Young Qingdao students come to Otterbein to learn language, culture
Anything is Possible

will always remember boarding the Queen Elizabeth II to study abroad as an undergraduate. As one of six children raised on a farm in Northwest Ohio, traveling to London to study British theater was an experience that changed the way I saw the world and my place in it. It was the first time I realized that anything was possible for me.

Otterbein has long understood global and intercultural experiences as a necessary part of educating the whole student. Within the first decade of this university’s life, its students traveled to Sierra Leone. This work was part missionary in its scope yet above all it reflected Otterbein’s progressive spirit in being globally aware and inclusive from its earliest days.

These values continue to steer today’s Otterbein student. Global Engagement, the focus of this issue, is one of Five Cardinal Experiences we have purposefully chosen to complement our students’ academic course of study. The transformative potential of these five learning experiences is undeniable.

For decades learning theories have observed that hands-on learning experiences provide the opportunity to make knowledge your own. When our students combine knowledge acquired through classroom coursework and test it in real world applications they benefit from a truly unique educational experience — the Otterbein experience. We believe this type of learning is so critical that students will have an experiential transcript coupled with their curricular transcript.

It is rewarding when others acknowledge Otterbein’s innovation, so I know you will share in our pride that the Association of American Colleges and Universities awarded Otterbein a $100,000 grant this summer to support further development of this transformative educational approach. I look forward to sharing news of our progress and ways you can assist in the near future.

As you will also learn in this issue, I will join our University Concert Choir and other University leaders later this month for a trip to China. We hope to share brief dispatches from our adventure and I invite you to follow our experiences from my web page. I suspect you will hear the same joy of discovery I enjoy when students return to Otterbein from abroad. Many stories are unique but no matter the destination they all have one consistent theme—this experience changed my life.

That, as you well know, is what Otterbein has and will always do—forever change the lives of those who learn, live and grow here.

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Xinghan Wang, age 11, looks deep in thought in a class at Otterbein this past summer. Read her story beginning on page 16. Photograph by Doug Martin.
Sorority Sister Healthy Again after Life-Saving Bone Marrow Transplant

To the Editor,

I’m writing because I am an alumna of Otterbein, and in 2009, I was diagnosed with a life-threatening bone marrow disease called Aplastic Anemia. For six months, I survived by receiving blood products almost daily, and the severity of the illness left me with one final hope. I needed a bone marrow transplant, and I needed to find a donor. Therefore, a bone marrow sign-up drive was set up in my hometown of Leesburg, OH.

I was overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from Otterbein. Staff members from the Department of Athletics drove four hours to attend the drive. Sorority sisters traveled from all over the state to sign up to be a match. Staff members in the Department of Athletics and Office of Admission sent cards and e-mails. Sigma Alpha Tau Sorority posted my story online and sisters and alumni from around the country signed up to be a bone marrow donor through the use of the internet.

One thousand people signed up. I found a perfect match. I received a bone marrow transplant on Sept. 25, 2009. While I was in the hospital, Head Football Coach Joe Loth sent cards signed by the Otterbein football team players. Athletic Director Dick Reynolds sent correspondence. Skip Ford received and forwarded updates about my progress. My mom and dad would read e-mail and facebook messages sent from Otterbein alumni. The outpouring of support from Otterbein was quite exceptional and uplifting to me during my 60-day stay at The James Cancer Center at OSU.

Chemotherapy and radiation left me extremely ill; my 5-foot-8-inch frame had fallen below 100 pounds, I lost my hair, and extra measures were taken to ease the pain of having a foreign substance in my body. I know I am lucky to be alive. However, I’m not just lucky, I’m thankful. I’m thankful for all the friends who helped me this past year. I’m thankful for the people who signed up to be on the National Marrow Donor List because other lives will be saved. I’m thankful for the Otterbein Community whose love and support gave me hope.

I’m thankful that exactly one year after the transplant, I am strong and healthy, happy and alive!

Thank you so much!

Kerry Jean Friend ’05

Revisiting a New Orleans Alumna Five Years after Hurricane Katrina

Editor’s note: Rebecca Sebring ’84 sent this email in early August of this year. Hurricane Katrina struck Southeast Louisiana and New Orleans on Aug. 29, 2005.

As I write this there is a tropical depression in the Gulf, school is beginning for New Orleans area students and the weather in Orleans is oppressive to say the least. So many similarities to five years ago when Katrina changed my life and the lives of my friends that I just had to take a little time to reflect on the changes.

When Katrina struck, I was living in a parish of approximately 60,000 people 20 minutes from the famous Quarter with two Australian shepherds and was teaching for the New Orleans Public School System. On Aug. 29, everything changed. My home, my friends, my neighbors and my teaching position were gone in an instant. St. Bernard parish was devastated, not a structure in the parish was livable, and all businesses were gone and dark. It took several months to find out what happened to
my friends and neighbors. The school system I worked for was never brought back. All of my personal belongings were gone except for two garbage bags of clothes. Common sense told me not to return.

Nevertheless, I came back a year after Katrina to help rebuild the parish I had come to love. There was no place to live, so the dogs and I lived in a motel room for more than a year. The closest working grocery store was 45 minutes away. The city was quiet. New hazards were everywhere; I had to make a weekly trip to a tire store because with all of the structures being torn down, nails in your tires were a common occurrence. Roads I used to drive didn’t exist or weren’t drivable any more. I was lucky to have had a good education because I received a teaching position in a new school system in less than a month. Thank you Otterbein and the wonderful professors I had for the great education! There would have been very little hope without this education.

Rebuilding a whole city can be very slow and frustrating but with the help of volunteers (some from my alma mater) finally, five years after Katrina, I can report it is actually happening. The local government buildings are now useable, the new medical center has broken ground and on July 30, the movie theater finally reopened. I know that to several people these may not sound like anything to celebrate, but one lesson we have learned is to celebrate the small things.

 Personally, it has been a struggle; on July 5, I celebrated my first anniversary in my new home. I couldn’t bring myself to move back to my pre-Katrina address due to both of my neighbors being killed in the storm. Both of the dogs I evacuated with have passed away, but I have two new Australian shepherds to keep me company when the next evacuation comes. The New Orleans Public School System was taken over by the state, which sent my co-workers/friends to other school systems; most of us drive more than an hour one way to teach, but we still get together during breaks. I have gotten the chance to reconnect with a lot of my Otterbein friends through a Towers article that listed my name after the storm. Thank you, friends, for all of your moral support then and now; it is greatly appreciated.

On Aug. 29, there will be a tower of light at the St. Bernard Port dedicated to all of the volunteers who came down after Katrina to help us rebuild. I am planning to go to the dedication and while I’m there I will say a private thank you to all of the Cardinals who came down to help rebuild my adopted home.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Sebring ’84

The Words were from Lewis Davis’ Own Mouth

Dear Roger,

As you take your editorial “sabbatical of sorts” (as you described it) it seems to me to be a fine time to say a warm “thank you” for your 15-plus-year procession of sparkling and informative Towers issues, and much more from your office. I know, from having worked with you during the planning and the “doing” of Otterbein’s Sesquicentennial observance, what great expertise, what helpful creativity (and what patience!) you bring to the editorial office. Otterbein is fortunate indeed to be looking forward to your continuing presence, as you describe the review process for Towers.

I rejoiced this spring to see the Founders Day observance return to campus, and to read the article about it in the Spring 2010 Towers. For the record, I would like to clarify the source of the monologue spoken by Ed Vaughan, bringing to life the presence of the Rev. Lewis Davis, Otterbein’s first financial agent, one of three founding trustees, and who served two terms as Otterbein’s president for a total of 18 years in its early life (1850-57 and 1860-71). Jenny Hill’s good Towers article (and the Founders Day program) give me credit for having written the script Ed presented. It’s true I typed it out for his use, originally at the Sesquicentennial Convocation in September of 1996. We both did a bit of editing for the script’s delivery. But the words were taken directly from Lewis Davis’ reminiscences of 1886 (as recorded in Garst’s early history of Otterbein University) and a bit from other writings by Davis. Could you let the readers of Towers know that Ed Vaughan really spoke in Lewis Davis’ own words? I’d appreciate it, for this “pioneer” educator is one of my “Otterbein heroes.”

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia P. Vance ’47, professor emeritus, 1961-91
Community Garden Takes Root

The first growing season for the Otterbein Community Garden was a huge success, growing both produce and relationships. Located at the Center for Equine Studies, the garden began hosting educational and environmental projects this summer through partnerships with community groups including the Girl Scouts and the food pantry at Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM), which distributed more than 250 pounds of produce from the garden to families in need. Westerville City Schools and Soil Rocks, a local youth leadership group, also hosted educational youth programs at the garden.

Upcoming projects are being planned by the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) with youth groups, local schools, residents from senior living facilities and Bon Appétit, Otterbein’s food service provider, which will be gardening with Otterbein students to grow herbs and produce to raise funds to support the reseeding of the garden each year. Students, faculty and staff also were invited to work on community service projects in the garden during the annual New Student Weekend Plunge.

Otterbein students from various disciplines, including sociology, art and environmental studies, will use the garden as an educational laboratory throughout the academic year. Otterbein students interested in helping with the garden beyond the classroom can join the SEEDS (Students Engaged in Ecological Development and Stewardship) fellowship program, through which students can commit to 300 hours of community service working in the Community Garden, and receive a $1,100 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the Students-in-Service AmeriCorps Program.
volunteer services, evaluate funding priorities, access funding requests and make persuasive recommendations for funding allocations. Each course then distributed $4,500 among the four partner organizations.

This year’s winners were: Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio; Habitat for Humanity of Delaware County; Homeless Families Foundation; Westerville Special Olympics; A Kid Again, Inc.; Children’s Hunger Alliance; Habitat for Humanity of Greater Columbus; YWCA Columbus; Greater Columbus Arts Council; Jazz Arts Group; Ohio Alliance for Arts Education; and four communities in the Columbus Housing Partnership.

Pay It Forward: The Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium is made possible by the support of the Ohio Campus Compact, the Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn & Serve America and the Pay It Forward Foundation.

Read more about the Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium online at www.otterbein.edu/cce/cardinal-philanthropy-colloquium.asp

Otterbein University students gave $18,000 to local nonprofit organizations during the 2009-2010 academic year in a unique program that allows them to provide both service and financial support to worthy causes.

Pay It Forward: The Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium promotes youth philanthropy through courses that teach enrolled students the course content, from accounting to leadership, through hands-on partnerships with local organizations that culminates in funding for the goals identified by the partnership. Fifty-six students in four courses partnered with 16 community organizations to direct philanthropy.

Otterbein students display a check payable to A Kid Again, a program that strives to enrich the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Philanthropy Happens in the Classroom, Too

Otterbein University was recently named a Military Friendly School for 2010 by G.I. Jobs magazine. Luke Crumley ’07 (right) has utilized the leadership skills he honed at Otterbein as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Learn more about Otterbein’s commitment to veterans at www.otterbein.edu/veterans.

Grove City Hybrid Classes
Otterbein has begun offering hybrid classes, combining classroom and online learning, this fall at the new Grove City, OH, Center for Higher Education at the South-Western Career Academy. The center is a partnership between Grove City, the South-Western City Schools’ Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) program and six higher-education institutions. Learn more at www.otterbein.edu/cs/grovecity.

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Otterbein University and Grant Medical Center have received initial accreditation for their collaborative Nurse Anesthesia Program by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). The program has also been approved by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

The nurse anesthesia program will expand Otterbein's graduate nursing programs and will help Grant meet an increasing demand for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). Otterbein and Grant have a long history of collaborating on nursing education, first as part of Grant's diploma nursing program and more recently as a clinical site for Otterbein's undergraduate program.

The seven-semester program prepares registered nurses to administer anesthesia for patients of all ages undergoing all types of surgical and diagnostic procedures. Upon completion, students will receive a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree or a post-master's certificate.

The first group of 12 students began classes on June 14. Subsequent classes will accept 15-20 students and begin in January each year. More information about this innovative program is online at www.otterbein.edu/graduenursing/nurse-anesthesia.asp.

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The Otterbein Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2012.

Otterbein and Grant Medical Center partner for new Nurse Anesthesia Program

The chefs of Otterbein's food service, Bon Appétit, under General Manager Will Armstead, are committed to socially and environmentally responsible practices. This commitment is only rivaled by their commitment to Otterbein's students.

Just ask Adrianne Miller, a sophomore health promotion and fitness major who suffers from celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder in which gluten attacks and damages the walls of the small intestines.

“My mom met Will last year at New Student Weekend and talked to him about my allergy to gluten,” Miller said. As a result, Armstead specially prepares celiac-friendly foods like gluten-free pizza, pasta, sorbet, sauce-free dishes, special desserts and salad dressings from scratch.

What’s more, he has gone above and beyond just creating the food for Miller; he also is teaching her how to prepare the food herself by having her work as a chef in the kitchen.

“He gives me tips and pointers when I am cooking. I know how to cook different veggies, meats, pastas, rice and more. It helps me when I am at home cooking for my family and friends and helps me know what I can and cannot eat,” Miller said.

Read more about Bon Appétit in the fall issue of Edible Columbus at www.ediblecommunities.com/columbus/fall-2010/at-the-table.htm.

Otterbein recognized as “Up-and-Comer”

Otterbein premiered at number seven on U.S. News & World Report’s “Up-and-Comers” list, which recognizes institutions that have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities, as determined by their peer institutions. The list is part of the annual guide to America’s Best Colleges.

“It is gratifying that our peers have witnessed the changes and progress at Otterbein and are anticipating great things from us in the future,” said Otterbein President Kathy Krendl. “We are proud of what our institution has accomplished and we are poised for even greater achievements in the coming years.”

Overall, Otterbein earned the number 16 spot among 146 schools in the Regional Universities (Midwest) category in the 2011 edition of America’s Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. Peer institutions in this category include Butler, Drake and Xavier Universities. The rankings, which include more than 1,400 schools nationwide, are available at www.usnews.com/colleges, or in the September issue of U.S. News & World Report.
Noam Shpancer’s recently published novel, *The Good Psychologist*, opens with the line, “The psychologist sits in his small office, rests his elbows on his desk, buries his face in his hands and wishes that his four o’clock won’t show up.”

Even though the novel is rooted in Shpancer’s life and experiences, the psychologist described in that sentence does not seem like the psychologist who wrote it.

Shpancer, a psychology professor at Otterbein, is friendly and personable. He seems eager to engage in intellectual conversation, and in doing so is both attentive and articulate. It’s doubtful he spends time in his office with his head in his hands.

More interesting than the placement of his limbs is Shpancer’s voice. Though he speaks gently and warmly, there’s a distinct steadiness that courses through it the way a skeleton holds up the soft skin of a human.

The syntax in *The Good Psychologist* reflects this balance. His prose is conversational and mellifluous — perhaps even lyrical — but there’s also a sternness to it. The calm tone of the words is inflected with a sort of cynical rapidity, as if the main character is so wrapped up in his thoughts and his profession that even his life must be narrated with a business-like efficiency.

But Shpancer claims the character of the good psychologist, who is not given a name and referred to solely as the good psychologist, is not based singularly on himself. “It’s built out of the materials of my world,” he said. “But it’s not an autobiography, and it’s not a documentary.”

The novel took Shpancer five months to write. The writing process, which he described as systematic, involved him sitting down and banging out 1,000 words a day “until the story arc was complete,” he said. “When I write, I believe in discipline. You have to sit down and write. You have to get to the place of the book, and let the book tell itself. In the process of writing works, you become less of an inventor and more of a reporter.”

The book, which Shpancer originally wrote in his native language of Hebrew, became a best-seller in Israel. He and his girlfriend translated the book into English and published it in the United States and British Commonwealth nations on Aug. 3, where it has raised the eyebrows of some esteemed critics. Mameve Medved of *The Boston Globe* called the book “extraordinary” and said, “In this masterful debut, Shpancer offers his readers a rare privilege and a splendid gift.”

But while *The Good Psychologist* is Shpancer’s breakthrough, it is not his debut. He also published a novel in Israel in 2005. Though the book flopped, the experience “whet an appetite,” he said. Shpancer was born and raised in Israel. He wanted to be a soccer player when he was growing up, and he never really had any aspirations to write. Instead, this hobby was explored when he was bedridden for a month in his 20s.

Wanderlust drew Shpancer to the U.S. in 1985, but he decided to stay here to get an education. He lived in New York, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Houston, Virginia, Indiana (where he earned his Ph.D. at Purdue University), New Hampshire and then finally Columbus in 1999.

The fact that he never took any serious writing classes in college is surprising. Even when he speaks, ink is spilling from his mind’s pen. He constructed a beautiful simile on the spot while describing the process of writing *The Good Psychologist*: “It felt that the book became what it wanted to be. It’s a little bit like the difference between seeing a real flower and a plastic flower. They look the same, but there are some very essential qualities that separate them.”

“I’m not quitting my day job,” Noam says, “because I like it too much.”
Otterbein’s mission is to educate the student as a whole, and one aspect of that is global engagement.

Now one of the Five Cardinal Experiences, global engagement has always been a cornerstone of life at Otterbein, which has enrolled students from Africa to Asia to South America, and has facilitated study-abroad experiences for students since its missionary days.

**Called to Otterbein by God**

When Otterbein University opened its doors in 1847, it welcomed students of all races, religions, genders, social classes and nationalities, even when it was considered unconventional to do so. And they came.

In 1896, the first international student enrolled at Otterbein. Joseph Hannibal Caulker was born a prince of a tribe in Sierra Leone in West Africa. He was educated by United Brethren missionaries and came to Otterbein to continue his education. A beloved member of the Otterbein community, Caulker died in a tragic oil stove explosion and fire in December 1900. He is buried in the Otterbein Cemetery and the 1902 yearbook was dedicated to him by his fellow students.

Although his time at Otterbein ended in tragedy, he inspired a long line of students from his family to attend Otterbein. The most recent of the 14 Caulker descendents to attend Otterbein was Mark Hunter ’98. In all, more than 30 students have come to Otterbein from Sierra Leone. Read more about Otterbein’s connection with Sierra Leone in the Winter 2009 issue of Towers, online at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/Towers/Winter09Towers1.pdf](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/Towers/Winter09Towers1.pdf).

As early as 1906, Asian students began enrolling at Otterbein. Like Joseph Hannibal Caulker, Japanese student Kiyoshi Yabe ’1912 came to Otterbein for a Christian education. Descended from silkworm
farmers, Yabe attended a missionary secondary school against the wishes of his parents, who were Buddhist. He eventually converted his family then traveled to America for school. In an autobiography he wrote in 1910 for the Otterbein Aegis (Vol. XXI, No. 3), he said he was “called to Otterbein by the voice of God.”

Later, Japanese-American students would attend Otterbein to escape the widespread discrimination against them during World War II. At Otterbein, they were treated with compassion.

Mary Arika Shiba ‘44, a fourth-generation Japanese-American, experienced so much discrimination while living and attending college in Denver in 1941 that she ultimately decided to transfer to Otterbein. For her safety, a Methodist minister escorted her to Westerville. During her time at Otterbein, Shiba said she experienced better acceptance and very little discrimination.

More Japanese-American students enrolled, including Shiba’s brother, Joe Siba ‘46, and they found acceptance on campus. In return, they brought a greater understanding of the internment camps to the other students.

By 1948, Otterbein had gained such a reputation among international students that it enrolled students from the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, the Philippines and Africa, along with a steady number of Japanese-Americans.

Eventually, Otterbein enrolled students from the Middle East as well. Nine Iranian students were enrolled at Otterbein in 1979, when the Islamic Revolution toppled the American-backed Shah and replaced him with the Ayatollah Khomeini. Later that year, a group of rebels took American diplomats hostage at the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran. Despite the tension and political debate on campus, the Iranian students completed their time at Otterbein before returning to Iran.

In 1997, an innovative program brought 21 cadets from the Navy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Otterbein to study English as a Second Language (ESL) for one calendar year. Originally, 14 cadets were enrolled, but the program was so successful that seven more joined the class. That year, the cadets boosted the international student population at Otterbein to 70 students, the highest enrollment of international students since the 1980s.

International student enrollment, mostly from Asia and Africa, but also from South America and Europe, grew steadily through the mid-1980s with up to 60 international students enrolled each year. In the last half of the decade, international admission hit a plateau and by the early 1990s, it began to decline, reflecting a national trend. Currently, 20 international students representing eight countries are enrolled at Otterbein. More are expected to enroll for winter and spring quarters.

Sheveantha Abeyasekera ‘12, a business administration and economics major from Sri Lanka, has experienced challenges at Otterbein, including being understood because of his thick accent. But he feels that the challenges are worth what he will take away from Otterbein, including the benefits of a liberal arts education, which is rare in Sri Lanka. “It is very open-minded and not just taking one path or one method in doing something. The fact that Otterbein is a liberal arts university just makes it better because you learn a lot of other stuff apart from your major, which will help me greatly in life.”

Taniya Jayadeva ‘11, an MBA student from Sri Lanka and president of the International Student Association, believes she brings something unique to the classroom to benefit American students. “I contribute different perspectives and perceptions due to different cultural influences and upbringing,” she said.

Study Abroad Aided by Many Funds

Otterbein students, now more than ever, have greater opportunities to experience life and culture at a global level. With assistance from these funds, students receive financial support that allows them to join the Concert Choir Tour of China, engage in Senior Year Experience (SYE) courses in Rwanda or Germany, or study pedagogy in Derby, England.

• The Childers Family Award for International Study
• The Nancy Friedt Fund for International Study (bequest)
• The John and Sylvia Carpenter Haywood Memorial Fund (bequest)
• The John G. and Winifred R. Hoyt Endowed Student Loan Fund
• The Knight Family Fund for International Study
• The Paulette Zechiel Kuntz ’70 Memorial Endowed Award
• The Samuel and Ida Zimmerman Spencer Memorial Endowed Study Abroad Award
• The Tatsuo Tsuda Japanese Education Fund

To learn how you can help Otterbein students experience the educational value of traveling abroad, please contact Executive Director of Development Donna J. Burtch at 614-823-1261 or dburtch@otterbein.edu.
American student Beth Dwyer ‘13 says she has benefited from having international students on campus. "It’s been great being able to make friends with students from all over the world. My best friend here is actually from Sri Lanka and this past summer I got the chance to go home with her. It was the most amazing experience of my life. Getting to completely submerge yourself in another culture teaches you things you simply can’t learn in a classroom."

**Otterbein Students get out and Experience the World**

While missionaries affiliated with Otterbein have been traveling the world since the University was founded, they always traveled under the auspices of the United Brethren Church. In 1962, the first Otterbein-sponsored group of students went abroad. The six junior women sailed to France to study for a calendar year at the Palais Universitaire in Strasbourg, France. The program was coordinated by Foreign Languages Professor A.P. Rosselot, and spawned more study-abroad programs.

By 1969, Otterbein had 46 students studying abroad at six universities based in Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Sierra Leone, and aboard a Danish ship with World Compass Afloat’s Semester at Sea.

In 1979, a group of Otterbein students made all the local newspapers with stories from their travels around the world with the Semester at Sea program. They traveled to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, Venezuela and Jamaica.

In 2009, the new Center for International Education and Global Engagement (CIEGE) was established at Otterbein. Under Executive Director Chris Musick, the program is establishing goals for the future.

“We are working to offer programs with variety in academic offering, linguistics and geography. We want to make studying abroad possible for every student at Otterbein,” said Musick. “I want to match each student to the most appropriate program for them, based on their grades, major, finances, language abilities, and the length of time and geographic location they prefer.”

Currently, students can enroll in four types of programs: exchange, faculty-led, direct enroll and provider programs. “Having a variety of programs allows opportunities for everyone who wants to study abroad,” said Musick.

Faculty-led programs account for the largest number of students studying abroad. Trips like the upcoming Concert Choir tour to China and the annual nursing trip to the United Kingdom took more than 100 students abroad last year. This year, faculty will lead trips to Belize, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Rwanda, Scotland, the United Kingdom and Vienna.

**Drea Blaine ‘11** took part in Professor Hal Lescinsky’s coral reef ecology course, which traveled to Belize Nov. 27 through Dec. 10, 2009. “It’s one
thing to talk about a different culture or climate in the classroom; it’s one thing to discuss how we must conserve the environment, both the rainforest and the coral reefs; it’s another thing entirely to go out and experience it,” she said.

“Otterbein bestows such a privilege on its students) by giving us the opportunity to travel abroad, whether it’s for two weeks, one quarter, or one year,” Blaine said.

Outside the faculty-led trips, 28 Otterbein students are registered to study abroad for at least one quarter this academic year. Currently, Otterbein’s most popular exchange program is with Universiteit Maastricht in the Netherlands. This year, five Dutch and German students are studying at Otterbein and four American students are studying in Maastricht. The Maastricht partnership was established in 2001 for students majoring in economics or business administration to prepare them to participate in global economic activities and meet international challenges. The program is now open to students of psychology, art and social sciences.

Other programs include exchanges with Roehampton University in England and Linnaeus University in Sweden and programs in many other countries. All of Otterbein’s study-abroad opportunities can be found online at otterbein.abroadoffice.net/CIEGE.html.

Musick said the CIEGE is also creating opportunities for students who study abroad to use their experiences once they return home. “Through the Cultural Envoy Program, students must lend their experiences for the enrichment of other students by providing cultural service, research, or other local-to-global activities,” he said.

The CIEGE also offers a program for international students enrolled at Otterbein. The International Cultural Service Program allows international students to earn financial aid by serving as an ambassador for their home country. They must speak at schools and meetings of civic organizations, participate in the annual International Festival, and offer participation services when needed.

Host Families Welcome international Students to Westerville

When international business major Ishara Guruge ’13 misses her family in Sri Lanka, she calls her host mom and dad for a popcorn-and-movie sleepover. She feels lucky to have the support. Amy and Don Bennett, empty nesters and Ishara’s host family, feel lucky to have Ishara, too.

Ishara and the Bennetts are participants in Otterbein’s host family program, which was established in 1977 to provide support to international students, from helping students shop for groceries to inviting them over for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

According to Ishara, her host family began supporting her from the moment she stepped off the plane and found Amy holding a big sign with Ishara’s name on it. On campus, Amy and Ishara discovered that she had mistakenly been placed in a men’s residence hall. “The rest of the Sri Lankan students were guys, and I was the only girl, so I suppose they assumed I was a guy, too,” Ishara said. “I spent my first night here at (the Bennetts’) house.”

Now in her second year at Otterbein and with her host family, Ishara is looking forward to the upcoming holidays. “When the other students are going home or celebrating a holiday, I don’t have to feel left out, because I’m going to (the Bennetts’) house. I also get to experience new things, like Halloween and Christmas,” she said.

The Bennetts, who reside in Westerville and whose three children are grown and married, became a host family in 2008. Ishara is their third student, and they will be with her until she graduates from Otterbein. “Having Ishara is like having a new daughter,” said Amy. “We love having her over for holidays and even the little things, like taking her shopping.”

The Bennetts also have taken Ishara to an OSU football game, a Columbus Crew soccer game, a Columbus Clippers baseball game, the Italian Festival, and even a concert featuring their son-in-law’s band. And like any other daughter, Ishara gets to bring her friends along. “All my friends know Amy and Don,” she said. “They go out of their way to make sure I’m happy, and they really make me feel like their daughter.”
Glynn Turquand '54 will tell you the world has been his oyster. After a lifetime of decorated service abroad as a school administrator and educator, he would also tell you that it started at Otterbein.

His move to Otterbein in 1950 was as memorable as his time spent at the school. He and his best friend arrived on campus after a $14 ride on a Greyhound bus from New York City. Turquand actually didn’t want to go to college, but the Korean War had just started, and “my father told me I could join the Army and go to Korea or go to college and have the four most enjoyable years of my life. He turned out to be right — it turned out to be very, very worthwhile.”

He applied to several schools in Ohio, but selected Otterbein because the school sent him the best letter. “And from the time I went there, I had the most wonderful relationships with the professors at Otterbein,” he added. “They were so nice and so helpful to me.” Ironically, one of those professors — Harold B. Hancock — actually sat next to Turquand on that original bus ride to Otterbein. Professor Hancock invited Turquand and his friend to Sunday dinner at his house, something that became a weekly event.

The World’s His Oyster

Glynn Turquand ’54 at home in Laguna, CA, holding his favorite mascot.

story by Kim Schomburg Nagorski ‘89
The school’s baseball team manager and a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Turquand graduated with a degree in business administration and, although the Korean War had ended, was immediately drafted into the Army. “I was stationed in Germany, so I traveled all over Europe whenever I had leave,” he noted. “Invariably, I would run into schoolteachers who were teaching the children of military personnel. I thought that sounded interesting, but that was as far as it went.”

When his father died, Turquand returned to the States and, as soon as he was out of the military, moved to California with his mother. Reminded of those teachers in Europe, he decided to go back to school on the G.I. Bill, and received his elementary teaching credentials from California State Los Angeles, his master’s in guidance and counseling from the University of Colorado Boulder, and administrative credentials from the University of Southern California. After several years teaching in California, he interviewed with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) for a teaching job at an American school based in Japan.

“When I applied for the teaching position, I also mentioned I wanted to be an administrator,” Turquand commented. “I was told I didn’t have enough experience. Turned out, they really needed a principal, so they offered me the job. They still paid me the same wages as a teacher, though.” As principal of Hamura Elementary School from 1962 to 1964, he enjoyed visiting each classroom every day: “I’d give them some kind of information, tell them a joke or something.”

He returned to California in 1964 to work on his doctorate, but in 1966 he was asked to take over as principal at the American Embassy School in Baghdad. He was there for just a year when the Six Day War between Egypt and Israel broke out and all Americans were evacuated. While there for only a brief period, one of Turquand’s more vivid memories is from that time in Iraq: he was asked by the American Embassy to be the “middle man” in a vendetta against one of his own teachers. The teacher had somehow insulted the wife of an Iraqi professor, and the man vowed to kill the teacher. Turquand eventually persuaded the Iraqi to drop his plan. (Read more about his experience in Iraq in the winter/spring 2005 edition of Towers magazine.)

In August 1968, Turquand married Susan Canley, an elementary school teacher. The day after they were married, the two were on a plane to Japan, where Susan was set to teach and Turquand was to be principal at an elementary school on a military base near Fuchu, Japan.

For the next 24 years, he and his wife (and later, three children) moved to different schools on military bases in Japan, the Philippines and Germany. His three children actually grew up overseas. “The travel was wonderful,” he commented. “I have a lot of good memories. Each place was unique, but Japan has to be my favorite.”

In 1988, Turquand received the National Distinguished Principal’s award, an honor given to principals working across the country and abroad. He and the other award recipients toured the White House, and, because he worked for the Department of Defense, Turquand was also honored by the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

Retiring in 1992, he and his family returned to the United States. He and his wife now live in California. In 2004, Turquand returned to Otterbein for his 50th class reunion. It just happened to fall on his birthday, so Otterbein surprised him with a birthday cake. “Where else can you get that recognition?” he asked. “You don’t find that just anywhere.”

In 2004, Glynn and wife, Susan, created The Glynn and Susan Turquand Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to a student majoring in elementary education. Their thoughtful philanthropy has helped several students with tuition and college costs, ensuring that they graduate from Otterbein to become teachers.
Young students from Qingdao, China, come to Otterbein to learn English and American culture.

Story by Kim Schomburg Nagorski ’89
When Yijuan Sun, age 10, was confronted with the daunting task of ordering Graeter’s ice cream in English, you have to think she may have passed on buckeye blitz and mango sorbet. In fact, the popular choice proved to be strawberry.

Such was the life for students from China who came to America and to Otterbein to learn a little English and learn about American culture.

Otterbein opened its doors this summer to young Chinese students, who visited the campus for a Summer Language Camp. Through a collaboration with Ohio-based Chinese Culture Link (CCL) and the Bureau of Commerce Qingdao, Otterbein hosted students from the city of Qingdao for an eight-day study of American language and culture. Another eight days were spent traveling to Philadelphia, New York City and Washington, D.C.

“The purpose of the camp was to expose Chinese students to the culture in the United States, and to give them some information about colleges and higher education here,” Jane Wu, associate professor and system/government publication librarian, noted. She worked with James Liu of CCL to bring the camp to Otterbein. “Otterbein is a small university, so students in China don’t know about it. Holding camp here gives them the opportunity to look at Otterbein. Through this camp, we hope to attract more international students.”

This was the pilot program for what both Otterbein and CCL hope will become an annual camp. Because of visa issues, only a few students were able to attend this year, but they expect 20–30 next year. The students ranged in age from 10 to 16 years. “Originally, we expected high-school students,” Wu commented. “This program could help students who are planning to come to the U.S. to pursue college degrees.”

Westerville ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher Jenny Wenner prepared the curriculum and taught the classes. The students spent part of their days working in the classroom, but also took a number of field trips around Otterbein and Westerville. “We visited Schneider’s Bakery, Hanby House, the fire and police stations, and the mayor’s office,” Wenner explained. “The kids were exposed to a lot of different things because we went to a lot of different places. If I went to another country, I wouldn’t want to sit in a classroom all day.”

“I really enjoyed working with the kids,” she added. “They have no siblings in China, but here they became like brothers and sisters because they were together so much.” The students also enjoyed their time at Otterbein. Diary entries expressed their feelings: “Otterbein is a beautiful college; I want to study here,” one child wrote. Another wrote that “this summer camp changed my life!”

Like Wu, Chris Musick, executive director of Otterbein’s Center for International Education and Global Management, believes this camp “is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Otterbein to an international clientele. They can see the campus, have fun, experience the quality academics here, and decide to enroll here after high-school graduation.”

The camp worked so well that they are looking not only at next year, but further down the road. Chinese Culture Link wants to broaden its summer camp and use Otterbein as its host. While still in the planning stages, they are considering two different programs. The first will be geared toward middle-school students, which will focus on cultural immersion and a language program. “It will be a fun program, with various excursions and activities,” Musick suggested.

The second program is a college-prep course for high-school students, who would learn how to take tests such as the SATs and how to apply to colleges. According to Wu, “School is very competitive in China. If students don’t get into top-level colleges, they often go overseas to study—U.S., Europe. They are more competitive then when they return to China.” Both courses would be integrated into Otterbein’s summer camp schedule, and would include a “taste of Americana, such as outdoor experiences, barbecuing and hiking,” Musick said.

In addition, the camp may open to other nationalities as well. “It would be more global; young people from around the world could gather to learn about other societies and cultures,” he continued.

While the structure of future camps is still being considered, Musick knows that there will definitely “be more interaction between young students from China and the young people in the Westerville community. This camp,” he concluded, “provides opportunities for children to interact with each other to alleviate stereotypes and to realize there is an underlying humanness and a commonality in all of us.”
Audiences in China will enjoy America’s latest export in December — the Otterbein University Concert Choir. This year, the choir’s annual holiday tour will take 56 students to the cities of Beijing, Tianjin and Xi’an in China from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10.

The decision to tour in China was made a year and a half ago, when Concert Choir Director Gayle Walker and the students discussed their options, which included Spain, Latin America and China. “We wanted to experience a culture that is quite different from our own, and China makes sense because it is gaining momentum as a political and economic world power,” Walker said.

“Concert Choir traveled to Japan in 2000, so I knew that a choir tour to Asia would be a life-changing experience for our music students,” she added. Walker has also taken Concert Choir to France, Austria, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

“In China, there will be an emphasis on cultural exchange and global awareness which goes beyond musical training, yet it is still music that brings the cultures together,” Walker said.

The choir leaves for China on Nov. 29, but it has been preparing for the trip for well over a year through fundraising efforts including holding restaurant fundraisers; selling music T-shirts, Concert Choir CDs, and Longaberger baskets; and performing at area churches for stipends and donations. The tour also has received donations from the Clements Foundation and generous alumni. The money raised is available to all students who cannot afford the cost of the trip. “We are working as a team to help the entire team go,” Walker said.

In one fundraiser, choir students earned more than $1,000 by performing their original cabaret show, High School Musical (Sorta), under the direction of Abby Berger ’11.

“More than 25 Concert Choir students were involved. It featured songs they had performed in their high-school productions, often with multiple students singing the same song. There were four Ms. Potts from Beauty and the Beast, and Kyle Eberlein ’11 was in Starlight Express in high school, a show that includes roller-skating, so he roller-skated his number,” Walker said.

Some students have raised money through solo recitals in their hometowns. Sophomore Tyler Driggs ’13 earned $900 performing in Zanesville, Ohio. Thanks to the support of his community, he is now looking forward to experiencing firsthand the similarities and differences between Chinese and American cultures. “I believe that this trip will make me and all of the other members of Concert Choir feel that ‘across the world’ connection to people just like us, sharing experiences through music. I think it
will give China a small taste of how Americans interpret, perform and value music," he said.

To portray the American tradition of music to the Chinese audience, the program will include American folk songs, African-American spirituals and traditional holiday songs. "Music brings cultures together in a way that is easier than learning a new language. We can share, through music, what we are excited about in the western Christmas tradition, which is not celebrated in China."

Among the tour performances will be two shared concerts, with the Tianjin University Concert Choir and Professor Wu Ling-Fen’s Concert Choir of the China Conservatory of Music, in which Otterbein’s Concert Choir will sing for choirs that will, in turn, sing for them.

For senior Troy Burton '11, co-president of Concert Choir, these performances will be a highlight of the trip. “One of the things I am most excited about is our exchange at the two music conservatories. It amazes me everyday how music speaks to people of all cultures. I don’t know any Chinese, but I do know the language of music. Sharing that with the people of China and the students at their conservatories will be uplifting for (Concert Choir) and for the people that come out to hear us,” he said.

According to Walker, in addition to performances, the tour itinerary leaves plenty of time for the students to experience Chinese culture and visit sites of historical interest. “We will perform at Tianjin University, the Children’s Palace in Beijing (a fine-arts school), the Xi’an Music Conservatory, and we will also sing on the Great Wall of China. We will visit major historical sites including the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xi’an, and the Temple of Heaven in Tianjin. Additionally, we will attend a performance of the Beijing Opera, be given introductory instruction in Tai Chi, tour a silk factory, take a rickshaw tour in Beijing, and visit a farming community outside of Xi’an. It is a very full itinerary,” she said.

Concert Choir will be accompanied by eight faculty and administrators from Otterbein, including President Kathy Kreendl and Director of Admission Cass Johnson. “We will visit some secondary schools in Beijing to talk to prospective students and then take a side trip to Shanghai to visit Shanghai Jiao Tong University, where (Otterbein Librarian) Jane Wu has set up a library exchange, and University of Shanghai for Science and Technology where Professor Zhen Huang is working to set up an exchange with their business school,” Johnson said. “Our hope for the outcome is to establish some name recognition with the high
I believe this trip will make me and all of the other members of the Concert Choir feel that ‘across the world’ connection to people just like us.”

Tyler Driggs, sophomore

school students and continue developing relationships with the two universities.”

While the students of Concert Choir will experience the sights and sounds of China, Walker said it is the relationships that are most important. “From past tours abroad, I know that our personal connection with Chinese students when we perform at schools and universities and share concerts with them, will be among our fondest memories. We can unite hearts through music, and we don’t need translators to make that happen,” she said.

Camaraderie among the Concert Choir students themselves is equally important. “I look forward to watching the students bond and improve their musicianship by performing together and caring about each other,” Walker said.

Burton, who will graduate in June 2011, is happy that his final tour with his fellow singers will be such a special one. “I have grown very fond of a lot of my choir mates and to be honest, the choral experience is not something that I will really be able to experience after college. Professional choirs are not as community-oriented as the Otterbein University Concert Choir is,” Burton said.

Look for photos from Concert Choir’s tour to China online in December at www.otterbein.edu/music.
The first thing I want to tell you about the redesign of Towers is not about the redesign at all. It’s about the history of the publication. On the next page you can see the first issue, completed in 1926. That makes Towers 84 years old. Quite frankly, I feel both humbled and challenged to be a small part of that ongoing tradition. That so many of you expressed a great affinity for the magazine in our CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) survey is hugely gratifying (Towers surpassed national averages in most every positive category). But nothing ever gets better by folks resting on their laurels. A huge thank you to the 756 of you who completed the survey.

I need to get to some points quite quickly here, because one of the things you told us in the CASE survey is you don’t like long stories. We received numerous comments that said Towers features are [some superlative] too long. We didn’t get a one that said they were too short. Hear you. Features will be shorter in Towers going forward, and because of that, there will be a couple more per issue. One feature will always be reserved for an alumni story — something above and beyond the alumni profiles found in Classnotes. The survey clearly showed great interest in alumni stories, especially alumni in their professions. We’re also shortening the alumni profiles in Classnotes so we can add more per issue. Of course, we’ll keep the photos in Classnotes as well as the baby and wedding pics, so Classnotes should be bigger and better than ever. You have to admit, the baby pics are just too cute.
Another feature will be reserved for a story regarding Otterbein’s history. Institutional history and traditions, as a topic, ranked fourth highest out of a possible 44 topics. (The first three were (1) Classnotes, (2) passings, and (3) stories about alumni.)

Some of the results from the survey were rather astounding. Seventy percent of you said you either get all or most of your information about Otterbein from Towers. In the years to come we expect that number to go down and the web numbers to go up, but in the here and now, Towers is the main communication between Otterbein and its alumni community.

Also surprising was the overwhelming preference (still) for a printed Towers, even among the young alumni. When asked if you would prefer to read Towers in print or online, 72 percent said print, only 9 percent said online, and 20 percent said they would prefer to read both. In the 34 and under age group, only nine out of 131 said they would prefer an online version. Actually, we hope to change some minds about that in the future. Sometime in 2011, we plan to unveil an interactive online version to complement the printed version. We envision this online model to take full advantage of the media, providing slide shows, videos, perhaps recordings of musical performances, an interactive forum to comment on each article, and many other features not present in the print version. We want to give you a reason to go to it.

We will move to a three-per-year publishing schedule. This will not only coincide with the move to a semester system in 2011, but will also allow us to make each issue full and robust and still stay fiscally responsible and in budget. And while we are speaking of dollars, let’s look at the cost of printing and mailing the magazine. If you add up the cost of printing and postage and break it down, it costs us about $1 per issue per recipient, or moving forward, about $3 a year to get Towers to you in your mailbox. Considering that 70 percent rely on the magazine for all or most of their information about Otterbein, and that according to the survey the magazine creates or strengthens connections between Otterbein and its alumni, we feel in many ways Towers is a bargain, and certainly a good investment in our alumni.

As for the design itself, one aspect you likely noticed first is the difference in paper. We have gone to a 100 percent recycled stock, in keeping with the institution’s goals of sustainability. The size is a little larger, allowing for wider outside margins (creating more aesthetic white space) and an airier and easier-to-read body copy. For much of the headline and highlight text, we’ve gone to a light san serif font for cleanliness and a contemporary feel. And because the circle is so prominent to Otterbein, both in its logo and first letter, we’ve incorporated it as a key graphic element in the design. The circle, as well as representing the infinite nature of energy in the universe, also indicates such things as inclusiveness, wholeness, unity and nurturing. That sounds like Otterbein, doesn’t it?

Towers may be 84 years old, but we like to think it’s looking better than ever. Let us know what YOU think. E-mail me at rrouston@otterbein.edu. Please understand the redesign is a work in progress and subject to tweaks or even greater changes as we move forward. Otterbein’s website is currently being completely redesigned; at some point Towers may adapt graphic elements from that to create a uniform feel and connection between the two. Stay tuned.
Survey at a Glance...

More than 750 respondents completed the survey.

70 percent said they get all or most of their information about Otterbein via Towers magazine.

80 percent said they read every issue of Towers.

72 percent preferred print version
9 percent preferred online version
20 percent preferred both versions

The following were what respondents liked most about Towers:
1. Classnotes (305)
2. Campus events/updates (60)
3. Provides a connection to my alma mater (34)
4. Alumni news (30)
5. Quality/professionalism (23)
6. Reminds me of my time at Otterbein (8)
7. History stories (7)

The following were what respondents liked least about Towers:
1. Nothing — I like it all (67)
2. Donor-related stories (27)
3. Articles are too long (17)
4. Too much spin, too much puff (13)
5. Want to see larger or more frequent issues (11)
6. Sports-related stories (10)
7. Too liberal - too far away from Christian traditional values (9)

The following were changes suggested:
1. None — I like it the way it is (85)
2. More info and features on alumni (35)
3. Make it available online (16)*
4. More Classnotes (7)
5. Shorter articles (5)

* Towers is available online, but currently only in a pdf format. We plan to unveil an interactive true online version of Towers in 2011.
Robert Crosby ‘50 has written his seventh book, *A Month in Medieval Volpaia, Tuscany: Diary of a “Temporary Citizen.”*

Alfred Gilmour ‘51 was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Olivet College in Michigan in May.

Bob Arledge ‘55 qualified for the National Senior Olympics by winning the 75–79 age bracket in pole vaulting at the Ohio Senior Olympics. This will be his second visit to the nationals to be held at Rice University in August 2011.

Lewis Shaffer ’59 and wife, Sandy Minser Shaffer ’62, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 7, 2010.

Edith Walters Cole ’60 was inducted into the Listener Hall of Fame on March 27. This is the highest honor of the International Listening Association. She is a certified listening professional and a certified laughter leader. She has served two separate terms on the ILA Board of Directors and is also the recipient of the prestigious ILA President’s Award and the Special Recognition Award.

Helen Dick Clymer ’38 has converted her family’s endowed award into The Dick Family Endowed Scholarship. An Otterbein donor for more than 30 years, Mrs. Clymer’s recent additional philanthropy has ensured an education major will receive additional financial support for his or her tuition fees.


Rev. Gary Olin ’63 traveled to the Camphor Mission in Liberia in March to help build a guest home in honor of his late wife, Judy Olin. Also while at the Camphor Mission, Rev. Olin taught at the school and the clinic, helped organize the library and devoted time to worship with the children.

Roger Shipley ’64 was the fine art judge for the 2010 Pennsylvania Apple n’ Cheese Festival. The festival took place in East Canton, PA, Oct. 2 and 3.

Frank Murphy ’63, the chairman of Mansfield-based University Housing Solutions, was granted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Tiffin University.

Linda Wharton Icardi ’61 and her husband, Hugo, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21, 2010.

Larry Buttermore ’65 has published a book called *Switch*
Richard Termeer ’55 (left) and his wife, Marilyn (not pictured), and Herb Jones ’59 (right) and his wife, Leona (not pictured), were presented the “President’s Call to Service Award” at the Dublin, OH, City Council Meeting on April 12. Both couples have given more than 4,000 hours of community service. They are pictured with council member Cathy Alspach Boring ’68.

Bruce Keck ’60 participated in the Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee this past summer. He played his tuba on the F.J. Taylor Bandwagon No. 52, which was the lead bandwagon in 1925 on F.J. Taylor’s Great American Circus of Omaha, NE.

Jane Barnes Page ’65, a specialist in lymphedema therapy, retired from the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Margaret Lloyd Trent ’65 received honorable mention for the 2010 Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award sponsored by Medical Mutual of Ohio in August.

Philip Dever ’66 completed his first year as a board member of the West Ohio United Methodist Credit Union in Cincinnati, OH.

Jim Weisz ’67 retired from the United Methodist chaplaincy. He is now living in Jacksonville, FL, with his wife, Candice.

Karen Persson Whalen ’67 retired as vice president of community initiatives after a distinguished 15-year career at the Hamilton Community Foundation. Karen made a lasting impact on many Foundation programs and was instrumental in marketing, development and event planning.

Denny Brookover ’68 was appointed to the Board of Directors at The Main Place of Licking and Knoxvile counties in Ohio. The Main Place is a recovery and rehabilitation center for those with mental-health illnesses.

Rachael Stinson Turner ’68 recently received a staff award for excellence in community service engagement at The Ohio State University’s annual celebration of excellence in community service and scholarship reception on May 12.

Rev. Daryl Fourman ’69 retired this summer after almost 40 years of service in the ministry. He was most recently the pastor of the Chesapeake United Methodist Church in Chesapeake, OH.

Dee Dee Heffner ’69 was a guest speaker at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church in Cambridge, OH, in June. She is a home missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Chris Jones ’69 retired from teaching English as a Second Language on Jan. 31, 2010. She lives in Yuma, AZ.

Peter Lubs ’69 retired from the Lubrizol Corporation in December 2009.

Linda Karl Chandler ’70 received an Albright-Wirth Grant from the National Park Foundation. Linda is an active trainer with the National Park Service. She recently attended the International Interpreter’s Conference in Townsville, Australia.

Sandra (Sandi) Rubino Paul ’46 has established The Kenneth R. Paul Family Endowed Scholarship. Named for her husband, Kenneth R. Paul ’49, and sons Craig and Stephen, Mrs. Paul is using this bequest to create financial opportunities for students who may need additional support to attend college.
Class Notes

Giving Note

treatment for serious illnesses, loved ones are receiving House serves families whose director of development for business, Mike’s Archery, Inc. works full time at the family education in June 2009. She now retired after 39 years in consulting company.

Jeff Cowgill ’70 retired in January 2007 after almost 37 years as an Air Force civilian employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. His last position was director of logistics for the F-16 fighter plane. In 2007, he began his own defense consulting company.

Linda Dixon Dickess ’70 retired after 39 years in education in June 2009. She now works full time at the family business, Mike’s Archery, Inc.

Brian Hartzell ’70 is the director of development for Beacon House. The Beacon House serves families whose loved ones are receiving treatment for serious illnesses, injuries or other chronic medical conditions at the Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, MI.

Margaret Tabor ’70 retired from the Urbana School District in Urbana, OH, after 38 years as a high-school English and Spanish teacher. She is now working part time as an adjunct English professor at Urbana University.

Diane Kendig ’72 released a book of poems called, The Place We Find Ourselves.

David Mittler ’72 has recently published his second novel, Legacy of Fire. His first novel, Love, Eddie, was published in 2002.

David Leist ’73 was inducted into the Ohio Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame on March 20. David was honored for his 14 years of service as a member of the organization’s board of directors and his service as a thespian troupe advisor during his teaching career. David currently serves as the drama/theatre representative and the student advocacy trainer on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education.

Dee Hofty ’74 is currently touring with the musical 9 to 5. The show will travel through October 2011 with a stop in Columbus scheduled in mid-October 2011.

Randy Adams ’76 was the chief producer of the acclaimed new musical of the 2009-10 Broadway season, Memphis. The play was nominated for eight Tony awards and won three, including best musical, best original score and best book of a musical. Memphis also won four Outer Critics Circle Awards.

David Mead ’76 was named the interim chief executive officer and president of Peoples Bancorp Inc. in Marietta, OH, in August.

Craig Moon ’76, president of Moon & Adrion Insurance Agency in Middletown, OH, won this year’s Rough Notes Company Community Service Award in March for his work with Safe Haven Farms, a community dedicated to autistic adults in southwest Ohio.

Ronald Wiley ’77 is returning to serve as the new director of the Ohio Department of Development’s Minority Business Enterprise Division.

Melissa Frazier Dover ’78 retired after 32 years of teaching music. For the last 24 years, she taught in the Dublin, OH, City School System. Her teaching duties included high-school band, orchestra, jazz band, flag corps and 6th-grade beginning band.

Susan Cheney Bunting ’79 received the seventh-annual Great Educator and Mentor Award (GEM). GEM awards are given to individuals who make a difference in the lives of students in the Westerville School District. All GEM winners promote the welfare of students in the home, school and community.

Martha Phillips ’79 moved her behavioral health practice to Defiance Clinic in Defiance, OH, in April. The services include individual, couple and

Sylvia Phillips Vance ‘47, along with a gift from husband Waid W. Vance, created the endowed fund: The John and Sylvia Carpenter Haywood Memorial Fund. A 60+ year donor to Otterbein, Dr. Vance wanted to establish a means of assisting Otterbein seniors to participate with global or off-campus Senior Year Experiences. This bequest will help ensure students have funding to enjoy a robust SYE experience.

Barbara Glor Martin ’62, Cherry Wicks Jeong ’64, Connie Hellwarth Leonard ’63 and Emily Smith ’65 met for lunch at the Creekside Restaurant in Brecksville, OH, on Aug. 11. Cherry, who lives in Hawaii, was in town for her 50th High School Reunion.

Ken Leonard, Connie Hellwarth Leonard ’63, Emily Smith ’65, Cherry Wicks Jeong ’64, David Jeong, Barb Glor Martin ’62.
Marty Greenham ’76 – Business Administration

National Director for Semester at Sea

Otterbein may be situated in a quiet, peaceful village, but it offers students a chance to see the world. For decades, Otterbein students have been studying abroad in countries such as France, the Netherlands, Spain, Japan and Africa. For Marty Greenham, his study-abroad experience in 1974 with Semester at Sea (formerly World Campus Afloat), changed his life and shaped his career.

After graduating from Otterbein, Marty studied abroad in Germany, living with a host family to learn the culture and language. Upon his return, he realized he wanted to do more with international travel.

Marty met the man in charge of passenger cruises on the boat used for the Semester at Sea program. “I knew this was my way to get involved with the program (again),” he said. Marty was the passenger cruise director until 1983 when he was hired as the marketing director for the Semester at Sea program.

Marty is now the national director of university outreach for Semester at Sea, which offers three voyages per year traveling to countries such as India, Croatia, China, Morocco, Ghana, Vietnam, Brazil and Egypt. He has also served as the assistant dean of students on the ship during the program.

“The most rewarding part of my job is being able to work with and influence students to go out and have similar experiences that I did,” he said.

“There are wonderful opportunities waiting; you just have to get out of your comfort zone,” Marty advised students considering studying abroad.

With the establishment of its Center for International Education and Global Engagement, in August 2009, Otterbein is encouraging more students to consider study-abroad opportunities. www.otterbein.abroadoffice.net/CIEGE.htm

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Melanie Miles Stanton ’84, a freelance costume designer, designed costumes for The Glass Menagerie and Dark of the Moon for the Actor’s Theatre of Columbus and a gown for the winner of Ms. Plus Size America. She currently teaches at the University of Toledo, OH.

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Mark A. Puskarich ’86, in concert with other alumni, is conducting fundraising efforts to secure funding for The Miller, Ricevuto and Lehman Endowed Scholarship. Named for and in honor of track & field coaches Porter Miller ’65, Guido Ricevuto and David E. Lehman ’70, these alumni are helping to ensure financial assistance for one worthy Otterbein student.

Members of the 1986 reunion are encouraged to consider contributing to this scholarship fund. For more information, visit www.otterbein.abroadoffice.net/CIEGE.htm.

Profile

Jim Schilling ’79 played Father Brendan Flynn in the professional production of Doubt in Westport, CT, at the Music Theatre of Connecticut MainStage Studio Theatre this past spring.

Gregory Kimbro ’80 was one of the lead roles in Glengarry Glen Ross, a production of Theatre Daedalus, a Columbus troupe, in March.

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William Brooks ’87 was awarded the title of national sales executive for retail at Chase Bank.

Rob Gagnon ’87 was named the new vice president and general manager of Gap.com.

Julie Legg Chance ’88, a science teacher at Westerville North High School in Westerville, OH, was honored by the Westerville Education Association as North’s Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She was chosen for this honor by the teachers at the school.

Mike Davies ’88 was featured in The Columbus Dispatch as a trainer at Metro Fitness in Worthington, OH.

Christy Boyd Farnbauch ’88 is the community liaison for the Student Cardinal Philanthropy Project.

Lori Patterson Cook ’89 is the new marketing specialist at Countryside YMCA in Lebanon, OH. Countryside is one of the largest and most progressive YMCA programs in the world.

Angela Hoover Leckwatch ’89 is working for the Delaware Gazette and Sunbury News in the advertising department.

Mike Thomas ’89 has been named director of finance for Marion General Hospital in Marion, OH.

Kelly Bundy Hart ’90, known as the “Painter Lady,” was featured in the Newark Advocate for her work as a painter on Aug. 23. She has been a professional painter for 12 years and paints murals, signs and anything else her clients ask of her. Her work can be found in houses, schools, businesses and churches in and around Licking County, OH.

Rich Niccum ’90 is the education manager for Preservation Parks of Delaware County, OH.

Paul Kavicky ’91 served as the head of the sound department for the first national tour of Peter Pan.

Catherine McCormick Lord ’91 won season tickets to the Columbus Blue Jackets hockey games by designing the mask to be worn by club goaltenders Steve Mason and Mathieu Garon. The mask marks the team’s commemorative 10th season.

Anita Sweeney Moose ’91 has been hired to teach at the American International School in Rome, Italy. She began at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. She teaches fifth grade.

Anita has been teaching English Language Learners in elementary and middle school for 11 years. She was awarded the community Bear Hug Award in 2008 as nominated by community members for recognition of outstanding educators.

Joe Rinehart ’91 and wife, Marcy, were honored on March 2, 2010, with the Humanitarian Hero Award from the Knox County Chapter of the Red Cross. The award recognizes their contributions and leadership to charitable causes like Interchurch Social Services, the Salvation Army and CareNet Pregnancy Services. Joe was recently promoted to the rank of assistant professor of communication at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, OH, where he serves as director of broadcasting.

Todd Cordisco ’92 has been promoted to vice president of community relations and development at Lee Mental Health Center in Fort Myers, FL.

Jim Byers ’93 and longtime Otterbein friend, Jason Privett ’93, have combined their chiropractic and physical therapy practices into one at the Byers Chiropractic Center in Waynesville, OH. They also lecture to physicians for continuing education seminars on treating runners and their injuries. Jim and Jason met during their freshman year while pledging Eta Phi Mu.
Fraternity and have stayed friends ever since.

Gary Betz II ’94 has been chosen by Phoenix Magazine as one of Arizona’s “Top Doctors of 2010” in the field of internal medicine.

Todd Crain ’94 filmed the premiere season of The Onion News Network for IFC, The Independent Film Channel.

Eddie Harrell ’94 was chosen as the commencement speaker for the Sept. 10 commencement at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, OH.

Lynne Haworth Logel ’94 is currently finishing her 15th year of teaching in Marysville, OH. She earned her master’s degree in special education in 2005 from Ashland University. She teaches fourth grade at Mill Valley Elementary.

Lisa Chapman Allen ’95 was one of 13 teachers honored on March 17 at the 11th annual “You Made a Difference” awards ceremony held at Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County, OH. The event honored one teacher in every Licking County school district. She was nominated by former students.

Fonda Dawson Kendrick ’95 has been named head of youth services at Community Library in Sunbury, OH.

Laura Kunze ’95 was named one of Columbus Business First’s “Forty Under 40” in May. The “Forty Under 40” names up-and-coming leaders in central Ohio. Laura is a program director for The Ohio State University Center for Intergrative Medicine.

Pamela Nance Allen ’96 and seven other Otterbein alumni (all of whom are volunteers at the Hanby House) participated in the Hanby House Mystery Tour on July 28. The group visited various sites around Ohio to better understand the early years of Bishop William Hanby. They visited the National Road Museum in Norwich, the Clay House restaurant in Somerset, places where the Hanbys lived and worked in Rushville, where Benjamin Hanby was born and the house of Dr. Simon Hyde, Hanby’s co-conspirator of Underground Railroad activities. Lastly, the group visited the grave of Joe Selby, the slave who died in the Hanby’s Rushville home and inspired the song, Darling Nellie Gray. Pictured at right are Jim Allen ’93, Pam Allen ’96, Ann Cherry Pryfogle ’61, Bill Jones ’79, Marty Slack Kincaid ’63, Millie Becker, Beulah Rammelsberg Fritsche ’49 and Larry Pryfogle ’64.
Rhonda Talford Knight ’96 completed her doctorate in education from The Ohio State University in June 2010.

Mary Frenz Taylor ’96 received the seventh annual Great Educator and Mentor Award (GEM). GEM awards are given to individuals who make a difference in the lives of students in the Westerville School District. All GEM winners promote the welfare of students in the home, school and community.

Nikki Buran ’98 is the senior training manager for commercial training and development at Genentech in San Francisco, CA. She is responsible for new product launch training for an upcoming product approval.

Victoria Libertore ’98 taught a six-week goddess burlesque workshop at Studio 353 in New York City this past spring. She has taught sold-out burlesque workshops at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange, Dance New Amsterdam, Grove Mama Ink and independently.

Paul Smith ’98, a Coast Guard pilot, is now stationed in Mobile, AL. He is an instructor pilot and a member of the Coast Guard aviation standardization team at Air Training Center Mobile.

Sabrina Thornton Stover ’98 was named CEO of an e-procurement firm called BidSync in American Fork, UT, in June. Prior to that, she was the company’s CFO.

Carli Amlin Dean ’99 has helped develop a volunteer organization that is changing the way food pantries are being stocked. In just six months, Carli’s organization, ClipShopShare, has donated over $10,000 worth of groceries, toiletries, paper goods, school supplies and more for less than $200 out-of-pocket.

Ryan Foor ’99 joined the medical staff of the Southern Ohio Medical Center on June 24. He will be working at the SOMC Urgent Care Center in Portsmouth.

Allison Swickard-Gorman ’99 was hired as the executive director of marketing and communications at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, CO.

Sean Elliott ’00 was commissioned by a long-time friend and Vietnam War veteran to paint a mural entitled The American Spirit. The mural was unveiled July 31 at the Newark, OH, American Legion Post 85. Sean, a former staff sergeant in the United States Air Force, teaches art classes and has had work featured at Studio G in Zanesville, OH.

YouYou Tao ’06 – Actuarial Sciences and Mathematics

YouYou moved from Shenyang, China, to the United States in search of a better education and a different cultural experience. Following the recommendations of family and friends, she attended Otterbein.

YouYou said she was able to adjust to the American culture quite easily, learning the language and how to work with Americans during her four years at Otterbein. One difference she noted between her Chinese education and her American education were the choices her American education offered. “I have a lot of autonomy to decide my own career path, and I was granted with many internship opportunities,” she said. She also said the advice she received from her professors at Otterbein helped her to determine the career path that was right for her.

After graduating from Otterbein, YouYou said she wanted to gain several years of experience working in the U.S. before moving back to Asia. Currently, she is an actuarial specialist at Nationwide Financial, where she assists senior management in making decisions on risks and capitals. “My ultimate goal is to be able to lead an enterprise risk management team at an insurance company in Asia,” she said. “Mainland China and Hong Kong are on top of my list because of the huge potential of its growing market.”

YouYou and her Dutch husband, Henricus Ummels, whom she met through Otterbein’s international student program, travel back to China frequently. But YouYou said she has learned a lot about herself after living in the United States for more than eight years. “From my western experience, I do see myself as a reasonable and responsible individual,” she said. “I really like my global view.”
Liz Beckham ’01 played the role of Scout Finch in the season-opening show, *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Burning Coal Theatre Company in Raleigh, NC. The production ran Sept. 9-26.

Chris Walford ’01 graduated during the winter 2010 commencement from The Ohio State University with a doctorate in integrated biomedical science. He is currently a postdoctoral research associate at Ohio State in the laboratory of Dr. Tsonwin Hai.

Stacy Barcus Alfield ’02 has been named revenue analyst at the Waterford Hotel Group's main headquarters in Waterford, CT. She will be responsible for overseeing the revenue management of multiple hotels in the Waterford Hotel Group portfolio, as well as assisting the executive sales team with overall revenue management strategies.

Anne Weber Chambers ’02 has relocated to Indianapolis where she is the conference manager for the Indiana Library Federation.

Matt D’Orazio ’02 coached the South team for the inaugural OhioCollegeFootball.com Senior Bowl, an all-star game played at Upper Arlington High School. The athletes come from 32 colleges, ranging from Division I schools, such as The Ohio State University, to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics schools, such as Malone and Walsh University.

Jeff Gibbs ’02 was named the top rebounder in Bundesliga, Germany’s top basketball league, in August.

Julia Elson Miller ’02 has taken the position of Knox County, OH, health commissioner. She has more than 30 years of experience in the health field, including working as an administrator, nursing educator and as a public-health professional.

Mary Logan So ’02 has been named director of professional development for the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio. She will manage the Builders Exchange staff directors of education and safety. Mary will oversee the Ohio Construction Conference, the Builder's Exchange Rising Leaders Institute and other management education programs.

Christine Collet Annarino ’03 celebrated her fifth year as a server at Bob Evans Restaurant in Heath, OH.

Jason Bryant ’03 recently became the associate director of nursing for the emergency department at Coshocton County Hospital, OH.

Brianna Burkett ’03 completed her master's of business administration at Otterbein and graduated June 12.

Jason Caudill ’03 was named Bexley High School’s assistant principal on Aug. 2 in Bexley, OH.

Daniel George ’03 is a product manager at Touch Commerce in Agoura Hills, CA. He received a master's degree in information systems and technology from California Lutheran University in February 2010.

Nancy Patel ’03 was featured in *Columbus Business First Magazine* in March. She assists in running Indus Hotels with her sister, and the founder, her father. She is the company's director of purchasing.

Walter Sanders ’03 (Brother Thomas) professed his first vows as a Benedictine monk during mass at St. Andrew Abbey Church in Cleveland, OH, in June.

Julie Smith Castilho ’03 was recently awarded the 2010 Young Logistician Award from SOLE, the International Society of Logistics. The award is presented annually to an outstanding young logistician in recognition of their contributions toward the society’s goals.

Wes Clarkson ’04 has been promoted to marketing manager at National Hockey League Direct, New York, NY. Since joining the NHL Direct group in March, Wes has played an important multidimensional role in digital marketing, new business development, and web analytics.

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Amber Camarillo George ’04 is an advertising consultant at Farmers Insurance Corporate Headquarters in Los Angeles. She received a master's of business administration degree from Pepperdine University in December 2009 and a master's degree in public policy and administration from California Lutheran University in August 2010.

Matias Iberico ’04 was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship to Peru in medical sciences by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He will conduct research in Lima, Peru, where he was born.

Gwen Klamut ’04 received her master's degree in speech pathology from West Virginia University in May.

Paul Waibel ’04 received his master's degree in music education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago on July 31.

MaryBeth Bailar-Heath ’05 received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University in June 2010. She has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System/Harvard Medical School.
Hollee Burba ’05 is working for the Nike Headquarters in Portland, OR, as the apparel allocation analyst for women’s sportswear.

Evan Derr ’05 has been hired by Lent Agency Inc. as an account executive, specializing in commercial lines insurance.

Josephine Roberts ’05 has been performing in the Broadway musical Rock of Ages since May at theaters in Toronto and Ontario, Canada, and New York City. She plays the roles of Regina, Candi and a member of the ensemble. The production received outstanding reviews from Canadian and American news media and has been nominated for five Tony Awards.

Chelsea Thresher Ross ’05 completed her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Ashland University in August 2009. She is an eighth-grade English teacher and varsity girls’ golf coach in the Olentangy school district in Lewis Center, OH.

Jeremy “Mo” Ross ’05 completed his master’s degree in teacher leadership from Ashland University in December 2009. He is an elementary physical education teacher and freshman boys’ basketball coach in Dublin City Schools in Dublin, OH.

Tyler TerMeer ’05 has accepted a new position in Washington, D.C., created at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). Tyler will serve as a prevention manager as part of NASTAD’s prevention team, playing a leadership role in expanding the organization’s capacity and priority of addressing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS.

Kristopher Vigneron ’05 is the textbook manager at DeVry University in Columbus, OH, and is also teaching philosophy, logic, ethics and writing at Franklin University.

Ellen Zedella ’05 is working as a general music and chorus director at a Title I elementary school in Anne Arundel County, MD. She recently completed the National Board Certification program, as well as a graduate certificate in professional teaching standards from The George Washington University College of Education and Human Development in Washington, D.C.

Michael Cauley ’06 is an inside sales representative with Thanx Media in Glen Ellyn, IL.

Amber Murphy Mack ’06 graduated from The Ohio State University Medical School in June 2010. She is entering the OB/GYN residency program at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Heather Reichle ’06 was hired as a senior specialist, internal communications for Cardinal Health in Columbus, OH.

Jillian Shellabarger ’06 graduated from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in May. She began her residency in July in Dayton, OH.

Jennifer Hill ’08 has been named the program coordinator for the pesticide safety education program at The Ohio State University. She is also an active member of the Alumni Club of Central Ohio and the Westerville Community Concert Band.

Joe House ’08 began working as a vocal music instructor for North Central Local School District in Byesville, OH, on Aug. 17.

Ashley Hughes Shellhouse ’08 has been awarded the Joan Mitchell Foundation Master of Fine Arts grant. The annual MFA Grant Program was created in 1997 to help MFA painters and sculptors in furthering their artistic careers and to aid in the transition from academic to professional studio work upon graduation. This year, there were only 15 awarded nationally.

Aaron Hutchison ’08 was hired as a graduate assistant for the Bluffton University baseball program in August.

Sarah Martindell ’08 accepted an invitation from the Peace Corps to serve as an education volunteer. She will teach English for grades 6-12 in the western coastal African country of Namibia. Her term is from August 2010-December 2012.

Kim Smith ’08 received her master’s in accounting from Baylor University and passed her CPA exam. She is now working for S.J. Meyer & Associates, Inc., CPAs in Clayton, OH.

Paul Stelzer ’08 was hired as an admissions counselor in the Office of Admission at Otterbein University. He works with students from northeast Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.
Ben Leffel ’10 – Public Relations

Studying the Chinese Government

Ben is crafting his own career with a one-year stint in Changsha, Hunan, China to further the research he began at Otterbein. As a program specialist and researcher for the International City/County Management Association China (ICMA China), a local government leadership and management organization he became engaged with as part of his senior year distinction project, Ben is helping to expand the company’s clientele of Chinese city governments. He is also working to build an internship program to train Chinese interns how to interface with American and English-speaking governmental agencies and businesses on best practices.

In exchange for his work, Ben has been granted access to all levels of Chinese government for his research, which he plans to continue while earning his master’s and doctorate degrees, on the topic of China-U.S. Track II and Subnational Diplomacy (members of local/city governments and non-governmental organizations who seek peace and conflict resolution from the bottom up). To aid in his research, Ben is also studying Mandarin at Hunan Normal University, which has allowed him to communicate and develop relationships with Chinese government officials.

“Getting a year in China with language, research and work experience helps better qualify me for grants and fellowships I’ll need in the future for graduate school (beginning in fall 2011),” he said.

Ben said his junior year experience in American University’s Washington Semester Program for Foreign Policy helped prepare him to live abroad. Though he has still faced language and cultural challenges, Ben said he most enjoys the Chinese political atmosphere.

“Otterbein gave me the enduring curiosity about the world that continues to push me deeper into this country and its mysteries,” he said. “(Political Science) professors like Dr. (Allan) Cooper, Dr. (La Trice) Washington and Dr. (Marsha) Robinson really showed me how important and wonderful it is to pursue one’s questions about the world, and how to make a positive contribution in it.”

Ben Leffel ’10

Profile

Bridget Kelley ’09 and Brianna McPherson ’09 met in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day weekend.

Kathleen Lyons ’09 was hired at The Maude Group, a communications firm in Glen Ellyn, IL, as a graphic designer in September 2009. She has worked on projects for clients such as Caterpillar, Pfizer and Wheaton College.

Emily Grace Proctor ’09 began working at F+W Media, Inc. in Cincinnati in November 2009. She is responsible for trade marketing and author support and promotion.

Tricia White ’09 recently began working for Pinnacle Financial Partners in TN. She is a deposit operations support analyst.

Catherine Wohlford ’09, a certified nurse practitioner, has joined Licking Memorial Health Professionals. She will provide patient care at two pediatric offices, both in Newark, OH.

Andrew Betz ’10 is part of an all-male cast for Quintessence Theatre Group’s performance of Henry V in Philadelphia, PA.

Kelly Butler ’10 was hired as director of education for the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio in June.

Megan Cooper ’10 recently obtained a position with the Columbus Blue Jackets as a season ticket service coordinator.

Hannah Demilta ’10 was recently hired as a social media specialist at Switched On Media, a digital marketing agency in Sydney, Australia.

Kate Gosnell ’10 spent her summer on Cape Cod in the College Light Opera Company program. While there, she performed various roles in nine different shows.

Amanda Huxtable ’10 recently joined the national tour of In the Mood, a musical revue that celebrates the music of the 1940s. The show features a 13-piece big band and six singers and dancers performing the music of artists such as the Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra and other big band greats.

Nathan Keen ’10 will be joining the Equity first national tour of West Side Story in the role of Big Deal.

Justin Keller ’10 is preparing for his upcoming voyage on the Disney Magic Cruise. As part of the Magic 25 cast, he will be portraying the roles of Aladdin, the lead player in the Welcome Aboard show, as well as ensemble roles in three other shows.
Kolby Kindle ’10 spent his summer with the Music Theatre of Wichita performing in Gypsy, Smokey Joe’s Cafe and Crazy for You.

Deana McLeary ’10, an orthopedic nurse practitioner, began practicing at the Orthopedic Spine and Sports Medicine Institute in Mansfield, OH.

Tina Scariano ’10 is preparing for her upcoming voyage on the Disney Magic Cruise. She will be taking on the roles of Ariel from The Little Mermaid and The Blue Fairy from Pinocchio. In addition to these Disney characters, Tina will also be portraying a number of ensemble characters in various other shows on the cruise.

Jessica Steinkamp ’10 was hired as the activities and events assistant at Little Turtle Golf Club in June.

Holli Ujvari ’10 joined the medical office of Dr. James Goudy in Galion, OH, in August 2010. She provides family practice to adults and children five years and older.

Caroline Wilkinson Whetzel ’10 will be playing the role of Fern and also doubling as the goose in the upcoming Equity Theatreworks USA tour of Charlotte’s Web.

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Let all your old classmates know what’s going on in your life. Send your job changes, new family additions, awards, and all those other life changes to:

classnotes@otterbein.edu

Send us a pic, too! We use high-quality photos in the Classnotes section and also for the marriages and births section. Photos should be high resolution, which means the shortest side should be at least 1,000 pixels. Make sure to include your class year and the class year of your spouse if applicable. If there are other Otterbein alumni in your wedding photo, please provide their names and class years as well. Your classmates want to hear from you!

Danielle Fabian ’11 – Nursing

Learning About Self South of the Border

Danielle is reaching out to help those in need. Her passion for mission work, nursing and Spanish has led her to a wonderful opportunity to serve as a nursing student and translator in Mexico for the third time. She is currently enrolled in a class at Otterbein, Transcultural Nursing: Mexico, which allows her to do more than just fill an elective credit.

Danielle said her experiences in Mexico have taught her things she could never learn in a classroom, not just about nursing, but about herself as well. “From this course and experiences in Mexico, I have learned that I am capable of anything,” she said. “As a translator on the trip, I am pulled many ways and asked to step up throughout each day at the clinic. I amaze myself after each patient goes by as to what we were able to do for them and that I made that possible.”

Danielle’s service doesn’t just extend to far corners of the world. On campus, she is president of the Otterbein Student Nurse Association and a CardinalCorps Leader. Also, she is currently a Student Nurse Associate at the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital at the OSU Medical Center. There she takes care of the patients by checking their vitals, drawing blood, electrocardiograms (EKG) and baths. Danielle said the experiences she is getting from working within a hospital are priceless.

“This work is giving me the hands-on in-hospital experience that you cannot get in a lecture or in the laboratory. They can teach us everything there is to know about how to support a patient or family in a tough situation, but to actually experience it and cry with that family is a whole different story,” she said. “I also see things on my unit that we have not learned about yet in class; and, when it does come in class, I am able to share what is being done currently in the hospital and get feedback from other students and my professors.”

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Milestones

Marriages

Jolene Thompson Tuttle ’88 to Franklin Tuttle, March 20, 2010.

Mark Kish ’00 to Teresa Clements, May 1, 2010.

Anne Marie Weber ’02 to Jeff Chambers, Nov. 21, 2009.

Amber Murphy ’06 to Alexander Mack ’07, March 20, 2010. The wedding party included Alexanne Holcombe ’07, Matt Fosnaugh ’06, Jared Meddles ’07, Megan Seibel ’07, Laura Kratzer ’07, Rachelle Ramsey Shaffer ’07, and mother of the bride, Kim Murphy ’87. Many other Otterbein alumni were in attendance.


Bethanie Rowland ’07 to Raymond Gigliotti ’06, July 17, 2010. The wedding party included Janelle Jones ’08.


Erin Snyder ’07 to Joshua Roth, March 13, 2010.


Kimberlee Anne Readshaw ’08 to Rodger Vedder ’05.

Ashley Suffel ’08 to Josh Zvansky ’07, May 2, 2009. The wedding party included Adam Willyerd ’07, Chris Dieterle ’07, Alison Pence ’08 and Jenny Bloomquist ’06. Many other alumni were in attendance.


Additions


Diana Blazer Dutton ’90 and husband, Jeff, twin sons, Dean Michael and Jack Thomas, June 23, 2010.


Traci Brown Leopold ’95 and husband, David, a son, Evan Scott, Oct. 28, 2009. He joins big brother Max, 3.

Nichole Powell Northcraft ’95 and husband, Jaime, a son, Israel James, May 13, 2009.

compiled by Laurie Draper and Kayleigh Hanlin ’11
Stacie Kish Collins ’96 and husband, Troy, a son, Corban, July 13, 2009. He joins big sisters Faye, 9, and Minnie, 8.

Diane Martin McGuire ’96 and husband, Doug, a daughter, Mara Mae, March 20, 2010.

Tania Krochaluk Smiley ’96 and husband, Chris ’96, a son, Ryan Christopher, Oct. 15, 2009. He joins big sisters Faye, 9, and Minnie, 8.

Diane Martin McGuire ’96 and husband, Doug, a daughter, Mara Mae, March 20, 2010.

Tania Krochaluk Smiley ’96 and husband, Chris ’96, a son, Ryan Christopher, Oct. 15, 2009. He joins big sisters Faye, 9, and Minnie, 8.

Cynthia Buenning Whitaker ’96 and husband, Michael, a daughter, Autumn Hope, May 26, 2010. She joins big brother William, 10, and big sister Evie, 8.

Kristin Hatcher Scott ’98 and husband, Matthew, a daughter, Addison Elizabeth, June 2, 2010.

April Kinkade Walters ’98 and husband, Cliff, a son, Evan Roy, Feb. 11, 2010.

Amber Varga Lane ’99 and husband, Joseph Earl Lane ’00, a daughter, Alyssa, Sept. 29, 2008.

Melissa Lively Allen ’00 and husband, Nathan, a son, Benjamin Robert, April 20, 2009.

Dwane Rowley ’00, a son, Michael Andrew, June 18, 2009. He joins big sister Ava.


Alice Harold Brannigan ’02 and husband, Michael, a son, Morgan Dempsey, Feb. 7, 2010.


John Walters ’02 and wife, April, a son, John Robert, Sept. 2, 2010.

Cherie Koontz Caudill ’03 and husband, Jason ’03, a son, Cameron James, March 19, 2009.


Amy Lenzmeier Ruff ’03 and husband, Derick, a daughter, Mya Katherine, Feb. 26, 2010.


Andrea Richardson Dusina ’05 and husband, Jeremy, a son, Charles Thomas, March 7, 2010.

Marissa White Grayem ’05 and husband, Paul, a son, Mason John, June 12, 2010.

Chelsea Thresher Ross ’05 and husband, Jeremy Ross ’05, a son, Parker Raymond, March 1, 2010. Proud grandparents are Mark Thresher ’78, and Debbie Scott Thresher ’77.


Jillian Shellabarger Tobias ’06 and husband, Zack, a daughter, Avery Alexis, March 25, 2010. Proud uncle is Jeff Shellabarger ’03.

Jessica Whitley Starns ’06 and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Aubrey Faith, March 25, 2010. She joins big brother Caleb, 2.
Passings


Marian Dew Humphreys ’29 passed away April 6, 2010. She was a longtime member of First Community Church. She was preceded in death by husband, James; and siblings, John Dew ’32, Robert Dew ’23, Helen Dew ’26, and Anna Margaret Dew ’19.

Alice Foy Collins ’30 passed away May 24, 2010. She taught English literature, poetry and writing at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown from 1937-1945, and then again from 1960-1974. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by husband, Earl Collins. She is survived by daughters, Ruth Collins Amstutz ’66 (Larry Amstutz ’66), Sarah Munn and Jane Hunt; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pauline Barton Doeringer ’37 passed away Aug. 1, 2010. Pauline was a business education teacher for 30 years at numerous high schools in Ohio, retiring from Licking Heights in Pataskala where she taught for 16 years. She was also the principal at Sunbury, OH, High School during World War II. She is survived by her son, Dana; daughter, Diane; and husband, Raymond. She is survived by nephews, Robert Billman ’55; and niece, Terry Davis Bare ’90.

Virginia Hetzler Weaston ’37 passed away April 8, 2010. Virginia was a resident of Westerville for more than 50 years. She served several years as the director of Admission for Otterbein. At the age of 50, she began her career in teaching with Westerville City Schools. Virginia was a member of the Otterbein Women’s Club, and enjoyed working at the Otterbein Thrift Shop. She was also a member of the New Century Club, International Relations Club, and was a 50-year member of the Church of the Master. She was preceded in death by former husband, Harry Weaston, Jr. ’35. Surviving are children, Daniel Weaston ’68, Dee Weaston Standish ’73, and Diane Weaston Birckbichler ’66; and son-in-law, William Standish ’73.
during World War II as a radio corpsman in the South Pacific theater. Frederick worked for more than 30 years at Koch oil refinery as a chemical environmental engineer and was an elder and superintendent of instruction in the Presbyterian Church. He was a fisherman, golfer, tennis and volleyball player, and he taught sailing and sailed in crews on Lake Superior as a captain. He and Lois loved ballroom and square dancing. In retirement, he worked for Habitat for Humanity and traveled North America and Europe. He is survived by his wife, Lois Carman Anderegg '43; children, Doris, Douglas, Dale, Dorothy and Donald; and six grandchildren.

John Karefa-Smart '40 passed away Aug. 26, 2010. He was one of the most highly educated Sierra Leoneans of all times. He was a veteran politician and public servant and fellow or professor in various positions for universities all over the world, including Ivy League U.S. institutions like Columbia and Harvard. As a politician he served as minister of lands, mines and labour, minister of defence and foreign minister, while also acting as prime minister on many occasions. He will be remembered for his contributions in parliament and his principled stand on matters of national interest.

Harold Augspurger '41 passed away Sept. 9, 2010. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II as a Lt. Colonel and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. He served on Otterbein's Board of Trustees, was a founding member of the “O” Club and member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and Otterbein's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University's Dental School in 1952. Harold founded the Dayton Ski Club and was an active member of Kittyhawk Ski Club, Dayton View Optimist Club and First United Methodist Church of Dayton. He also volunteered at the U.S. Air Force Museum. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen “Molly” Augspurger '41; children, Richard '69, Jim '71 (Linda Ancik '71), Jayne Ann McKewen '74 and Betsy Duncan '76; nine grandchildren, including Ellen Augspurger '08, Bryan Duncan '06, Adam Augspurger '05; four great-grandchildren; and relatives Sibyl McCuasley Carr '74, and F. Thomas Sporck, '67. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gracie Burdge '39; sister Mary Ann Augspurger McCuasley '48; and relatives Edna Burdge Sporck '34 and Don McCuasley '48.

Lowell Fichner '42 passed away Jan. 13, 2010. He retired from Armco Steel and was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. Preceding him in death was his daughter Marcia and brother Kenneth. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and children Jamie and Lynn Schmeling '81; seven grandchildren; and stepsister Anne DeSanto.

Helen Hood Springman '44 passed away Aug. 7, 2010. Helen was a serious musician who polished and perfected her performances of classical and romantic period music. Her world was her private piano lessons, introducing music to thousands of young people in Lower Bucks County, PA, for more than 50 years. Preceding her in death was her former husband, Jack; son, David; and siblings, George and Hazel. Surviving are her sons, Ted and Mark; and a brother, Palmer.

Edgar Daniels '47 passed away Aug. 5, 2010. Edgar served in the U.S. Navy and on a PT. 222 in the Solomon Islands during World War II. He was a professor at Western Washington College, Bellingham, WA, then in 1953 moved to Bowling Green State University in Ohio where he spent the remainder of his teaching career, and where he was the chair of the English Dept. from 1971-1979. After retirement in 1980, he and his wife, Harriet, moved to Carmel, CA. He created postcards of Carmel landmarks and exhibited his art at local galleries. He volunteered at the Carmel Foundation and was active with the Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library. As an avowed Anglophile, he made frequent trips to Europe. He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet; and sister, Doris Havens. He is survived by his son, Scott; two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Paul Payne '47 passed away May 28, 2010. Paul worked in the law department of Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH; Boeing in Seattle, WA; and in Olympia, WA. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; and two children, Laurie and Phil.

Martha Good Reece '47 passed away April 3, 2010. While at Otterbein, she majored in fine arts. Her highest artistic honor came when she was asked to draw a pencil portrait of then Otterbein president, Dr. J. Gordon Howard, for the 1946 Sybil. Her interest in drama was best indicated by her roles in two Shakesperian plays at Otterbein and her activity with the United Methodist Players drama group of Akron for many years. Preceding her in death was her husband, Rev. Rolland R. Reece '50; and siblings, Ray Good '46 and Lora Good McGraw '38. She is survived by children, Christopher, Faye, Barbara and John Reece '76; daughter-in-law, Louise MacAdams Reece '77; and cousin, Carol Peden Jefferson '46.

Charles Hoover '48 passed away June 4, 2010. Charlie served in the Navy during World War II as a midshipman. He fought in the Pacific Theatre and was a lieutenant on the
USS Mobile, the first ship into Nagasaki after the atom bomb was dropped. He then worked for Anchor Hocking in Lancaster, OH, and the Ball Corporation in Muncie, IN. Most of his career was working for Ross Labs, Columbus, as an engineer. Charlie loved golf and received may plaques for his expertise. He was a sports fan, gardened and traveled all over the world. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth, and son, Monty. Surviving are his wife, Rebecca; son, David; and daughter, Angela Hoover Leckwatch ’89; six grandchildren; sisters, Merna and Glendora; and many family members and friends.

Betty Baker Johnston ’48 passed away April 9, 2010. Betty volunteered for more than 30 years with the Girl Scouts, and ran the day camp at Blendon Woods for a number of years. She taught Sunday school at St. James Episcopal Church. She volunteered with the PTA and Head Start. Betty worked for Reviere Dental Center for many years as the office manager. Preceded in death by husband, Lloyd. Surviving her are children, Alice, Donna and Vicki.

Harrison “Jim” Booth ’49 passed away April 30, 2010. Jim entered the United States Navy after college, and served in the South Pacific. He received numerous awards for serving his country. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Coshocton Lodge #96, Samaritan Chapter, Coshocon Council, Coshocton Commandrey KYCH, Aladdin Shrine, 32 Degree Scottish Rite, the American Legion, a life member of the VFW, and the Coshocton Elks. He was preceded in death by brother, Edmond Booth ’36. Surviving are his wife, Lucille; children, Jeff and Pam; and nephews, Jack Booth ’69, James Booth ’64 and Joseph Booth ’65.

Charles Ranck ’49 passed away July 6, 2010. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was awarded the honor of the Purple Heart. He retired after 33 years with General Motors. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Ferguson Ranck ’49. Surviving are his son, Paul; daughters, Carol, Cheryl and Susie; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Ferguson Ranck ’49 passed away Nov. 21, 2009. Surviving are her son Paul; daughters Carol, Cheryl and Susie; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Wilbur Woods ’49 passed away Sept. 10, 2010. He was retired from Frigidaire, where he was a member of the T.O.M. (Tired Old Men) Club, and played basketball for the Dayton Air Gems. A mason, he was a member of St. Johns Lodge #13 E & A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and the Tippecanoe Chapter #307 O.E.S. He was a friend of Aullwood, Audubon Society and a member of the Phillipsburg Emanuel Lutheran Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva; brothers, Charles and Donald; and sisters, Helen, Frieda and Marjorie. Surviving are his children, Jack Woods ’79 and Connie Woods ’75; and their mother, Ruth Arthur Woods ’50; two grandsons and many friends and family.

Herbert Bailey ’50 passed away July 5, 2010. He was retired from Armco and received the Purple Heart while fighting in Normandy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; children, David, Candace and Caprice; and stepchildren, Freda, Teresa, Todd and Rick; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Fife ’50 passed away March 2, 2010. James served as an Army paratrooper in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. He received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and Good Conduct medals during his tour with the 82nd Airborne. He spent his professional life working in administration in the health-care field. Preceded in death by wife, Jeanne; and brother, Harry Fife ’51. Surviving are his children, Patricia, William and Brian.

Kenelm Harris ’50 passed away June 14, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Worth Harris ’49; sister, Jacquelyn Burgess Harris ’47; and children, Kenelmn, Stephen, Janalyn DeSantis and Joanne Anderholm.

William Torgler ’50 passed away Feb. 26, 2010. William was an Army veteran of the Korean conflict, and he retired from Republic Steel Company after 36 years of service, having worked as a foreman. He was a member of the Masons and Canton Moose. Preceding him in death was his wife, Mary. Surviving are his children, William and Sandra.

Patricia Finney Hawk ’51 passed away April 24, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Hawk ’52; and daughter, Cynthia. Surviving are her children, Rebecca Hawk Thomaswick ’74, and Beth.

Raymond Miller ’51 passed away July 26, 2010. Ray was a teacher and taught many years at American military bases in Japan and Germany. He was an avid golfer and photographer who enjoyed snow skiing and gardening. Preceding him in death was his brother, Robert. He is survived by his sister, Marie, and many relatives and friends.

Barbara Lemley Amundsen ’53 passed away Dec. 28, 2009. She retired after teaching for more than 29 years. Barbara was preceded in death by Neil, her husband of 50 years. Surviving are her daughters, Claire and Marie; and granddaughter, Lisa.

Rev. William Goff ’55 passed away May 2, 2010. After his time at Otterbein, he continued his education at Evangelica Theological Seminary in Naperville, IL, where he
graduated and was subsequently ordained in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the evangelical United Brethren Church. His long and varied ministry began with small, rural churches in Pennsylvania coal country and, after a five-year tenure as a social worker, resumed when he was appointed Protestant chaplain at the Ohio Penitentiary. He concluded his state service as chaplain of the Marysville Women's Reformatory. He was a 40-year member and past master of West Gate Lodge #623 F.A.M. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Pardoe Goff '57; and children, William, Deborah and Judith.

Howard Longmire '55 passed away Aug. 4, 2010. As a young man, he was a charter member of the Dayton Rotary Boys Choir. Howard taught public school music for 11 years at Upper Sandusky, Hartville and Westerville, OH, and directed church choirs wherever he lived. He served Otterbein Home for 26 years as office manager, personnel manager and director of church and community relations. In 1971 he was asked to organize and direct a church choir at Otterbein-Lebanon, which he continued to do through May, 2010. Surviving are his wife, Virginia Phillippi Longmire '55, sister, Nancy Longmire Seibert '52 and many relatives and friends including his nieces, Kathleen Seibert Martin '74, Belinda Seibert Lynch '77 and Rebecca Seibert Deckard '76. Preceding him in death was his brother-in-law, Robert Seibert '53.

Barbara Pittman Quaintance '55 passed away May 31, 2010. She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, where she directed the choir and played the organ for many years. Always active, social, and community-minded, she belonged to COTA, American Association of Women, Lutheran Leader Sunday school, and the Earth, Wind and Flowers garden club. Barbara’s hobbies were playing the piano, growing flowers and playing Scrabble weekly. Preceded in death by husband, Warren; and father, Myron Pittman '25. Surviving are her children, Michael and Laurel.

Amelia Caulker Ben-Davies '59 passed away April 10, 2010. Amelia worked as head of the Ministry of Social Welfare in Freetown, Sierra Leone, until her retirement in 1973. During that time she represented the ministry at various national and international meetings and helped to organize church extension programs at the United Methodist Urban Center, Kissy and Pa Loko. She was instrumental in getting a school built in her village of Mambo and worked toward the construction of a road to the village. In 1979 she received the Insignia of Officer of the Rokel and in 1982 was appointed as a member of the Board of the Sierra Leone Housing Corporation and served as minister for food affairs. In 2000 she received the Millenium Award for Faithful Service to the United Methodist Church. She will be remembered for her contributions to the development of the rural women and infant feeding programs, especially for the Bennimix project which she designed and engineered. Survivors include Imodale Caulker Burnett ’63.

Peter Frevert ’59 passed away May 11, 2010. He received his doctorate in economics from Purdue University in 1964 and served as a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University in 1963-64. He taught economics at Depauw Univ. and was an associate professor at the State Univ. of New York at Buffalo from 1964-67 and the Univ. of Kansas from 1967-2001, when he retired. He taught a number of undergraduate and graduate courses and authored several books and publications all related to economics. Preceding him in death was his wife, Anna Reder ’58. Survivors include children, Elizabeth, Laura, Mary Ann and Benjamin; and several grandchildren.

James Edward Nuhfer passed away March 28, 2010. Jim spent 27 years serving church camps in the West Ohio Conference. His last 12 years of camping he developed camps at Camp St. Mary's for people with mental, physical and emotional handicaps. He served on the YMCA Board of Directors, FEMA Board, and was active in Kiwanis for 30 years. He was also a life member of the St. Mary's American Legion Post 323, and the St. Mary's VFW POST 9289 where he served both as chaplain. He was a member of the Eagles Aerie 767 and volunteered at St. Mary's Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Lucille; and children, Kimberly, Kris Nuhfer ’79, and Jan Nuhfer Cruz ’89.

Anthony Dreiseidel ’60 passed away March 12, 2010. Anthony was a member of the United States Army, where he served three tours in Vietnam and retired after over 22 years of service as a chief warrant officer. He was a proud member of the Masonic Temple Lodge in Lapeer, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Preceded in death by brother, Dirk Dreiseidel ’59. He is survived by his wife, Darlene; and children, Lena and Michael.

John “Jack” Spicer ’60 passed away July 29, 2010. Jack was the owner of Buckeye Donkey Ball Company and a
member of the Rotary Club Westerville and Otterbein “O” Club. He is survived by his wife, Sandy; daughters, Andrea, Amy and Jill; five grandchildren; brother, Richard ‘61 and sister, Linda Spicer Beckner ‘69 (Richard ‘69); niece, Kara Beckner Evans ‘03; and many other family members and friends.

John Weiffenbach Jr. ‘60 passed away May 23, 2010. John worked for 26 years as a dedicated educator, heading the Wayne High School Science Department. Preceded in death by mother-in-law, Margaret Matthews Werner ’29. Survived by wife, Nancy Werner Weiffenbach ‘60 brothers-in-law, Robert Werner ’63 and Charles Werner ’63; and children, John, Jean, James and Julia.

Orvis Wells ’62 passed away Nov. 25, 2009. He served in Vietnam as an Air Force captain. He was a doctor in private practice in Denver from 1973 to 1990 and then moved to Fargo, N.D., where he worked at the Dakota Clinic until retirement in 2006. Orvis was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo. He enjoyed fly-fishing, playing the banjo, the mountains and his dogs. Survived by his wife, Mary Lou Keinath Wells ’63; and children, Todd, Scott, and Kristen.

Jane Hagerty Telem ’64 passed away April 5, 2010. Jane worked several years at the Pleasantville Cottage School, in upstate New York, helping abused or emotionally distressed children find their identity in Judaism through writing, producing and performing their own plays based on Biblical text. Later in life she immigrated to Israel where she settled in the Upper Galilee region. Survived by husband, Isaac; and children, David and Ayal.

Susan Berger Brown ’65 passed away Jan. 6, 2010. Survived by husband, Michael; and children, Lawrence, Christopher, and Edward.

Beverly Ace Hotze ’70 passed away Aug. 1, 2010. Beverly was a teacher for 18 years in the Westerville, OH, school system and member of the PEO Women’s group and the New Horizon Westerville Retired Teachers. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Robert; children, Bobby, Linda (and life partner Belinda Smith); three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and many family members and friends.

Donna Jean Maple ’70 passed away March 21, 2010.

Guy Chapman ’71 passed away April 7, 2010. He was a teacher and coach as St. Paul School in Westerville, Holy Trinity School in Bucyrus, and Colonel Crawford Agency in Marion. He also taught physical education at Fairway-Waycraft. He is survived by wife, Brenda Shearer Roseberry Chapman; son, Jason Chapman; and step-daughter, Marni Stiles.

Gerald “Jerry” Lang ’71 passed away Aug. 13, 2010. Jerry served in the U.S. Army in Fort Lewis, WA, as the assistant to the chaplain. He was a 7th grade teacher for Ontario MS, Mansfield, OH, as well as the track and cross-country coach. He played piano and organ and was involved with the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, OH, and the Penn-Ohio Model “A” Ford Club. A member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellville, OH, he volunteered in many capacities and was a past member of the Bellville Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, Denise; children, Amanda, Robert and Katie; sister, Suzan Kaye Lang ’65 and many numerous family and friends.

Jeffrey Bryant ’73 passed away April 1, 2010. Surviving are his children, Danielle, Kelly, and Jill.

Holly Jean Barrows ’75 passed away Sept. 2, 2010. She was preceded in death by her son, Colin. Surviving are her life partner, Melanie Biddle; children, Tyler, Mandy and Amy; and grandchildren, Jayden and Josslyn. Holly was a physician, practicing primarily at Grant Hospital in Columbus, OH, where she leaves many close friends and former patients.

Vickie Wanner Limbach ’75 passed away Feb. 18, 2008. Surviving are her husband, Tim; and daughter, Emily.

Suzanne Stilson Edgar ‘79 passed away June 22, 2010. Surviving are her husband, William; son, William; siblings Amy and William; and many relatives and friends. Suzanne served on Otterbein Board of Trustees and as a Columbus State Community College trustee for almost 17 years and was an accomplished business leader.

Jacqueline Copley McKitrick ’84 passed away Dec. 17, 2009. She was a member of the UMC for All People, where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Faith Partners Ministry Team. She was also an employee at Franklin International for 15 years. Surviving is her husband, Mac; children, David and Erin; and brother-in-law, Rev. Christopher A. Ciampa ’82.

Richard Roe ’04 passed away July 18, 2010. Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Kathy; daughters, Stephanie and Jessica; mother, Talma Roe; sister, Sue Raulerson, and many friends and relatives.

Friends
Roger Deibel passed away June 7, 2010. He was a teacher for 39 years in the Ohio public schools, and was a professor emeritus (1965-89) in the Education Department at Otterbein. Roger was a member of Lions Club International, the National Education Association and Church of the Messiah, Westerville. He is survived by wife, Dorothy; daughters, Marie and Karen; son, Donald; and brother, Curtis. Preceded in death by brothers, Carter and Dwight.

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Cardinal Tales
by Becky Fickel Smith ’81, director of Alumni Relations

“This is really strange,” says Meredith Ulmer ’14 as she walks into my office in the Hancock House. You see, her father, Dave Ulmer ’84, used to live in my office at 111 W. Park St. when he was a student. For 18 years, Meredith has heard stories from her mother, Leann Ellison Ulmer ’86, and father who met at Otterbein 28 years ago. Her parents would reminisce about their residence hall life in Davis Hall (where Meredith is living just down the hall from where her father also lived), campus life and involvement in fraternity and sorority traditions. Meredith is not alone as a new Otterbein student with alumni relatives. This fall, we have a self-reported 115 new students — freshmen and transfers — who have joined the legacy ranks of the other 90 upperclassmen.

Another Cardinal Tale comes from a new legacy student who is third generation and the third sister to attend Otterbein. She proudly declares their family has always sung the Otterbein Love Song at Christmas gatherings.

I hope you share your Otterbein memories with your children and bring them to campus for athletic, admission, arts and alumni events. As our Otterbein Admission Viewbook reads “Students who come here find something real and they carry it with them…from these four years to the rest of their lives.”

CARDINAL FOOTNOTE: Call the Office of Admission to make your appointment for your personal tour. 614-823-1500 or 1-877-OTTERBEIN or visit www.otterbein.edu/visit.

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Cardinals by the NUMBERS
Number of pints of tan and cardinal blood donated at the Cap-Otter Blood Drive in 2010.

166
Number of alumni living abroad.

32
Number of alumni traveling on the Mediterranean cruise fall ’10 and Caribbean cruise spring ’11.

205
Number of legacy students (self-reported) currently at Otterbein. A legacy student is anyone who is related to an alumnus/alumna.

22,419 living alumni
10,309 alumni who stay in touch by e-mail
1,150 alumni on Otterbein Alumni Facebook fan page www.facebook.com/otterbeinalumni
1,008 alumni in the Otterbein Alumni Group www.linkedin.com
94 alumni following Otterbein on Twitter www.twitter.com/otterbeinalumni
Cardinals have Many Social Media Connections at their Feathertips...

by Kara Anderson, assistant director of Alumni Relations

Alumni, even if you cannot make it back to campus, you can always keep up with Otterbein online!

Facebook
www.facebook.com/otterbeinalumni
We created a brand-new Otterbein University Alumni Facebook Fan Page and as of Nov. 1, our former fan page (Otterbein College Alumni Association) has been shut down. “Like” our brand new page to see alumni event photo albums and video, Otterbein historical trivia, alumni news, and announcements about upcoming events. Feel free to post your own news and photos on the Alumni Wall, so other alumni can see what you have been doing since you left the ‘Bein!

LinkedIn
www.linkedin.com (search Otterbein Alumni)
The Otterbein Alumni LinkedIn group serves as a professional social media site where we share Otterbein news related to your employment and professional development. Coming soon — live and recorded webinars featuring career advice from some of our outstanding alumni!

Twitter
www.twitter.com/otterbeinalumni
Follow alumni, sports and Otterbein to learn about all of the cool news happening in 140 characters or less! Retweet (RT) whatever you find interesting to your alumni friends!

Alumni Online Directory
www.otterbein.edu/alumni/benefits
The online directory allows you to stay connected with Otterbein and old friends 24/7. You can also update your personal information, share your successes and read about the lives of other alumni.

Publications
www.otterbein.edu/alumni/publications
All kinds of publications can be seen at this site, including past issues of Towers, the alumni e-newsletter Cardinal Connection, Greek newsletters, and the athletics newsletters online!

Otterbein 360
www.otterbein360.com
Check out Otterbein 360 for all of your current Otterbein news from the people who know it best, the students! On this site, you can watch live streaming WOCC TV, listen to live radio from WOBN and catch up with the T&C Newspaper on their archives page.

Cardinal Athletics
www.otterbeincardinals.com
Cardinal Sports Fan? Get live stats of Otterbein Athletic games as they happen, watch YouTube footage of past games, or add any one of the 20 Cardinal Athletics RSS feeds to get the latest headlines downloaded instantly onto your desktop or mobile device. Even sign up to get free SMS texts delivered directly to your wireless device with scores of Otterbein athletic contests.

Flickr
www.flickr.com/photos/otterbein
Join the Otterbein group on Flickr to look at photo albums from Otterbein events, share them with your contacts, or upload your own photos and video of alumni gatherings! If you’re a member of the group, add your photo to the group pool and any group member can view your photo and add notes, tags, and comments.

Otterbein University YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/otterbeinuniversity
YouTube is the world’s most popular online video community, so subscribe to the Otterbein University YouTube Channel to see on-campus events like the Homecoming 2010 flash mob dance. You can even upload your own videos 000000with Otterbein-related content! •
Loyalty Lives Here

Alumni Club updates and events, alumni gatherings, networks and reunions

To see complete photo galleries of all alumni events, go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni/photos

Otterbein alumni have been busy this summer, just look at the pictures! We encourage you to reconnect with Otterbein and join other loyal alumni for gatherings in your demographic area or in your area of interest. Check out the alumni website www.otterbein.edu/alumni to learn about upcoming events for you, your family, and of course, your alumni friends! Would you like to host an alumni gathering? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations today for more information, 614-823-1650 or alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.

San Antonio — Alumni living in the San Antonio area gathered to share Otterbein stories at the home of Bruce ‘75 and Sherri Woodring Schneider ‘75 this past July.

Track Reunion — The Third annual Track Reunion for athletes coached by Porter Miller ‘65, Guido Ricevuto and Dave Lehman ‘70 was held in August at Dave Lehman’s home in Westerville. Alumni athletes and families enjoyed lunch sponsored by Pat Bennett ‘86, Scott Hill ‘85 and Mark Puskarich ‘86.


Columbus Zoo — On July 17, more than 75 alumni came out in the 90+ degree heat to enjoy a day at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium hosted by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio! Cardy the Cardinal was there to greet alumni as well!
JuneBug Jamboree — The 14th annual JuneBug Jamboree Alumni Event was held June 26 at Bill ‘48 and Helen ‘47 LeMay’s farm in Waynesville, OH. More than 110 alumni and friends enjoyed a delicious catered picnic and plenty of activities for family members of all ages.

Blossom Music Center — Cleveland- and Akron-area alumni braved the rainstorms and came together for a reception before Disney in Concert at the Blossom Music Center followed by a spectacular display of fireworks!

Summer Send-Offs — We would like to thank all 83 of the alumni and Otterbein staff volunteers for hosting incoming students and their families at the Summer Send-Off cookouts Aug. 9-15 in Akron/Canton, Dayton, Westerville, Dublin and Cleveland.

Last May, three Otterbein Theatre graduates realized a lifelong dream of spending an afternoon with their mentor and most highly acclaimed musical theatre composer, Stephen Sondheim. Pamela Hill ‘75 (back row, second from left), Mary Rose Molinaro ‘81 (front row, last on right) and Regina Vann Hickok ‘83 (back row, last on right) are three of 10 members of the Ladies Who Lunch Club. In 1987, the Ladies began corresponding with Sondheim, who wrote the song The Ladies Who Lunch for the musical Company, which received six Tony awards in 1971. Sondheim is best known for his hits A Little Night Music (Send in the Clowns), Gypsy, Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods, Assassins and A Funny thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Mr. Sondheim turned 80 last March. The Ladies felt it was the perfect time to make the trip and sent a formal invitation. It was not only accepted, but was countered with an offer of brunch at his Manhattan home on May 26. Sondheim was a most gracious host and very generous of spirit. He insisted on pouring their coffee during dessert and gave each Lady a warm hug at their departure. After brunch, The Ladies proceeded to the Roundabout Theatre (Studio 54) to attend a matinee of Sondheim on Sondheim, compliments of the composer himself. The show is a tribute to Sondheim’s career, with songs from various shows and his own anecdotes about his years in show business. The group says they are still on cloud nine from the experience.

Stephen and the Ladies
Alumni Online Directory

The Alumni Online Directory is free and easy to use. Use it to find old friends, post Classnotes and even update your own contact information. But if you wish that your information NOT be included in the directory, you can opt out. Standard directory information includes name, preferred class year, address, phone number, e-mail address and employment information. Your name and preferred class year will always be viewable by other alumni. You may ‘opt out’ from having some or all of your directory information viewable by other alumni by completing the online form at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/optout or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

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November 18, 8 -11 p.m. / Young Alumni Event at the Big Bang Piano Bar in downtown Columbus, featuring Otterbein Alumnus, Kasey Todd ’08
November 20, 10 a.m. / Alumni Club of Central Ohio meeting
January 21 / Alumni Council Meeting
January 22 / Alumni Club of SW FL River Boat Cruise
February 20 / Alumni Club of SW FL Picnic in the Park
March 19 / Alumni Club of SW FL Annual Luncheon
April 1 / Baltimore – D.C. area Young Alumni Gathering
April 15 / Alumni Council Meeting
April 26 / Founder’s Day
May 19, 6 p.m. / Maastricht Dinner Reunion, Otterbein
June 10 - 12 / Alumni Weekend/Commencement
June 25, 4 p.m. / June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH

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These Cardinal travelers gathered in front of Mt. Hood at Timberline Lodge, which was one of the sites on the Columbia Gorge tour. Visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni and click on “photos” to see lots of beautiful photos from our great Northwest migration.
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