by current Otterbein faculty and open to all alumni. Among these programs were The Night Sky program and star gazing at Weitkamp Observatory and Planetarium.

All returning alumni gathered with their classes prior to the Alumni Luncheon and voiced their class songs and chants. Laughter and stories were in abundance at the luncheon, which was so well attended that guests overflowed from the Cardinal's Nest into the 1847 Room.

The 2004 Alumni Awards were presented to an impressive group of special alumni. This year, retiring professor and WOBN advisor John Buckles was the recipient of the Honorary Alumnus Award. In a surprise conclusion, outgoing Alumni Director Greg Johnson was also given the Honorary Alumnus Award at the end of the ceremony.





# Weekend 2004

Elizabeth Glor Allen '64 and L. Michael Duckworth '63 received the Service to Otterbein Award for devoting their time, talents and services for the betterment of Otterbein. Susan L. Canfield '58 and Mark R. Thresher '78 received the Special Achievement Award for their outstanding levels of excellence in their individual fields. Robert E. Woods '69 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his achievements in his career of music recording and his contributions to his profession. Read about all the award winners beginning on page 18.

Other events making Alumni Weekend 2004 a success were the guided walking tour led by David Deever '61, the campus and Uptown Westerville van tours and the Alumni Choir concert.



"Dean Van," Joanne Van Sant 'H70, holds court at Alumni Weekend. The venerable Dean shared her wit and wisdom in a talk recanting the many many years of Otterbein she's witnessed firsthand.



# Service to Otterbein

**Elizabeth "Liz" Glor Allen '64** was raised on Grand Island, New York. From a family with strong Otterbein ties, Liz was one of four sisters to come to Otterbein. Her sisters are **Bernice Pagliaro '61**, **Barbara Martin '62** and **Ellen Glor '69**.

In 1964, after graduating from Otterbein and marrying **Hugh Allen '62**, her teaching career began in Cincinnati, Ohio. Following that, she worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota, creating individualized reading programs for delayed readers in her suburban school and participating in WISE (Women In Service to Education), teaching reading to inner-city children. During the Viet Nam War era, Liz and her family moved to Fort Hood, Texas.

In 1973, Tucson, Arizona became home. With three young boys beginning elementary school, Liz got involved in school politics. She created a volunteer program in the Catalina Foothills School District. After becoming a sponsor of award winning chess teams in the elementary and junior high schools, Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt appointed her to the Governor's Task Force on chess. She was twice elected to the District's School Board, where she had the opportunity to work on educational issues with the state legislature. In 1988, her term as the board president was interrupted by Hugh's job opportunity with Columbus Children's Hospital.

Upon her return to the Columbus area, Liz became active with Otterbein and pursued opportunities in education. The summer of 1988, Liz and **Mary Day '59** co-chaired a board to plan Dean Van's exciting "Forty Years and Still Going Celebration." With classmate Bob Post phoning ideas and plans from New York, Liz helped co-chair the Class of 1964's 25th reunion. She is active on the current 40th reunion steering committee.

After becoming a member of the "I Know I Can" program, Liz helped Otterbein education and psychology majors connect Livingston Elementary School with Otterbein alumni. Through pen-pal relationships and visits, alumni encouraged fifth graders to attend college to pursue their dream careers.

Liz completed her master's degree at The Ohio State University while teaching at The Columbus Academy, where she has been for 15 years. She initiated the elemen-

## Elizabeth Glor Allen '64



tary chess program, which has since won national and local recognition. After being nominated for the Ashland Oil Teacher Achievement Recognition, she received the Golden Apple Award.

In 1990, Liz served as president elect of the Otterbein Theatre Advisory Board. The following year, she became president of the board.

Liz was a member of the first Cardinal Migration Planning Committee. She hosted the 1995 Migration in Tucson, complete with tours in Sabino Canyon and other remote areas, where she had been a docent, teaching gold panning and nature's delicate balance of the desert.

From 1992-94, Liz was vice president of the Otterbein Alumni Association. She planned and hosted two Alumni Colleges. As part of the Otterbein Sesquicentennial Celebration, she worked with Mary Pat Knight, Jane Horn, and Petie Dodrill to present the history of Otterbein through "talking" mannequins, dressed in vintage clothing who shared authentic experiences of Otterbein students through the ages. Liz served as Alumni Association president from 1996-98, followed by a two-year term on the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

Liz and Hugh live in Westerville. They have three sons, Clark, Carl and Lloyd; two daughters-in-law, Jana and Hillary; and one grandson, Christopher.

## Honorary Alumnus

In 1983, outgoing WOBN-FM adviser Dr. James "Griss" Grissinger told **John Buckles H'04** that he had only planned to stay at Otterbein for a year or two, but because of the quality of life he found, he ended up staying more than 30 years. At the time, John thought that Otterbein would merely be a good "next step" career move, and that he would soon move on to a better place. Over twenty years later, John never found a better college setting, and is leaving Otterbein to move into full-time ministry.

Along the way, John has continued to build the reputation of Otterbein's highly-regarded broadcasting program, helped to send a large number of students into influential positions around the country in the competitive radio/television industry, remained extremely active in professional Columbus media circles and found a wife in alumnus **Sally Kammer Buckles '91**.

As a faculty member in the Communication Department, John has been honored as Otterbein's Master Teacher of the Year, Who's Who Among American Teachers, Sears Outstanding Teacher Program Nominee and Central States Outstanding Young Teacher Nominee.

As a media professional, John's credits include work as a producer, writer, host and consultant for public service programs on WUFM-FM, WCBE-FM, WBBY-FM, WOCC-TV and WOBN-FM. He has been a freelance talent with clients such as WCMH-TV, WCBE-FM, Central Ohio Radio Reading Service, Ohio Electric Cooperatives and appeared

## John P. Buckles H'04



as a guest at some time on all of the Columbus area commercial television stations, and radio stations such as WTVN-AM, WCVO-FM, WRFD-AM and WSNY-FM. In addition, John served 12 years on the Westerville Cable Television Commission and served as a media consultant for a number of organizations in Columbus.

John is proudest of and perhaps best known for his work with students. He has been named as Adviser of the Year for his work with WOBN, and was especially pleased when WOBN was named as the inaugural Otterbein "Organization of the Year," and became one of the first college stations to broadcast live from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In addition, he was the founding Faculty Adviser for Pinnacle, the Continuing Education Honorary and Otterbein Christian Fellowship (OCF), Otterbein's largest religious organization. His fulfilling work since 1984 with hundreds of students in OCF was instrumental in leading him in the very difficult decision to leave Otterbein's ideal environment to follow God's calling to a new career as pastor of membership and connection at Heritage Christian Church in Westerville.

John hopes to continue his work with Otterbein as an adjunct professor and assist in religious activities and with alumni relations. He lives in Westerville with his wife, Sally, and seven year old son, Michael.

## Special Achievement

**Susan "Sue" Canfield '58** was raised in Ravenna, Ohio, with her twin sister and two older sisters. Sue began her education at Otterbein pursuing an associate's degree, but later changed to a bachelor's degree candidate with a business administration major and an education minor. Eventually, she realized her future career was in education.

While at Otterbein, she was a member of Tau Epsilon Mu; intramural and intercollegiate volleyball, basketball and softball teams; Tan and Cardinal staff; and the Women Students Governing Board. She also served as the second president of Clements Hall. Beginning with her college experience, Joanne Van Sant and Marilyn Day have been her mentors, role models and cherished friends.

After graduation, Sue taught business education and adult education at Harding High School in Marion, Ohio, and evening classes at Marion Business College. She earned her master's degree in guidance and counseling/student personnel at the University of Michigan. Later she did post graduate work at the University of Akron, University of Dayton, Kent State University, The Ohio State University and Ohio University. She became a residence hall director and assistant to the dean of women at Ohio University. Then she went to Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, where she was the college counselor.

Sue returned to Ohio, specifically to Muskingum College where she was dean of women. Later she became associate dean of students and director of placement. While at Muskingum, she was actively involved in the Ohio Association of Women Deans and Counselors.

Sue then became a guidance counselor at Dover (Ohio) High School where she remained until her retirement in 1999. During her travels, she visited many colleges and universities and became a resource for her professional colleagues as well as students and parents. Her goal was to help students select colleges where they would be as happy as she had been at Otterbein. She taught a nationally known class called "Quest: Skills for Living," and was invited to be a guest editor to revise the course. She was a test center supervisor for ACT and SAT for over 25 years.

## Susan Canfield '58



She has served as president of Tuscarawas Area Counselors Association; secretary, board member, conference presenter, committee chair and a member of the Ohio Association of College Admissions Counselors; a member of admissions advisory committees for Otterbein College, The Ohio State University, The Ohio State University-Agricultural and Technical Institute and the University of Akron; and a member of the business technology advisory committee for Kent State-Tuscarawas regional campus.

In 1997, Kent State University honored Sue as Guidance Counselor of the Year for her tireless dedication to the counseling profession and enthusiastic support of her students.

Sue's community activities include serving as a board member of the Muskingum Lakes chapter of the American Red Cross and being actively involved in the Dover First Moravian Church, where she has been a trustee, founded the Brown Bag Fellowship luncheons, served as a member of Christian Education committee, visits members in the nursing home and is now a member of the executive board of Moravian Women.

Sue is proud to recommend Otterbein to prospective students and has returned to campus to see those students graduate.

## Service to Otterbein

### L. Michael Duckworth '63



**Lewis Michael "Mike" Duckworth '63** was born in 1941 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He entered Otterbein College in the fall of 1959 and was the first in his family to receive a bachelor's degree.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and Spanish, he began his career at Port Clinton High School. There, he taught Spanish and coached football and basketball.

He went on to receive his master's degree in educational administration from Bowling Green State University in 1970. Mike then relocated to Toledo, Ohio, joining the ranks of the City of Toledo. He attained the position of assistant city manager of operations and later became the director of community development.

Mike enjoyed a long tenure with the City of Toledo, retiring after 30 years. Along the way, he acquired his Commercial Real Estate License and Auctioneers License from the State of Ohio. He joined the DiSalle Real Estate Company during retirement.

In 1985, in collaboration with Sony Corporation, Otterbein was the first computer to launch in U.S. Most important, the company established itself as a leader in the art of sound reproduction and the Telex label became...

Throughout his various careers, Mike has remained involved with Otterbein College, most recently serving as president of the Alumni Association. Numerous alumni events in northwestern Ohio were also hosted by Mike over the years. He credits Otterbein for preparing him for life's journeys.

Mike has been married to his wife Susan for 30 years. They have two children. Their son Aaron, 27, graduated from Xavier University and is currently obtaining his master's degree in chemistry at the University of Toledo. Their daughter, **Robyn**, 25, is a second generation graduate, in Otterbein's class of 2003. Robyn is currently pursuing her master's degree in molecular biology at Bowling Green State University.

Mike enjoys boating and fishing on Lake Erie. He is an avid fan of collecting, selling and refinishing antique furniture. He recently began expanding his artistic side by working on ceramics and pottery at the Toledo Museum of Art.

## Special Achievement

### Mark Thresher '78



**Mark Thresher '78** became president and chief operating officer of Nationwide Financial Services this past May. He joined Nationwide in 1996 and worked his way to the top, serving first as the vice president and treasurer for Nationwide Insurance Enterprise. He was quickly promoted to vice president of Nationwide Financial Services (NFS). In this position he led the effort to take NFS through the Initial Public Offering (IPO), which took place in March of 1997. NFS is the Life and Retirement Services arm of the Nationwide Insurance Organization.

He was elected to senior vice president of the organization in 1999. On his way up the corporate ladder, he became chief financial officer for NFS in 2002 and was given the responsibility for their retirement plans business serving over 48,000 clients in the private and public sectors.

Prior to joining Nationwide, he spent 18 years with KPMG LLP. During his last eight years there he served as the lead engagement partner on a number of insurance organizations throughout the country.

Mark received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting. He has memberships in the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also is a member of The Financial Services Roundtable and a past member of the AICPA Financial Services Expert Panel. He became an Otterbein Board of Trustee member in 2000 where he serves on the finance committee.

His leadership in community activities includes serving as the treasurer of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and co-chair for the Nationwide United Way Campaign. During his tenure as co-chair, Nationwide was awarded the Spirit of America Award from United Way of America.

Mark met his wife **Deborah Scott Thresher '77** at Otterbein and they served as king and queen of Homecoming in 1976. They have two daughters Chelsea, who is a junior at Otterbein, and Kaylea, a sophomore at Olentangy Liberty High School.



## Distinguished Alumnus

**Robert "Bob" Woods '69** was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, and by the fourth grade was singing solos as a boy soprano and had also fallen in love with a reel-to-reel tape recorder that appeared under the tree one Christmas. In his senior year he sang the lead in a production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*, performed extensively with a folk music trio and worked part time in an electronics store.

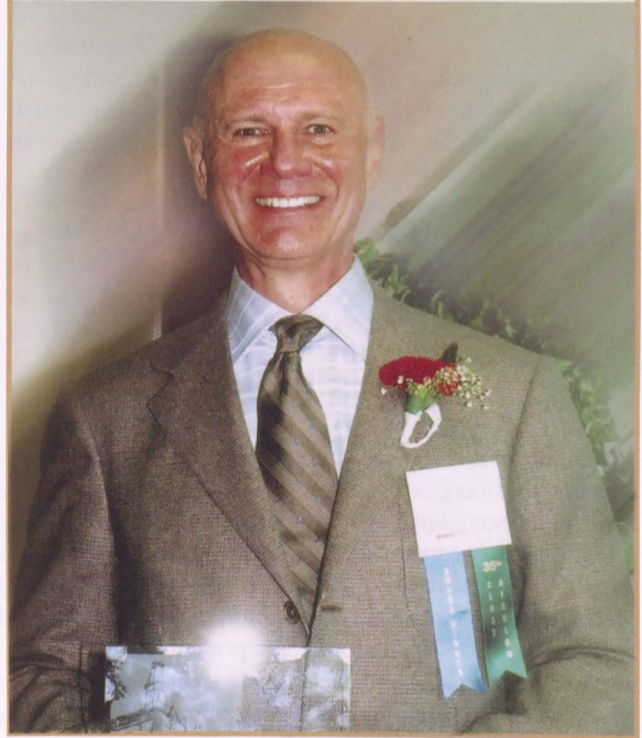
Otterbein offered Bob virtually limitless opportunities to pursue his dual passions for music and recording. In addition to taking the courses necessary for a bachelor's degree in music education, he began recording music department recitals for fun and duplicating tapes of choir concerts for fellow students — for a small fee, of course. He also managed to land an interview with CBS Records, with the help of a member of the piano faculty, and produced a recording for a fellow student and professional folk musician on a label he called QPV Records (Quiet Peaceful Village).

The Concert Choir's tour to Europe in the summer of 1966 was a remarkable opportunity for Bob because it included a radio recording session for the ensemble for broadcast while they were in Paris. Other opportunities were provided by the generosity of Otterbein faculty member Lyle Barkhymer, who was always willing to take students on non-required trips to New York to see operas at the Met, attend concerts at Lincoln Center and visit art museums.

By graduation, Bob had signed a contract to teach at Walnut Springs Junior High in Westerville for two years, followed by two years of teaching at Hiram College and Kent State University. He spent his summers participating as a singer in the Cleveland Orchestra's newly formed Blossom Festival School, where he met and sang for famed choral director Robert Shaw. Later he participated in the Boston Symphony's Tanglewood Music Festival, where he got to know and study with many esteemed musicians, including the BSO's then-new music director, Seiji Ozawa.

In 1972 Bob hooked up with his partner-to-be, Jack Renner, and began an entrepreneurial trek into the recording industry. This was at the grass roots level until, in 1977, he and Renner launched Telarc Records. Telarc's early claim to fame was having produced the first classical recording in the United States using digital technology.

### Robert Woods '69



By 1983, in collaboration with Sony Corporation, Telarc was one of the first companies to launch CDs. Most important, the company established itself as a leader in the art of sound reproduction and the Telarc label became a household name among audiophiles around the world.

Bob has won ten Grammy Awards as Classical Producer of the Year, and has guided Telarc as it has evolved from its classical roots into a preeminent position in the genres of traditional jazz, blues, crossover, and — with the acquisition of the Heads Up label — contemporary jazz, R&B and world music, as well. Telarc's recordings feature most of the world's major symphony orchestras, including those of Atlanta, Boston, Berlin, Cleveland, Cincinnati, London (the BBC Symphony, London Symphony, Philharmonia Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic), Philadelphia, Saint Louis and Vienna. Music legends Dave Brubeck, Ray Brown, Oscar Peterson, George Shearing, McCoy Tyner and many more head the stellar line-up of Telarc's jazz roster. In 1999 the company began working again with Sony in the launch of a new high-definition, multi-channel audio product called the Super Audio CD (SACD).

Bob's son, Jonathan, will be a senior in high school next year, and daughter Melissa is a junior at Boston University. Both are considering careers in the recording business.

# 2004 Alumni Award Winners

## Honorary Alumnus

In a surprise move at the Alumni Weekend Luncheon, **Greg Johnson H'04** was honored with the Honorary Alumnus Award at his last Alumni Weekend as director of Alumni Relations. The presentation of the award had been kept secret and was a great surprise to Greg, who served as the director of alumni relations at Otterbein for nearly 14 years. He is currently serving a one-year post as director of events and special projects for the Department of Athletics.

Greg came to Otterbein in September 1990 after 22 years of working in the non-profit health sector – eight years with the American Cancer Society and 14 with the National Kidney Foundation.

“I was ready for a change from the non-profit health sector, and a friend at church told me about the opening at Otterbein,” he said. “Two weeks later, I was hired.”

During his tenure as director of alumni relations, Greg has been most proud of the friendships he has forged with the alumni. “The best part of being alumni director has been the privilege to get to know the alumni who have made Otterbein so wonderful,” he said. “They are a cut above any group of people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. It makes me proud to be associated with them.”

He is also proud of developing a strong lifelong learning program that continues the College’s mission of providing a quality education among its alumni even after they leave campus. These programs through the years have included Alumni College, Cardinal Migration and quarterly programs presented by Otterbein faculty on topics in their areas of expertise.

## Greg H'04 and Mary Johnson



“Some of the fun events that I am proud of are the Schooner Mary Day trips and the Junebug Jamborees. It has been really rewarding to see alumni participate in these events, and to experience the fellowship that these events generate,” he said. “Our alumni are so willing to come home to Otterbein and participate above and beyond the call of duty, and I love to see that.”

An avid fan of Cardinals sports, Greg is excited about his new position. “This is a great opportunity for me to experience a new side of the life of the College. I’ve always enjoyed Otterbein athletics, and the privilege to be involved with the program will be one of the highlights of my time here,” Greg said.

“My first alumni visit 14 years ago was with Bud Yost ’53, and his enthusiasm for Otterbein athletics was something I wanted to emulate,” Greg said.

Greg is happy to be remaining with the College, which has become important to him. “Otterbein has not only become part of my life, but also part of my wife Mary’s life. Our love for the College really boils down to one thing – the people. The alumni, the faculty, my coworkers have been great,” he said. “To really know Otterbein and its alumni is to love them both.”

When Greg retires in 2005, he plans to stay involved with the College that he has grown to love, and that now claims him as an alumnus.

# Who Do You Want to Nominate?

Have you got an alumna/alumnus in mind for one of Otterbein's alumni awards? Help us recognize alumni achievements and services by submitting your nominations for the 2005 awards by Feb. 1, 2005. The following are the award categories:

## **Distinguished Alumnus**

Otterbein's most prestigious award honor graduates who have achieved recognized prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession, community and the lives of others.

## **Special Achievement**

Recognizes excellence and high professional achievement by an individual in his or her field of endeavor or profession.

## **Service to Otterbein**

Recognizes outstanding individuals who have freely and unselfishly given their time, talents, and services for the enhancement of Otterbein College.

## **Honorary Alumnus**

Recognizes and honors friends of the College who have demonstrated outstanding interest, commitment and involvement in its life and activities.

You can make a nomination online at [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu), and then click on "Alumni." Or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650 ([ldraper@otterbein.edu](mailto:ldraper@otterbein.edu)). Remember, the deadline for next year's awards is Feb. 1, 2005.

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"Assignments are usually two years, sometimes three or four. The reason for these short terms is so that you don't end up being 'more Spanish than the Spanish,' for example. Also, there is a high burn-out rate in some of the more unpleasant places or jobs, so those people need to move on," Jim explained.

He said that employees can apply for an extension, as he plans to do with his current position. "We're here because our middle child is at university and our youngest is just starting. The kids want us around for college."

Jim and Ruth have three children. Their oldest is Ivan, who was born in Managua to Ruth and later adopted by Jim. Their second child, Laura, was born in Spain. Their youngest, James, was born in Alexandria, Virginia.

Jim said that his job has created rewarding opportunities for his children. "Moving around the world, especially for the kids, has been equally difficult and rewarding," Jim said. "Their experiences – whether it was the Giotto frescos in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Italy, or passing through the Andes by car on the second highest highway in the world – are those unique to Foreign Service children. They speak three languages

fluently. They know no color barriers in dealing with others. And, I am very proud to say, they understand and appreciate the gift of being citizens of the United States of America."

However, he admits to the difficulties. "Two of the kids have been exposed to active cases of tuberculosis and underwent six months of TB drug therapy. All three have a very low tolerance for insecurity, coming from too many years in countries where crime is common and usually violent. They are also much more mature and have a broader world view than their American contemporaries and, as such, don't easily connect when they come back to the United States."

Jim is especially proud of how Ruth has dealt with their frequent moves, raising the children in sometimes difficult environments and setting an example for her children by helping those less fortunate people in the world. "Ruth is a lawyer, but pursuing a career in law is difficult when traveling so much, and the available clerical work is not suitable for her," he said. "But she loves being a mother and loves to help people."

"Ruth has done many volunteer activities, working with prisoners in the Philippines or with victims of Huntington's disease in Venezuela.

The kids saw her work as second nature and have responded accordingly. Laura, for example, continues today in her university career (as a student) at the University of Virginia's volunteer programs with migrant farm laborers or with the Red Cross. Ruth and Laura have been recognized by the American Foreign Service Association and Foreign Service Youth Foundation for their volunteer work overseas."

While Jim's job is often difficult, he finds his career to be rewarding. "Democracy, when it is functioning, is the best system of government that has been devised and we cannot lose sight of the objective of promoting democratic openness for all societies," Jim said. "Our role in the Foreign Service is to convey the message (that open, pluralistic societies can function and succeed) and to work to ensure that our democratic values are protected and projected on the wider international stage."

For more information on the U.S. Foreign Service, read "Inside a U.S. Embassy: How the Foreign Service Works for America." Jim contributed two chapters to this book: "Law Enforcement Coordinator and Narcotics Affairs Counselor" and "Rats and Resourcefulness: Philippines, 1987." ■



## Golden Reunion Class of '54

**First Row:** Eunice Pettibone; Donna Dawley O'Brien; Barbara Redinger Davis; Nancy Vermilya Baughman; Rachel Stouffer Stanford; Gwen Copenig Peerless; Dottie Miles Conard; Anne Hathaway King; Micky McClure Hastings; Klara Krech Adams; Caroline Powell Fisher; Mary Ann Ross Brockett; Anne Liesmann Clare; Betty Knight Smythe; Jane Devers Liston; Mardell Boyce Willit. **Second Row:** Nevart Chorbajian Marashlian; Sarah Krick Andreichuk; Mary McCoy Neff; Dee Koons Fowler; NeNe Beheler Beachler; Bobbie Peters Richardson; Sara Lawton Winston; Jo Anne Long Baldwin; Evelyn Mujais Mitchell; Suzie Dover Bryan; Bob Eschbach; Eloise Tong Purdy; Carol Knobloch; Pat Fischer Laveroni. **Third Row:** Miriam Gress Szanyi; Gregory Andreichuk; Ross Morris; David Carlson; Tom Miller; Ed Axline; Bob Hastings; Glynn Turquand; Louie Driever; Bob Moore; Lloyd Lewis; William Cole; Don Oglesby; Harold "Gene" Hensel. **Fourth Row:** John Sanders; Lawrence Koehler; Dick Impastato; Clyde Trumbull; Glenn Miller; Frank Mione; Dick Sauerman; Dick Brockett; Richard Sherrick; Fred Collins; J. Edward Cherryholmes; Ned Forman; Ned Woolums; Bob Shauck.



## Pre-1954 Alumni

**First Row:** Shirley Fritz Whitehead; Mary Gail Kelly Maddox Silverstein; Pam Pollock Schutz; Nancy Weisburger Wieger; Richard A Sanders; Arthur Schultz; Ginny Cole Kraner; Ede Corbin; Bob Corbin; Dick Whitehead. **Second Row:** Charles Stockton; Betty Stockton; Marilyn Call Pflieger; Anna Bale Weber; Hazel Hockett Burkholder; Evelyn Bender Vance; Beverley Corcoran; Joan Shinew Mason; Louise Stouffer Schultz; Jane Morrison Horn; Miller Cox Schafer; Miriam Wise Keller; Ollie McCoy Yohn; Lois Bachtel Sommer. **Third Row:** Charles W Phallen; Jerry Neff; Shirley Hanaford Phillely; James "Bud" Kraner; Lloyd C. Savage; Norma Jean Kreisler Savage; Carolyn Brown Sherrick; Marily Steiner Mokry; Hazel Brehm Hayes; Bert Horn; Bob Keller; Anita Ranck Morris; Mariam Wetzel Ridinger; Marian Becker; Harold Wilson. **Fourth Row:** Gene Keel; Barbara Stephenson Lyter; Gene Pflieger; Carl Schafer; Ann Yost Ickes; Beatrice Ulrich Holm; Gene Riblet; Warren Hayes; Bob Vance; Carol Boda Bridgman; David Yohn; Gerald Ridinger; Joan Hopkis Albrecht; John Albrecht; Gary Garrison; Dan Corcoran. **Fifth Row:** George Liston; Rolland King; Larry Hard; Roger Wiley; Stan Ickes; Dick Borg; Max Fisher; Herbert Adams; Vic Ritter; Dick Bridgman; Joe Albrecht; Leslie E. Mokry; Don Rhoads; Albert Allen Bartlett; Cameron Allen.



## Class of '49

**First Row:** Mickey Steiner Mokry; Anna Bale Weber; Joan Shinew Mason; Nancy Weisburger Wieger; Mary Gail Kelly Maddox Silverstein; Pam Pollock Schutz; Gary Garrison; Ede Corbin. **Second Row:** Barbara Stephenson Lyter; Marilyn Call Pflieger; Norma Jean Kreischer Savage; Ginny Cole Kraner; Louise Stouffer Schultz; Arthur Schultz; Bert Horn; Bob Corbin. **Third Row:** John Albrecht; Shirley Hanaford Philley; Carl Schafer; Warren Hayes; Bob Vance; Dick Bridgman; Gerald Ridinger; Dan Corcoran.



## Class of '59

**Front Row:** Diane Daily Cox; Eileen Mitchell Payton; Joanne Albright Seith; Mary Kay Atwood Day; Wavalene Kumler Tong; Kay Ciminello; Marilyn Miller Wyville; Vera Andreichuk Rea. **Second Row:** Lorri Bliss Wallace; Ralph E. Bender; Neil O. Leighton; Lew Shaffer; Richard Morian; Mary Sue Webner Smith; Pat Sliver Moore; Nancy Gallagher Macakanja. **Third Row:** John Schlenker; Bob Tharp; Dave Burger; Betsy Messmer Kennedy; Marilyn Bohla Young; Lonnie Baker Bartter; Arline Horter Spoenlein; Amy Brown South. **Fourth Row:** Don Tallentire; Jim Nuhfer; Eric Winterhalter; Don Witter; Thomas C. Phillips; Bernard H. Lieving, Jr.; George Stump; Tom LeBlanc.



## Class of '64

**First Row:** Carol Sue Studebaker Beck; Rosemary Huprich Jenkins; Sarah Boger Martin; Karla Hambel Lortz and Ebony; Alice Toney Click; Sue Snyder Gehret; Jane Lloyd Underwood; Barbara Mauer Lindeman; Martha Deever Matteson; Linda Conrad Shimer. **Second Row:** Julie Provan Wise; Nancy Volz Shumaker; Dini Fisher Parsons; Judy Fogel Baldwin; Carol Leininger; Jeanie Pflieger Sutton; Sally Banbury Anspach; Carol Schweitzer Cheek; Regina Fehrens Poulard; Mary Meek Delk; Sharon Allaman Hoover. **Third Row:** Lyle Barkhymer; Sandy Brenfleck Baranet; Peggy Smart Ginn; Elizabeth (Liz) Allen; Yuichi Tsuda; John Peters; Chuck Zech; Sue Drinkhouse Ward; Linda Bussard Hartranft; Janis-Rozena Peri; Mary Frances Hall; Sandy Williams Bennett. **Fourth Row:** John E. Hoover; Chuck Johnson; Gene Gangle; Jerry Ginn; Joseph Miller; Mark Seese; Mike Doney; Lloyd Jones; Tom Beck; Bob Shimer; Gary Reynolds.



## Class of '69

**First Row:** Jane Goodrich Tinsley; Linda Spicer Beckner; Tanya Winter Kozimer; Sherrie Billings Smyder; Loretta Evans Heigle; Jane Whearty McMeekin; Judy Gilg Donovan; Susan Hiehle Schnapp. **Second Row:** Cynthia Rowles Jackson; Sally Norton Nisley; Ginger Zurich Hill; Gail Lewis Kohlhorst; Linda Joyce Cowden; Kay Needham Hedges; Cheryl Muha Roosa; Whitney Breidenbach Keyes; Kathy Smith. **Third Row:** Lani Prileson Koach; Judy Wells Baker; Kay Brinkman Keller; Elaine Laycock Pickrell; Dianne Fisher Abbott; Mike Leadbetter; Dick Beckner; Carolyn Fell Fisk. **Fourth Row:** Bob Hewitt; Tom Jent; Cecil Elliott; Chris Cordle; Jim Henry; F. Hamer Campbell, Jr.; Marc Woodward. In attendance but not pictured: Joyce Homolak.



## Class of '74

**First Row:** Esther Barnhart; Sharon K. Sunday; Nancy Harter; Gay Hedding Beck; Barbara Haigler White. **Second Row:** Marsha Rice Scanlin; Betsy Ostrander Lavric; Sibyl McCualsky Carr; Pam Wright Toorock; Mary Ellenberger Columbini; Janie Thomas Bryant. **Third Row:** Patti McGhee Orders; Barb Hoffman; Jayne Ann Augspurgen McKewen; Peg Klosterman Addington; Jan Wolford Miller; Ruth Glenfield Kinsey. **Fourth Row:** Brett Moorehead; Tommy Miller; Bill Smucker; John Mulkie; Jack Lintz; John Addington.



## Class of '79

**Front Row:** Beth Hassenpflug Stillwagon; Nancy Bocskor; Marisa Cinson. **Second Row:** Mark McNally; Martha Montgomery Bieberle; Richard Smith. In attendance but not pictured: Brenda Histed Searle.



# Class Notes

compiled by Mindy Harsha

1944

**Faith Naber** celebrated her 60th anniversary of her graduation from college in 2004. It was also the 90th for her mother, Mary Grise and the 85th for her father, Peter Naber.

1947

**Edwin "Dubbs" Roush** was inducted into the Gahanna High School Hall of Fame, March 16, 2004.

1952

**Bob Wareham** and wife **Sally Hall Wareham '54** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10.

1953

**Oliver Lugibihl** is retiring after 44 years as a family physician in Pandora, OH.

**John McRoberts** was one of five adjunct faculty at Edison Community College to receive the award for excellence in teaching.

1954

**Nancy Vermilya Baughman** and husband Charles have four grandchildren. Their granddaughter, Vivian Rose Bandy, was born on Nancy's 70th birth-

day. Her mother is vice president of financial planning for Cost Plus World Market stores. Nancy and Charles enjoy living in California, all of their children and grandchildren live there and the weather is nice and sunny most of year. They do miss their friends in Ohio, however. They recently returned to Ohio to sell their home there. They had a wonderful trip to Spain and England in early March, visited the Alhambra, and Tower of London and other sites as well. Nancy's husband is treasurer of Paul's company, BIA Cordon Bleu. The company sells dishes and dinnerware wholesale, imported from China. They visited Hong Kong and mainland China four years ago on a business trip with their son. She occupies her time with housework, cooking, reading and visiting grandchildren.

**Carol Boyles Cramer** has spent much of her life serving various capacities in Alpha Delta Kappa, the International Honorary Sorority for women's education. Besides participating in local chapter and district meetings, she was selected to become the first chair-

man of the chapter presidents of the state (1975), a position that she held for three years. After that, she was elected and served as state recording secretary for four years and state chaplain and state sergeant-at-arms for two years each. In 1994, she was appointed state convention chairman, and in 1998 she began a six-year commitment when elected as state president-elect. Her term as state president was from 2000-2002, and this May (2004), she left her seat on the executive board as immediate past state president. In addition to serving on committees and in offices, she has written many skits, installations, and programs for special events and led workshops throughout the gulf region. One of her highlights was co-chairing a reception in Toronto for the International President (from Florida) in 1993. Another was receiving the coveted Honoris Causa Award in 1986.

**Richard Sherrick** and wife **Carolyn Brown Sherrick '53** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2003.

**Mary Hoffer Starling** and her husband, Okey, are still enjoying life and its beauty, using four wheels to enjoy the woods.



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1958

**Raymond Cartwright** was honored by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, (PHRC). He was presented a plaque by the Commission's Chairperson, Stephen A. Glassman and Executive Director, Homer C. Floyd. The plaque stated that it was in "in recognition of Raymond W. Cartwright, Director of Housing and Commercial Property Division for your tireless effort, hard work and dedication in getting the PHRC office operational after the fire at PA Place."

1959

**Dale Crawford** is still alive, hiking, swimming and golfing in the beautiful Sonoran Desert near Tucson, AZ. He still enjoys traveling the world. This summer he traveled to British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. This winter he is traveling to Australia

and New Zealand for two months.

**R. Paul Koons** retired Dec. 31, 2002, from ministry in the United Church of Christ. He served churches in Morenci and Livonia, MI, Ft. Wayne, IN, Toledo, OH and Bernardston, MA. He and his wife **Peggy Baker Koons 'x61** are now living in Vermont.

**James Nuhfer** has spent 45 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church.

**Thomas Phillips** was elected mayor of the village of West Jefferson on Nov. 2, 2003.

**Howard Don Tallentire** and wife Sylvia moved to the Otterbein Retirement Living Community in Aug. 2003.

**David Tharp** completed 45 years in public education (Licking County, OH) this past June. He has served five years as an elementary school principal and 27 years as a junior high/middle school principal. He is currently completing his eighth year as a Licking County school attendance officer.

**'60** Reunion Year!  
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1964

**Jesse Blair** retired from the Air Force Wright Research Laboratories where he was a computer engineer and research scientist for 30 years. His wife, **Ulrike Walchner Blair '64**, retired from elementary teaching in June, 2004 and is now

employed by the Brookville School System located in Brookville, OH.

**Raymond Brandeberry** retired after 30 years at Pilkington Bros. NA, formerly the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company. He will soon receive his 10-year award for working at the Canberra Chemical Corporation. He was re-elected to his 11th yearly term as an elder in the Bedford Alliance Church in Temperance, MI.

**Michael Doney** is keeping busy as a part-time instructor at Kent State University teaching methods for secondary social studies majors and methods in middle childhood education.

**George Hittle** had radical surgery for both prostate cancer and malignant melanoma in Oct. 2003. He has made a great recovery and is back to his real estate business. He and his wife, Susan, are catching up with their travel and are enjoying their time with their four children and their six grandchildren. George and Susan had long-standing plans to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, which conflicted with the Alumni Weekend reunion. However they are hoping to read "Class Notes" and see friends at Homecoming to catch up.

**M. Joseph Miller** is presently serving Prospect Street United Methodist Church in Marion, OH. He is looking forward to son David's ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church this June making him their

family's third generation pastor in ministry.

**Susan Sain-Sammataro** married a Sicilian man, and she now speaks Spanish as well as English and Italian with Spanish tones. She and her husband, John, try to visit Sicily once a year and spend three months there. They are preparing to sell the house and John's restaurant. They have four delightful grandchildren, the oldest is 14 and the youngest is three.

**Robert Shimer** was a top 10 finalist for the Colts/NFL Community Quarterback Award. The award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism. He has volunteered at Wishard Health Services, Indianapolis, IN, since Dec. 2002. He works throughout the hospital as a humor therapist.

**Alan Siebert** retired in the spring after 41 years as a mathematics teacher. He has worked in the Oberlin, Parma and Shaker Heights City Schools and at Cleveland State University. He attributes his longevity to the simple fact that, "I have enjoyed sharing this knowledge with youngsters and adults alike." His spare time will be spent with his youngest daughter, Sara, who will be starting ninth grade at Brecksville High School and his wife, Laurie. He will also be pursuing his hobbies of flying and researching aviation history.

**'65** Reunion Year!  
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1967

**Alice Jenkins Hilderbrand** is now Ohio Northern University's vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

1968

**Richard Albert** was appointed by the governor of New Jersey (and confirmed by the NJ Senate on June 25th) to serve on the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. He was appointed to a five-year term. The D & R Canal is 60 miles long built across New Jersey in the 1830s. Today the canal provides one out of eight New Jerseyans with drinking water and is the state's most utilized park. The canal commission regulates land use along the canal and oversees the management and development of the canal. He also is the author of four entries in the recently published *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*. Also in 2004, his second Delaware River book, *Along the Delaware River* (co-written with his daughter Carrie), went into its second printing. He has a third book in the works. He and his wife, **Mary Harlan Albert '69**, recently celebrated thirty-five years of marriage.

**Dennis Weaver**, along with Sam Strausbaugh, was named senior executive officer for the Defiance Metal Products, the Ohio-based stamping and metal fabrication company.

# Profile

## Kent Stuckey '79 Finds Success Online

According to his application for admission, **Kent Stuckey '79** came to Otterbein "to become a better informed and more responsible person" and to learn to "support (himself) and to face the world in a confident way." However, as a founder, CEO and board chairman of Internet Transaction Solutions, Inc. (ITS), which expects revenues of over \$8 million in 2004, Kent has surpassed his teenage goals by leaps and bounds.

Kent received his bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 1979 and went on to earn his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in 1982. That same year, he began his legal career with the law firm of Bricker & Eckler.

Kent joined CompuServe in 1987 as general counsel and secretary. In 1995, he became vice president of CompuServe Ventures, Inc., playing a lead role in its merger, acquisition and strategic deals. In the late 1980 and 1990s, CompuServe was the largest of all online service providers. Because of this, it was also a pioneer defendant in the courts for Internet legal issues, giving Kent in-depth involvement with several landmark Internet lawsuits, which have helped to define Internet law as it is today. One landmark case was *Cubby V. CompuServe*, in which CompuServe was not held liable for what was posted by its users, since it was not responsible for monitoring those postings.

This case, and Kent's foresight, opened an entire market to other Internet service providers, who were more willing to participate fully in hosting forums and web pages since they were free of liability for the content.

In 1996, Kent authored *Internet and Online Law* (National Law Journal Press), which quickly became, and continues as, a leading authority on Internet law. That year, *This Week* in Worthington declared, "Stuckey will someday be known as the grandfather of law on the Internet."

Armed with an MBA degree he earned from The Ohio State University while working at CompuServe, Kent became an entrepreneur as CEO and Board Chairman of Internet Transaction Solutions, Inc. (ITS), in June 1999.

According to its website, "ITS specializes in performing an emerging essential commercial function – electronic payment management services. ITS processes electronic check, credit card and debit card payment methods utilizing multiple payment platforms: web site; email; phone IVR (interactive voice response); call center; and paper check 'truncation.'"

The ITS client list mainly consists of utilities and collections industries, including American Water, the largest water company in the country. Other clients include Limited Inc., Capital One and Allegheny Energy.



In two short years, ITS went from startup company to profitability, and in 2003, its growth exceeded 100 percent. With expected 2004 revenues over \$8 million, ITS growth is more than doubling each year. In 2002, ITS was recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce with the eCommerce Pioneer Award from the Technology Policy Group of the Ohio Supercomputer Center. More recently, it was named one of Business First's Fast 50—the 50 fastest growing companies in central Ohio.

Kent received the Top CAT (Top Contributor to the Advancement of Technology) 2003 Outstanding Small Business Executive Award from the Columbus Technology Council. He has lectured and written about various topics regarding Internet law and online industry standards, business models and risk management.

He taught at Otterbein as an adjunct professor for several years, sharing his knowledge and experience with MBA students. "It was rewarding to see the growth of the students who got excited and took an active interest in the subject," he said. "My approach was to have the students teach part of each class. I believe it was Aristotle who said, 'What is expressed is impressed,' and I took pleasure in seeing that take place."

Kent served as board chairman of Prevent Blindness Ohio and later held the same position with the national board for Prevent Blindness America. He is currently vice chairman for Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Kent is well known for his singing and has performed solo in various venues in the Columbus area, including lead roles in several musicals and two decades of performing with Vaud-Villities, for which he is a soloist and board chairman.

Kent graduated from Otterbein among the top few in his class with three majors: music performance in both vocal and instrumental, psychology and political science. He was a soloist in Concert Choir and Opus Zero and was the drum major of the marching band. Kent also performed in Otterbein's spring musicals.

His family has deep connections to Otterbein, beginning with his grandfather, **Doyle Stuckey '28**. His father, Paul, was a minister at the Church of the Master United Methodist, a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees and was given an honorary doctorate of divinity degree by the College in 1983. Other family alumni include his mother, **Margaret '71**, and brothers, **David '75** and **Doug '77**. Kent married his wife, Laura, in 1999. Together, the couple has one son, Ridge, who is now 5 years old.

For more information about ITS, go to [www.transaction-solutions.com](http://www.transaction-solutions.com).

## 1969

### **Karen Wertz Brown**

retired on April 23 after 26 years with the New Mexico State Parks Division. For the past 13 years she has been the superintendent at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in Albuquerque.

### **Marlene Lansman**

**Deringer** became chair of the education department at Otterbein College July 1, 2004. She has been on the faculty for 17 years.

**Connie Born Ganger** graduated from McGregor of Antioch University, Yellow Springs, OH, in July, 2003 with an M.A. in conflict resolution.

**Carolyn Krumm Heffner** and husband **Dennis '69** have been Methodist missionaries serving in northern New Mexico for nearly 30 years. She says it's a special privilege for her to work with several Otterbein student teachers each year. She continues to teach AP English classes, which she began at McCurdy in 1986, and directs two or three theatrical shows a year.

**John Hunt** recently added a third female labrador retriever to the family. Sheba is a chocolate lab and 10 months old. She joins Rahab, an eight-year old black lab and Hagar, a six-year-old yellow lab. John believes he is the only celibate Anglican priest who sleeps with three women.

**Cynthia Rowles Jackson** retired from Otterbein College in June 2004 after

seven years of service as HPE department chair and associate professor. She was formally employed for most of her 25 years of public education with the Northwest Local Schools in Cincinnati, OH.

**Martha Dean Kerr** and husband Thomas own their own nutritional company in Powell, OH. She lived and worked in Santa Fe, NM from 1977-2003. She has four children, three of whom live in the Columbus area and eight grandchildren.

**Tanya Winter Kozimer** is currently substitute teaching at Forest Hills School District in Cincinnati, OH. Her daughter, Autumn, graduated in spring 2004 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in dramatic art and art studio with distinction. Her husband has retired from Delta Airlines. They are planning to relocate to southwest Montana next year.


**Charlotte Shaffer Maun** retired in 1999 after completing 30 years as a teacher in the field of special education. She was employed by Hillsdale Schools. Her husband, Mark, also retired the same year. They have two daughters. Carrie Maun-Smith of Columbus, and Kimberly Maun of Portland, Oregon. The couple enjoys gardening and travel. Since retiring, they have visited Alaska, Bermuda, France, Ireland, Scotland, Hawaii, Canada, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland. They reside near Ashland, OH.

**Elaine Yoe Meyer** retired in July, 2003 after 27 years of teaching.

**Nancy Bradford Richardson** took early retirement in 2000 after 30 years as an elementary teacher. She has lived in Estes Park, CO since 1975. She is in a beautiful valley adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Douglas Smeltz** retired from Columbus Public Schools after 35 years of teaching mathematics. He plans on continuing with teacher education as a consultant.

**Linda Bletz Stanley** taught school at Plymouth High School, Plymouth, OH for 19 years. Her first husband, Gerry Buurma, passed away on April 30, 2000. She remarried June 23, 2001 to John Stanley, a retired police captain from Bucyrus, OH.

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## 1971

**Kathy Fernandez** retired from Zoar Village State Memorial, Zoar, OH, in June, 2004. She will continue to research and write.

**David Phillips** introduced Maryland delegate O'Donnell as the person to accept an award being given to Gov. Ehrlich for his support of the MEC National Anthem Project.

## 1973

**Deb Scott Vedder** has retired from Westerville City Schools and has spent the last year teaching part-time at Otterbein College and Ohio Wesleyan. Her son, Rod, is a senior at Otterbein this fall.

## 1974

**Janet Beck Barnes** retired June 1, 2004 after teaching for 30 years. She taught second, third and eighth grade. She and her husband, **Robert '73**, are partners in the Barnes family's new venture, Crown Hill Golf Club, located in Williamsport, OH. For 12 years she has had a computerized embroidering business.

**Mary Ellenberger Colombini** retired from Westerville City Schools in 2000 as a health educator.

**Carol McClain Cosgrove** recently received honorable mention at the Dublin Area Art League Spring Show. Her first solo show was held the month of July at Dublin Community Center. She has her own web page in the website for theohio-pleinairsociety.com.

**Patty Artrip Gels** is working as an official court reporter for the Federal Court in Washington, D.C. where she is involved in both civil and criminal trials. Her daughters, Ashley and Alexandra, have recently graduated from Oakton High School located in Northern Virginia, a suburb of Washington.

### Constance Heffelfinger

began her private practice as a psychologist, May 2004. She works primarily with older adults, persons with disabilities and their families.

### Carol Turner Leasure

retired from Colorado State Parks in July, 2003. She moved to West Yellowstone, MT.

**John (Jack) Lintz** was inducted into the Northmont High School Hall of Fame in Jan., 2004. In Jan., 2002, Jack was inducted into the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. Jack is married to **Julie Mathias '76** and they have three children: John, a senior education major at Otterbein; Jim, a sophomore physics and math major at Otterbein; and Mary Beth, a senior at Northmont High School.

**Ruth Wise Owrey** retired in June, 2004 after 30 years of teaching. After her husband, Larry, passed away Aug. 1, 2003, she relocated to Orlando, FL.

'75

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### 1977

**Leslie Young** will join a select group of advisors in Baltimore to review and make recommendations on matters that the bishops expect to discuss at their biannual conference. Last August, Bishop Griffin nominated Leslie as a delegate to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops National Advisory Council.

### 1979

#### Leslie Bennett Barbacci

recently returned to the U.S. after being in the mission field in Nicaragua where she was a third grade teacher for Nicaraguan children.

**Roger Brandeberry** and wife Susan celebrated their 25th anniversary June 2, 2004. He is retiring in Dec., 2004.

**Peggy Miller Ruhlin** was named on the *Robb Report's* 2004 list of "The Nation's 100 Most Exclusive Wealth Advisors," made *Worth* magazine's list of "Best Financial Advisors in the U.S." each year from 1997-2002, and has three times been among *Medical Economics* "120 best financial advisors for doctors."

**Stacy Reish Slater** is currently working toward a master's degree in education (language and literacy) at National Louis University in Wheaton, IL.

**Gregg Steger** and his wife, **Jacqueline Krueger '79**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 16, 2004.

'80

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### 1980

**Chris Carlisle** is the new golf coach at Adams Middle School, Johnstown, OH.

### 1983

**Dolores Bailey Moore** continues to substitute teach at Brice Christian Academy in Brice, OH.

### 1985

**Russ McHenry** was honored as recreation professional of the year at an awards luncheon of the 13-state southern district of the American Alliance for Health.

### 1987

**Marty Barnett** was recognized for her increment years of tenure with the Cardington-Lincoln School District, Cardington, OH.

### 1988

**Caroline Dillon Derr** earned certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

**Susan Gaskell Merryman** received the Tom Poling Practitioner of the Year Award by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) during its annual awards luncheon at the Hilton Towne Center at Easton, in Columbus on April 28, 2004.

**Stephanie Tischer** relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona in 2001. She is currently working as a business analyst for ACS, Inc. in Tempe.

### 1989

**Bob Byrne** was hired as a senior performance analyst for the Franklin County, OH, Commissioners: Office of Management and Budget. He had been working as a budget analyst for the City of Austin, TX, since 2000.

**Thomas Denbrow** has earned the professional designation of Certified Med-

ical Practice Executive (CMPE) from the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE).

**Karen Kasler Keske** joined the Ohio Public Radio and Public Television Statehouse News Bureau, March 1, 2004 as bureau chief.

**Tuesday Beerman Trippier** and husband **John '89** have moved back to Ohio from Charlotte, NC, where they lived for five years. John joined the department of taxation with the State of Ohio as administrator, audit division. She is a full-time mom of three, enjoying volunteering at the school, church and working one day a week at the YMCA in Powell, OH.

### 1990

**Tim Beerman** and brother Jeff acquired the firm of James S. Curtin CPA. The practice is located in Grandview, OH.

### 1992

**Jennifer Shaffer Bossert** joined the Fisher College of Business at the Ohio State University as associate director of marketing.

**Linda Siemer Harris** was promoted to vice president at Fairfield National Bank, Lancaster, OH.

**Robert Siegel** has joined Farmers Citizens Bank as vice president and chief financial officer of the bank and treasurer of the holding company.

## 1993

**Teresa Hertle** joined Safex as client-services coordinator.

**Jennifer Hagquist Ladd** has started her eighth year in the Groveport Madison School District, Groveport, OH. She has taught Title 1, third grade and most recently first grade at Glendining Elementary. She earned National Board Teaching Certification in the area of middle childhood generalist last year.

## 1995

**J. Scott Gooding** is the new treasurer for the Westerville City School District.

**Jill Bolander Hecker** was inducted into the Harding High School, Marion, OH, Hall of Fame on April 23, 2004.

**Richard Howenstine II** is a project manager for the Bank One Trust Company. He also continues to play trombone with the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Band.

## 1996

**Cary Cordell** will be the new principal at Barrett Middle School, Columbus, OH, beginning this fall.

**Mary Kay Milligan Freshour** is now the director of admissions and financial aid at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

## 1997

**Robert Jackson** was named Walnut Ridge High

School's new boys' basketball coach in Columbus, OH.

**Noelle Pothier** was hired as an assistant account executive for Fahlgren Advertising.

## 1998

**Sunny Killina** and husband Jason celebrated the first birthday of their first child, Rowan Eladriel, July 8, 2004. Sunny cares for Rowan during the day and writes fiction and poetry at night and into the wee hours of the morning. Her children's verse was recently accepted for publication in *Babybug*, one of the magazines in the Cricket Magazine Group.

**Paul Smith** is in naval flight school training to be a U.S. Coast Guard search & rescue pilot.

## 1999

**Tim Dye** returned home to Columbus in June 2004, after five years of living in Cleveland. He accepted a position as vice president of Trinity Homes. He and his wife, **Katie Callison Dye '00**, are building their new home in Powell, OH.

**Jessica Coriale Howenstine** is entering her sixth year of teaching at the Highland Central Elementary School. Her summer vacations have been filled with trips to California, Colorado and Las Vegas.

**Leigh Graumlich Reynolds** is a real estate sales agent for HER Real Living's Arlington office.

## 2000

**John Boyer** was hired as the director of debate at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. He took over in August 2004 to begin his full-time work as director.

**Emily Barber Capece** is currently teaching for Fairfax County Public Schools in Alexandria, VA. She is the choral music director at Carol Sandburg School and has a program of over 200 students in five choirs. She moved to Virginia after teaching elementary music for the Department of Defense Dependant Schools in Okinawa, Japan. She is also active in community theater and is currently in the Sondheim production of *Saturday Night* with the Arlington Players.

**Nellie Hough Mundhenk** and husband Chris relocated to Hollidaysburg, PA where Chris has taken a job with the Altoona Curve, an AA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

**Erin McDonald Richers** is an editor with the Show What you Know Publishing company in Columbus. Her husband, August, is in school for massage therapy.

## 2002

**Phillip Sobers** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

## 2003

**Jessica Perry Brantner** is a registered nurse in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She is stationed at Keesler Air

Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. She works on the surgical ward and is Second Lieutenant in the Air Force.

**David Elsner**, who was assigned to the 101st airborne division, returned from Iraq on Feb. 1, 2003.

**Tony Gonzalez** is the lead in the touring production of *Saturday Night Fever*.

**Ashley Good** was named Brooksville's varsity girls soccer coach, Brooksville, OH.

**Kristina Johnson** is studying to become a physician assistant in New Jersey. She will graduate from the program in 2006. She starts her rotations in October.

**Kelley Sims** is perusing a master's degree in physical therapy from Ohio State University. She is working part time as an athletic trainer at See the Trainer and Ohio State Sports Medicine Center.

**Renata Wilson** plays Nancy in the musical *Oliver!* which is touring North America.

## 2004

**Christine Burns Myers** was accepted into The Ohio State University College of Optometry. ■

# Milestones

compiled by Mindy Harsha

## Marriages

1969

**Martha Kerr** to Thomas Bay, June 14, 2003.

**Judith Sonntag** to Michael Hennen, July 5, 2003.

1974

**Rebecca Hawk** to Daniel Thomaswick, April 24, 2004.

1983

**Dolores Joan Bailey** to G. Roger McElfresh, Feb. 15, 2004.

1991

**Korey Brown** to Andrea Graumlich, July 17, 2004.

1992

**Kevin Wortman** to Samantha Crail, March 20, 2004.

1995

**Richard Howenstine II** to **Jessica Coriale '99**, May 1, 2004.

1995

**Nancy Ketzler** to Richard Duxbury, Aug. 16, 2003.

1997

**Ted Busch** to Karen Russell, June 12, 2004.

**Fred Cranford** to Elizabeth Robertson, June 19, 2004.

**Kimberly McFarland** to Nick Trubiano, June 26, 2004.

1998

**Robin Horsley** to William Vanden Noven, June 9, 2003.

**Sunny Killina** to Jason Davis, Jan. 18, 2003.

**Karey West** to Karen Kason, April 24, 2004.

1999

**Lyndsie Buchanan** to Kelly Douglas Weakley, July 17, 2004.

**Cathleen Eickhoff** to Jem Kellar, May 2004.

**Michelle Lohr** to John Paul, Aug. 7, 2004.

**Aaron Roberts** to Abby Erler, June 12, 2004.

2000

**Emily Barber** to Christian Capece, Dec. 27, 2003.

**Carl Gelfius** to **Kelley Gilbert '03**, June 19, 2004.

**Erin McDonald** to August Richers, April 24, 2004.

2001

**Michelle Campbell** to Daniel Smith, June 26, 2004.

**Stephanie Krous** to **Mark Posey '01**, May 29, 2004.

**Kathleen Wittman** to Tim Wheeler, Aug. 14, 2004.

2002

**Robert Apostolkis** to Robin Freund, May 15, 2004.

**Patrick Asbury** to Heather Hanna, May 8, 2004.

**Ashley Hulboy** to **Adam Ellison '01**, June 12, 2004.

**Angela Kiser** to Nathan Miller, July 17, 2004.

**Robert Lettan** to **Janna Bain '03**, Aug. 3, 2003.

**Michael Myers Jr.** to **Claire Cahoon '03**, Oct., 2003.

**Jennifer Noll** to Victor Ward, Dec. 6, 2003.

**Jessica Richter** to Michael Colvin, May 1, 2004.

2003

**Brooke Christy** to **Sheldon Steinke '02**, Sept. 20, 2003.

**Tara Feeney** to Christopher Kraner, March 20, 2004.

**Mollie Goodwin** to Christopher LaFrambosie, Sept. 6, 2003.

**Molly Moore** to Tyler Pensyl, July 24, 2004.

**Jessica Perry** to Dave Brantner, May 15, 2004.

**April Ritts** to Timothy Hayes, Aug. 2, 2003.

**Trevor Rosendahl** to Mindy Kelley, May 15, 2004.

**Kelly Sims** to Lt. J.B. Bradley, Sept. 4, 2004.

## Additions

1972

**Greg Prowell** and wife Genny, a baby girl, Gabriella Yvonne, Sept. 28, 2003.

1989

**Tuesday Beerman Trippier** and husband **John '89**,

a baby boy, Michael Carl, March 17, 2003. He joins brother Josh, 11, and sister Emma, 7.

**Kimberly Gutridge Zornow** and husband **Steven '88**, a baby girl, Emily Ruth, Feb. 12, 2004. She joins big sister Amanda, 7.

## 1990

**Timothy Bullis** and wife Kelly, a baby boy, Mitchell John, March 26, 2004.

**Marlynne Crimmel Gressock** and husband Steven, a baby boy, Carson Chance, Aug. 7, 2003. He joins older brother Chase Michael, 5. Proud grandmother is **Mary Ellen Hankinson Crimmel '58**, uncle **Orlando Burt Crimmel '90** and great aunt **Martha Jean Hankinson Hutson '54**.

## 1991

**Aysu Basaran** and husband David Kaczmarek, a baby girl, Olivia Eren, April 4, 2003. She joins big sister Isabel, 4.

**Colby Paul Kingsbury** and husband Chad, a baby girl, Chloe Isobel, June 4, 2004.

## 1992

**Dresden Rader Reimann** and husband Todd, a baby boy, William Todd, June 15, 2004. He joins older brother Trent, 2.

## 1993

**Liane Widomski Graham** and husband Ron, a baby girl, Kiley Elizabeth, Nov. 14, 2003.

**Jennifer Hagquist Ladd** and husband Jeff, a baby girl, Megan Marie, June 30, 2004.

## 1994

**Amy Holzapfel Gutman** and husband **Matt '93**, a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, Jan. 31, 2004. She joins brothers Michael and Luke. She is the great, great granddaughter of **Elizabeth Rosselot A'1902**, granddaughter of Claude and **Brenda Evans Holzapfel '62** and niece of **Nick '94** and **Misty Kinkead Gutman '98**.

**Jennifer Thatcher Herr** and husband Tim, a baby girl, Emilie McKenzie, May 10, 2004. She joins big brother Ryan Thane. Proud grandma is **Laura McKenzie Herr '94**.

**Patti Knoop Miller** and husband Mike, a baby boy, Samuel Michael, Dec. 6, 2003.

**Matt Mohler** and wife Amy, a baby boy, Ryan Jeffrey, April 9, 2004. He joins big brother Justin, 4, and sister Hannah, 2.

**Christ Troyer** and wife Dana, a baby boy, Jeremy Cole, Sept. 19, 2002. He joins big brother Case.

**Robin Wells Wheeler** and husband **David '94**, a baby boy, Timothy David, April 28, 2004. He joins older sisters Sarah, 5 and Catherine, 3.

## 1996

**Kristen Thomas Harvey** and husband Kevin, a baby

boy, Andrew Thomas, April 6, 2004. Proud relatives include grandfather, **Robert Lowell Thomas '63** and aunt **Laurie Thomas '98**.

**Malila Syripanya Nguyen** and husband Junior, a baby girl, Isabella, Jan. 10, 2004. She joins big sister Sandrienne, 3.

**Alyson Stivison Schell** and husband **Richard '92**, a baby boy, Hudson Sawyer, Feb. 20, 2004. He joins older brothers Hunter and Hayden.

## 1998

**Angela Klinger Becksfort** and husband Michael, twin girls, Jilli and Ali, Jan. 28, 2003.

**Shannon Lampert Heckman** and husband Shawn, twin girls, Gabrielle Rose and Lydia Grace, March 8, 2004.

**Jarrold Kern** and wife Kari, a baby girl, Chloe Renee, Feb. 14, 2003.

**Trinity Mahan Walsh** and husband Jeff, a baby girl, Grace Kathleen, Feb. 29, 2004.

## 2000

**Donna Blevins Brewer** and husband Chet, a baby boy, Seth Avery, March 20, 2003.

## 2002

**Bethany Broadfoot Schoeff** and husband David, a baby boy, Ryan David, Jan. 20, 2004. He joins older sister Rachel Lillian.

## 2003

**Kevin Ambuski** and wife Katie, a baby girl, Kasia Grace, Feb. 11, 2004.

**Timothy Hall** and wife Amy, a baby girl, Avery Grace, March 3, 2004.

# Deaths

## 1929

**Helena Baer Machamer** passed away May 17, 2004. After receiving her BA degree from Otterbein College she taught for two years to fulfill her mother's wishes. She received her R.N. degree from Flower Hospital in Toledo, OH and completed her graduate studies at Syracuse University, New York. She was asked to manage a health service for the prestigious new Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont. After seven years she returned to Toledo looking for a job near her mother. Heidelberg College heard about her student health knowledge and asked her to set up a service for them. She served on boards at The Betty Jane Center, the former Commerical National Bank, the YMCA and Heidelberg College. She was treasurer of the B.A. Seitz Trust Fund for underprivileged children, past president of the American Association of University Women and a member of Soroptomest International and professional nurse clubs. She was an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ, where she served for several years on the National Board of



Homeland Ministries. She was given the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1966 from Heidelberg College for her many years of service to her community.

### 1935

**Paul Frees** passed away Jan. 14, 2004. After Otterbein College he received his bachelor of divinity degree from United (Bonebrake) Theological Seminary in 1938. His first church was in Louisville, OH the First United Brethren Church where he served from 1938-1945. He was then appointed to Ashland's First United Brethren Church which later became First Evangelical United Brethren. After the EUB/Methodist merger in 1968, it became Christ United Methodist. He retired in 1976 after serving Christ Church for 31 years and later given the honorary title of pastor emeritus. He was a strong advocate for mental health projects, church camping, and ecumenical co-operation throughout his 38 years of active ministry. He is survived by son, David Paul Frees; daughter, Carol Ellen Aten; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

### 1938

**Lora Good McGraw** passed away Aug. 22, 2003. She pursued a challenging career in optometry with enthusiasm, authoring numerous papers, articles and books, including her well-received "Guiding Strabismus Therapy" in

1991. She was given the Jewel Young Award in 1986 and subsequently The Lora McGraw Award was established in her honor, to be presented to the outstanding vision therapist of the year. She was preceded in death by grandfather **Michael Burns Loror Seneff '1894**; parents **John D. '13** and **Rachel Seneff Good x'13**, brothers **Ray D. Good x'46** and John; and daughter Rachael. She is survived by sister and brother-in-law **Martha Good Reece '47** and **Rolland R. Reece '50**; sons, Blair and David; daughter, Lora and nephew **John S. Reece '76** and wife **Louise MacAdams Reece '77**.

### 1939

**Berle Babler** passed away Jan. 18, 2004.

### 1940

**Randall Campbell** passed away Feb. 28, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Catherine Ward Campbell '40**.

**Manley Morton** passed away Nov. 24, 2003. He taught school for a few years before moving into aerospace engineering where he worked for 37 years. He enjoyed working on the Apollo program and designed the heat shield tiles for the Space Shuttle program among many other projects. He was a deeply religious man and served his church in many ways. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Vesta Lilly Morton '42**; five children, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

### 1941

**Mary Garver Clippinger** passed away June 26, 2004. She worked as a nurse at the New Haven Hospital (Conn.), 1944-1947, and the Kansas University Medical Center, 1968-1986, where she was head nurse of the Infectious Disease Unit. She served as an instructor of nursing at the Yale School of Nursing, 1944-1947. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John Clippinger '41**; her parents; and a sister, **Helen Garver Haas '46**. She is survived by her sons, Arthur Clippinger and John (Pranom) Clippinger; a granddaughter, Mary Clippinger; sisters, **Frances Garver '43** and **Esther Garver Jeffers x'53**.

**Mary Myers Dean** passed away Jan. 10, 2004.

**Lloyd Lewis** passed away July 9, 2004.

**Marie Holliday Woltz** passed away Aug. 2, 2004.

### 1942

**John Russell Martin** passed away March 11, 2004. He worked at Keystone Ordinance Plain in Meadville, PA and Ashland Oil Refinery, Ashland, WV. He also worked in education and real estate. Surviving is son, Steve; daughters, Betty Miller and Carole Fox; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Kathleen and Eva.

### 1943

**Elvin Adams** passed away July 15, 2004. He was a Veteran of the Army Air Corps in World War II, master plumber and owner of Adams Plumbing. He was a long time member of the Good Samaritan Reformed Church. He was active with the Church teen youth group and a clown ministry. He was preceded in death by son Kenneth White. Survived by wife of 53 years, Dorthea "Dodie" Admas; grandchildren, Kraig (Kathy) White, Kathleen (Walter) Burns and Caroline (Scott) Krouse; six great-grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew, and his Good Samaritan Church Family.

### 1947

**John Shiffler** passed away June 11, 2004. Until eight years ago he held the record for scoring the highest points in a basketball game at Otterbein College. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater, he was a high school teacher, basketball and baseball coach. He was a salesman for the remainder of this career. He was an active member of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. He is survived by his wife, Anne; daughters, Cathy (Tom) McCarthy, Connie (Alan) Dils, Kathryn MacKinnon and Tricia (Paul) LaMarca; son, Jay (D. Ann) Shiffler; 10 grandchildren, two stepsons and four step-grandchildren. He is pre-

ceded in death by his parents, Carl William and Rizza Hope (nee Shippley) Shiffler; and brother, **William Shiffler '50**.

## 1949

**Fred Beachler** passed away April 13, 2004. He was a longtime business leader, primarily in the area of association management. He was the first president of the Vision Institute of America. He served with the 34th Infantry Division in the Mediterranean Theater during World War II. He was a prisoner of war and received two Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars. He was a two-year president to MORA; board member and president of the Treasure Coast Communities Association; and a member of University Blue Lodge, Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite, Aladdin Shrine Temple and First Methodist Church of Stuart. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen; sons, Stephen and David; brother, **George '53**; sister, Elaine Price; sister-in-law, Jane Swisher; ex-sister-in-law, **Ne-Ne Beachler '54**; and six grandchildren.

**Richard Carter** passed away July 21, 2003. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He retired from Canton Local Schools. He was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton. He was a board member of the Massillon Heritage Foundation and Five Oaks House Chairman, Massillon Loin's Club and the Greater Canton Men's

Chorus. Survived by his wife of 54 years, **Miriam L. Miller Carter '47**; daughter, Nancy Barstow; sons, Terry and Timothy Carter; five grandchildren, Wendy (Mike) Perkins, Paul, Justin, and Daniel Carter, and Ashley Barstow; two great-grandchildren, Logan and Trevor Perkins; and three brothers, **James '39**, Norman and William Carter.

**Marilyn Bogan Weber** passed away Oct. 8, 1999. She was preceded in death by husband, **Ed Weber '50**.

**Elsley Witt** passed away May 14, 2004. He taught history and science at Connellsville (PA) Junior High School from 1949-1960 when he moved to Westerville and became the director of financial aid and testing at Otterbein College, staying until his retirement in 1976. He was instrumental in developing the federal work study program that assists many Otterbein students. He retired in 1980 from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, having served in World War II and the Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife **Margaret Macrum Witt '74**; sons **E. Keith Jr. '72** and wife **Diane Savage Witt '72**, **D. Kevin '73**, **T. Kent '75** and his wife **Jane Melhorn Witt '75**, **R. Kerry '77**; daughter, Jane; nephews, **Ralph C. III '70**, **Mark '72**, **Greg '77**, **David '79**, **Todd Reagan '84**; niece, **Linda '74**; 13 grandchildren including **Christine '00**, **T. Kent Jr. '02**, **R. Kyle '02**, **Laura '03**, Katy and Kelly. He

was preceded in death by a brother, **Dave '51**.

## 1950

**Don Moon** passed away April 2, 2004. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

## 1951

**Robert Gower** passed away May 9, 2004. He retired from education in 1983. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty; four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## 1951

**Robert Pillsbury** passed away on July 5, 2004. He was a tool and die marker for 43 years with General Motors in Trenton, NJ. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce Enoch Pillsbury '51**; four children and eight grandchildren.

## 1952

**Frederick Jackson** passed away April 3, 2003. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce Robertson Jackson '50**.

## 1954

**Stanley Busic Jr.** passed away April 13, 2004.

**Lawrence Tirnauer** passed away March 21, 2004. Early in his career he was the first psychologist to testify about mental competency in a legal trial in the Washington, D.C. area. He had been in full time private practice of clinical psychotherapy in the Washington, D.C. area for over 40 years. He painted, wrote poetry and fiction, played tennis and

traveled. He is survived by daughters, Jennifer, Karen and Diana; son, Eric; and seven grandchildren.

## 1955

Otterbein College has learned that **Ronald Keim** passed away. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Hill Keim '55**.

## 1961

**Lois Thayer Parsons** passed away Feb. 17, 2004. She is survived by her husband, David.

## 1964

**Rebecca Wood Robbins** passed away March 23, 2004. She worked as a teller for Bank of America in Cumming, Georgia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elkhart Order of Easter Star in New York, Organ Guild of America, and American Institute of Banking. Surviving is her husband of 40 years, Joseph Robbins; daughters Martha and Kimberly; son Gregg; eight grandchildren; sister, Debra; and brother, William. Preceded in death by her father **Burdette A. Wood '34**.

## 1965

**Barbara Smith Day** passed away April 17, 2004. She was a kindergarten teacher for the Westerville City Schools for 30 years. Survived by husband, E. Glenn Day; son, Mark (Jann) Day; daughter, Connie (Douglas) Kramer; grandchildren, Jansen Day, Meredith and Jesse Day, Aaron and Hannah Kramer.

1967

**Cynthia Crews Johnson** passed away March 29, 2004. She is survived by her husband, **Charles H. Johnson '64**; and children, Mark and Meredith.

1969

**Joan Evans Biebel** passed away Dec. 19, 2003. She is survived by her husband Ernest; daughter, Julie; brother, Howard (Lucy) Evans and brother **David Evans '67** and sister-in-law, **Nancy Smith Evans '68**.

1970

**David Morriss** passed away Nov. 29, 2003.

1971

**Daniel Ramage** passed away May 2, 2004. He was employed as a general manager at Overland Solutions, Inc. for 11 years. He was blessed with a wonderful voice and loved to sing Gospel music along with his "Lovee," his wife Carol. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Carol; mother, Eleanor; sisters, Dawna (Mike) Ayers, Debbie (Dave) Schirtzinger; step-daughters, Kimberley (Roger) Klein, Sherry (Doug) Hazen and Emy (Kenny) Willoughby; grandchildren, Kaler and Corinne Hazen, Rochelle and Zachary Willoughby; nephews, Andy Schirtzinger and Ben Ayers and niece, Jodi Schirtzinger; and a loving extended family.

1975

**Michael Emler** passed away April 24, 2004. He was a water treatment chemist with Citizens Utilities in Westerville. Music was his passion; he enjoyed playing guitar and had been a member of several music groups. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother, Nondus; brothers, Gregory (Linda), David (Amy); aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

1976

**Elsa Giammarco** passed away April 16, 2004. She was active in the Republican Party since the 1980s when she became president of the Capital City Young Republicans Club. She was active in public service throughout her career at both the state and county levels. These included Franklin County Treasurer's Office as chief deputy, and most recently the Ohio State Attorney General's Office as administration director of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. She was an award-winning executive board member of the Central Ohio Association of Governmental Accountants, was very active in the Junior League of Columbus and was a member of the Crichton Club. Preceded in death by father, Pasquale Giammarco; first husband Donald Van Zant Sr. and stepson, Donald Van Zant Jr. Survived by husband, Timothy Snipes; mother, Concetta

Giammarco; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Patty Giammarco; mother-in-law, Loretta Snipes; brother and sister-in-laws, Josh and Cindy Snipes, Aaron and Matt Snipes; step-daughters and husbands, Kathy and John Humbert, Rhonda and Carl Robinson and Karon and Jim Storment; nephews and nieces, Tony, Nick and Alisa Giammarco, Travis and Jackie Snipes along with many relatives and friends.

1980

**Marilyn Kay Constable Rudowski** passed away April 6, 2004. She is survived by her sons, Steve and Scott.

1983

**Bradley Abels** passed away July 27, 2004. After college he joined the Navy and attended Officer Candidate School. After six years he transferred to the Air Force, where he enrolled in Uniform Services Medical School. Passing the oral and written boards, he was certified in emergency room medicine. He is survived by parents, Dene and Jean Abels; children, Alex and Lani; sisters, Barbara Abels, Beth Abels and Sara Abels and son, Bradley Cline; aunts and uncles, Tom and Carol Allyn and George and Ruth Abels; a special great aunt and uncle, Harold (Gills) and Doris Bradley; and several cousins.

1992

**Jennifer O'Bryan Mohr** passed away April 14, 2004. She was director of the opportunities for parenting teens center with the Lima schools. She was an adviser for the Johnny Apple seed Gang 4-H Club. She is survived by parents, Talbert and Barbara O'Bryan; husband, Mark; sons, Johnathan and Maverick; and sister, Jodi.

Friends

**Lila Kaufman** passed away July 15, 2004. She worked in the Continuing Studies Office at Otterbein College for many years. She was preceded in death by parents Raymond and Wilhelmina Harris. She is survived by children R. Craig Kaufman, Marcia (John) Johnson, **Susan (Forrest) Alexander '82**; brother Raymond Harris; grandchildren Matthew Johnson, Clint Johnson, Katie Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Jacob Lehnert, Chloe Alexander; nieces, nephews and friends.

**Leo Watkins** passed away March 9, 2004. He is survived by his wife, **Beverly Appleton Watkins '67**. ■

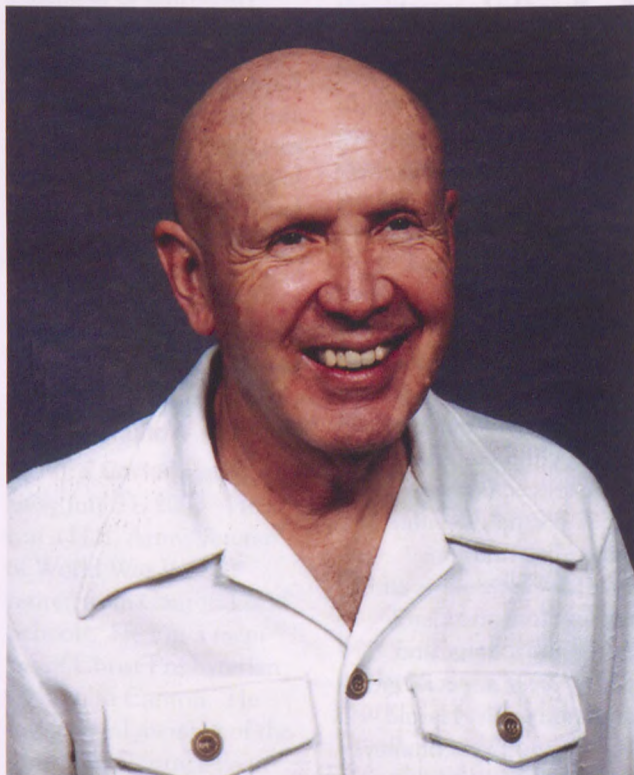
# “Dr. Griss” Led Much Growth in Speech and Theatre

James “Dr. Griss” Grissinger H’75, died of cancer on Monday, June 21, 2004, in Westerville. He was 80 years old.

Jim was well known in the Otterbein and Westerville communities as a professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Speech, as well as a member of numerous civic committees, including 12 years on the Westerville City Council, two of those as chairman.

Jim was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended college at The Ohio State University, where he received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Cuban Crisis, and retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. While in the military, he taught classes at Yale University and the University of Illinois.

Jim came to Otterbein College in 1950, at a time when the Speech and Theatre Department consisted of himself and one other instructor. In a 2002 interview with *Towers*, Jim said he was a graduate student at The Ohio State University who just happened to be nearby when someone said, “The dean from Otterbein College is on the phone — does anyone want to teach a course in communication?” Jim answered the call—in a big way.



Dr. James Grissinger 'H75, 1924-2004

In his 37 years at Otterbein, he brought about the growth of the speech and theatre programs into two separate departments. Among his many accomplishments are the re-creation of radio station WOBC into WOBN, the establishment of courses in television broadcasting, the creation of WOCC-TV (the Westerville-Otterbein Community Channel) and the founding of the Public Relations and Journalism programs. In 1977, he was named Outstanding Speech Teacher in Ohio by the Ohio Association of College Teachers of Speech, which also awarded him their 1983 Distinguished Service Award.

In the Westerville community, he volunteered with Westerville schools, the Senior Center, Parks and Recreation, the Visitor’s Bureau and the First Presbyterian Church as an elder. “We (Jim and his wife, Jodi) didn’t intend to stay in Westerville forever, but we never found any place we liked nearly as well,” he said.

Following his retirement in 1987, Jim began performing concerts for local nursing homes featuring his keyboard and singing talents. “I first started volunteering at Manor Care (Health Services in Westerville), because we all should be giving back for the blessings we have received,” he said. On Dec. 18, 2001, he performed his 1,000th concert.

As a result of all his hours of volunteer work, the Rotary Club honored Jim with their community service award in 2001.

Otterbein also honored Jim for his service to the College. In 1975, he was named an honorary alumnus, and in 1994, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association.

In 2002, he was selected as a special guest of the Golden Reunion Class of 1952 at Otterbein’s Alumni Weekend. At a reunion gathering for speech and theatre majors who graduated from the College between 1922 and 1977, Jim shared his stories and memories of his time at Otterbein along with Department of Theatre faculty members Charles Dodrill and Fred “Pop” Thayer.

“What I remember and treasure the most about Otterbein was that the faculty had a lot of opportunity to do off-the-blackboard things, like when I started WOBN,” Jim said. “We were never constrained by strict rules, and the College has really grown as a result.”

Jim is preceded in death by his wife Jodi, and survived by daughters Lynn Grissinger and **Beth Simpson '79** and six grandchildren. Those wishing to honor Jim and Jodi Grissinger can make a donation to the Dr. Griss Endowed Fund through the Otterbein College Office of Development, One Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

# The "O" Club

## Paul Reiner '68 to Take the Reins of The "O" Club

Don Carlos, OC's first basketball All-American and the "O" Club's president since Homecoming 2000 will step down after completing his second term and will be officially replaced by Paul Reiner on October 10th. Dave Lehman will replace Paul Reiner as vice president. Jack Moore will replace Dave Lehman as a director and Wayne Woodruff will replace Jeff Yoest as director. The "O" Club wishes to thank Don and Jeff for their service to the club.

### October 10th - Annual Social, Fundraiser & Award Presentation

The Otterbein "O" Club will host its annual Social and Fundraiser on Sunday, October 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m., at The Lakes Golf & Country Club. All interested persons are welcomed to attend. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be reserved by calling 614/823-3555. The cash bar, hot buffet and silent auction open at 5:00 p.m. The program commences at 6:30 p.m. and includes a brief business meeting, various remarks and presentations to "O" Club honorees Gary Swisher, Outstanding Service Award Recipient, and Ron Balconi, Excel Award Recipient. Athletic Director Dick Reynolds will present the Athletic Director's Award of Distinction to Kevin Miner. The evening concludes with a live auction.



Gary Swisher '70



Ron Balconi '69

### October 11th - 30th Annual Fall Golf Classic

The 30th Annual Fall Golf Classic will take place on Monday, October 11th, at The Lakes Golf and Country Club. The scramble tournament begins with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start and is \$150 per person or \$600 per four-some. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 per hole. Please call 614/835-3555 to register as soon as possible as this event is expected to be a sellout.

### Stadium Update

Stadium Committee Co-Chairs Moe Agler and Bud Yoest have been joined by Bill Freeman in their efforts to raise funds for the new stadium. If you are interested in financially supporting this project, please call the "O" Club office at 614/823-3555. Your support is welcomed and encouraged.

### Baseball Alumni

The "O" Club is supporting the baseball alumni's efforts to raise funds for improvements to the baseball facilities. Interested persons should contact Dan Gifford or the "O" Club office to receive more information. The baseball field will be dedicated in Coach Fishbaugh's name at a 1:00 p.m. ceremony on Sunday, October 17th (the day after Homecoming).

### Homecoming

Due to the proximity of the dates of the "O" Club fall events, the "O" Club will not host its traditional homecoming dinner and program following the homecoming game on October 16th. Instead, the "O" Club encourages members to attend the tailgate party being hosted by Alumni Relations, beginning at noon on Homecoming. Cost is \$3 per person. Advance reservations may be made by calling Greg Johnson at 614/823-1956.

# Philanthropy

compiled by Lori Green



## Fall is a Time of Renewal and Challenge

While fall may be the prelude to winter, we consider fall a time of renewal. It's when freshmen begin their college career, and when upperclassmen reinvigorate themselves for new academic challenges.

And this year, it's when Otterbein takes a look at where it's going and how it will get there.

Institutional Advancement will be working with the College leadership as they identify priorities. These priorities will help us when we talk to alumni and friends about the funding opportunities on campus, for the students and for our faculty.



If you have questions about how your donation to Otterbein may be best used, please call us at 614.823.1400 or (toll free) 888.614.2600.

### Student Voices

Our annual phone-a-thon benefiting Otterbein's Annual Fund will feature new voices: Otterbein students! "I am very excited that current Otterbein students will now be the ones phoning our alumni and friends," said Kaci Herrick, Director of the Annual Fund for Constituency Groups.

Some of Otterbein's best and brightest will call to chat, bring you up to date on current campus events, and keep you informed about activities. Be sure to tell the student a story or two about your time on campus.

"We truly appreciate the continued investment our alumni and friends make in the College," Kaci said. "Now you'll be able to hear for yourself how your investment is working."

### New Endowed Funds

#### *Dr. Robert F. Berkey '52 Endowed Lectureship*

Clarence T. Gilham, an Otterbein friend, wished to honor his friend and Otterbein alumnus **Robert F. Berkey '52**.

Each year, the Academic Dean and Religion Department chair will assess the lectureship needs of the College; this fund will help with expenses incurred.

Commences: 2005

#### *Violet L. Bielstein Department of Education Enhancement Fund*

Violet Bielstein was the proud parent of **Constance Bielstein Bonnell '61**. She taught for many years in Mt. Pleasant in Pennsylvania. Her commitment to education and admiration for Otterbein was the driving force for this endowed

fund. Her legacy will be used to provide discretionary funding for the Department of English in order to enhance the educational opportunities for Otterbein students.  
*Commences: 2005.*

#### *Nancy Bocskor Scholarship Fund*

**Nancy Bocskor '79** wanted to give something back to the school which provided her start in life. This scholarship fund will provide financial assistance to an Otterbein student who is interested in pursuing a political science degree.  
*Commences: 2004*

#### *Ronald and Carole Stover Dougherty Scholarship*

**Carole S. Dougherty '54**, on the occasion of her golden reunion, created this scholarship in honor of her parents, Harold D. And Mary G. Stover.  
*Commences: 2009*

#### *Elsa C. Giammarco Endowed Scholarship*

**Elsa C. Giammarco '76** dedicated her career to government and public service at the community, county and state levels. She exemplified the values of leadership, loyalty and respect of family. This scholarship was created in her memory by her husband, Timothy Snipes, and with the generous support of friends, family and colleagues.  
*Commences: 2004*

#### *Dr. Clarence Gilham Endowed Scholarship Fund*

Clarence Gilham was a friend of the College. His bequest left funding to establish this scholarship, which will be used to help students preparing to enter the Christian ministry or who are planning to pursue graduate studies in history or biblical studies.  
*Commences: 2005*

#### *Glover, Hohn, Moore Endowed Scholarship*

The cousins of **Margaret Moore Glover '33**, **Richard Hohn '63**, **Roger Hohn '66** and **Thomas Moore '63**, helped to establish Mrs. Glover's dream of a scholarship that would assist upperclass Otterbein students. She believed that Otterbein had given her a tremendous start in life, and wanted to afford the same opportunity to others.  
*Commences: 2005*

#### *Kintigh Family Scholarship Fund*

**Thomas Q. '62** and **Judith Eckner Kintigh '65** created this scholarship in honor of Tom's parents, Quentin and Rose Kintigh (former Otterbein employees). It will help students from western Pennsylvania have the financial resources to attend Otterbein.

#### *Kusse/Ritchie Scholarship*

Lily L. Ritchie established this fund in honor of her parents, Paul and Brigetta Kusse; her husband, George C. Ritchie; and her daughter, Brenda, who attended Otterbein for two years. Her son, **Ronald Ritchie '61**, was the first person in the family to graduate from college. This scholarship is dedicated to ensuring that worthy men and women who lack the financial resources to attend college have a chance to "make it" in the modern world.  
*Commences: 2004*

#### *Professor Gilbert E. Mills Memorial Endowed Faculty Sabbatical Program*

Roger E. Mills helped to create this endowment in honor of his uncle, Gilbert E. Mills, who served Otterbein College from 1920 to 1963 in the Foreign Language Department. Funds from this endowment will be used to assist with faculty sabbatical program expenses.

#### *Glynn and Susan Turquand Scholarship Fund*

**Glynn Turquand '54**, created this scholarship to commemorate his recent 50th graduation anniversary. Funds will be used to assist students interested in pursuing a degree in elementary education.  
*Commences: 2009*

#### *Dr. Roy H. Turley Endowed Scholarship*

Shirley Turley wanted a special tribute for her husband, **Roy H. Turley H'77**. Dr. Turley served Otterbein from 1959 to 1977, first in the Chemistry Department and later as Academic Dean and Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

#### *Donald L. and Caroline A. Williams Department of English Enhancement Fund*

**Donald L. '41** and **Caroline Brentlinger Williams '51** both graduated with their BA's in English from Otterbein, and were proud participants in and supporters of the *Quiz and Quill*. While Caroline pursued her masters of arts degree, Don received his masters in divinity degree. Their bequest was to provide funding for the *Quiz and Quill* program (endowment), and to create this fund. This fund will assist the department to provide opportunities to students to improve their skills and enhance their writing abilities.  
*Commences: 2005*



# Alumni Notes

## New Director of Alumni Relations Shares Vision



It never fails! As soon as the first few chords of the *Otterbein Love Song* are played, I get teary-eyed. Then when I think of Mrs. Grabill, nurturing her sick child late at night, looking out over the “quiet, peaceful village,” seeing in the distance the towers of what we now call Towers Hall, my chin is quivering. The phrase that particularly pulls at my heart strings is:

“O Otterbein, we love thee,  
Our hearts are only thine,  
We pledge anew, We will be true,  
Dear Otterbein.”

These words certainly express how I feel as a proud alumna of Otterbein College. I am so humbled and grateful to be serving as your Director of Alumni Relations.

My vision is simple with your assistance – to create an energetic momentum to motivate, communicate and connect alumni to the mission of Otterbein College. I have determined six goals to direct our focus for the next year. They are to:

- 1 **Determine ways to engage and build relationships**, through programs and services, between alumni and their alma mater;
- 2 **Develop, train and assist the newly formed Alumni Advisory Board** whose objective is to identify meaningful and positive ways to build alumni engagement in the College;

- 3 **Build upon existing programs by creating a strong volunteer organizational structure**, providing creative programming and innovative marketing strategies and collaboratively working with campus partners to connect alumni with students and alumni with alumni;
- 4 **Provide alumni programs in geographic regions and target events for recent graduates**;
- 5 **Implement effective marketing strategies for alumni events** by creating a year long calendar of events, creative marketing images (on paper and on the web) distributed on a timely basis and establishing a web/on-line community communication plan, and;
- 6 **Develop a working partnership with the campus, alumni, emeriti and students** to begin designing future initiatives, such as, alumni clubs, Alumni Admissions program, Career Networking Services, and Community Service Initiatives.

Our lives have been deeply touched by three magnificent legends – Dr. Marilyn Day, Dr. Charles Dodrill and Dr. Jim Grissinger. Each of us needs to “pledge anew” to live out their legacy by committing ourselves that we “will be true” to our “dear Otterbein.” Engage yourself and your family in the life of the College by actively participating, volunteering and/or communicating by email or phone with your classmates to help us create this momentum. Only through your assistance will the energetic momentum be electrified, invigorated and empowered. Call or email me! I’d love to motivate, communicate and connect you to our alma mater!

**Becky Fickel Smith '81**, Director of Alumni Relations  
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## OC Alumni Book Club



Would you like some...  
*literature with your latté,*  
*enlightenment with your espresso,*  
*conversation with your cappuccino,*  
*or memories with your mocha?*

Join us for the newly formed Alumni Book Club in the recently opened Cyber Café of the Courtright Memorial Library. You'll read a good book each month, but the real fun comes from sipping on a cup of coffee as you connect with the book theme and reflect on it with others in this casual, yet engaging atmosphere.

The "books and beans" are enjoyable, but the best part will be connecting with other Otterbein alumni who share a passion for reading!

For more information, contact **Melissa Lafayette Dardinger '95** at [mdard@corp.oprs.org](mailto:mdard@corp.oprs.org) or 614-501-6608.

**When:** First Mondays of each month beginning Monday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. – First meeting, no pre-reading required

**Where:** Cyber Café in the Courtright Memorial Library

*Sponsored by the Alumni Office, Friends of the Library and the Common Book Committee (Also open to Otterbein faculty, staff and students)*

## Are You Looking for Ways to Volunteer....?

If you'd like to get involved with your Alma Mater, here are a number of ways you can be of great service!

- Homecoming and Alumni Weekend Reunion Committees for class years ending in '00 and '05
- Regional Alumni Events to be planned for 2005 in Akron-Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Fort Myers, Florida and Western Pennsylvania
- Serve as a career mentor for current students
- Recruit a student to attend Otterbein
- Participate in the Alumni, Faculty, Student Book Club starting November 1 in the Library Cyber Café
- Join us at the football tailgates, October 16th Homecoming and future alumni events!

Email Becky Smith at [smith@otterbein.edu](mailto:smith@otterbein.edu) or call 1-888-614-2000.

## Children's Theatre Autograph Signing Party



Once Upon a Time in a Quiet, Peaceful Village there was a sad duckling, a tiny princess and a brave tin soldier. The only thing that made these characters truly happy was interacting with your children at the annual Otterbein College Children's Theatre performance of *The Ugly Duckling +2*, *Thumbelina* and *The Brave Tin Soldier* by Hans Christian Andersen.

Join us at the performance on Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. at Westerville Central High School, 7118 Mt. Royal Ave. in Westerville.

**Exclusively for Otterbein Alumni with Kids (OAK), actors will be signing autographs following the performance.**

Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased through the Otterbein College Theatre Box Office at (614) 823-1109. The box office is open from 1:00-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning September 27. It is located in the Campus Center, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. When purchasing your tickets, please indicate that you will be attending the Autograph Signing Party.



We encourage you to acquire the books at your library and read these majestic stories to your children. Otterbein will bring the book to life!

Alumni Connection: **Dan Knechtges '94**, New York choreographer, will be assisting with the performance.



**Members of this year's Homecoming Committee:** Front row: Danelle Entenman Bardos '94, Tracy Hedrick '99, Tacci Smith '94, Michelle Lohr Paul '99, and John Paul. Back row: Jean Archer '89, Andy Hall '89, and Tuesday Beerman Trippier '89.



**OAK Olympics:** Twins and triplets were in abundance at the Oak Olympics this past summer. Standing are Tiffany Weaver '89 and triplets Zach, Riley, and Cal; Sara Cornett '95 and Joe '94 McSwords (holding twins) with Logan, Kayla and Shelby; and Jerry McSwords '94. Kneeling are Kevin Dougherty '89 with twin daughters Kaleigh and Abby; and Coach Doug Welsh and Jill with twin daughters Elizabeth and Sarah.



**Garst Goons:** Five of the original nine 1955-56 "Garst Goons" and other friends reunited on Alumni Weekend 2004 to help their fellow "housemate" Sue Canfield '58 celebrate her Special Achievement Award. On the left is Lyn Wiles Leitschuh, friend and classmate. The other "Goons" are Carole Krieder Bullis, Sue Canfield, Jo Klenk Walterhouse, Joyce Shannon Warner, Jackie Wright Green, and Judy Thomas Meador. Garst Cottage was located on the NE front lawn of the current Student Center.



**At the Cincinnati Student Sendoff.** Otterbein College freshmen, orientation leaders and upperclassmen join with Cincinnati area incoming freshmen to wish them well. Front and center are hosts Melissa McTygue Lutz '90, Rosemary Gorman McTygue '65, and behind her, Fran McTygue.

**New International Student Picnic.** Every year during September orientation, the Otterbein Host Family Program holds a picnic at the Alum Creek Park Shelter House, just west of campus. At this fun event the new international students get to know their host families. The program has brought together people from diverse cultures for many years and has fomented long-lasting friendships. It gives the American families the opportunity to learn about foreign cultures firsthand and the international students a chance to get to know what life is really like in the United States.



Classmates of '56 meet up in Tuscaloosa, Ala., this past July. Wade Miller, Princess Johnson Miller, John Bullis, Carole Krieder Bullis, Mary Lou Wagner, Jim Wagner, Jayne Hopkins, and Dwayne Hopkins.



Committee members of the Dayton area Student Sendoff: Harold Augspurger '41, Carol Boda Bridgeman '50, Dick Bridgeman '49, Margaret Curtis Henn '57, Bob Henn '57, Jim Kay '63, Ellen Kemp Kay '63, John Albrecht '49, George Liston '52 and Jane Deevers Liston '54.

## Save the Date for AlumMatters

News from the OC Alumni Office: 614-823-1650

### October 9

Washington DC Alumni gathering at Kennedy Center

### October 15 – 17

Homecoming '04 with special invitation to reunion Classes of '84,'89,'94,'99. Check out the web site, [www.otterbein.edu/homecoming04/](http://www.otterbein.edu/homecoming04/) or call 614-823-1650

**Friday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.** – Alumni Reception at Little Turtle Country Club with faculty hosts including Larry Cox (Psychology), Beth Daugherty (English), Jim Gorman (English), Robert Kraft (Psychology), John Ludlum (Communication), Allen Prindle (Business) and Gary Tirey (Music)

**Friday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.** – Broadcasting Alumni Reunion and John Buckles Farewell at Little Turtle Country Club, For more information or to RSVP, email [otterbeinbroadcasting@yahoo.com](mailto:otterbeinbroadcasting@yahoo.com)

**Sunday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.** – Dedication of Dick Fishbaugh Baseball Field. Contact George Powell, 614-823-3521.

### November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Alumni, Faculty, Student Book Club in the Cyber Café of the Courtright Memorial Library (See details on page 47.)

### November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Common Book Author, Mark Hertsgaard of *The Eagle's Shadow: Why American Fascinates and Infuriates the World*, community lecture sponsored by the Friends of the Library

### November 13, 10 a.m./11 a.m.

Exclusive event for Otterbein Alumni with Kids – Children's Theatre Performance at Westerville Central High School with an Autograph Signing Party (See details on page 47.)

**February 10 - Black Alumni Gathering at Otterbein**

**March 6 - Ft. Myers, FL Alumni Gathering**

**April 7-10 - Cardinal Migration at Williamsburg, VA**

**June 10-12 - Alumni Weekend**



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## Cardinal Migration 2005

# Williamsburg, VA

**April 7-10, 2005**

Come see where America began. Alumni, family and friends will step back into the 18th century in Williamsburg, restored to the time when it was the largest and most populated of Britain's 13 colonies. Visits to Jamestown, established in 1607 and site of the first permanent English settlement in the "New World," a Southern plantation and tavern experience are being planned. Calendar the date now to join us at this lifelong learning experience ready-made for the entire family. Registration information will be sent in early winter. (Temperatures for this time of year average high of 71 and low of 44 degrees.)

