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Athletics and Academics: A Powerful Team

Otterbein's new athletic director and I share a key strategy to help Otterbein win. We want high achievers—in the classroom, on the playing field and as graduates in the world.

This issue of *Towers* offers a collection of stories that illustrate the commitment, hard work and heart that distinguish our scholar-athletes, faculty and alumni—no matter where they are competing in life's journey.

More than 20 percent of Otterbein's entire student body is comprised of student athletes. That means one-fifth of our students provide ample opportunity for us to cheer for Otterbein as a community at sporting events. It's easy for us to watch each player grow and develop throughout the season. And while the final game score never tells the whole story, it certainly is one measure of their success.

What we aren't able to see are the countless ways these very same student athletes are performing in the classroom and the community as promising scholars, dedicated volunteers and budding professionals. Their performance here is no less worthy a cause for celebration. But the scoreboard that keeps track of these kinds of wins doesn't stand in a field. Their growth and development is measured by the kinds of leaders these young men and women are becoming. Regardless, their best win still happens in front of a large and excited crowd in the Rike—when they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.

In the world of sports, statistics are commonly used to evaluate success. If that's the case, here are some averages and scores that matter at Otterbein.

Since 2000, we have had . . .

- 64 student athletes selected as Athletic All-American
- 31 student athletes selected as Academic All-America
- 55 Conference championships won by the Cardinals
- 42 Ohio Athletic Conference "Coaches of the Year"
- 23 NCAA team appearances and three Final Four appearances.

These numbers take on additional meaning when you also consider that . . .

- 292 student athletes earned a 3.0 or better G.P.A. last year
- 85 Otterbein athletes participate in more than one sport
- And, in 2011, our student athletes volunteered 3,025 hours in service while maintaining their academic and athletic responsibilities.

Whether you're a loyal fan in the stands or a loyal supporter of Otterbein; or, whether

you wear a number on a uniform or you wear your pride in other ways—my thanks to all who help "coach" our students to greater success. This issue reminds us of the many different ways the entire Cardinal team of athletes, alumni, faculty, students and fans, give us countless reasons to cheer for our dear Otterbein.

Go Cards!

~ President Kathy A. Krendl

**President Krendl with 2011 Otterbein
Hall of Fame Inductee Jack Pietila '62.**



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Troyer '14 is a sprinter on Otterbein's track team, running the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4 x 100 meter relay. She was a good "sport" and hurdled over a stack of books for this issue's cover. Photo by Ty Wright.

Got something to say? We want to hear from you. We welcome your letters to the editor. You may send them via email to rroutson@otterbein.edu or mail to Roger Routson, Otterbein University, Department of Marketing and Communications, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters, and submissions are subject to space availability and suitability.

Famous Aviator was at the 'Bein, too ...

I just finished reading the spring 2012 *Otterbein Towers*. On page 27 you ask us to contact you regarding a leader we remember visiting Otterbein.

Orville Wright received an honorary doctorate degree the year I graduated in 1947. He died the next spring. I remember it so well as I am a native of Dayton and all my life have heard so much about the Wright Brothers. It amazes me when I mention his visit to some of my class members, and they do not remember it.



Orville Wright

We enjoy *Towers* and read it from cover to cover.

Helen Hilt LeMay '47

... as was the 'Wizard of Westwood'

I was quite interested in the *Towers* article listing the University's famous visitors (spring 2012). One very famous basketball coach who came to the campus in the late 1960s or early 1970s was John Wooden.

He was invited by Otterbein coach **Curt Tong '56**. He spoke at a convocation and with several student groups. I believe he won seven consecutive NCAA basketball titles and is in the Basketball Hall of Fame. *Editor's note:*



John Wooden

Coach Wooden did indeed win seven national championships from 1967 to 1973. He also won a total of 10 in 12 years, and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2003, the highest civilian medal awarded. He was named a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame as a player (inducted in 1961) and as a coach (in 1973), the first person ever enshrined in both categories.

I found it interesting that most of the political visitors were of one political party (Republican). It is characteristic of old Westerville and Delaware County.

Elmer "Bud" Yoest '53

Editor's note: As a rule, Otterbein does not invite candidates of any party to campus. Candidate visits usually happen because the candidate requested Otterbein as a venue, which was the case of the recent visit of presumptive Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney.



Somali Instructor Identified

There is a request for identification of persons shown in the photograph on page 43 of the (spring 2012) *Towers*. The man in the picture is Nur Hussen, who taught at Otterbein in the English Department, I believe, in the late '70s and into the '80s. He was of Somalian descent. I'd be interested to know what information of him might be in Otterbein's records. I'm sure Jim Bailey (former Otterbein professor of English) would have more information about Nur than I have.

Norman Chaney, professor of English

The man in the middle of the picture is Nur Hussen. He taught the Black Experience class at Otterbein. He was also the coach of the Otterbein Soccer Club. Mr. Hussen was also a Westerville City School Board member before his passing a few years ago. The young lady to his left was **Susan Mayberry '78**, if I am not mistaken. You could probably check a yearbook during that time. She would have been a freshman in 1975, the year after I came to Otterbein. That should help you with a time period.

Ricardo Murph '78

Kudos for the Leadership Issue

I just read the latest issue (spring 2012) of *Otterbein Towers*, and wanted to write and give you kudos for such a good publication. The "Alumni Leading the Way" feature is just great. The organization, look, design and content of your magazine continues to get better and better. Thank you for all you do. I look forward to the next issue!

Johnny Steiner '96

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Teachers Take to Physics

(see page 9 for story)

Remembering the Life of Dean Van

In a moving service on June 30, approximately 400 alumni, family and members of the Otterbein community said farewell to one of its most beloved members, **Joanne "Dean Van" Van Sant H'70**.

To say Dean Van is special to Otterbein is to suggest the universe is large. Indeed, perhaps no other person in the history of the institution has been so ingrained as a very part of the fabric of Otterbein University.



Top: Karen Radcliffe Smith '80 performs an imagined monologue by Dean Van on her graduation from college. Above: Dee Hoty '74, Todd Reagan '84 and Maribeth Graham '82 perform a medley of Dean Van's favorite songs.

President Kathy Krendl said at the ceremony, "As we think about Dean Van's legacy, it is challenging to think about any other person in our history who so completely walked the talk of leadership. Was there anyone who better represented the qualities of leadership? She lived this Cardinal Experience, and because of her actions and her commitment, it is now fully embedded as part of each student's Otterbein Experience."

The service included numerous heartfelt moments, including the welcome by **Becky Fickel Smith '81** and reflections by Mindy Day (niece of **Marilyn Day '53**) and **Mary Day '59**. **Karen Radcliffe Smith '80** performed an imagined monologue by Dean Van at her college graduation. The monologue was written by **Carter Lewis '73**.

There were many musical aspects as well. **Dee Hoty '74** sang the *Otterbein Love Song*; Hoty, **Todd Reagan '84** and **Maribeth Graham '82** sang a medley of Dean Van's favorite songs; and **Nancy Day '80** performed an original music tribute while a slide show of Dean Van photos, assembled by **Mark Peters '70**, ran in the background.

Vice President for Student Affairs **Bob Gatti H'03**, who presented the final reflection of the ceremony, remembered meeting Dean Van for the first time at a higher education conference in 1978, fresh out of graduate school.

"The first thing she said to me was, 'How are you surviving this meat market?' She was the first and only one of 25




Nancy Day '80 performed an original musical tribute while a slide show of photos of Dean Van played in the background.

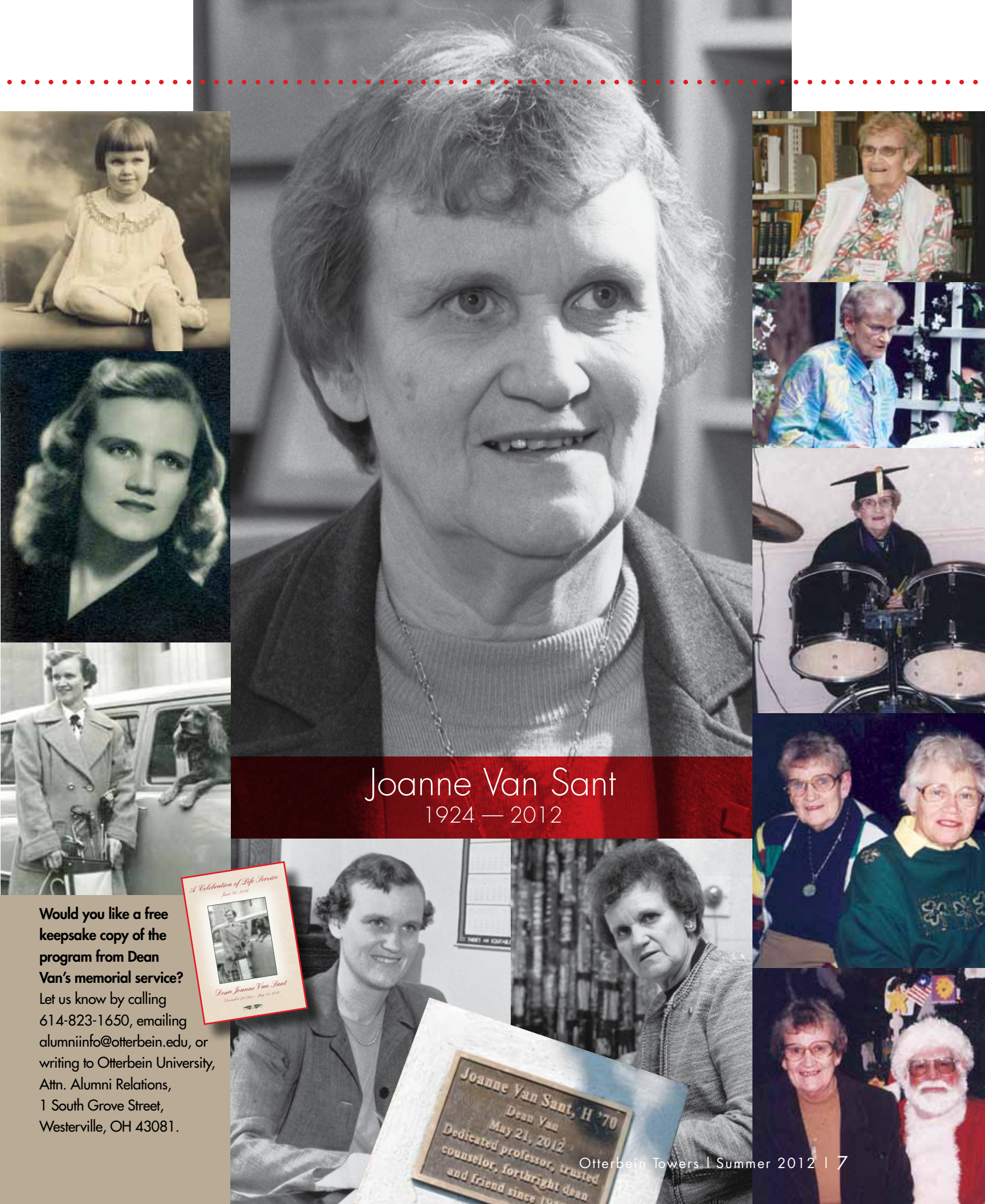
interviewers who showed she actually cared about me. She told me about her college, but more importantly, she told me about her students. I called my wife, Jackie, and said, 'I want to work with this lady.'"

Gatti continued, "Her true love was her students. She understood the importance of self-esteem and the need for students to take control of their lives."

Longtime Otterbein Chaplain Monty Bradley gave both the invocation and the benediction.

Prior to the ceremony, an oak tree was planted on the Towers Hall lawn in memory of Dean Van.

Dean Van's obituary is on page 37. For a full biography of Dean Van and to view the ceremony in its entirety, go to www.otterbein.edu/tribute. You can share your memories online at our blog or at deanvanfan@otterbein.edu. 



Joanne Van Sant

1924 — 2012

Would you like a free keepsake copy of the program from Dean Van's memorial service?

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Women's Lacrosse Finishes Inaugural Season

The Otterbein University women's lacrosse team recently concluded its inaugural season, playing to a record of 5-11 over its spring schedule.

The team hosted Oberlin College on Saturday, March 10, for its first-ever game, and later picked up their first victory at Concordia College in Wisconsin during the spring break trip.

Head Coach Stephani Schmidt saw her squad continue to improve during the season, highlighting it with a three-game winning streak in mid-April.

Four freshmen from Hilliard led the way for the Cardinals, with **Victoria Blatt '15** finishing as the team's leading scorer at 56 points (44 goals, 12 assists). **Alyssa Johnson '15**, **Rebecca Carter '15** and **Courtney Hilfinger '15** each ended the season with 29 points. Blatt took home Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP) honors at the program's first annual awards banquet, while **Anna Wadlington '15** was recognized as the team Defensive MVP.

Colleen Grant '12 was the Most Improved Player, **Kayle Quinter '14** earned the team's "Unsung Hero" honor, and **Megan Burless '14** received the first-ever "Cardinal Hustle" award.

Victoria Blatt '15 was named Offensive MVP.



Third annual Lauren's First and Goal

Otterbein Event Raises \$16K for Research



Urban Meyer, head coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes, was the guest speaker at Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp, named after Lauren Loose, pictured here with Meyer.

Nearly 500 student athletes participated in the third annual Lauren's First and Goal (LGF) Football Camp on Sunday, June 17 at Otterbein University. The event welcomed high school players from 12 states and more than 120 different schools, and raised more than \$16,000 for pediatric brain tumor research.

During the one-day camp, players receive instruction in a variety of offensive and defensive skills from college coaches from around the country. More than 130 college coaches representing colleges and universities from Ohio and neighboring states volunteered at the event. The Ohio State University head football coach Urban Meyer served as the guest speaker, implementing a theme of "weathering the storm" to the crowd.

The camp is the primary fundraiser for Lauren's First and Goal Foundation (LFG), with all proceeds going directly to its mission of providing financial support for brain tumor research and cancer services, offering financial and emotional support to families living with pediatric cancer, and increasing awareness of the disease. Locally, donations help support pediatric oncology patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

"I love the location in central Ohio, but more than that, I love the people here," said LFG founder and Lafayette College Defensive Coordinator John Loose. "Everyone is so hospitable and it really serves as a great venue to do Lauren's First and Goal." LFG was created in 2004 by John and Marianne Loose in honor of their 15-year-old daughter Lauren, a pediatric brain tumor survivor.

New Academic Leaders Appointed

As Otterbein advances its curriculum and reputation, new leaders have been appointed in Academic Affairs to continue the University's remarkable progress.

Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing **Barbara Schaffner** has been appointed to serve as the dean of professional studies and dean of The Graduate School. She has been serving as interim dean since summer 2011. Schaffner joined the Otterbein University faculty in 1985. She previously taught at The Ohio State University, where she received her doctorate degree and her advanced pediatric nurse practitioner certificate. At Otterbein, she has served on nearly every governance committee of the University, and has been chair of the Curriculum Committee, the Graduate Committee, the Personnel Appeals Committee and the Merit Task Force. She also served two terms as a faculty trustee on the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

Professor of Nursing **Patricia Keane** will replace Schaffner as chair of the Department of Nursing. She has served as interim chair since summer 2011.

Associate Professor of Education **Wendy Sherman Heckler** has been appointed to serve as the associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of university programs. Sherman Heckler previously taught at Kent State University, where she was a tenured associate professor. She has served as director of the graduate programs in education at Otterbein since 2009. She has served as co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. She also has served on the Integrative Studies Advisory Committee, the Faculty Council Executive Committee, the Freshman Year Experience (FYE) Co-Curricular Planning Committee, the Graduate Committee and numerous other committees and task forces. As a professor of science education, Sherman Heckler has taught courses for the departments of Education, Physics and Life Science, and the Integrative Studies Program. She brings considerable experience in assessment and accreditation.

OP2: Operation Physics in its Third Year

For the third year, middle school science teachers from across Ohio came to Otterbein's campus in June to learn new teaching strategies. Approximately 30 teachers from 11 school districts participated in OP2: Operation Physics, a tuition-free, five semester-hour graduate course that combines basic physical science concepts with hands-on materials and activities. It is modeled after a successful program developed by the National Science Foundation. OP2: Operation Physics was made possible this year by a grant of \$106,480 from the Ohio Board of Regents.

"Our goal is to produce teachers who are excited and confident about teaching physical science in the middle grades, and who are competent to do so," said Wendy Sherman Heckler, OP2: Operation Physics instructor.

"I anticipate more hands-on activity in my classroom, more asking why, predicting what's going to happen, what's the science behind it," said LeeAnn Hoerle, a fifth-grade teacher for South-Western City School District.

For a photo of the event, see pages 4-5. For more information about OP2: Operation Physics, visit www.otterbein.edu/graduate.



High school football players in the Lauren's First and Goal Camp came from 12 states and more than 120 schools to learn from college coaches from around the country.



Summer Camps Keep Campus Buzzing

School might be out for the summer, but middle- and high-school students are still learning at Otterbein. This year, Otterbein offered five educational summer camps, as well as a variety of athletic camps. Otterbein Summer Camps are led by Otterbein's skilled and dedicated faculty and staff. Campers are exposed to innovative technology, creativity and fun. More importantly, they develop skills and interests vital to success in college.

For the second year, Otterbein was the host of the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted and Talented™. Approximately 30 students participated this year. Students stayed on campus in DeVore Hall June 17-23, while attending classes, seminars and workshops on the arts, sciences and humanities. Students who completed the School earned a \$1,000 scholarship to Otterbein University.



Above: Participants are intent on their creations at Otterbein's computer gaming camp this summer. **Below:** Participants in the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted and Talented, pictured with President Krendl, spent a week on campus attending classes, workshops and seminars. It was the second year Otterbein hosted the camp.



Otterbein Opens Doors to Impressive Incoming Class

This fall, an impressive group of students will be taking their seats in classrooms across campus. The statistics for the approximately 600 freshmen and more than 70 transfer students tell the story.

The average G.P.A. of the incoming class is 3.5 and the average ACT composite is 24. Students will come to Otterbein from 25 states and 68 out of 88 Ohio counties. Students of color comprise 13 percent of the class. More than 170 students in the incoming class are legacies, with relatives who previously attended Otterbein.

The most popular majors for the incoming class are: nursing, health and sport sciences, biology, education and business.

New Majors and Minors Fill Educational Needs

The world is changing, careers are changing and Otterbein's major offerings are changing, too. As students plan for future careers in rising fields, Otterbein has added majors to prepare them to land their dream jobs. This fall, classes will start for 20 students accepted into the new Zoo and Conservation Science major. The major is offered in partnership with the Columbus Zoo and the Ohio Wildlife Center. It is one of few programs in the country to prepare students for careers in zoo and wildlife management. For more information, visit www.otterbein.edu/zooandconservationscience.

Other majors new to Otterbein include Health Communication and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. New minors include Health Communication, Nutrition, Sports Communication and Women's Studies. For a complete list of our majors and minors, visit www.otterbein.edu/majors. 





More Than 600 Receive Diplomas in May Commencements

The 2012 master's and undergraduate commencement ceremonies took place over two sunny days in May on Otterbein's campus.

Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, an internationally recognized nursing expert in evidence-based practice, intervention research and child and adolescent mental health, spoke at the master's commencement on May 19 in Cowan Hall. Approximately 115 students received their master's degrees in business administration, education and nursing.

Dr. Peter Lee, corporate vice president of Microsoft Research Redmond, addressed the class of 2012 at the undergraduate commencement on Sunday, May 20, in the Rike Center. This year, 516 students received their bachelor's degrees, with 197 students receiving honors.

Another highlight of the undergraduate commencement was the speech by student speaker **Karen Castro Ruiz '12**. To read her speech and the speeches of the other student speaker candidates, visit www.otterbein.edu/public/Academics/Registrar/Commencement/bachelors/student-speaker.aspx. 

To view the undergraduate commencement ceremony or highlights from both ceremonies, visit www.youtube.com/user/otterbeinuniversity. 


Nevil, Rutherford Join Board of Trustees

Otterbein welcomes two new members to the Board of Trustees. **Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71** and James A. Rutherford bring years of experience and diverse backgrounds to the Board.

Nevil earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology at Otterbein and went on to earn her master's degree in counseling psychology at The Ohio State University. Born to Dr. Ernest G. and Neva Fritsche, she grew up around Otterbein where Ernest was a board member from 1973-2006. Nevil was instrumental in assisting the college to obtain the gift that started the Cowan Hall Renovation project.

Rutherford is the director of The Ohio State University Physicians, Inc. Throughout his career, he has been an investor and director of numerous small and startup companies in the information technology, financial services and medical technology sectors.

His son, **Keith Rutherford '99**, is an Otterbein alumnus.

For more information about Otterbein's Board of Trustees, visit www.otterbein.edu/leadership. 



**Nevalyn Fritsche
Nevil '71**



James Rutherford

New AD wants high level of success on and off the field

by Ed Syguda

In this age of email, Facebook and Twitter, **Dawn Mamula Stewart '98**, Otterbein's new athletic director, prefers face-to-face interaction.

"I have an open-door policy," said Stewart, who brings more than 14 years of athletic administration experience at the NCAA Division I and III levels to her new position. "When the staff, student athletes, or others feel comfortable to come into my office and tell me about their day, share stories or tell me about the latest issue with their programs, there is so much value in those conversations. Those are the conversations that help you determine what the true needs are for the department."

The former tennis player — she was a part of two Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship teams — holds lofty expectations for the athletics program, echoing the thoughts of President Kathy Krendl.

"A highly competitive athletic program adds value to the overall university experience," Krendl said. "We want our student athletes to have a well-rounded experience, not only being engaged in sport, but achieving high marks in academics and becoming active in the community."

Immediately, Stewart is striving to win both the men's and women's all-sports trophy in the OAC. "In order to give us the best chance to win, we need at least six men's programs and six women's programs to finish in the top three within the OAC standings," Stewart said.

Otterbein has won the men's all-sports trophy twice (in 2002 and 2005) since the trophy's inception in 1960.

Although the women's program is waiting

on its first trophy win, Otterbein has finished fourth or better in the women's standings in each of the last 12 years.

To get the men's and women's programs running at a high level, Stewart is

directing her coaching staff to go after the best in their recruiting efforts.

"We want to pursue a high academic achiever who also can compete at a high level," said Stewart when describing her

Face-to-Face



Front and Center: **Dawn Mamula Stewart '98**, Otterbein athletic director. L-R: **Liz Palmer '14**, volleyball; **Matt Mosca '14**, men's golf; **Rachel Denz '13**, women's soccer; **Chelsea Cannon '13**, women's basketball; **Dustin Kiaski '13**, men's soccer; **Juan Contreras '13**, men's lacrosse; **Jasmine Troyer '14**, track and field; **Aaron Kingcade '13**, football; **Kristen Ramer '14**, softball; **Thomas Linder '14**, baseball; **Zach Bakenhaster '13**, men's basketball.

ideal student athlete. “We have so much to offer, with such a great campus.”

Stewart’s approach is gaining the notice of Otterbein’s student athletes. “Dawn’s passion for the institution is apparent from the moment you begin talking to her,” said pitcher **Dominic Porretta ‘13**, who is president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

(SAAC) at Otterbein. “Since she was a Division III student athlete, she knows what we go through every day to succeed both on and off the field and how these experiences will impact the rest of our lives. At Capital, she implemented a spaghetti dinner where the coaches serve and athletes from different teams compete in fun games. Her ideas have the student athletes at the forefront.”

Stewart replaced legendary men’s basketball coach and athletic director **Dick Reynolds ‘65** to become the first full-time and female athletic director at Otterbein.

Stewart has only been on the job for a couple of months but has already made two high-profile head coaching hires for football and men’s basketball (see page 14). Now she is turning her attention to building relationships.

Stewart, 35, began her professional career at her alma mater, Otterbein, in 1998, serving as recruiting coordinator and assistant women’s tennis coach before moving on to the University of Dayton in 2000. At Dayton, Stewart first served as director of ticketing services before being promoted to assistant director of athletics for business and communications in 2002. In 2007, she was named senior woman administrator, and in addition to continuing to manage a \$17 million budget and athletics communication, was placed in charge of the office of athletics academic affairs. Following Dayton, Stewart became athletic director at Capital University in 2008 where she managed 18 varsity sports.

Stewart holds a master’s degree in sport management from The Ohio State University and is working on her doctorate in sport management at Ohio State. She is married to **Steve Stewart ‘98**. They live in Westerville.

When asked about being a woman in a line of work largely populated by men, Stewart responded, “I’m asked this question often. People may have their opinions about how I do my job, but ultimately, my focus has always been on building relationships. And I think no matter male or female, as long as you are making your relationships a priority and your service to the University a priority, it doesn’t matter.”

Building relationships one by one, face to face has been Stewart’s method of operation since her first official day on the job May 7. So if you are on campus, stop by her office, say hello, and meet Otterbein’s new athletic director. •

ce Strategy



Appointments Get Standing 'O'(vation)

Even before **Dawn Mamula Stewart's '98** official start date of May 7 as the new athletic director at Otterbein, she was hard at work with the selection committee in charge of hiring the next head men's basketball coach to replace Coach Dick Reynolds. Just as soon as that position was filled — Todd Adrian, from Edgewood College, was selected and accepted in late May — another coaching position opened. Head football coach **Joe Loth '91** resigned to accept the head coaching position at Western Connecticut State University. Within a week, Stewart promoted offensive coordinator **Tim Doup '92** to head football coach.

And Stewart's new appointments are getting rave reviews from the student athletes.

Todd Adrian, head basketball coach

Todd Adrian, 41, comes to Otterbein from Edgewood College in Madison, WI, where he served as head men's basketball coach since



Todd Adrian

2006. He guided the Eagles to a 97-65 record, including a Northern Athletic Conference (NAC) title and an NCAA Division III tournament bid this past season. Edgewood finished the year at 23-7, third-most wins in school history, and recorded the program's first-ever win in the NCAA tournament.

"The athletic tradition at Otterbein, the men's basketball program, and the strength of the Ohio Athletic Conference are what attracted me to this position at first," Adrian said. "Once I arrived on campus I knew right away it wasn't just the incredible facilities and location, but also the wonderful people that make this opportunity a special one for me, my family and our student athletes.

"Our staff and players will quickly establish a vision for the future and will work tirelessly to uphold the tradition that is Cardinal basketball," Adrian continued.

Adrian brings 13 years of intercollegiate basketball coaching experience to his new position. He served as an associate head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Platteville, WI, from 2003 to 2006 and Lakeland College in Sheboygan, WI, from 1999 to 2003.

"We have achieved great success in the past by doing things the right way," Adrian said. "Our players will be leaders in the classroom, on campus and in the Westerville community that has supported them for so many years."

A native of Wichita, KS, Adrian received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kansas in 1995 and is in the process of finishing up a master of education degree he started at Lakeland.

Adrian and his wife, Jennie, have 4-year-old twins, daughter, Payton, and son, Tyson.

"Right away, I could tell Coach Adrian had a great personality," said **Zach Bakenhaster '13**, who will be a senior forward on the basketball team this winter. "His personality is going to fit our team perfectly. The things he wants to instill in this program will help bring it back to the national scene."

The promotion of Coach Doup, too, was well received. "I'm excited," said All-American wide receiver **Trey Fairchild '13**. "Everyone gets along with him because he's the kind of person that you can talk to about anything at any time. It's easy to see how much he loves this school and all the players he works with. I know he'll be great for this program moving forward."

Tim Doup, head football coach

A 1992 graduate of Otterbein, **Tim Doup '92**, 44, takes over the head coaching duties after serving as the team's offensive coordinator the



Tim Doup '92

last nine seasons. He replaces **Joe Loth '91**.

"Tim has worked tirelessly as an assistant coach and understands the challenges in front of him. He is ready to further the competitiveness of this football program by providing an environment rooted in discipline and accountability," said Athletic Director Dawn Stewart.

Doup, a native of Delaware, OH, has been a key ingredient in the recent uptick of Otterbein football, putting together a potent offense that averaged 30 points and 370 yards a game over the last five seasons.

The Cardinals compiled a 49-42 record over his nine seasons as offensive coordinator, including a 9-2 record in 2008 and 8-2 in 2009. The 2008 squad made the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in school history. Doup was named Ohio Athletic Conference assistant coach of the year in 2008.

"I am excited and thankful that the administration has entrusted me with this job," Doup said. "Coach Loth has laid a solid foundation and I look forward to working with this administration, football staff and a great group of players."

Doup brings more than 20 years of football coaching experience to his new position. Before returning to his alma mater in 2003, he served eight seasons as an assistant football coach at Upper Arlington High School in Ohio from 1995 to 2002. Throughout the course of his career there, Upper Arlington won five conference championships and won the state title in 2000.

Doup was a four-year letterman at center at Otterbein and served as football captain his senior year. He received his master's degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College in 2002.

Coach Doup, and his wife, Helyn, have three children: a son, Colton, 11, and 9-year-old twins, son, Kaden, and daughter, Kennedie.

Cardinal Pride in Action

by Adam Prescott

Cardinal pride can have a lot of different meanings. But to today's Otterbein student athletes, Cardinal pride often means excellence, success and achievement, not just on the playing field but in the classroom as well. Listed below are some of Otterbein's and the Ohio Athletic Conference's (OAC) shining stars for the past year.

Football

Trey Fairchild '13 received third-team All-American, and was the Ed Sherman Award recipient for OAC's top wide receiver. **Aaron Kingcade '13** was an Academic All-America.

Volleyball

Lindsey Russell '12 was the OAC "Libero of the Year," and became the ninth Otterbein athlete to earn Academic All-America and All-American for their respective sports in the same season. **Ally Nagle '13** received honorable mention All-American. Nagle and Russell are Otterbein's first two volleyball All-Americans. **Kristen Bennett '13**, an Academic All-America, became the first Otterbein athlete to earn Academic All-America in two different sports (also earned in track and field).

Julie Stroyne '14



Men's Basketball

Seniors **Chris Davis '12** and **Brice Rausch '12**, teammates since high school, each surpassed 1,000 career points in the same game, a 68-66 win over Ohio Northern that also gave head coach **Dick Reynolds '65** career win 650.

Women's Basketball

Seniors **Shea McCoy '12** and **Kristi Kotterman '12** each reached the 1,000-point plateau for their careers. Women's basketball reached 20 wins for first time since 2003-04 season. **Tabatha Piper '15** became the first conference athlete to earn OAC "Freshman of the Year" honors in two different sports (basketball and volleyball).

Men's Golf

Ben Adams '11 earned OAC Medalist honors by winning the individual title at the 2012 conference championships. The men's golf team earned its 16th OAC championship in the last 21 years.

Men's Track and Field

Austin Curbow '12 set a new school and OAC record with a time of 7.98 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles (indoor). He finished third at the NCAA Championships to become a three-time All-American.

Women's Tennis

Julie Stroyne '14 earned her second-straight OAC Player of the Year award.



Kristen Bennett '13

Softball

Casey Clarridge '12 broke the Otterbein softball all-time records for most hits (187) and runs scored (127). **Laura Basford '14** set an Otterbein softball single-season record for at-bats (148), runs scored (46), hits (68), total bases (100), and stolen bases (33), while also tying the career mark for most triples (14). The team posted a new program record of 26 wins in a single season.



Trey Fairchild '13

Living a Legacy

by Adam Prescott

A tall, quiet, gangly young man patrols the confines of Fishbaugh Field with the number 26 stretched across his uniform. For the past two seasons, **Thomas Linder '14** has sprinted out to his position in right field, like many others have before him. However, the time spent within the fences lies deeper with Linder, who is carrying on a family legacy inside the sanctuary that his grandfather built.

Linder is the grandson of legendary Otterbein baseball coach Dick Fishbaugh, who accumulated 624 victories over 34 seasons before a heart attack took his life in 1999. He was inducted into the Otterbein Hall of Fame in 2008.

Fishbaugh's number 26 jersey was retired shortly after his passing, and the baseball complex was named in his honor on Oct. 17, 2004. Linder, who was just 12 years old at the time, made the decision to attend Otterbein while on campus for the naming ceremony.

"I was really young when he died, but one of my favorite memories was going over to his house and having him pretend to crack an egg on my head," Linder said. "I would always ask him to do that because I thought it was funny. Then I came to campus and saw the impact he had within his profession, and it completely lit my desire to carry on our family tradition."

Linder entered the baseball program with a vision to wear number 26 in honor of his grandfather. Since the number had been retired for 11 seasons, Thomas was given a temporary number 27 while his number 26 jersey was being ordered, but it seemed unlikely that the jersey would arrive in time for the beginning of the season. However, the night before the home opener, Linder stumbled across his grandfather's old number 26 pinstriped jersey while doing laundry in his grandmother's basement.

"I'm wearing this tomorrow," he said to his family after emerging from the basement with the jersey.

So when he entered the game as the left-fielder in the seventh inning the following day, he was wearing 26. Not just any 26, but the same jersey worn for so many Cardinal victories, a jersey that fit the freshman like it was tailored for him.

"It means a great deal for me to wear it here at Otterbein," Linder said. "It's also amazing to see the emblem on the back of our hats that say 'Fish' and for people to still know who he is. I love the way that Coach Powell has continued to make sure people understand the tradition my grandpa started here."

"Having that respect for your family says something about the type of individual he is," said Linder's mother, **Karen Fishbaugh Linder '80**. "It warms my heart to know that he thinks of his grandpa like that."

Karen Linder had stellar volleyball and softball careers at Otterbein. Her achievements garnered a 2009 Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame induction, completing the first father-daughter Hall of Fame combination in school history.

Thomas Linder '14 by the plaque that honors his grandfather.



Grandson honors grandfather, Coach Fishbaugh, by wearing his jersey



"I remember being in fifth grade and walking across Westerville after school to be with my dad for baseball practice," Karen Linder said. "My dad would let me catch for him during batting practice, and would wake me up at 6 a.m. on Saturday mornings to take me on road trips with the team. I would sit in the dugout and work as the batgirl, and then keep the scorebook as I got older. It was just amazing to be a part of that."

Karen Linder joined Kent State University in 1997 as head softball coach and became the winningest coach in school history by 2007. Having just completed her 16th season for the Golden Flashes, she and her father are the only father-daughter combination in NCAA history to each win 600 games as baseball and softball coaches.

Otterbein baseball head coach George Powell, who recently completed his 13th season at the helm, sees a lot to like in the grandson. "He possesses all of the physical tools that help make him a natural gifted player, but it's how he's dealt with bad games or initial sporadic playing time that's impressed me the most," Powell said. "He always maintains a positive attitude and mature personality."

Powell served as Coach Fishbaugh's first graduate assistant in the mid-1990s. "Outside of my parents, Coach Fishbaugh had the biggest impact on my life of anyone I've ever met," Powell continued.

Thomas Linder started 20 games in his inaugural season before experiencing a breakout year in 2012, hitting .367 and posting a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage en route to All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors. His spring was highlighted by a 25-game hitting streak, the longest in NCAA Division III that season.

He can't help but wonder what thoughts or advice his grandfather would have watching him play on the diamond.

"I think about it all the time," he said. "I have so many family members that come to games, so it's basically like an extension of him. They tell me every day what he would have said to me or done in a certain situation."

One person who rarely gets to watch him play is his mother, who is commonly tied up with her own season at Kent State during the same days Thomas is playing. But that doesn't mean she is out of the loop.

"It's frustrating that I really don't get the opportunity to see him play, but it makes me feel good to know that my mom, brother, and sister are always in tune with what he's doing, or listening on the Internet," she explained. "They keep me filled in with updates and sometimes I find myself checking my phone between innings of my own game."

Her son also hopes to follow in his grandfather's and mother's footsteps. A sport management major, Thomas Linder hopes to someday teach and coach.

So as family, friends, and fans continue to remember the legacy of Dick Fishbaugh, perhaps the best reminder is that tall, quiet, gangly young man patrolling the confines of Fishbaugh Field with the number 26 stretched across his uniform. As he strives to reach his ultimate goal of winning an OAC Championship and receive the tournament's MVP award, which also happens to be named after his grandfather, he carries a little piece of his grandfather onto the Otterbein baseball diamond with him every day, right where they both belong. •



English Professor Jim Gorman is a Cardinal 'super fan'

By Matt Soppelsa '14

While Professor of English Jim Gorman may not be painting himself Cardinal red for all Otterbein sporting events, he attends almost every home game the school has to offer. When the weather is right, you can often see him riding his bike to a game.

Athletic events wouldn't be the same without fans in the stands cheering on their favorite teams and athletes. "Super fans" incorporate their love of their teams into every aspect of their lives. At Otterbein, Gorman is the quintessential super fan.

He grew up around sports and it has always been a big part of his life. "I've always been a sports junkie. It's in my DNA," said Gorman. "My father raised us on sports. I played basketball and baseball as a kid. We grew up in eastern New York in reach of the radio station for the Boston Red Sox. I idolized Ted Williams."

Gorman's first passion has always been his writing — especially fiction, sports writing and journalism. Gorman joined the Otterbein faculty in 1979 as a journalism professor and later transferred to the Department of English. He now serves as director of creative writing and brings new

life to many subjects outside of English through his Integrative Studies (I.S.) courses.

"The most important part of creating an I.S. class is finding a topic and class name that will grab students' attention," said Gorman.

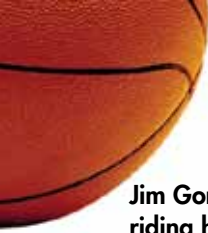
With this attitude, Gorman has been the teacher of several popular I.S. classes. Using topics he thought students would be drawn to, Gorman developed the *Sex and Love* class, which frequently had waiting lists of students wanting to enroll. He took inspiration from his love of sports for one of his more recent classes, *How Sports Explain Us*.

The course started with two classes with 25 students in each. "The class drew in a large amount of athletes," said Gorman. "Having so many athletes in class made for very rich conversations about sports in society. Nowadays these kids have been playing their respective sport since elementary school and grew up having it has a center in their lives."

Gorman drew the idea for the class out of a book he had read titled, *How Soccer Explains the World*. The book discussed how the sport of soccer, although

Members of the Red Zone at left show their spirit and cheer on the Cardinal football team at a past Homecoming game.





Jim Gorman can often be seen riding his bike to the next sporting event on campus.



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"I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SPORTS JUNKIE. IT'S IN MY DNA."

- JIM GORMAN, ENGLISH PROFESSOR

competitive, often brings the world together and compares how different countries view the sport. Gorman applied this base to a wider variety of sports and from there the class was formed.

"I have always liked to find subjects or events or cultures that reveals who we are — a subject behind the headlines," said Gorman.

Gorman uses his own wife and daughter as a case study in *How Sports Explains Us*. His class looks at how, when his wife was in school, there were no athletics for girls. He compares that to the opportunities available now and how being involved in sports has positively impacted his daughter's social life, helping her bond with friends.

"The class shows how youth sports have changed in society, and how pro sports value money and economics rather than the artistry. (Athletic success) is no longer measured by talent, but by pay," said Gorman.

When he's not in the classroom, Gorman can be found in the stands at most of Otterbein's athletic events. Living so close to the university's sports facilities gives him a chance to view every event a sports junkie could want. In 2003, Gorman was chosen to be the faculty representative to the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) for Otterbein. Soon after, he was elected to be president of the OAC, and is now recognized as a past president.

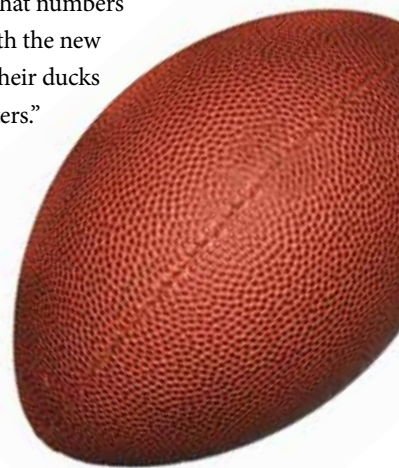
"It was mostly a ceremonial position," said Gorman. "It was run by the commissioner, Tim Gleason, and there are 30 people in the conference. The president presides over the meetings. We mostly made calls about rain delays and on the championship."

Gorman supports student super fans, too. At Otterbein, those students are members of the Red Zone, a group known for its contagious energy at sporting events.

Whether members are painted red from head to toe or creating their own chants for the fans, the Red Zone often inspires Cardinal Pride in the stands. For his part, Gorman encourages athletes from off-season teams to support on-season teams as members of the Red Zone.

"If the crowd is rowdy and excited then it will get the team in the mindset to win," said Gorman. "I think that numbers in the stands will increase with the new coaches. They seem to have their ducks in a row and are good recruiters."

In his time at Otterbein, Gorman has made an impact in many fields. From being one of the school's biggest fans, to teaching a variety of popular classes to being a key representative with the OAC, Gorman is a winner on and off the field. •



Prepping for SUCCESS

Health and Sport Sciences prepares students to be professionals upon graduation

by Jamie Rollo '11

Otterbein University's Department of Health and Sport Sciences gives students a large selection of opportunities in the community to learn, grow and become better prepared as professionals when they graduate. In a world where jobs are hard to come by, the department provides students with important connections to secure employment after graduation.

During the recent conversion to semesters, the department took advantage of an opportunity to re-examine what Health and Sport Sciences offers their

students. This year's "Best New Teacher" award winner, Assistant Professor of Allied Health Shelley Payne, said, "Joan Rocks (department chair) asked us to keep the Five Cardinal Experiences very much in our minds as we developed our curriculum. She asked us to really look at our curriculum as what do we love, what did we see that could be better, and what goals do we have for our students?"

Payne said there was also a focus on teaching students to be professionals. "A very big thing that we stress from day one with our students is what it means to be a professional."

Each program has been created carefully to provide students with the tools necessary to become qualified professionals when they graduate. Department Chair Joan Rocks said, "What I am most proud of, and really enjoy, is the faculty-to-student interaction and relationships that are formed throughout the students' four years here. We strive to put students first and we spend a great deal of time with them."

At the very first meeting with department advisors, students are placed into one of six programs based on their career goals. Majors are offered in Allied Health, Athletic Training, Health Education, Health Promotion and Fitness, Physical Education and Sport Management.



During their freshman and sophomore years, students are required to spend at least 30 hours working with a career professional in their area of study. Alumni provide many of these real-world experiences. "Graduates really have so many opportunities afforded to them once they leave here, whether they choose to get right into a career, or whether they choose to pursue graduate education. It makes our interaction with them in helping to develop that path very exciting," Payne said.

There are many service learning opportunities within the community along the way. Otterbein students have had the opportunity to interact with the community at events like the Commit To Be Fit program, events with children with disabilities, and fundraising events.

Health Promotion and Fitness major **Kailee Miller '12**, who was recently honored as a Health Educator of the Year for 2012 by the American Association of Health Educators, received a \$500 grant for "ShareBacAPac." Miller helped create the program with **Sherry Williamson '05**. The



"Best New Teacher" award winner Shelley Payne instructs students in her kinesiology class.



Left: Sports management majors Preston Miller '14, Lauren Cool '14, Mark Hogan '14, Katie Zaborszki '15 and John Cheyney '14.

In 2011, athletic training student **Olivia Roberts '11** presented her research at the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Symposium in Dayton, Ohio. Roberts became the very first Otterbein student to receive the Outstanding Entry Level Student Award from the Research Free Communications Committee of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association.

This past spring, Athletic Training students **Jenny Ruano '12** and **Kevin Gallagher '12** became the second set of Otterbein students to win the award on their research project, "Comparison of the Triple Hop for Distance and the Y-Balance Test in Healthy Collegiate Division III Male and Female Athletes."

It's the result of a staff that truly wants the best for their students, and students taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities available to them at Otterbein. "What sets us apart is our dedicated faculty to all of our student needs and the off-campus opportunities that provide real-life experience," said Rocks. •

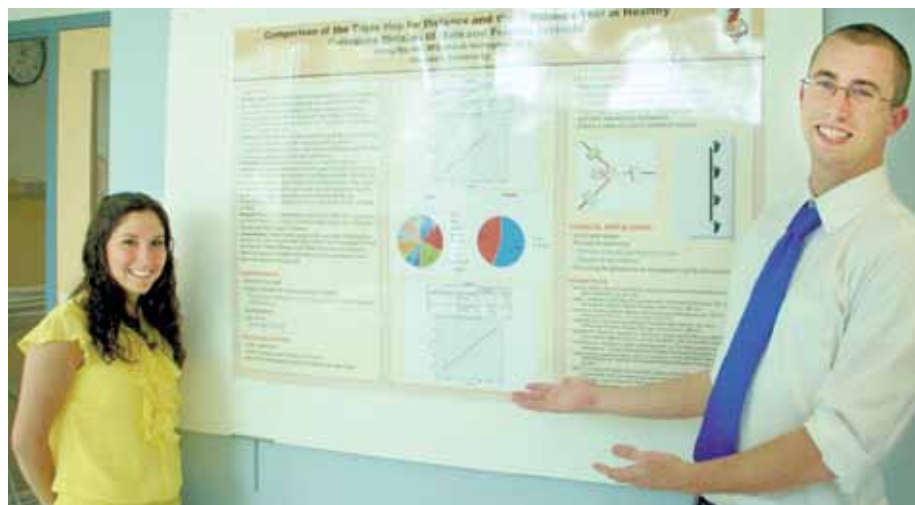
program feeds Westerville children over the weekend during the school year.

Students also volunteered recently at the Jingle Bell Run and the Columbus Marathon to provide medical support. Opportunities such as these give students a chance to work with the public and gain a better understanding of the career they may choose. "You never know when you're going to make that contact. You never know when you're going to network and open a door you never knew existed that ends up being a great opportunity," said Payne.

Sport Management and Broadcasting major **Lauren Cool '14** received professional experience in her field by interning with the Columbus Blue Jackets this past spring. Cool conducted pre- and post-game interviews with players and coaches, put together stories of what the players do on and off the ice, and covered various fan events that went on during the game.

Another opportunity that students have is to create and present groundbreaking research in their field. Each student is required to create and present an original

research project during their senior year, and many of those projects have gone on to be presented at state symposiums. "It's exciting. To see them get to these symposiums and win these awards against very competitive athletic training programs from around the state of Ohio ... they're up against (larger) schools and they're winning. We're very proud of that," said Payne.



Jenny Ruano '12 and Kevin Gallagher '12 present their award-winning research in a poster presentation. The two won the Outstanding Entry Level Student Award from the Research Free Communications Committee of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association.

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GOING

Against all odds, some Cardinal athletes go on to careers in the pros

by Adam Prescott

Most student athletes in NCAA Division III play for the love of the game. While many have great accomplishments on the field, and even better success stories off the field, playing sports professionally is just a dream. But for **Jeff Gibbs '02**, **Kelley McClure '96** and **Dan Remenowsky '08**, the dream turned into reality.

Many know the success of Jeff Gibbs, who helped bring Otterbein its first-ever national championship in a team sport by leading the Cardinals to the 2002 men's basketball title. Many also know of his success as a professional player overseas in Germany and Japan. Not everyone, however, may be familiar with his personal drive and the journey to get there.

"I nearly got kicked off the team my freshman year," Gibbs explained. "I wasn't listening and didn't want to go to film sessions or practice."

Luckily, point guard **Kevin Weakley '99** went to talk with Coach **Dick Reynolds '65**, saying he didn't think the team could win without Gibbs. Coach Reynolds later called Gibbs in for a long talk, explaining to the freshman how great he thought he could be.

Gibbs used that as a turning point, going on to become the first dual-sport All-American (football and basketball) in Otterbein history.

"Otterbein will always hold a special place in my heart," said Gibbs, who returns to Westerville every off-season with his wife, April, and their three children. "I met my wife here, won a national championship and met a mentor in Coach Reynolds. Most of my talks with Coach weren't even about basketball, but life in general and moving forward to build a career and help the community."

Gibbs spent the first year out of college working two jobs, spending time with PALS, a youth mentoring program in the Columbus Public Schools as well as a position at City Wide Painting.

He received a call one day out of the blue from a professional team in Germany, asking him to try out for the club. Gibbs has since parlayed that chance into a successful eight-year career, a classic example of taking advantage of an opportunity.

Gibbs wasted little time solidifying himself as the top rebounder in his German league, and has since moved on to compete in the Japan Basketball League the past three seasons. He recently helped guide Toyota Alvark to the 2012 league championship, earning all-league status and "Top 5" tournament team honors along the way after leading his club in scoring, rebounding, blocks and steals. Despite turning 32 in August, Gibbs has no plans of slowing down just yet.

"My original plan at the beginning was to play until I was 35, so my son could be in a stable environment as he gets older," Gibbs said. "Now my wife is telling me to try and play until the wheels fall off. I think I have anywhere from three to five years left in me."

Those who have seen Gibbs play will refuse to bet against him or how long he'll last. Many people watching for the first time are amazed at how a post player standing just 6-2 dominates the game. It's no surprise that his efforts have garnered the nickname, "Mr. Incredible."

Gibbs might have had a one-year gap between college and professional basketball, but that sounds like nothing McClure, who had visions of playing basketball for a living after finishing his Otterbein days as a two-time

Dan Remenowsky '08

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all-conference performer and 10th on the program's scoring list.

However, McClure was forced to wait six years before he was finally invited to play for an EA Sports College Tour team, traveling to compete against some of the top NCAA Division I programs in the country. McClure left his job with Columbus Public Schools and wasted no time impressing on the hardwood, averaging 27 points per game on the trip while competing against such players as Dwayne Wade, Udonis Haslem, Kareem Rush and other future NBA players.

As a result of his performance, McClure was offered a tryout with the Rockford Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA). He made the team, going on to finish in the top 10 in the league for scoring, assists, steals and free-throw percentage.

"It was a blessing," McClure said of the opportunity to play professionally. "A lot of people don't give you much of a chance coming from a Division III school, but I just worked hard and tried to make the best out of every possible situation."

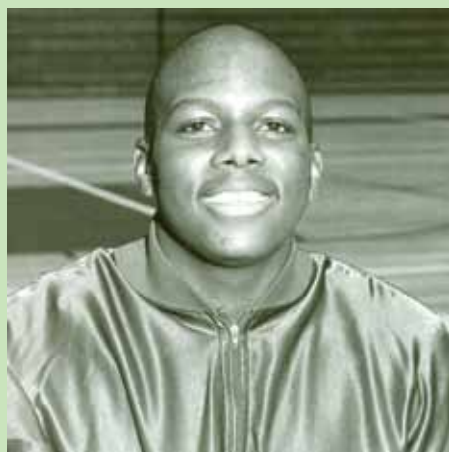
McClure parlayed his CBA experience into a career overseas, spending time with professional teams in Belgium, France, Israel and Venezuela.

"My time at Otterbein taught me to be disciplined," said McClure, who officially retired from playing in 2010. "We learned to work hard and be committed to anything you do. Some like to label Division III guys as not having a whole lot of athletic ability, so that always motivated me to prove otherwise. I hope my career shows that if you're willing to work hard, anything can happen."

McClure has since dedicated himself to coaching both professionally and collegiately, working with the Columbus Crush of the American Basketball Association (ABA), World Harvest Prep Bible College and the Ohio Hidden Gems of the International Basketball League (IBL). In addition, he hopes to begin working with young players on speed and agility training.

A three-time Ohio Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year and 2006 All-America selection, Remenowsky has turned his passion for baseball into a minor-league career. The 6-5 right-hander, referred to by his friends as "Remy," was signed as a free agent by the Chicago White Sox organization shortly after college graduation in 2008. He was placed in Single-A ball, working hard as a reliever to eventually earn a South Atlantic League all-star appearance in 2009.

"I was very lucky to have the coaching I did at Otterbein," Remenowsky said. "Coach Powell and Coach Ewing taught me the mental side of the game



Kelly McClure '96



Jeff Gibbs '02 at a championship celebration in Japan. Standing in front are his children, Trey, 8, and Faith, 5. Gibbs is holding youngest daughter, Bella, 2.

and let my physical abilities take care of the rest. I played with a lot of dedicated players and I am forever grateful to have shared my college years with them. I had a lot of growing up to do when I came in as a freshman, but I learned how to be a good teammate through the people at Otterbein."

Remenowsky was quickly bumped to Double-A, where he earned a second all-star game appearance. He then earned a promotion to Triple-A Charlotte in 2011, posting a 2-2 record and striking out 25 batters in 18 appearances.

"The career path I've taken is a little different from most of my college friends," he said. "It's not as steady of a job as most people have, but it's what I know best."

He continues to chase his dream of playing in the major leagues someday despite playing with Double-A Birmingham this season as he recovers from an injury. He currently holds a 1.60 earned run average (E.R.A) through 33 innings.

"I remain pretty positive that I will get a shot in the big leagues someday," Remenowsky said. "I couldn't tell you when, but I always remain optimistic and focused. The passion is always going to be what drives me." •

Professor manages Olympic
synchronized swimming team

GOING FOR THE



by Jenny Hill '05

When Denise Shively isn't teaching public relations or chairing the Integrative Studies program at Otterbein, she's at the swimming pool. She's not working on her tan; she is coaching the Columbus Coralinas synchronized swimming team and managing the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Team, including a duet who competed in the 2012 London Olympics.

Shively was coaching the Columbus Coralinas, an age-group synchronized swimming team in central Ohio, when she attended a training session on international team management at a national conference. So when the call came from the national team, she was prepared to answer it.

"In 2003, I received a call from the national team director asking me if I would be interested in serving as manager for our Junior National Team and National Team II, as they were going to an international meet in Seattle. I was familiar with the pool and the competition, so I agreed and that was my start," she said. "The next year, the junior team was to attend the Junior World Championships and I had worked with the coach the previous year, so we just kept working together. She eventually became the coach of the 2008 Olympic team."

As manager of the national team, she oversees administrative and logistical duties. "During the years prior to the Olympic Games, I serve as the



Denise Shively, far right, poses with the U.S. synchronized swim team after its free team routine at the 2008 Olympics Games in Beijing, China.

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- DENISE SHIVELY, SENIOR INSTRUCTOR, COMMUNICATION

manager for the national team and assist them in logistics and coordinating details in advance of any international competitions — World Championships, World Cup, Trophy Cup, Pan American Games, etc. Basically, I complete all the paperwork such as entries, housing and transportation forms, visa applications as needed. I also work to complete all the travel arrangements and make arrangements for practice times if the team would travel to a country several days in advance of the competition," she said.

Shively also uses her public relations skills for the benefit of the team. "At the competition, I represent the team at all the meetings and official functions. In many situations, if we do not have a media relations person with us, I will assist with responding to media inquiries and setting up interviews with our athletes and coaches."

Shively has traveled to international competitions in Australia, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Switzerland. But her highest profile trip with the team was to China for the 2008 Olympics.

"It was a lot of work and the days of training and preparing for all of us were long," she said of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. "But to be there representing the USA to the world is something that cannot be duplicated. And, getting to know people as individuals helps all of us to promote understanding."

While politics may be at play on the world scene, the world of synchronized swimming actually brings cultures together. "We have been well-received around the world. Many times we have volunteers assigned to us who assist as translators and they always tell me how working with our group helped them understand how kind Americans can be. We have a great group

of athletes and we are always focused on building solid, meaningful relationships with the hosts," Shively said.

"At the 2007 Pan American Games, there was some concern there would be anti-American sentiment in Rio. However, we have great friends with the Brazilian synchronized swimming team, and during the parade of athletes, our team carried U.S. and Brazilian flags and we had a very warm reception," she said. "In the 2008 Olympic Games, our athletes had a banner that read 'Thank you China' in Chinese that they carried on the podium. (It was) very well received."

This year, a duet from the national team qualified for the 2012 London Olympics. Although she was not at the Olympic games, Shively was cheering them on at the qualifying competition in London in April and at a training camp in Ireland just weeks before the Olympics.

Shively holds a "National Judges" rating and has served on several national

committees, including event management and championship sites. She has coached many synchronized swimmers on the Columbus Coralinas team who have gone on to compete at the college and national level or work as synchronized swimming coaches themselves.

Other Otterbein employees with connections to the Olympics include Assistant Professor Bruce Mandeville, Equine Science, who competed in two Olympic Games (Sidney in 2000 and Athens in 2004), two World Championships and two Pan American Games as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team, and Sports Information Director Ed Syguda, who worked behind the scenes at the Atlanta (1996) and Salt Lake (2002) Olympics.

Alumni who are in London, whether as a resident or attending the Olympic games, can send stories and photos to rroutson@otterbein.edu. •



Shively at the 2008 games with the Japanese team manager during closing ceremonies.

compiled by Becky Hill May '78

Kathleen Strahm Fox '44 celebrated her 90th birthday in May. She taught third- and fourth-graders for 30 years, including schools in Dayton, Chippewa Lake and Strasburg, OH. She is the wife of **Howard Fox '44**, and the mother of **Patricia Fox Dunn '68**, **Richard Fox '70**, **John Fox '80** and his wife, **Kathryn Spence Fox '83**.

Robert Crosby '50 is devoting his latter years to the preservation and enhancement of the art of T Group Training, a type of group psychotherapy designed to increase sensitivity and awareness of oneself and others.

Jim Freshour '70 completed his retirement challenge of hiking all the trails in the central Ohio

Metro Parks, a total of 145 miles. He wrote an article about his challenge which appeared in the spring 2012 issue of *ParkScope*, a publication of the Metro Parks.

Don Tate '74 retired in April from the City of Kettering, OH, after 32 years of service.

1977 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Jonathan Hargis '79 joined Charter Communications, Inc. in April. As executive vice president and chief marketing officer, he will oversee Charter's sales and marketing activities. Charter is a broadband communications company and the fourth-largest cable operator in the U.S.

1982 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Robert Cornette '82 was named associate dean of nursing for Tennessee Wesleyan College Fort Sanders School of Nursing.

1987 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Rachael Harris '90 was nominated for a Spirit Award for her starring role in the independent comedy drama *Natural Selection*.

Don Paullo '90 was promoted to vice president at AIG Asset Management. He is the secondary trader and pricing manager for AIG's Private Debt Group. He and his wife, Brandi,

and their two children, Luca and Lila, reside in Houston, TX.

Ben Hodges '91 received his doctor of jurisprudence degree with a concentration in intellectual property from Seton Hall University School of Law in May.

Joe Loth '91 accepted the position of head football coach at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT, a Division III institution. He served as defensive coordinator there from 1993 to 1997, and his wife, Keri, is a graduate of WCSU. While coaching at Otterbein, he was named OAC Football Coach of the Year as well as Ohio Coach of the Year.



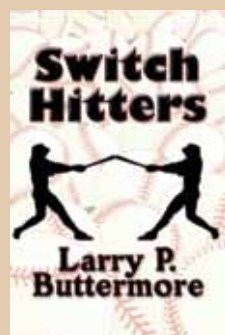
Correction: In the last issue, a classnote featured **William Bale '57** who was named Sertoman of the Year by the Woodmen Valley Sertoma Club of Colorado Springs, CO. However, the photo was incorrect. At left is the correct photo.



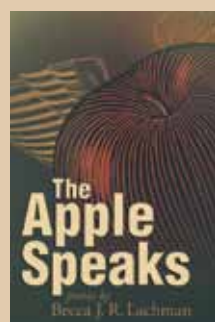
Classmates **Alice Shanley Kunkel '68** (left), **Pat Merryman '68** (center) and **Marilyn Eiffert Riggs '68** were reunited for the first time in 30 years in Phoenix, AZ, in March. Riggs lives in Phoenix, Kunkel in Seattle, WA, and Merryman in Westerville, OH.

Otterbein Book Corner

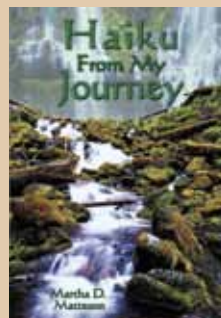
Jeanne Ackley Lohman '45 has published another poetry book, *As if Words*. The poems make up a love story, chronicling the years of her marriage.



Larry Buttermore '65 has published his first book, *Switch Hitters*. Stories of his childhood are woven into the fabric of a baseball story about a lone left-handed hitter who inspires the rest of the team.



Becca Rossiter Lachman '04 has published her first collection of poetry entitled, *The Apple Speaks*.



Martha Deever Matteson '64 published her book, *Haiku From My Journey*. The book contains more than 550 haiku poems taken from the life experiences of the writer.



Bob Fritz '87 has published his first novel, *A Witch to Live*. The book is about a teenage girl in a small Ohio town, her introduction to paganism and the resulting conflicts with her family, friends and community.



Have you written and published a book?
Let us know at classnotes@otterbein.edu. Send us a high-resolution photo of yourself and the book cover. Let all your Otterbein classmates know of your publishing success.

Authors

1992

reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Kristy Wadsworth Earl '93 is an editor for Christian Light Publications, Harrisonburg, VA.



Chuck Rosen '89 was named president of California Association of Health Underwriters. He will be traveling throughout California educating health insurance professionals and the public about impending health care reform and its effect on our economy and standard of living. CAHU represents 2,200 members in 15 chapters across CA.

CLP offers Christian literature, as well as curriculum and services for schools K-12 and home schooling.

Michael Morgan '93 is chief operating officer for a health care technology startup, Updax. Updax is a leading cloud-based provider of solutions for health care software vendors, hospitals and health information exchange (HIE).

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign in January.

Stephanie Mizer '95 is the recruitment manager for The Ohio State University Foundation.

Daniel Hughes '95 received his doctorate degree in musical arts in choral music from the

Sue Constable received a grant from the **U.S. Department of Education** for **\$373,537** for the Central Ohio English Learner Education Collaborative (COELEC) project. This project will unite central Ohio K-12 schools and Otterbein to provide effective programs to enrich the educational process of students learning English in central Ohio schools

New Grant

The Leather Helmet Club

Past Gridiron Heroes Keep Memories Alive in Club

By Matt Soppelsa '14

Before the days of the bulky shoulder pads, players wore no padding in football. Before mesh jerseys, players wore long-sleeved cotton ones. Before hard plastic helmets protected their heads, players wore leather helmets. Those odd-looking soft and scruffy helmets, with their comical earflaps and lack of sufficient protection, are still a symbol of the glory days for many football fans. But what if you were one of those guys in the cotton jersey with the thin piece of leather strapped to your head?

Ask **Bud Yoest '53**. To him, that's just how the game was played. Although the game has changed, Yoest has not lost his love of football, nor have his teammates. Yoest still is in touch with many of the men he played with here at Otterbein. Together they make up the "Leather Helmet Club," a social group of players from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. The club was founded in the '50s by Yoest and **Ted Benadum '52**.

"We meet twice a year in the 'O' Club room. It's really open to anyone," said Yoest. "I'm mainly in charge of getting the guys together, and pretty soon we're going to have to start inviting the guys from the 1970s. We want this thing to go on."

The name of the club was somewhat obvious. The traditional headgear is brought to each gathering and placed at the center of the table by **Kenneth Zarbaugh '50**. The social club's meetings bring together a wide range of people, from **Harold Wilson '40**, who is 90 years old, to new Athletic Director **Dawn Stewart '98**.

"It really gives the University a chance to talk to the alumni as well," said Yoest. "But a lot of the time we just talk about old times. It's a good way to get the fellas back (together)."

Many of their lives still are centered around athletics. Some are coaches at schools, others are participants in the Senior Olympics. But the talk always goes back to football. They all agree that the game has changed. The equipment is different and so are

the sizes of the teams. With Otterbein bringing in 70 new freshman players this year, it is quite a change from the 18- to 20-man teams Yoest remembers. The style of the game has changed as well.

"There weren't as many passing plays. And no substitutions either," said Yoest. "The only time people left the field was when they were helped off."

Looking at the upcoming year, Yoest had a few predictions of his own about Otterbein football. Between solid players, enthusiastic coaches and a strong senior group, his hopes are high. He and the rest of the Leather Helmet Club will be sure to come back and see how the game they cherish is played at the school they love.



Upper left: Co-founders **Ted Benadum '52** (left) and **Bud Yoest '53**. Upper right: An old leather helmet with a plastic one of today. Above: Members of the Leather Helmet Club meet in the "O" Club Room in Memorial Stadium.

Kay Lucas Frey '84, **Nancy Martin Basile '92**, **Travis Eby '94** and **Erin Varley '94** hosted members of the Concert Choir on their spring concert tour to Strasburg, PA.



Front row: Gayle Walker, director; **Brandon Motz '08**; **Nancy Martin Basile '92**; and Susan Dowdy, accompanist. Back row: **Erin Varley '94**, **Kay Lucas Frey '84** and **Travis Eby '94**.



Colby Kingsbury '91 received the 2011 Charles L. Whistler Award in recognition of her career-long commitment to pro bono service. A partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, she has served incarcerated individuals, immigrants and youth, both by providing pro bono services and leading the organization into expanding its pro bono services within the firm and the Chicago community.

Tim Kish '76

Coaching is a Winning Career for Son and Father

By Holly Fenner Ritter '05

It's safe to say that **Tim Kish '76** was born to coach. The son of Mike Kish, former Otterbein men's basketball coach and director of admission, Tim spent a lot of time as a kid in the old Otterbein gym (now Riley Auditorium in Battelle Fine Arts Center) and touts his father as his biggest influence for pursuing coaching.

Now in his 37th year of coaching football, Kish is preparing for his first season as the assistant defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at the University of Oklahoma.

"This is a great place to be and a great place to live," he said. "I am humbled to have this opportunity with one of the best football programs in the country."

A four-year letterman as a defensive back and a basketball player at Otterbein, Kish said he is inspired by his student athletes to mentor and help them develop on and off the field.

"It's about relating to the players, teaching them life lessons and sending them out into the world better than when they came," he said. "It's a wonderful experience when players



keep in touch. It makes you think you did something right along the way."

Before becoming a Sooner, Kish held various coaching positions, including interim head coach at the University of Arizona. He has also coached at Indiana University, Ohio University, the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, Army, Ball State University, Purdue University and Bowling Green State University.

Kish said the competitive nature of college football is second to none. "To me, it's the pureness of the collegiate arena, the opportunity to develop relationships with the student athletes and the interaction between the college and the community," he said. As a coach, he said he hopes that, like him, his players have a positive experience as student athletes.

"Bottom line, it's the chance to be a part of a team, to understand camaraderie and to be a better citizen in the community," he said. "There are no guarantees in life. You have to make the best of every day. That's how I live and that's what I try to instill in my players."

Todd Tucker '95 is the rooms operations manager at Marriott International Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains. He has been with Marriott for eight years in the Phoenix, AZ, area.

Susan Adkins Eiselstein '96 has been named interim director of human resources at Otterbein University. She will manage the

daily operations of the office and assist with the review of current human resource functions.

1997 reunion year
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Corey Brill '97 is appearing in Gore Vidal's *The Best Man* on Broadway. The show runs through Sept. 9 at the Schoenfeld Theatre. The play

takes place during a fictional 1960 nomination convention in Philadelphia and he plays McCormack's conniving campaign manager, Don Blades.

Katherine Visconti Hagemann '97 is the director of change management and adoption at Bluewolf, a cloud technology firm.

Jesse Truett '97 is the senior director of performance management at Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools in Columbus, OH. OAPCS is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization dedicated to promoting quality educational options for Ohio's school children.

Janine Wiley Robinson '99

was a recipient of *Columbus Business First* 40 Under 40 Award. Robinson was selected for her dedication to community service through The Childhood League and Nationwide Children's Hospital, as well as her accomplishments as vice president of creative services at TriAd Marketing and Media.

Rod Skaf '99 earned the MetLife Chairman's Council level recognition, the highest level of honor given to a select few of their top producers, for the sixth time in his nine years with MetLife.

Melissa Johnson '99 was honored as the 2012 National Alliance of Developers Entrepreneur of the Year. The award honors influential pioneers who have demonstrated business success and profitability through the development of a winning business strategy. Throughout her career she has launched hundreds of brands and led industry-recognized work for brands including Swiffer, The NFL, Victoria's Secret and Nationwide.



Darrell Miller '79

Former Coach Likes to Hire Cardinal Student athletes

By Holly Fenner Ritter '05

Darrell Miller '79 wanted to go to law school. However, **Dick Reynolds '65**, former athletic director and men's head basketball coach, had another idea. The day Miller graduated from Otterbein, Coach Reynolds asked him to serve as assistant basketball coach.

"I was excited about it," he said. "I thought I would just do it for a year."

Miller coached at Otterbein for seven years. He said he wanted his players to have the same positive experience he had playing basketball at Otterbein from 1975-79. "When I came in as a freshman, there were a lot of other good players here. I had to work extra hard and take advantage of every opportunity," he said. "I didn't play as much as I wanted to initially, but I never gave up and I kept after it."

Reflecting on his experience as a student athlete, Miller said it was a special time in his life. "At the time, you don't realize how much fun it is until it's over," he said. "Looking back, I have a lot of great memories."



A political science and business administration major, Darrell left his coaching position to found Aqua Science, Inc., a water management company in Columbus, OH, in 1983 with fellow alumnus **Dan Smucker '77**.

Miller still maintains his connection with his alma mater. He hires Otterbein student athletes and graduates to work at Aqua Science, Inc., as well as USA Sports Academy, a premiere sports and training facility in Columbus, where he serves as president.

"It's rewarding to do that for students who need work," he said. "So many of them stay in contact. I talk to some of them weekly. It's enjoyable that there's that Otterbein connection in my life."

And there is now another Otterbein connection in his life. His daughter, **Madi Miller '15** has followed in his footsteps and is playing basketball at Otterbein.

"It's an excellent opportunity for her and she really likes Otterbein," he said. "I've seen a lot of growth from her and that is really neat to see."

Amy Musset Wideman '00 is in her 13th year of working for Westerville City Schools. She is currently a teacher at Wilder Elementary.

Melissa Schemmel Craft '01 is currently in her 10th year teaching physical education at the middle school level for Columbus City Schools. She earned her master's degree in education administration from Ashland University in May 2010.

2002

reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Jamie Barker '02 earned his doctorate degree in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May. The title of his dissertation was "Learning to Listen: An Examination of Trauma in 20th Century Multicultural American Poetry."

Maya Frank Sayre '02 appeared in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* at the Short North Stage Garden Theatre in Columbus this spring. She can also be seen as Morgan Riley in the science fiction web series *AIDAN 5*.

Robert Duray '03 was named head football coach for Vermilion High School, Vermilion, OH. He has been a teacher there since 2007. His previous experience includes being an assistant coach at Otterbein.

Traci Meister '04 debuted her film, *The Eve of Adam*, at the Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival held in April. This was her first effort at writing and directing. Meister's objective in the film is to show that we can transcend personal traumas to become successful people.

Josh Fitzwater '05 is the director of social media at Kenyon College. In March, he received his master's degree in marketing and communication from Franklin University.

Michelle Given '05 is a photographer and multimedia artist working as an assistant professor of photography at Murray State University, Murray, KY. Her interactive installation, *Movin' On*, is on display at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Modern Art, Eugene, OR, through Aug. 27.

Jonathan Juravich '05 was named Man of the Year by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Central Ohio. The award recognized his fundraising efforts which surpassed his goal of \$50,000 in 10 weeks.

Colette Masterson '05 has been accepted into the doctorate program in higher education at Ohio University.

Nicholas Hill has been granted \$12,608 from **The Ohio Arts Council** to fund *Time and Place: An International Exhibition of Works on Paper*. The exhibition will feature the works of contemporary Ohio and German artists who have participated in the Ohio Arts Council's printmaking exchange program.

Ashleigh Ignelzi '07

She Holds her Own in a World of Men, but Don't Call her Tomboy

By Matt Soppelsa '14

Ashleigh Ignelzi '07 is a prime example of how Otterbein University prepares its students for life after college. With her broadcasting degree in hand, Ignelzi went right to work in the field of her choice — sports media.

Sports fans may know her as the online host and sideline reporter for the Columbus Crew, central Ohio's Major League Soccer team, or as a reporter for *ESPN The Magazine*. She also hosts her own sports talk radio show, writes for *Columbus Wired TV* and has her own blog, www.thefoxyfrenzy.com, covering a variety of topics in sports, news and entertainment. Ignelzi has covered all the bases of media in her short time as a professional and she credits Otterbein with giving her the chance.

Ignelzi got her start in the sports media world as a host on the *The Average Joe Sports Show* on the Ohio News Network (ONN). "I wouldn't have had the opportunity to work on ONN without my internship through Otterbein," she said.

She quickly earned recognition and respect as the woman who could hold her own against a team of industry veterans — all men. Since then, she has become one of Ohio's hardest-working



sports reporters. According to Ignelzi, her favorite part of her job is working with superstars like LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal.

Some people may think that Ignelzi is all sports, all the time — a total "tomboy." However, she was recently featured in a style spotlight in *614 Magazine* and she once worked as a makeup artist.

"Most people see female sports reporters as tomboys, but I don't consider myself one," said Ignelzi. "It is helpful to connect with the athletes' wives; they comment on my make-up and I do theirs sometimes."

Ignelzi credits Otterbein with preparing her for the real world. "I had a professor who was a producer at NBC; she would do things like coordinate Red, White and Boom (the Fourth of July festivities in downtown Columbus). She gave me very realistic views of the career field I was going into. To me, that seemed the best way to prepare students," said Ignelzi.

Having worked with the Cleveland Cavaliers, Columbus Crew, Columbus Blue Jackets and many other professional sports teams in Ohio, Ignelzi is using the skills she learned at Otterbein to succeed in her dream field.

Profile

Lauren Suveges '05 is a museum educator at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in Eugene, OR. This spring, she led the Spring Break Art Camp, which included puppet making, printmaking and other art activities.

Devon Kuntzman '06 is working with orphans and other children in Rwanda at a small foundation, Imbabazi, identifying educational goals, providing food, shelter, life skills training, computers and lessons in English. She has been there since 2010.

Heather Reichle '06 joined Mount Carmel Health Systems as manager of communications in February.

Brandi Dunlap Stupica '06 earned her doctorate degree in psychology at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, in May. She is currently an assistant professor of psychology at Alma College, Alma, MI.

2007 reunion year
Homecoming 2012

Dana Harmon '08 was named Educator of the Year at Wilder Elementary School in Westerville, OH.

Glencora Leming '08 resides in Austin, TX, and joined the Austin Civic Chorus performing Bach's *Mass in B Minor* this spring. She is working toward her master's degree in diplomacy and international commerce.

Sandra Thouvenin '08 completed an art project that

consisted of five large-scale murals painted on the pump stations lining State Route 21 and the Tuscarawas River. Lillian Gish, an Ohio native and silent movie actress, is featured on three sides of the pump station along SR 21 South, while the North features the Massillon tiger mascot and football icon Paul Brown.

Terry Hermesen received two grants to support *Reading the Earth: The Language of Nature*, a summer institute for K-12 teachers. At the humanities-based institute, teachers form learning communities and engage in an interactive exchange. This program is made possible in part by the **Ohio Humanities Council**, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, with a **\$15,000** grant. In addition, **the Ohio Environmental Education Fund** awarded a **\$1,522** mini-grant to support the institute.

New Grant

Katelyn Glaser '09 received her master of arts degree in education from Baldwin Wallace College in May.

Grace Proctor '09 is a student services associate at Hondros College, Columbus, OH. Her responsibilities include advising students, discussing enrollment and education paths, performing background checks, presenting programs to prospective students and processing student transcripts, certificates and payments.

Kristin Sutton '09 is the state government relations assistant at The Ohio State University.

Ali Wallace '09 is working with the Peace Corps in Africa. She is involved with girls' empowerment programming, literacy and health concerns.

Andrew Betz '10 is part of the ensemble, as well as the Lumiere understudy, in the national touring company of *Beauty and the Beast*. While he was in college, he played the part of Lumiere in Haddonfield, NJ, in the Haddon Summer Music Theatre's production of the play.

Zachary McGrain '10 received his master of arts degree in education from Baldwin Wallace College in May.

Anastasia Bailey '11 is a Verizon Wireless premium retailer at the Polaris location in Columbus.

Katie Kopchak '11 is a full-time substitute teacher for elementary education and an independent business owner with Amway. She was recently chosen as the president elect for the alumni chapter of Epsilon Kappa Tau.

Alice McCutcheon '11 is teaching university English as a Peace Corps volunteer in China through August 2014. In China,

the Peace Corps is referred to as the U.S. China Friendship Volunteers Program. Many of her students will be training to be English teachers in primary and middle schools in rural areas.

Hannah Ulloa '12 is an account coordinator at Dynamit in Columbus. Dynamit integrates web, mobile and social media solutions to solve business challenges with strategy, design and technology.

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Marriages

Dale Robinson '57 to Dongguang Yang, Jan. 14, 2010, in Shenyang, China.

Kristy Wadsworth '93 to Matthew Earl, Jan. 2, 2011.

Shannon Miller '99 to Ken Hoffman, Aug. 5, 2011.

Amy Mussett '00 to Matt Wideman, June 11, 2011.

Tiffany Allison '01 to Andrew Goodman, Oct. 22, 2011.

Summer Lawson '01 to Tyler Stuckey, Sept. 3, 2011. The wedding party included **Stacey Whitt Seif '01**.

Melissa Schemmel '01 to Dan Craft Jr., May 29, 2011.

Liberty Hultberg '04 to Tucker Ferda, Dec. 17, 2011. The wedding party included **Niki Mayer Oberlander '04**.

Rebekah Gilbert '05 to Dean Jacobson, July 10, 2010. The wedding party included **Kellie Plescher Sheely '04**, **Stefani Bergquist '04**, **Lori Owen Young '04** and **Christiana Congelio '06**.



Dale Robinson '57 with bride, Dongguang Yang.



Shannon Miller '99 with husband, Ken Hoffman. At left is Lily Hoffman and at right is Kathryn Felsenthal Stephens '97.



Amy Mussett '00 with husband, Matt Wideman.



Tiffany Allison '01 with husband, Andrew Goodman.



Melissa Schemmel '01 with husband, Dan Craft Jr.



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Liberty Hultberg '04 with husband, Tucker Ferda.



Rebekah Gilbert '05 with husband, Dean Jacobson.



Bethany Dean '06 with husband, Nickolas Jones '05.



Jennifer Evans '06 with husband, Beau Stidham '09.



Danielle Fabian '11 with husband, Matthew Spencer.



Ashley Butler '10 with husband, William Ferrall '10.

Bethany Dean '06 to **Nickolas Jones '05**, Oct. 8, 2011. The wedding party included **Scott Bacon '05** (who performed the ceremony), **Randy Saunders '05**, **Ian McDowell '05**, **Michael Evans '05**, **Cari Dean '03**, **Stephanie Delgado Saunders '06**, **Sarah Conkel '06**, **Tracey Stafford '06**, **Jenna Stump '06** and **Trista Steed '06**.

Jennifer Evans '06 to **Beau Stidham '09**, July 16, 2011. Bridesmaids included **Tahnee VanSickle '08**.

Ashley Butler '10 to **William Ferrall '10**, Oct. 29, 2011. The wedding party included **Aristi Ennis '10**, **Anna Haller '10**, **Josh Ozbolt '10** and **Zack Hopper '10**.

Danielle Fabian '11 to **Matthew Spencer**, Nov. 12, 2011.

Correction: The photo caption under their wedding photo incorrectly spelled **Stacie Walulik '09** and **Aaron Loskota '07** in the last issue of *Towers*.

Births

Kathleen Miner Kisner '93 and husband, **Craig '92**, a daughter, **Lila Ann**, Feb. 14, 2012.

Carey Bower Ward '95, and husband, **Tim**, a daughter, **Alyvia "Lyvi" Suzanne**, Feb. 9, 2012.

Stacie Kish Collins '96 and husband, **Troy**, a son, **Mitchell Joseph**, Aug. 9, 2011. He joins siblings **Faye**, 11; **Minnie**, 9; and **Corban**, 2.



Lila Ann Kisner



Alyvia Suzanne Ward



Mitchell Joseph Collins



Caleb Elijah Crum



Victor Mertz Weigel with big sister, Clementine



Zoey Geneva Wickham with big sister, Abby



Bryant Mussett Wideman



Gwyneth Gaia Hartley



Holden Ellis Fitzwater



Reese Corchinski



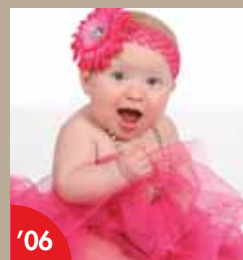
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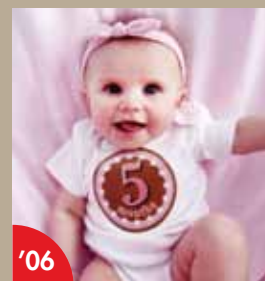
Cora Louise Welch



Grayson Potter Woodward



Amelia Grace Greasamar



Chelsea Lynn Downing



Landon Edward Miller



Lucas Salvatore Collini

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Angie Bauer Crum '97, a son, Caleb Elijah, Feb, 25, 2012, through adoption. He joins big brother, Samuel.

Dorothee Mertz Weigel '98 and husband, Paul, a son, Victor Mertz Weigel, March 7, 2012. He joins big sister, Clementine.

Dawn Wood Wickham '00 and husband, **Adam '99**, a daughter, Zoey Geneva, Nov. 13, 2011. She joins big sister, Abby, 3.

Amy Mussett Wideman '00 and husband, Matt, a son, Bryant Mussett, Feb. 25, 2012.

Jill Ceneskie Hartley '01 and husband, Andrew, a daughter, Gwyneth Gaia, July 28, 2011.

Katie Schell Corchinski '03 and husband, Brandon, a daughter, Reese, March 2, 2012.

Jessica Peters Fitzwater '03 and husband, **Josh '05**, a son, Holden Ellis, Feb. 18, 2012.

Brittany Lammers Goldsberry '03 and husband, David, a daughter, Emersyn Grace, Nov. 16, 2011.

Jessi Reck Welch '03 and husband, **Andrew '03**, a daughter, Cora Louise, March 25, 2012.

Dawn Thompson '04 and partner, Amelia Woodward, a son, Grayson Potter Woodward, Nov. 10, 2011. He joins big sister, Georgia.

Nicole Elder Downing '06 and husband, **Matthew '06**, a daughter, Chelsea Lynn, Dec. 5, 2011.

Wendy Kuszmaul Greasamar '06 and husband, Christopher, a daughter, Amelia Grace, Aug. 24, 2011.

Amanda Durbin Miller '07 and husband, **Nick '06**, a son, Landon Edward, Dec. 22, 2011. Proud grandparents are **Vicki Swingle Miller '06** and her husband, Larry; and aunt, **Autumn Durbin '11**.

Chelsea Rockhold Stierhoff '07 and husband, Chase, a son, Christopher, Nov. 17, 2010.

Amy Flanigan Collini '08 and husband, Paul, a son, Lucas Salvatore, Sept. 1, 2011.

Anastasia Bailey '11 and **Shayne Willis '12**, a son, Braxton Alexander Willis, Sept. 4, 2011.

Deaths

Releaffa Freeman Bowell '31 passed away Feb. 27, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Daniel Bowell '33**, and brother, **Harold Freeman '23**. She is survived by her children, John, **Daniel '67**, **Thomas '68**, and his wife, **Molly Beason Bowell '71**; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother in law, **William Freeman '57**; and nieces, **Cheryl Freeman Hill '87** and **Jennifer Hill '08**.

Gladys McFeeley Funkhouser '38 passed away Jan. 29, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Elmer Funkhouser Jr. '38**; brothers, **Gerald McFeeley '33**, **James McFeeley '36** and **Robert McFeeley '40**; sister, **Evelyn McFeeley Crow '43**; and her husband, **Gordon Crow '47**. She is survived by sons, Elmer (III), **Richard '64** and David; daughters, Susan Sullivan and Erica Funkhouser; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister in law, **Martha Williams McFeeley '42**; nieces, **Marybeth McFeeley Bowman '70** and **Margaret McFeeley Neupert '73**; and nephews, **Gerald McFeeley '62** and **James McFeeley '65**.

Mary Beth Cade Everhart '39 passed away May 24, 2012. She worked more than 30 years as a nursing assistant and bookkeeper in her husband's family medicine practice in Columbus. She was active in the Linden United Methodist Church for more than 70 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard. She is survived by daughters, **Mary Ann Everhart McDonald '72**, Linda Kay Pomante and **Nancy Everhart Grigiss '77**; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Josephine Moomaw Lahey '39 passed away May 14, 2012. For a time, she was the secretary to the president of B.F. Goodrich in Cleveland, OH. Music, arts and crafts and gourmet cooking were her interests. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; four sisters, Velda, **Oma**

Moomaw Bradley '26, **Mary Moomaw Wells '37**, **Doris Moomaw Hinton Fox '45** and her husband, **William Hinton '43**; cousins, **Rhea Moomaw Cooper '33** and her husband, **Charles Cooper '35**, **Chad Cooper '60**; and relative, **Jane Hinton Law '47**. She is survived by her children, Bonita Lahey, Danaan Lahey and Todd Lahey; cousins, **Howard Moomaw Jr. '45**, **Jacqueline Cooper Comito '56**, **James Cooper '67**, **Randy Moomaw '78**, **Lori Moomaw Wood '80**, **Sandy Moomaw '68**, **Ronald Moomaw '74**, **James Moomaw '63**, **Thomas Moomaw '70**, **Melissa Moomaw '12** and **Greg Moomaw '14**.

Mary Lou Plymale Poff passed away Dec. 1, 2011. She spent some time teaching before she became a full-time wife, mother and homemaker. She was a member of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, OH. She was active in several civic, educational, philanthropic and social organizations throughout her life, founding many clubs at the Otterbein Home in Lebanon, OH, in her 10 years there. She was preceded in death by her husbands, **John Smith '43** and Glen Poff. She is survived by daughters, Lynne Smith and Susan Hornung; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Fern Spaulding Williams '45 passed away Feb. 16, 2012. She taught home economics at Shenandoah College in Winchester, VA,

and at Bridgman High School, Bridgman, MI. In 1956, she and her husband opened Williams Pharmacy in Bridgman. She was a member of the Woodland Shores Baptist Church and volunteered for many years in the oncology department and gift shop at Lakeland Hospital Mercy. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Walter Williams Jr. '47**. She is survived by daughters, Ellen Williams and Karen Wegner; and two grandsons.

Jane Hinton Law '47 passed away April 15, 2012. She was best known as an accomplished watercolor artist who maintained Jane Law's Art Studios and Gallery on Long Beach Island, NJ, for 30 years. She began her teaching career as the art supervisor for Worthington, OH, schools. She also taught in Gambier schools in Mount Vernon, OH. She earned her master's degree in fine arts from New York University in 1970, and taught art at Union College in Schenectady, NY; Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, NJ; and Ocean County College in Toms River, NJ. She was a member of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Beach Haven, NJ. She was preceded in death by brother, **William Hinton '43** and relative **Doris Moomaw Fox '45**. She is survived by her husband, **L. E. Law '51**; daughters, Melinda O'Neill and Laurie Law; sons, Thomas and Jonathan; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Leslie Mokry Sr. '47 passed away March 16, 2012. His Otterbein days were interrupted by World War II, when he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps. He flew combat missions in all three theaters of operation from an aircraft carrier. He returned to Otterbein to earn his degree and began his career in finance at CIT Credit Corp. He was recalled to active duty in 1952 and served two years during the Korean conflict. He maintained his role as a Naval Reserve Officer until his retirement as a Captain in 1982. Returning to civilian life and banking, he also worked at Buckeye Savings, Cincinnati; Citizens Federal, Dayton; and Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Marilyn Steiner Mokry '47**; son, **Leslie Mokry Jr. '72**; daughter, **Jana Mokry Mullen '74** and her husband, **Rhey Mullen '74**; sister, **Julia Mokry Degrandchamp '45**; and three grandchildren.

John Regenos '47 passed away June 16, 2010. His wife, **Betty Rumbarger Regenos '48**, passed away Jan. 2, 2011. They were preceded in death by daughter, Jill. They are survived by a daughter, Darylanne Regenos; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Jack Woods '49 passed away April 1, 2012. He was the founder of Jack L. Woods Plumbing. He coached the first traveling baseball team in Worthington, OH, and remained an active Cardinal booster. He was a member

of the York County Club. He was preceded in death by his son, Jack D. Woods. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maryellen; daughters, Eileen and Diane; and one granddaughter.

Calvin Holtkamp '50 passed away Dec. 16, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during World War II in the European Theater. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mansfield, OH, and the Masonic Blue Lodge. He taught physics at Otterbein while earning his master's degree at The Ohio State University. He was an engineer for Westinghouse for 38 years where he earned 38 patents, including "the burner with a brain," a multi-function, pyrolytic self-cleaning oven thermostat. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Daryl; daughter, Daria; stepdaughter, Linda Stewart; two grandchildren, **Michael Holtkamp '93** and **Heather Holtkamp '96**; four step grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; and relative, **Patricia Wise Holtkamp '94**.

Robert Keller '50 passed away March 7, 2012. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving in the U.S. Army Audit Agency. He worked for several companies during his career, including the Borror Corp., First Community Village, Summer and Co., and Westerville Golf Center. He was a member of the Middletown High School state championship

basketball team in 1946, and played four years of basketball at Otterbein. He volunteered with many organizations including "O" Club and Cardinal Boosters; coached Little League baseball and peewee football; and served on hospital and church boards. He was preceded in death by twin brother, **Richard Keller '50**, and granddaughter, Rebecca. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, **Miriam Wise Keller '53**; sons, Scott and Chuck; daughters, Ruth Hayes and Kathy Brand; 11 grandchildren, including **Robert Hayes '08**; and cousin, **James Wilson '64**.

Richard Reinhart '50 passed away Oct. 29, 2011. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict serving as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He earned his master's degree at The Ohio State University and worked for General Electric in human resources for the Power Transformer and Naval Ordinance department. He also worked for Westinghouse in human resources. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, MA. He was a member of the Pittsfield Rotary, served on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America and the Berkshire National Resources Council. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughters, Patricia Levenberg and Catherine Bilger; son, David; and six grandchildren.

Richard Sellers '50 passed away March 17, 2012. He was a veteran of World War II,

serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Case Western Reserve University. He worked for the DuPont Company as a chemist from 1953 until his retirement in 1985. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Jody Day Sellers '50**. He is survived by daughters, Nancy Wilkerson and Patricia Mindrup; son, Thomas; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and niece, **Marticia Day McFarren '72**.

William Troop '50 passed away March 11, 2012. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force serving in Korea. He returned to Westerville to become vice president of Home Savings and Loan. While in Westerville his memberships included Rotary, American Legion, Westerville School Board, Boy Scouts, YMCA, choir in Masonic Bodies and Scottish Rite, and Church of the Master UMC. After he left Westerville in 1972, he was an executive in finance for 30 years. In 1999, he moved to Florida and continued a career in real estate with Coldwell Banker. At one time he served as president of the Vida Clements Foundation for Otterbein. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Alice Davison Troop '23**; father, **Horace Troop '23**; and sister, **Martha Troop Miles '49**. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Connie; sons, Eric and Kyle; stepchildren, Laura and Kyle Croutwater; two grandchildren; three step grandchildren; niece, **Melanie Miles Stanton '84**; and relative, **Brian Miles '02**.

Bonnie Brooks Higgins '51 passed away April 28, 2012. She retired from Kettering Schools in Kettering, OH. She was preceded in death by her first husband, **Paul Thomas '51**. She is survived by a daughter, Tammy Hicks; a son, Keith Thomas; and two grandchildren.

Paul McMillan '51 passed away March 29, 2012. He earned his master's degree at The Ohio State University in the education of exceptional children. He was ordained in 1955 as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He served churches in MacArthur, Crestline and Columbus. He also served the Mount Liberty United Methodist Church and Salem United Methodist Church in Fredericktown, OH, for 27 years. He worked many years as special education supervision coordinator at the North Central Ohio Special Education Resource Center in Mansfield, OH. He was a member of the Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene in Mount Vernon, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Eileen. He is survived by two sons, James and John; and four grandchildren.

William Wilson '51 passed away May 10, 2012. He was retired from Alliant Techsystems Corp. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marilyn Hotopp Wilson '51**. He is survived by children, Billy, Matt, Reed and Dana; and seven grandchildren.

John Noel '52 passed away Feb. 25, 2012. He was the retired owner of Columbus

Wallmaster and Air Purification of America. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Church of the Master United Methodist Church, Westerville, OH, and the Just For Fun Group. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, and father, **John Noel Sr. '27**. He is survived by children, **William Noel '81**, Angela Percy and Charme Propps; and seven grandchildren.

Ardine Grable Smith '52 passed away April 30, 2012. She retired from Groveport Madison Schools, where she was a kindergarten teacher for 25 years. She was a member of Reynoldsburg Civic Club, Gamma Mu teacher sorority, 4 Season Garden Club, Tau Delta Sorority, Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg, OH, Dorcas Circle and the Emmaus Community. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Richard; daughters, Nancie Skonezny and Rebecca Laengle; son, Michael; and nine grandchildren.

Richard Young '56 passed away May 4, 2012. He served as a United Methodist minister in Racine, North Lewisburg, Sidney, Tipp City and New Carlisle, OH, as well as a Church of the Brethren minister in Troy, OH. He also served in the Sidney City Schools as teacher and guidance counselor for more than 30 years. He was involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, was president of Sidney Education Association two separate terms and received

the Outstanding Teacher of America Award in 1973. He is survived by his children, Ed, Elissa, David and Erick Young; and six grandchildren.

Lee Schmucker Wagoner '61 passed away May 28, 2012. She was a school teacher in both Ohio and Michigan, an artist and avid bridge player. She attended graduate school at Michigan State University. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, **Robert Wagoner '47**; a son, **Robert '73**; daughter, Connie Gutowski; three granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Richard Hamilton '65 passed away Feb. 3, 2012. He retired from the University of Missouri at Kansas City Bloch School of Business where he was associate dean from 1975-1980 and professor of marketing and statistics until 2007. In 1994, he received the Robert B. Clarke Outstanding Educator Award from the Direct Marketing Education Foundation. He served as a consultant to the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Investigations of Energy in Petroleum Product Shortages. He is survived by his sister, **Nancy Hamilton '61** and life partner, Ruth Ann Schulenberg.

Robert Graham '69 passed away Jan. 27, 2012. He was employed by Mercer Landmark in Celina, OH. He was a member of the Rockford United Methodist Church, Rockford, OH, and the Rockford Quartet. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol; two daughters,

Traci Graham and Debbie VanAtta; son, Spencer; and two grandchildren.

Daniel Myers '70 passed away Feb. 11, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was employed at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH, for 33 years. He was active in his community as a coach, voice of the Lady Arrows, member of the Medway Lions Order of DeMolay and the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, New Carlisle, OH, choir and the New Carlisle Chorus. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; sons, Chadd and Jason; daughters, Meagan, Marley, Mirriah; and eight grandchildren.

Donald Bean '72 passed away Dec. 18, 2010.

Wendell Hairston '73 passed away July 16, 2011. He was employed by the Baltimore City Public Schools in Baltimore, MD, as a music teacher and band director for 38 years. As a teacher he produced, authored and directed many plays. He personally purchased and distributed musical instruments so that his students would have the opportunity to play them. He is survived by his father, Alonzo; wife, Ernestine; children, Erin Lee and Wendell Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

Marsha Dudding Harmon '73 passed away Feb. 26, 2012. She was employed by the City of St. Petersburg, FL, later moving to Waynesville, NC, then to Pennsylvania, in order to be closer to family. She is survived

by her husband, Tom; son, Luke; and three grandchildren.

Joe Lopez '75 passed away Sept. 1, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retiring after more than 25 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine. He is survived by children, Steven, Daniel, Andy and Robert Lopez, Cindy Mills and Victoria Anson; and six grandchildren.

Robin Nicholson '77 passed away March 29, 2012. She was employed as a dispatcher for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, as well as Prairie Township. She was a member of the Pulse Christian Church, Plain City, OH. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred. She is survived by her mother, Florence; and brother, Randy.

Kevin Stumph '77 passed away May 26, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Flowers; children, Ellen and Brian Stumph; and sister, Debbie Hollar.

Donald Rossel '78 passed away April 23, 2012. He was employed as a mechanical engineer with VFP Fire Systems. He was a scout leader for many years. As a member of Jonda, he put his woodworking skills to use repairing the fraternity house. It can now be revealed that he was one of the primary "pie men" on campus in the '70s. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; children, Adam and Kara Rossel; and niece, **Fonda Dawson Kendrick '95**.

Michael Puskarich '82 passed away March 17, 2012. He was the president of HLC Resources, Inc., past president and CEO of Cravat Coal Company. He was a member of the Nottingham Presbyterian Church in Cadiz, OH, and numerous fraternal organizations, among them the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, and Kentucky Colonels. He was a member of the Harrison and Belmont Counties Historical Societies, the Ohio Board of Reclamation Review and Ohio Valley Coal Operators and Suppliers chairman. He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter, Jenna; son, Michael; brother, **Matthew '88** and his wife, **Kristine Heston Puskarich '88**; and cousins, **Mark Puskarich '86** and **Amy Puskarich Mirabal '88**.

Gail Kampo Wroblewski '92 passed away May 28, 2012. She was a retired service representative with State Farm Insurance corporate office. She attended World Outreach Church, Murfreesboro, TN. She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughter, Karin Severns; son, Chris Wroblewski; and three grandchildren.

Dan White '93 passed away Feb. 21, 2012. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict serving in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from AAA Ohio Auto Club after 36 years. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Westerville, OH. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Charlene; daughters, Julianne Liming and Sarah Deisler; and four grandchildren.

Friends

Joanne Van Sant H '70 passed away May 21, 2012. She worked at Otterbein from 1948 until her retirement in 1992, and remained a consultant for many years. She served the University in many roles, including vice president and dean of students, and chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education. She also taught and coached various athletic teams. She was inducted into the inaugural class of the Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. She was involved in a variety of community organizations including the American Association of University Women, the Westerville Women's Music Club, Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio and Directions for Youth. She was an ordained elder of the Central College Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her brother, Gus Van Sant Sr. and his wife, Betty; niece Malinda Van Sant and nephew, Gus Van Sant. *(Also see story on page 6, the memorial service online and a much longer biography at www.otterbein.edu/tribute)* 

Larry Hunter passed away Feb. 29, 2012. He served in the Ohio Air National Guard before joining the Columbus Police Dept. After retiring from CPD, he continued his career in public safety as director of safety and security for Otterbein. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Margie; daughters, Andrea Eastman, and **Angela Hunter Welsh '93**; and four grandchildren.

W.C. Whitney: The Man and his Jersey

At right (top) is a football jersey from 1893 that belonged to W.C. Whitney. He is shown in an excerpt from the 1893 team photo below. His story is fascinating. Below are excerpts from the Spring 2010 *Westerville Historical Society Newsletter*:

A graduate of Westerville High School and Otterbein University, **William Curtis Whitney '1895** went to medical school in Chicago, practiced near Massillon, served as a surgeon in the Spanish-American War and in 1900 returned to Westerville and Otterbein as assistant professor of geology and biology.

He was elected in 1903 to the first of two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, chairing the Common Schools Committee.

Dr. Whitney was working alone in his barn in the late afternoon of Nov. 17, 1907, when a lantern exploded, scattering oil over him and setting the barn afire.

Ithamer Sapp and his wife happened to be passing the farm. Sapp ran to the doctor's aid while Mrs. Sapp drove for help. Several cows were removed before Dr. Whitney realized his horse remained in the blaze.

Dr. Whitney ran through the smoke and flames to where the horse was standing in the stall. He untied the animal and then the horse plunged forward and knocked him down.

Mr. Sapp groped his way through smoke and flames and found Dr. Whitney prostrated upon the floor and in imminent danger of being soon burned to death. He hastily dragged Dr. Whitney out.

Badly burned, Dr. Whitney was taken to his Westerville home and then to a private hospital in Columbus. He developed pneumonia and died on Nov. 22.

The Otterbein chapel filled to overflowing for his funeral service. Businesses closed, school was dismissed and college classes canceled. He was buried in Otterbein Cemetery.



Homecoming 56 Years Ago

This year at Homecoming, there will be a 60th anniversary reunion for the Otterbein AFROTC, Angel Flight and Corps of Sponsors. We believe this Homecoming photo is from 1956 and features a float for AFROTC. Can you tell us who these lovely ladies are?



Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of Alumni Relations

Love-six, love-six! Game, set and match! My first college tennis match ended in total embarrassment and loss to my Wright State opponent. Moments like those leave a mark on your confidence and abilities. Yet like a true fighting Otterbein Cardinal, I was determined to master my tennis skills during my freshman year. Through the support of my coach, Dr. Joann Tyler; my roommate, Polly; and my teammates, I was able to improve my skills. That not only helped me then, but the gained confidence has stayed with me to this day.

So many of the skills we learned on the playing field, or through campus organization leadership positions, or through living in a residence halls, gave us the foundation to travel our life journey. Some of these skills include confidence, self-discipline, determination, goal setting, flexibility, problem solving and many others. The time and effort dedicated to practice and the game does have a return on investment (ROI) — true belief in yourself to change your world whether it is around the boardroom, the dinner table, the courtroom or the classroom!

You should have received your homecoming brochure in your mailbox recently. Take a look at the affinity gatherings/reunions which are scheduled for Sept. 21-22. These gatherings invite you to return to catch up with your teammates, residence hall friends, AFROTC comrades, academic classmates, choir-mates and lots of others. Come and join them to learn more about their current 'field' and how Otterbein gave them the determination to succeed on all playing levels. The schedule is loaded with activities and events for the entire family.

The last match of my '78 tennis session proved to me that I can do anything with determination and courage. I skunked that same Wright State tennis opponent six-love, six-love! The confidence I gained that season has encouraged me to this day ... and that has made all the difference!

Come join our CARDY Party at Homecoming 2012!

Becky Fickel Smith



CARDINAL FOOTNOTE:

Support Otterbein Homecoming CARDY 2012 and register online @ www.otterbein.edu/alumni



Cardinals by the NUMBERS

20

Number of Division III intercollegiate sports at Otterbein.



44

Number of alumni or alumni teams inducted into the Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame.



Curt Tong '56

61

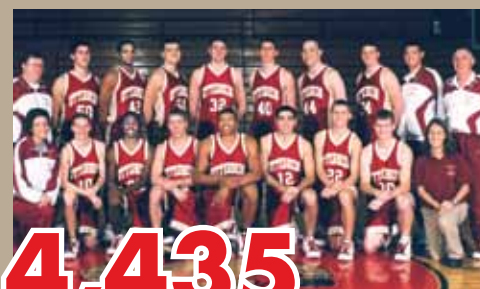
Number of student athletes who took part in the 2012 Undergraduate Commencement.



J.P. Lococo '12
men's soccer

4,435

Number of living alumni who played sports while at Otterbein. Pictured are the 2002 National Champions in men's basketball.



18th Annual Cardinal Migration

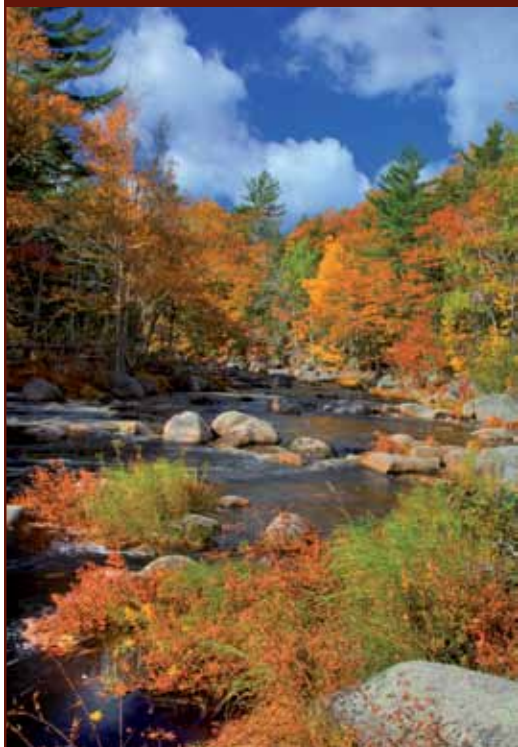
Cardinals Trek West to Arizona

The 18th annual Cardinal Migration ventured out west to Phoenix, AZ, March 29-April 1, 2012. More than 85 alumni travelers enjoyed visits to an Arabian horse ranch, the Heard Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West, as well as a day trip to Sedona, AZ. Approximately 20 local alumni served as hosts and volunteers to welcome everyone to their desert lifestyle. The Cardinal Migration is part of Otterbein's commitment to lifelong education. Programs are designed to provide personal growth and professional development of Otterbein's alumni and friends. See more photos at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos.



Upper left: Alumni enjoy a docent tour of the world-renowned Heard Museum specializing in American Indian art. Upper right: Bob '57 and Marge Curtis '57 Henn, Lawrence and Judith Graham Gebhart '61, and Bob '56 and Annbeth Sommers '56 Wilkinson pose in front of Bell Rock. Left: Roger and Margaret Lloyd '65 Trent enjoy the day trip to view the red rocks of Sedona, AZ.

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Honoring the Awardees

Otterbein honored nine individuals at the 2012 Alumni Awards Ceremony during Alumni Weekend on April 28. Family, friends, former professors and honored guests were on hand to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of the winners in five categories — Distinguished Alumni, Special Achievement, Community Service, Service to Otterbein and Honorary Alumni. In addition, the Class of 1962 presented President Krendl with their legacy gift of \$261,060. Afterwards, all awardees, their guests and the reunion classes enjoyed a luncheon in Roush Hall with live music performed by four Otterbein students. View the video highlight of the Awards Ceremony on www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards. 

Above and Beyond Cardinal Awards

The Office of Alumni Relations honored five alumni at the annual Center for Community Engagement Celebration of Service Awards on May 2. These alumni have gone “above and beyond” in their volunteer efforts and were honored for their time and energy giving back to Otterbein.

African-American Hall of Fame Awards

The African-American Hall of Fame was established in 2008 to honor two graduates who are chosen for their professional accomplishments and service contributions to Otterbein and their community. This year's recipients are **Mary Hall '64** and **Wayne Cummerlander '80**. Read their biographies online at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards. 



Above and Beyond Cardinal Volunteer Awards: Ed '58 and Connie Myers '60 Mentzer, Maggie Ellison '10, Debbie Lamp '88, and Mark Peters '70.



African-American Hall of Fame Awards: Mary Hall '64 and Wayne Cummerlander '80.



Otterbein Chairman of the Board **Tom Morrison '63**, **Brian Hajek '66** (Distinguished Alumni Award), E. Glennard Day (Service to Otterbein Award), **Doug '82** and **Julie Leigh '95, '03 Sharp** (Community Service Award), **Bruce Bailey H'12**

(Honorary Alumnus Award), **Richard Fetter '73** (Special Achievement Award), **Craig H'12** and **Cass Johnson H'12** (Honorary Alumni Award), **Ronald Moomaw '74** (Special Achievement Award) and President Kathy Krendl.

Internships Beneficial to Both Students and Employers

by Ashley Strausser, associate director of the Center for Career and Professional Development

Expanding Internships at Otterbein

The Center for Career and Professional Development is actively working to create more internships and professional experiences for Otterbein students. These experiences help students put theory into practice as they test out career fields of interest.

While Otterbein students intern in a variety of fields including business, communication, nonprofit, the arts and sciences, education, technology, health care and government, new and exciting opportunities for our students to learn and grow professionally are always appreciated. Due to their diverse interests and abilities, our interns can assist with tasks and projects including marketing, logistics, research, event planning, web development and much more.

Internship Benefits

For the student, internships provide the opportunity to:

- Apply classroom knowledge in the workplace
- Explore career fields and gain firsthand experience
- Develop professional skills and enhance resume
- Build a network of professional contacts
- Observe professionals and workplace culture



Christine Kuester '12 found a new friend during her merchandise internship at Walt Disney's Hollywood Theme Park.

For the employer/organization, internships offer:

- Creativity and innovation; students bring new ideas and fresh perspectives
- Increased productivity and the opportunity for staff to focus on higher-level tasks
- Opportunities to "test out" future employees and cultivate a talent pipeline
- Opportunities to build supervision and leadership skills among managers

A few of our current internship sites

American Red Cross • AT&T • Columbus Blue Jackets • Columbus Zoo • Lane Bryant • McGraw-Hill Companies • Morgan Stanley • Nationwide Children's Hospital • Nationwide Insurance • NBC-4 • Ohio Health • Professional Insurance Agents Association of Ohio • State Farm • The Walt Disney Company • The Women's Fund of Central Ohio • Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce • Worthington Industries

Last year, more than 230 students completed internships. These internships can be part time, full time, paid or unpaid; there is a great deal of flexibility.

Stephen Brown '87, president of Payne and Brown Insurance Agency, said, "We are extremely satisfied with the quality of interns and full-time employees we have selected from Otterbein University the last five years. The students are knowledgeable and well-rounded due to their exposure in a liberal arts environment."

Providing an internship is a great way to give back to Otterbein and support the learning and development of current students. To share an internship opportunity or learn more about hosting an Otterbein intern, please contact Ashley Strausser at 614-823-1522 or via email astrausser@otterbein.edu.



Micaela Coleman '10 did an internship in Washington, D.C., with the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

Alumni Weekend 2012

Backstage tour, Founders Convocation, Cardinal Couples reception highlight activities




Golden Reunion Classmates **Lei Shoda Tobias '62**, **Kay Ayers Frazier '62**, **Lois Marburger Reinhardt '62**, **Jurrene Baker Shaffer '62** and **Sharon Neibler Kuntz '62** are all smiles at Alumni Weekend.



Mary Lou Main '62 Debolt, **Don Debolt '61**, **Hitoshi Ashida** and **Marci Aoki Ashida '62** socialize at the Friday evening dinner.



Opal Adkins Gilson '62 and **Louise Bellechino Klump '62** share a warm moment at the Golden Reunion Dinner.

Otterbein's Alumni Weekend, which was held in April for the first time, was a resounding success with more than 450 alumni in attendance. The weekend highlights included the Founders Convocation, behind-the-stage-tour of *Gypsy*, Kid's Night Out with Otterbein student athletes, Alumni Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, Cardinal Couples reception, the Spring Sing and, of course, the joyful reunions of the Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, and 1972. View photos albums online at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos. 



Speakers at this year's Founders Convocation included (front row) **Alyson Blazey Vigneron '05**, **Ishara Guruge '13**, **Vianca Yohn '12**, (back row) **Fred Glasser '69**, Senior Instructor of Community Engagement **John Kengla** and **Dave Schar '62**.



Alumni and friends got a backstage look at Otterbein Theatre and Dance's production of *Gypsy* at Alumni Weekend.



Patricia Orndorff '43 and Ernie Ernsberger '43 were one of 23 Cardinal Couples who enjoyed hearing other couples' stories of how they met and fell in love while at Otterbein.



Jan Murdock Martin '67, Sharon Banbury Shoaf '67 and Laurie Elwell Paulus '67 reminisce at the 45th reunion of the Class of '67 at the Frank Museum of Art.



Alumni award winners and their guests enjoyed the luncheon on Saturday in the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.

Class Photos



Pre-1962

Row 1: Glen Cole '52, Wendell Dillinger '52, Warren Ernsberger '43, Patricia Orndorff Ernsberger '43, Jane Morrison Horn '50, Sylvia Phillips Vance '47, Nancy Longmire Seibert '52, Floyd Miller '52, Charles Selby '57, Reynold Hoefflin '57. **Row 2:** Jane Devers Liston '54, Janice Gunn Dunphy '57, Ruth Loomis Hebble '52, Mary Lou Stine Wagner '56, Joyce Shannon Warner '58, Connie Myers Mentzer '60,

Barbara Fast Reichter '57, Joan Ensign Heslet '57, Anita Ranck Morris '51, Jane Zaebs Alstrom '57, Janet Risch Selby '60, Mary Wagner Myers '56, Mary Alyce Holmes '53. Row 3: Bill Freeman '57, Jim Wagner '56, George Liston '52, Dave Warner '56, Ed Mentzer '58, Bob Henn '57, Marge Curtis Henn '57, Alan Norris '57, Don Myers '52, Wayne Wright '60.

Golden Reunion
Class of 1962



Row 1: Judith Pepper, Sharron Smith Schar, Mary Lou Lippincott Dixon, E. Jurrene Baker Shaffer, Kay Ayers Frazier, Mary Alice Parks Busick, Barbara Glor Martin, Cathie Hawkins Hickin, Donald Z. Marshall. **Row 2:** Jim Kay, David Schar, Bettie Monson Finken, Ellen Kemp Kay, Sharon Neibler Kuntz, Lei Shoda Tobias, Suzi Shelley Jones, Anne Beachler Morton, Jean Erichsen Parker, Judith Jones Schreck, Marilyn Grimes Birkbichler. **Row 3:** Jack Pietila, Ken Gilson, Opal Adkins Gilson, Glenn Aidt, Dale Sauer, John Spring, Tom Jenkins, John Chase Soliday, Sue Milam Cline, Larry Cline. **Row 3.5:** Lois Marburger Reinhardt, Masako

(Marc) Ashida, Larry Humbert, Richard Swigart, Mary Lou Main DeBolt, Carol Williamson Musser, Gary Fields. **Row 4:** David Hutching, Betsy Werth Oakman, Sharon Runkle O'Hara, Nancy Bone Hollifield, Carol Johanneson Colville, Louise Bollechino Klump, Susan Allaman Wright, Jean Mattox Moon, Robert Yakely, Gene Kidwell, George Gornall. **Row 5:** Paul Gutheil, Bill Young, Larry Cawley, Richard Hall, Ken Hall, Jim Bebee, Ray Wiblin, Max Weaver, William Cotton, John 'Jay' Garger, Gerald Collins, Dennis Daily.



Row 1: Gloria Brown Parsisson, Linda Bixby, Betty Steckman, Joanne Miller Stichweh, Deborah Barndt, Gretchen Van Sickle Cochran. **Row 2:** Jan Murdock Martin, Elma Lee Schmidt Moore, Joy Kiger, Dawn Armstrong Farrell, Barbara Wissinger Calihan, Betty Gardner Hoffman.

Row 3: Barbara Fegley, Laurie Elwell Paulus, Sharon Banbury Shoaf, Leslie Hopkinson Garman, Elaine Ellis Brookes, Toni Churches Carter. **Row 4:** Marvin Rusk, Brian Wood, Allen Myers, Tom Shoaf, Bill Hoffman.



Row 1: Jane Grant, Sara Lord, Nancy Jean Smith. **Row 2:** Linda Leatherman Haller, MaryAnn Everhart-McDonald, Kathy Sellers, Kathy Butler, Joy Roberts Brubaker, Joanne Anderson Coker. **Row 3:** Beth Agler Sedlock, Chris Cochran Mika, Lynda Deffenbaugh Weininger, Alan Hyre, Ann Smith

Williams, Gail Williams Bloom. **Row 4:** Jim Fox, Trina Steck Mescher, Lynne Hokanson, Kathy Benson Moling, Amy Weinrich, Debbie Arn Segner, Margaret Morgan Doone, Mike Ziegler. **Row 5:** David Bloom, George Miller, Jim Roshon, Nate Van Wey.

Club News



The 16th annual June Bug Jamboree was held June 23 at the home of **Bill '48** and **Helen Hilt '47 LeMay**. Pictured are **Bob Henn '57**, **Michael '53** and **Charlayne Huggins '53 Phillips**, **Jill Mehlin Stump '61**, **Jim Kay '62**, **Harold and Norma Smith '63 Stockman**.



The Office of Alumni Relations and the Senior Year Experience (SYE) 4900 class with **Denise Shively** hosted the Aloha Otterbein celebration for the Class of 2012 on May 17. They enjoyed food, games, raffle prizes from 31 local area businesses and gift basket donations from eight Otterbein departments. In addition, there was an Alumni Career Panel with speakers **Russ Beitzel '96**, **Dana Dietz '98**, **Maggie Ellison '10** and **Niraj Sharma '03, '06**.



Several alumni showed their talent at the spring performances of Vaud-Villities, America's longest-running music and dance spectacular, in Columbus, OH, April 11-15, 2012. Back row: **David Stuckey '75**, **Sheri Clark Brock '83**, **Kent Stuckey '79**. Middle row: **Maggie Ellison '10**, **Holly Schutz McFarland '78**, **Heather Gray Mader '04**. Front Row: **Kara Anderson**, **Randi Honkonen '10**.



Alumni theatre enthusiasts and former classmates of **Randy Adams '76**, the Tony Award winning producer of *Memphis*, were treated to a special pre-show reception at de Novo Bistro followed by the performance of *Memphis* at the Ohio Theatre. After the show, Randy took all of the alumni on a backstage tour.

Save that Date!

August 12 / **Alumni Track Reunion at Coach Lehman's House**

August 17 / **Alumni Council Meeting**

August 17 / **Otterbein/Grant Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2012 Dinner and Awards**

September 14 / **Central Ohio Blood Drive Battle vs. Capital**

September 20 / **Tan & Cardinal Alumni Photo Exhibit and Reception**

September 21 - 22 / **Homecoming — Cardy 2012**

October 6 / **Otterbein Day at the Zoo sponsored by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio**

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

October 18 / **Common Book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* Dinner and Discussion**

October 19-20 / **Family Weekend**

October 31 - November 8 / **Aegean Marvels Cruise sponsored by Go Next and Oceania Cruises**

November 30 / **Tree Lighting and Holiday Dinner**

January 18 / **Alumni Council Meeting**

January 27-February 7, 2013 / **Tahitian Jewels Cruise sponsored by Go Next and Oceania Cruises**

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The Center for Equine Science hosted 40 participants at this year's third annual summer camp. They came from Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and even Alaska. Pictured is Georgia Murray from Florence, KY.

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