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From the EDITOR

by Roger L. Routson

A Time of Transformation for Towers, too



Roger Routson

What a time of change it is at Otterbein. In September we will officially become Otterbein University, going back to our roots and the name with which Otterbein was originally founded in 1847. (See stories on this beginning on page 5.) In the last year we have inaugurated a new president for the first time in 25 years. In the fall of 2011, we will move from quarters to a semester system. And a task force has been working all year to better refine and enhance the student-focused Five Cardinal Experiences: 1) community engagement; 2) undergraduate research and creative work; 3) internships and professional experiences; 4) global and intercultural engagement; and 5) leadership and citizenship. With these and so many other changes taking place, it is truly a time of transformation at Otterbein.

And for that reason, it's also an ideal time to transform *Towers* magazine.

It's been over 15 years since I took on my first issue of *Towers* as editor and graphic designer. That issue (Spring 1995) featured the wonderful art of **William Replogle '56**, both on the cover and inside. Through the years I have been gratified that the magazine has been so well received by Otterbein's alumni, parents, friends and campus community. I also, of course, appreciated the constructive criticism. However, many of you have told us over the years—through surveys, letters, emails, or face-to-face at Alumni Weekend, Homecoming and other events—how much you like *Towers*. So collectively, if I might speak for the entire editorial staff and review board, let me extend a very humble thank you. Your appreciation through the years has always made the long hard hours of editing or photo retouching or graphic design or, um, searching for the right words for an editor's column, go much easier.

Now it's time for you once again to let us know, in some detail, what your *Towers* magazine should be. The *Towers* Editorial Review Board is collectively taking a sabbatical of sorts from the magazine. Sabbaticals are a time for professors to step back to research, refresh, and ultimately improve their teaching. That is what we are doing, in a way. You'll notice that this spring issue is much smaller than normal. There will be no summer issue. We are taking some time to step back and think about the magazine and how we can better share the Otterbein story. We are going to rethink a number of factors—content, design, organization, number of issues per year, a robust online version—in essence, we are going to rethink everything. And we need your help.

We will be conducting an online survey in the very immediate future to determine in greater detail your preferences in matters relating to *Towers*. We will be using the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) survey, in which to date over 160 college institutions have participated. We will be emailing the survey to a randomly-selected percentage of our readership with email addresses. The email will contain a link to complete the survey. If you specifically would like to be included in the survey, please send an email to classnotes@otterbein.edu and put "survey" in the subject line. We will see that you are included. If you would like to share your ideas with me personally, please email me at rroutson@otterbein.edu, or call 614-823-1600. I am always happy to hear from our readers and get ideas and opinions on the magazine.

In the fall, it is our hope to present to you a redesigned, rethought, transformed *Towers*. We thank you for your continued interest in *Towers* and look forward to hearing from you.

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*Summer camp,
community events
make equine facility
a hub of activity*

by Jill (McKeever) McCullough '89

If Otterbein's horses could talk, they would be bragging about their new digs.

The 70,000-square-foot, 52-stall Equine Center, which took the better part of two years to build, opened for business in time for the 2009-2010 academic year. Encompassing 77 acres in the heart of Westerville, the Otterbein Center for Equine Studies has created a number of new possibilities for both Otterbein students and the community. From the moment it opened, it has drawn crowds to horse shows and special events.

"This is a multi-use facility. We have areas for all sorts of campus and community-related activities that have, so far, attracted thousands of spectators and participants," said Bruce Mandeville, chair of the Department of Equine Science.

One such affair was the Plan-It-Green Expo. The April event catered to environmentally-conscious residents in and around Westerville and featured local businesses and organizations committed to energy conservation. The Center was the ideal venue for the event, Mandeville said.

"We are trying to be as green as possible here and hoping to get the word out about our composting plans and community gardens," he said.

"I was very involved in the planning stages of the facility, and seeing the programs that we envisioned come to fruition is rewarding."

Enriching the Student Experience

The old facility, which sat on 22 acres of land, contained 23 permanent stalls and a handful of temporary ones. It housed 32 horses. The new Center is equipped to handle more residents, which means that there are several new names floating around Otterbein these days—names like LaBamba, Abe, Valentyne, Miss Kitty, Oz, Popcorn, Pedro, Kennsington and Vagas. All are good-natured and experienced hunters and event horses. **Lucy Cryan '86**, director of equestrian studies, said that the Center has reached full capacity with 51 horses and two foals.

She isn't worried about the influx. Too much thought and planning went into the care and comfort of the Center's horses long before it was ever built. A state-of-the-art ventilation system, windows in each stall, designated veterinary bays, heated laboratory areas, all-weather paddocks, and indoor and outdoor arenas mean that a large number of horses and humans can move about in total comfort regardless of the weather.

"The new Center has definitely made an impact in regard to the

Equine's

horses, Otterbein and the community. It also made one on me,” said **Riyad Gandhy '00**, Otterbein riding instructor and alumnus. “I graduated in 2000 with a degree in equine science. I came back 10 years later at the start of winter quarter because I was drawn to the people in the program and to the new facility.”

He said that the old facility didn't have enough space to meet the needs of Otterbein's students; the new one offers an abundance of opportunities.

“Because the new facility is bigger and because it can accommodate more horses, the horse-to-student ratio is much better. Also, there is more indoor space to teach lessons, which is a pretty big deal during the winter months. We no longer feel cramped,” he said.

The Equine Center hosted the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's (IHSA) Regional Championship event in March—an event the Otterbein equine staff has always wanted to host but couldn't until now.

“The best part about this particular show was the 11 Otterbein students who competed in 13 divisions. In the end, we had three new regional champions,” said Cryan.

Additional events held at the facility since September include the Interscholastic Equestrian Association

Horse Show, which attracted more than 500 spectators; the Intercollegiate Dressage Association Show; additional IHSA shows; and various riding clinics.

“This fall, we had more than 40 freshmen enroll at Otterbein as either equine majors or minors. During my 15 years at Otterbein, we have never had more than 27, so I think we will hit our goal of 150 equine majors pretty quickly. We also have added riding classes to serve students who aren't majoring in equine science,” said Cryan, who believes that the Center's capacity deserves much of the credit for the increased enrollment and interest in equine science.

“The fact that we can finally offer boarding for student horses is a big thing. We offer stalls to only the best students and riders. These highly dedicated students likely would have chosen other schools in the past because they want to bring their own horses to school. Stall space is already competitive, which means that the quality of students is improving; we believe that the facility is drawing them in from all over the country. This year, we have freshmen from Texas, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Illinois, and the list goes on,” said Cryan, who adds that students now receive more hands-on time with school horses and work-study options.



Opposite page, circle: Freshman Jacqueline Farrell with Otterbein horse, Ted. Top: Freshman Ashley Carlisle with Otterbein horse, Starbucks. Above: Junior Rebecca Gross with Otterbein horse, Vinny.

New Digs



Left: Dressage rider sophomore Mary Evert with Otterbein horse, Ponder, in the indoor arena. **Center:** A view of the Center from the pasture. **Right:** Vinny in his new stall.

“This is significant because our faculty and staff here at the Center are spread pretty thin. It helps when we can add practicum opportunities and internships. In the past, most of these experiences took place at other facilities because our facility couldn’t accommodate them,” she said.

Enriching the Community Experience

In addition to better serving students, the new Center allows the College to better serve the community, said Cryan, who is in charge of the horses’ care and the happenings at the Center throughout the year. These events include everything from horse shows and clinics to labs and community-sponsored events.

On April 9 and 10, the Center hosted the Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness workshop, which was attended by 70 emergency responders, veterinarians, veterinary technicians and horse enthusiasts. The sessions covered, among other things, the latest in emergency and disaster preparedness, basic concepts in large animal emergency rescue, and methods of containment and restraint for large animals.

“It was the first time this area had ever seen a clinic like this,” Cryan said.

Events like these play an important role because they offer exposure in the community and beyond, Gandhi said.

“In the past, we did not have the ability to host large events because we didn’t have the space or the appropriate venue. Now we have the ability to turn them into successes due to the impressive nature of the facility. Now the community knows who we are,” he said.

Enriching the Summer Camp Experience

Beginning in June, the Center will host a series of summer day and overnight camps for experienced and inexperienced riders between the ages of 9 and 18. The idea is to get kids turned on to Otterbein via safe and fun equestrian activities, Cryan said.

“We will offer three overnight camps for experienced riders in the hopes of attracting kids from all over the United States. I can’t think of a better recruiting tool,” she said.

The Equine Center will also offer five separate weeks of day camp designed to teach students to ride and handle horses. Daily clinics on horse care, equine first aid and proper horse handling techniques will be included in both the overnight and day camp programs; both programs will run through August. Cryan hopes that, by the end of each camp, students will have a good idea as to what the equine world and Otterbein have to offer.

“We don’t have much of a chance during the school year to interact with the neighboring community in terms of riding lessons or teaching kids about

horses because we are so busy with our students,” said Gandhi, who will oversee the equine summer camps. “The camps give us an opportunity to cater to kids in the general public who are interested in horses, riding and our new facility. In the process, we will be able to give them a taste of what life is like as an Otterbein student engaged in equine science,” he said.

Visitors Welcome

With student lessons going on 12 hours a day, five days a week and student labs happening seven days a week, the Equine Center is in constant motion. And yet Cryan and her staff still find time to organize weekly tours and manage daily impromptu visits. She also makes sure the Center is available to campus organizations when they need a place to meet.

“We encourage visitors. The gate and front door are open until 5 p.m., and people can call to set up an appointment,” said Cryan, who believes that the Center’s open-door policy complements its mission. “It’s all about offering a safe and stimulating educational environment where students, faculty and members of the community can gain an appreciation for our horses,” she said. ●

For more information on the Otterbein Center for Equine Studies or its events, call 614-823-3020. For information on equine summer day or overnight camps, visit www.otterbein.edu/summercamps.

OTTERBEIN

by Tom C. Morrison '63, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

On Feb. 6, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the renaming of the College as Otterbein University. The renaming proposal came out of the school's new Strategic Plan, a multiyear project that was commenced in 2007 under President DeVore and was led by Vice President for Academic Affairs Abíódún Gòkè-Pariólá. Before being presented to the Board for approval, the proposal was studied by both the Board's Academic Committee, led by Board members Rev. Erwin Kerr and



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Mary Hall '64, and a special task force chaired by Trustee Dr. **Ted Huston '57**. The new name will become official on Sept. 1, the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year. The two most frequently asked questions regarding this change are: (1) why are we doing it? and (2) does this presage a significant change in the nature and culture of "our dear Otterbein"?

As to the "why," the term "university" is an accurate reflection of what the College has become. We are no longer merely an undergraduate school. We now offer four graduate degrees, two in education, one in nursing and one in business administration. Moreover, steps are underway to strengthen our MBA program, develop additional masters programs and obtain certification for one of the first doctorate of nursing programs in the state of Ohio. We also have a vibrant continuing education program, which is a natural for Otterbein given our location in the greater Columbus metropolitan area. Our graduate and continuing education programs account for over 25 percent of the approximately 3,000 students who attend Otterbein each year. Last year, as part of our Strategic Plan, the Board approved the reorganization of the College into three schools, each with its own dean: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Graduate Studies. This reorganization will allow us to better focus our efforts and resources in each of these important segments of the College, and provide us with a dean who can focus solely on our graduate programs. Renaming ourselves

To see a video from the Otterbein Board of Trustees and get more information about the name change, visit www.otterbein.edu/university.

Otterbein University will also enhance our ability to achieve several other objectives in our Strategic Plan, such as the recruitment of more out-of-state and foreign students.

As to the second question, no one among the faculty, the administration or the Board of Trustees believes that the change in any way signifies a departure from our core values. Otterbein will remain a student-focused institution where the faculty's first priority is teaching. We will retain our liberal arts-focused undergraduate curriculum; indeed, our Integrative Studies Program has long served as a nationwide model for how the liberal arts can be integrated into a cohesive program over the course of four years. We will retain our tight student/faculty ratio of 12 to one. And we will retain our core cultural values of caring, civility,

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inclusiveness and service to others. This culture, together with our focus on the traditional liberal arts as they relate to life in the 21st century, will continue to be at the heart of the Otterbein experience.

In July you will begin to see implementation of the new logo. But we will still refer to ourselves as

“OC” (Otterbein Cardinals). We will still be found on the Internet under “Otterbein.” And we will still refer to “Otterbein, our college” in the *Otterbein Love Song*. And, by the way, we will not even have to change the engraving that appears on the eastern front to Towers Hall (pictured previous page) that reads: “Otterbein University: Founded April 26, A.D. 1847.” ●

Back to FOUNDERS DAY 2010

by Jenny Hill '05

Otterbein College's name is not the only thing going back to its roots; Otterbein also revived the tradition of Founders Day, which has not been celebrated regularly in over three decades. The three-day celebration leading up to the official Founders Day on Monday, April 26, kicked off on Saturday, April 24, with the Founders Day Spring Plunge. This community service event sent over 400 Otterbein students, faculty, staff and alumni into the community to volunteer in projects at over 20 sites in central Ohio.

“Otterbein University was founded in 1847 to serve others, and

that devotion to service is still part of our mission today,” said President Kathy Krendl. “It is wonderful to see so many of our students not only getting involved in service, but embracing and incorporating the philosophy into their lives.”

Volunteers assembled furniture for families in need, created blankets for “My Very Own Blanket,” planted a flower garden for assisted living residents, planted trees in Casto Park and organized a food pantry.

On Sunday, April 25, Otterbein invited students, alumni and the community to campus for the first ever Founders Day Donut Run. Nearly

50 participants, including a 6-year-old girl, turned out for the Donut Run 5K fun run/walk, cheered on by Otterbein's mascot Cardy. The Donut Run collected donations of money and non-perishable food to benefit Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.). Free donuts and t-shirts were given to all participants at the finish line.

Also going on that day was the Founders Day River Frolic, which featured kayaking and canoeing on Alum Creek launching from a park located just west of campus. Otterbein also brought back some traditional and contemporary games for a Scrap Day after the run, including tug of war, potato sack races, a water balloon toss, corn hole, and more, while the student-run radio station, WOBN, broadcast live at the event.

“While the rain certainly kept some people home, we are very encouraged by the turnout at Sunday's events. It was a good start to what will become an annual celebration. We are going to regroup with new ideas and create an even better event for next year's Founders Day,” said Krendl.

A Founders Day Convocation was held on Monday, April 26, which is the official date of Otterbein's founding. The convocation featured historical



Students participating in Founders Day activities are Leea Ayers (sophomore), Emma Brock (sophomore), Samantha Fremer (sophomore) and Daryl Kelley (junior).



Left: Canoers test the waters of Alum Creek on Founders Day. **Center:** Ed Vaughn '71 portrays Lewis Davis, one of Otterbein's founders, at the Founders Day Convocation. **Right:** Christina Kirk, professor of theatre and dance, portrays Kate Winter Hanby, one of Otterbein's first graduates.

music and re-enactments by members of the Otterbein community. Former President Thomas Kerr (1971-1984) gave the invocation and current President Kathy Krendl gave opening remarks. The Grabill Brass Quintet, comprised of current and former music faculty, performed *Crown Our Loved Otterbein*, *Otterbein Love Song*, *Come on Down to Otterbein* and serenade songs, while the Otterbein Concert Choir performed *Darling Nellie Gray*, the famous abolitionist song by **Benjamin Hanby 1858**.

Ed Vaughan, professor of Theatre and Dance, took the stage with a passionate re-enactment of former president Lewis Davis (1850-1857 and 1860-1871), featuring a monologue written by **Sylvia Vance '47**. Fellow Theatre and Dance Professor Christina Kirk gave a rousing portrayal as Kate Winter Hanby, one of the two women who comprised the first graduating class of Otterbein University in 1857. The monologue

was adapted from *In a Quiet Peaceful Village*, a play by Les Epstein. Students Micaela Coleman, Andrew Betz and Anna Haller read accounts from students from 1907, 1950s and 2010, respectively and in costume.

A reception followed the event with a self-guided "Lost Otterbein" walking tour, researched and created by Otterbein Archivist **Stephen Grinch '98**, **Jeff Yoest '77** and Bill Merriman. The tour features "lost" buildings on campus that are no longer there, including the original main building, which was destroyed in a fire in 1870, and Cochran Hall, a women's residence hall that was destroyed by a fire in 1976. Tours will be offered on Alumni Weekend and at Homecoming.

"Otterbein is well-known and respected for its rich history, so the opportunity to illustrate our history through the musical and dramatic talents of our students and faculty created a truly unique and enlightening experience," said Krendl. ●



With Towers Hall in the background, runners take off on the 5K Founders Day Donut Run. Participants received free donuts and T-shirts.

Otterbein University... what you said

"We are grateful for the progress that you are promoting, Kathy. Keep up the good work!" Ruth Smith Strohbeck '42

"I am thrilled with the name change to Otterbein University. Although I am an 'old grad,' class of 1956, I believe in the future of my alma mater and am proud of all the progress it has made and will continue to make." Thelma ("TJ") Hodson Orr '56

"Thank you for your stewardship of a wonderful little gem; I appreciate your pushing Otterbein to greater excellence." Anne E. Croskey '66

"Congratulations! As a parent of a new freshman at Otterbein University, I am pleased and proud of the new name and educational goals for the institution and wish you all well with your plans for the future." Tammy Rodney

"A rose by any other name...college or university makes no difference. It is still one of the finest schools in Ohio and I am glad it is in my hometown of Westerville." Jon Volpi

"During my four years at Otterbein there has been a lot of transition and change with new buildings, a new president and now a new name. They are all signs of growth and progress. I will be proud looking back at these days and the initiatives we worked on to plan for future generations." Anna Haller '10

ClassNOTES

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1947

Palmer Manson retired as a Presbyterian minister; he taught the advanced religious research class at Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church in North Myrtle Beach, SC. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Oberlin Seminary and a master's degree in divinity from Vanderbilt University.

Research on Leukemia and Related Diseases for his years of service from 1974-1995. The association also honored him by creating the David S. Yohn Outstanding Research Award.

1952

Don Myers and his wife, **Mary Wagner Myers '56**, became great grandparents. Their first great-grandchild, Alivia Joy Zimmerman, was born on Feb. 24 to their grandson and his wife, Brian and Julie Zimmerman.

1950

Frank Truitt was featured in the *Times Recorder*, Zanesville, OH, in an article featuring 1960 Ohio State University athletes and coaches.



1951

David Yohn was recognized by the International Association for Comparative



1961

Ron Jones and wife, **Suzanne Shelley Jones '62**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 5, 2010.

1963

Thomas Morrison has joined the firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.



1951

Pat Shanahan is the queen of hearts according to her family's unusual 80th birthday card.



1967

Janet Blair Roll hosted a mini-reunion in Wildwood, FL. The group included (from left) **Linda Bixby '67**, **Jim Million '66**, **Mary Blair Fields '65**, **Al Fields '65**, **Suzan Lang '65** and **Janet Blair Roll '67**.

1965

Larry Buttermore was featured in *The Daily Courier*, Connellsville, PA. He wrote a book full of his memories growing up in his hometown.

Heights in Columbus, OH. His next move was to Hilliard, OH, schools where he spent over 20 years. He was recently inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Golf Hall of Fame.

1967

Deborah Ewell Currin was elected to the Hudson Library and Historical Society Board of Directors.

Ed Vaughan directed a play by **Carter Lewis '73** called *Evie's Waltz*. The play featured **Mandy Fox '93**, **Ralph Scott '89** and **Caitlin Morris '09** at CATCO in Columbus, Feb. 17-March 7. **Stephanie Gerckens '87** designed the scenery. **TJ Gerckens '87** is a managing director at CATCO.



1971

Monte Rhoden has retired after 38 years of teaching and coaching. Rhoden began his career at Crestview High School in Ashland, OH. Later he moved on to Franklin

1973

Stephen Kinser has been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for Amanda-Clearcreek High School, OH.

Carter Lewis was featured in the *Columbus Dispatch*, Columbus, OH, for his play *Evie's Waltz*.

Nancy Griffin Robinson has moved to Richmond, VA, where she is serving as president of the Friends of Barnabas Foundation, a mission agency.

1974

Mary Eyman Bowen will retire from teaching at Fairfield Union Local Schools in June 2010.

Mary Lou Clemans celebrated 34 years of serving the state of Ohio in vocational rehabilitation and retired in February 2009. She attended the World Campus Afloat F-72 Voyage Reunion in Los Angeles in September 2009, and traveled there by driving U.S. Route 66. She is planning to help teach children to read and continue activities in civic theatre.

Carol McClain Cosgrove's oil paintings are on display at the Turner Gallery in Clintonville, OH, and Studio 4 in Nelsonville, OH.

Carol Amlin Hudson is retiring from teaching after 30 years of service at the Miamisburg, OH, City Schools.



1976

Randy Adams is co-founder of Junkyard Dog Productions, and the lead producer of the Broadway musical, *Memphis*. The

1974

Ronald Moomaw is the lead psychiatrist for NASA Behavioral Health Services. He is classified as a NASA flight surgeon/psychiatrist. Ron is the principal investigator for a research project called *Sleep/Wake Measures in Space Analog Environments*.

show opened Oct. 19, 2009, and is still running. Adam's mission for operations of Junkyard Dog Productions is to act as a catalyst for new material.

Becky Shultz Amorelli retired at the end of December 2009 after 33 years in elementary education. She taught first grade for 22 years at Norwood Elementary in West Jefferson, OH, and 11 years at Keeseville Elementary in Keeseville, NY.

Barbara Hannahs Gifford has retired after 30 years in job and family services. The last 19 years she was with Franklin County; she previously worked for Muskingum County, Guernsey County and also with the state of Ohio. In 2005 she purchased her grandparents' house in Zanesville, keeping it in the family for 80 plus years.

1979

Holly Feen-Calligan was promoted to associate professor with tenure at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

Gary Hoyle is working as a business consultant at Wholesome Tummies.



Paul Rickels has joined EMH Resources, a Texas oil and gas company, as the vice president of operations.

Karen Freeman Sewell enjoys working as a community event planner for Barnes and Noble. She has had many Otterbein alumni participate in store activities. She hopes to get some authors from the 'Bein. She keeps very busy taking care of **Mike Sewell '79** and all his band adventures at Pickerington Central High School.

Kimberlee Wilcox was recently promoted to the director of training for the Department of Transportation for the state of Ohio. She also received the international certification of project management professional from the Project Management Institute.



1981

Cindy Jackson Mash was featured in the *Gazette News*, Xenia, OH, as Greeneview High School's Feature Teacher.

1982

Jeff Boehm is currently writing the film score for an indie film titled *Heart and Mind*. In May he will take 15 Bluffton University students on a cross-cultural trip to Wales and England where they will perform joint concerts in the Cardiff area and in his ancestral hometown of Lewes. This summer Boehm will be preparing a recital of his and other compositions for trumpet and electro-acoustic accompaniment. Additionally, Boehm is serving as president of the Jazz Education Connection of Ohio. He has been very active giving band clinics around northwest Ohio, including one for **Doug Norton '89** at Lima Senior High School, Lima, OH.

1983

James Jenkins practices at Jenkins Chiropractic in Bartlett, IL. In addition to his practice, he serves as an instructor at the National University of Health Sciences. Jenkins holds a bachelor's degree in human biology and a doctor of chiropractic from the National College of Chiropractic.



1983

Tom Schorr and his wife, Jung yoon, connected in Seoul, South Korea, with **Yeonsung Lee '88** and his wife, Yu ju. Schorr is stationed at the U.S. Army base in South Korea. Upon asking the Office of Alumni Relations for alumni in the area, he met Yeonsung at a local eatery.

1984

Susan Diol Cadiff acted with Treat Williams and Nancy Travis in *Safe Harbor*, a Hallmark movie. She guest-starred on *Cold Case* which aired in November 2009. She currently lives on a farm in Sundale, CA.

1987

Kimberly Schumaker Willison was appointed the principal of Clearview Elementary School in Fairfax County Public Schools, VA, on Dec. 1, 2009. She is also happy to be a breast cancer survivor.

1988

Steven Fricke has 13 years of service on the Balloon Classic Invitational committee for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Department of the Canton, OH, Regional Chamber of Commerce. Fricke is serving his second and final year as chairman. He has served on the security and logistics committee for seven years and served eight years as a Battle of the

Bands judge for the Timken Grand Parade, a nationally televised event that includes pro football hall of famers, giant balloons, floats, marching bands, cheerleaders and fans.

Yeonsung Lee is teaching at Seoul National University of Technology, South Korea, in the area of culture management for the art department, which is a new class for Korean people. Also, he was designated as the educational exhibition director for World Youth Art Exhibition of 2nd UNESCO World Conference on Arts Education in Seoul. During that exhibition and conference, he will be a workshop keynote speaker on multicultural and ethnological arts and crafts in education.

1989

Kyle Ramey is the human resource director of the Kettering City School District in Kettering, OH.



1990

Craig Pickerill and his wife, **Amanda Slager Pickerill '90**, have been named Adult Heroes for the 2010 American Red Cross Hometown Heroes for their facility in Washington

Court House, OH, which offers a free clothing store, free meals, counseling and job-seeking advice to those in need.

1991

Ben Hodges of *Theatre World* is editor of the new book, *The Play That Changed My Life: America's Foremost Playwrights on the Plays that Influenced Them*. The 200-page paperback features an introduction by Paula Vogel and essays and interviews from 19 of America's most distinguished playwrights. *The New York Times* gave the publication a rave review, and called it a "valuable new collection of essays and interviews."

Barbara Cabot Luke is practicing law as a solo practitioner in the areas of personal injury litigation and domestic matters. She is also working as a guardian ad litem, an advocate who is appointed by the court to determine the best interests of children in custody disputes. She is also returning to her musical roots by frequently singing and playing piano at her church.

1993

Melissa DeVore Bruney recently accepted the position of director of fund development at EUM Church in Greenville, OH.



1985

Jeff Gale has recently been elected vice president of the board of education for the Westerville City Schools.



1991

Colby Paul Kingsbury has joined Baker & Daniels LLP as a partner in the law firm's Chicago office. Before joining Baker & Daniels, she practiced for 10 years in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP where she was named the firm's first Pro Bono Partner of the Year in 2008. She also was the 2009 recipient of the ACLU's Annetta Dieckmann Award as well as the recipient of Kirkland's Pro Bono Service Award in both 2008 and 2009.

She is responsible for the overall fund development and stewardship of the church, as well as its capital campaign for a new church home that was completed in March.

Paige Tirey Zilincik will step into the position of assistant director/office manager of the Office of Sponsored Programs at Otterbein College. She received training in the fundamentals of sponsored project administration through the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and represented Otterbein at the February Council on Undergraduate Research Conference, *CUR Dialogues*.

1994

Dan Knechtges is the choreographer of *Give it Up*, a new musical by Douglas Carter Beane at the Dallas Performing Arts Center. The cast also includes the talents of **Lindsay Chambers '02**.

Elizabeth Bailey Martin was published in *Activa Paediatrica*, fall 2009, for implementation of a multi-disciplinary, guideline-driven approach to improved hospital outcomes of the extremely premature infant.

Michael Robinson started a new chiropractic office in Delaware, OH.

Caroline Liggett Stevens is working as the athletic trainer for Lumen Christi High School, Jackson, MI.

Scott Wilson received his master's degree in theatre studies from Southern Oregon University. He teaches theatre and speech at Centennial High School, Columbus, OH. He is also the director of the Ohio Educational Theatre Association.



1997

Matt Ehliner was inducted into the Tecumseh High School Athletic Hall of Fame, New Carlisle, OH.

Kristin McGloshen Moore is working for Sports Medicine Grant and Orthopedic Association as the durable medical equipment specialist. She takes care of the bracing for all of their patients, including post op bracing, functional speciality knee bracing and everyday ankle braces.

1998

Josh Funk joined Hope United Methodist Church of Whitehouse, OH, as director of youth discipleship on Jan. 26, 2010. His responsibilities include oversight and leadership of both the children's and youth ministries.

Becky Devaney Stapleton, along with many other alumni, participated in the Columbus Ohio Heart Walk as part of Team Duncan's Walking Warriors. They walked in honor of Duncan Arthur, son of **Tricia Johnson Arthur '01** and **Scott Arthur '99**,

who died of hypoplastic left heart syndrome at the age of four months in October 2007. Some of the alumni included in the team were **Jessica Beyer Fry '99**, **Helene Mundrick Wirth '99**, **Audria Stout Reed '99**, **Rebecca Devaney Stapleton '98**, **Emily Devaney '98**, **Jenny Alspaugh Smith '01**, **Tiffany Compan McCallen '00** and **Lisa Kayjeck Hall '99**.

This was the second year Team Duncan's Walking Warriors participated, and they have raised over \$5000 for the American Heart Association.

1999

Christine Collins is currently with WTTG Fox 5 in Washington, D.C. Christine traveled to France to perform Mozart's *Requiem* in three music festivals.

Carli Amlin Dean was elected to serve as president on the board of trustees for the Tipp & Monroe Community Services for 2009.

Mark Snyder's play, *Lilia Cante*, received its premiere production in October 2009 with At Hard Theatre, a New York City-based green company. His play, *A Decent Stretch*, was seen in a staged reading in January 2010 in New York. Productions of *Lilia Cante* are forthcoming

in Chicago, Portland and San Francisco.



2000

Leah Mason Shapiro is a senior researcher at the National Capital Language Resource Center in Washington, DC. She is also a program associate and docent at the National Museum of Language in College Park, MD.

2002

Chris Bailey received his doctorate degree in pharmacology from Yale University in May 2009 for his thesis work entitled, "Mechanistic Insights into Antiviral Resistance, Mitochondrial Toxicity, and Design of Novel HIV-1 Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors." He recently accepted a position at Constellation Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA.

Sarah Barrett is the owner and CEO of Sarah Express Transportation, providing private executive transportation.

Nick Cox is currently employed at Lexis Nexis in Dayton, OH, working in strategic pricing.

1999

Sam Jaeger made his first appearance on NBC-TV's new drama series, *Parenthood*. Sam plays stay-at-home dad Joel Graham. The show airs Tuesdays on NBC.



Nicholas Gardner opened a solo practice law firm, Gardner Law, LLC, in Columbus, OH.

Mary Logan So has been named director of professional development for the Builders Exchange, providing leadership and professional development programs for the commercial construction industry. Her accomplishments include the establishment of the Safety Council of Greater Columbus in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. In her newly-created role, she manages staff directors of education and safety and will oversee a number of management education programs and conferences.

Matt Suttle completed his master's degree in education at Otterbein in 2007. He was recently named Central District Coach of the Year for Ohio as the head women's cross country coach at Dublin Scioto High School. He was married to **Markita May '03**, in June 2005.



2003

Jeremy Bobb is in *Becky Shaw* at the Wilma Theatre in Philadelphia.

Edwin Bonham is still working at Ohio Dominican University as an assistant athletic trainer. He recently received his master's degree from California University of Pennsylvania in exercise science and health promotion under the sport psychology track.

Andre Lampkins oversees financial aspects of literacy programs for the state of Ohio in his role as the manager in the Communications, Education and Engagement Division of the State Treasurer's Office.

Markita May Suttle accepted a position as chief pediatric resident at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. She was married to **Matt Suttle '02** in June 2005.

Lynda Lee Yonker is the vice president of patient care services at Mount Carmel New Albany, OH, Surgical Hospital.

2004

Gary Hall currently manages a team of 30 analysts supporting all functions of retail

administration at JP Morgan Chase.

Melica Hampton is an aspiring author. She has written two books, a romantic thriller about falling in love for all the wrong reasons, and one about college life and being in a sorority or fraternity.

Jessica Hazelbaker-Buell is a volunteer at CHOICE, central Ohio's center for home births and education, and is training to become a labor doula and a participation doula. She also is owner of a home-based bakery and opening a breast pump rental and retail store.

Jami Jones Patton was named an Ashland/*Columbus Dispatch* Star Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

Lindsay Rusnak earned her master's degree in elementary education in 2008 from DePaul University in Chicago, IL. She is currently teaching third grade at Stuart Hall School for Boys in New Orleans, LA.

Heather Smith has finished her master's degree and is a full-time school counselor at Seneca East School in Attica, OH. She also

received her community counseling license and works part time at the Christian Counseling Center in Tiffin, OH.

Dawn Thompson received her master's of library science from Kent State University in August 2009.

Kelly Arnold Wood had her thesis published at Pearson Digital Learning and Pearson Longman.



Brian Gray toured the eastern half of the United States with Springer Opera House from January-April 2010 as a performer in the revue musical, *Route 66*.

Jason Littleton led the Gatesville High School Marching Band, Gatesville, TX, to the 2009 Class 4A Texas State Marching Championship on Nov. 3. The band started the competitive process against 220 other 4A high schools in the state.

Jennifer Romey's new bridal shop, Bella Laccio Bridal, was featured in *Columbus Alive* magazine. The shop is located on North State Street in Westerville.

David Romich is sound operator for the national tour of *Dreamgirls*.

Jordan Strouse is the associate general counsel for Pinnacle Energy Products, AS Drilling Controls, Inc., in Houston, TX.

2003

Audrey Hueckel Hasson is a video host for Fox News Channel's entertainment and lifestyles Internet magazine: *IMAG*. She has reported for Fox on a variety of topics from women's safety and self-defense to a live like a celebrity series. Hasson has been a guest host for the VH-1 television program *Best Week Ever*. Also, as a freelance on-camera host, she was the live in-game host for the WNBA Washington Mystics.

Shiqi Wang recently celebrated her second anniversary at Ohio Mutual Insurance where she is the commercial lines product manager. She manages the commercial lines portfolio of products across multiple states. Recently her responsibility has increased into personal lines.

2006

Tiffany Estes is working for Ohio Health at the Southwest Health Center in Grove City, OH, in the physical therapy/rehab clinic. She is also an athletic trainer at Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH. She finished her master's degree in athletic training from California University of Pennsylvania in May 2008.

Jennifer Garner was featured in the *Circleville Herald* of Circleville, OH. She will be the nurse practitioner at Adena Family Medicine, a full-time primary care office and supporting ancillaries such as laboratory and general x-ray.

Jeremy Henthorn has been named the director of the Ohio Film Office. Henthorn is responsible for developing strategies to build the film production industry in Ohio, the implementation of the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit program and strengthening Ohio's film industry crew base.

Mark Tinderholt was recently promoted to senior manager at Avanade and continues his role as lead rich internet application architect for the application development service line in North America. He enjoys traveling across the United States and around

2006

SPC Benjamin Garnett and his unit, the 100th Army Band, performed on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate for the opening day of their 2010 General Session on Jan. 5, 2010. Garnett has also recently been appointed public affairs officer for his unit. In addition, he has auditioned for and been accepted into the Lexington Singers in Lexington, KY, where he sings bass II.



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2007

Peter Hampton is currently teaching middle school general music in Lakewood, OH. He also directs the children's choir at the Beck Center for the Arts, is a member of St. John the Evangelist, and sings with the professional early vocal ensembles, Quire Cleveland and Cantores Cleveland.

Andrew Horvath has been hired as a contract specialist with the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

Bryan Kossmann is currently employed at Columbus Percussion and also teaches part-time, both in Powell, OH, and at Newton High School near Dayton, OH. He is also a member of the Couchfire Collective based in Grandview, OH.

Kelly Shoup is currently in her third year of teaching at Imagine Academy of Columbus. She gave a presentation in January at the 2010 OMEA Professional Conference entitled *Ain't No Mountain High Enough: Overcoming Obstacles in the Urban Music Classroom*.

Abby Stillings is an athletic trainer/sports performance specialist at the Raleigh

Orthopedic Sports Performance Center. She also was recently engaged to be married.

Bobby Wright took the boxing gold medal in the annual Arnold Classic in Columbus, OH, this past March.

2008

Kyle Bennett is the head baseball coach for Big Walnut High School, Sunbury, OH. Kyle served as a volunteer coach at Big Walnut beginning his sophomore year in college. He assisted with the seventh- and eighth-grade programs and varsity pitching. He led the eighth-grade program in 2009. Kyle's baseball career began as a shortstop-pitcher for six seasons in the Big Walnut schools program.

Matt Brown is a graduate assistant at the University of Toledo.

Erik Christensen is the best man in *The Drowsy Chaperone* national tour.

Clare Schmidt is Petra Stockman in the New York Barrow Group off-Broadway production of Henrik Ibsen's *Enemy of the People*.

Selina Verastigui is Diana Morales in *A Chorus Line* National Tour. The tour is led by company manager

Matt Sherr '03 and lit by spot operator **Katie Sieg '05**.

2009

Julie Alton is currently in the Americorps program, working at the YWCA Family Center as a volunteer coordinator. She is also a soprano section leader for the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir Columbus, OH, and recently sang in Pagliacci with Opera Columbus.

Candy Baker is currently an assistant athletic trainer at Washington College, Chestertown, MD, where she is also earning a master's degree in psychology.

Brianna McPherson is currently working on her master's of fine arts degree in creative writing at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA. She has also been named a teaching fellow for the 2010-2011 school year.

Megan Miller is the new program coordinator at Clean Fuels Ohio. The company is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of cleaner, domestic fuels and efficient vehicles to the transportation industry, government officials and the general public.

James Prysock is the new health education program planner for Columbus Public Health. ●

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Wedding Album



1965

Carol Field Kirkman with husband, Charles



1996

Christine Bacu Milby with husband, David



2006

Kristin Ruff Menchen with husband, Rik '06



2009

Kendra Cosko Franke with husband, Josh '09



2009

Brittany Schmeltzer Seifert with husband, Reid '09



2009

Nicole Miranda Wainscott with husband, Nick

Marriages

1965

Carol Field to Charles Kirkman, Dec. 27, 2009.

1991

Barbara Cabot to Brian Luke, Dec. 27, 2009.

1995

Jenny Stratton to Brett Johnson, Sept. 19, 2009.

1996

Christine Bacu to David Milby, Dec. 19, 2009.

1997

Christopher Dillon to Nikki Queen, Oct. 10, 2009.

1998

Luk Lau to Shen Jing Xuan, Jan. 8, 2010.

1999

Kathryn Gray to Andrew Arber, July 17, 2009.

2000

Leah Mason to Julius Shapiro, Feb. 17, 2009.

2004

Jennifer Clark to Chris

Goff, Aug. 2, 2008. Many Otterbein alumni were in attendance.

2006

Kristin Ruff to **Rik Menchen** '06, Oct. 31, 2009.

2007

Ashley Wolfe to Brian Davidson, June 20, 2009.

2008

Amanda Lehnhart to James Boyd II, Oct. 3, 2009.

2009

Abigail Hudson to Charles Alsdurf, Sept. 12, 2009.

Kendra Cosko to **Josh Franke** '09, Jan. 2, 2010.

Brittany Schmeltzer to **Reid Seifert** '09, Nov. 7, 2009.

The wedding party included **Danielle Somerville** '09 and **David Rader** '09.

Nicole Miranda to Nick Wainscott, July 25, 2009.

The wedding party included **Kayla Sechler** '09 and **Becky Gray** '09. Also in attendance, **TJ Luttrell** '09, **Vanessa Wilson** '08, **Andy Chow** '09, **Matt Bender** '09 and **Eric Bartkowski** '10.

Additions

1989

Charles Rosen and wife, Andrea, a son, Adam Henry, Feb. 18, 2009.

1990

Jesse Blair Jr. and wife, Julie, a daughter, Katelyn Alice, Oct. 22, 2009. Proud grandparents are **Jesse Blair '64** and **Ricki Blair '64**.

1993

Matthew Hodges and wife, Jennie, a son, Kyle Patrick, July 10, 2009. He joins big brother Ryan, 5.

1994

Michelle Rush Christopher and husband, David, a son, Walker Holland, Sept. 28, 2009. He joins big brother Carson, 3.

Laura Lee Brigode Jingo and husband, Bill, a son, Elliott Nicolas, Sept. 1, 2009. He joins big brothers Caleb, 9, and Carter, 6.

Michelle Pignotti Pate and husband, **Kevin '93**, a daughter, Ashlee Moran, May 30, 2009. She joins siblings Kaylee and Justin. Proud uncle is **Alan Pate '89**.

1995

Melissa Lenko Robinson and husband, **Michael '94**, a son, Quinn, July 21, 2009.

1997

Adam Poe and wife, Emily, a son, Caleb Adam, Jan. 26, 2010. He joins big sister, Clara, 6, and big brother, Elias, 3.

Baby Album



1990

Katelyn Alice Blair



2003

Eliza Susan Mecholsky



2004

Maggie Karlyn Martini



1994

Elliott Nicolas Jingo



2003

Ethan Michael Cox



2005

Cale Eugene McGuire



2005

Lillie Camille Pope



1997

Caleb Adam Poe



2003

Keegan Bradley Lawler



2007

Briella Mae Tobias

Correction

In the last issue we mistakenly mixed the identifications of the two babies at right, who are now shown with their correct names. We sincerely apologize to the families for the mistake.

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2003

Jenna Alyse Jurkowitz

LeeAnne Mizer Jurkowitz and husband, Joe, a daughter, Jenna Alyse, Oct. 16, 2009.



2003

Ryken Clayton Corchinski

Katie Schell Corchinski and husband, Brandon, a son, Ryken Clayton, Nov. 4, 2009.

1998

Hilary Kimes Bernstein and husband, Aaron, a daughter, Eloise Hope, Dec. 11, 2009. She joins big brother, Ezra, 2.

1999

Kristen Parker Weinhart and husband, Kenneth, a daughter, Linda Blaine, March 23, 2009.

2000

Katherine Callison Dye and husband, **Timothy '99**, a son, Gabriel Robert Glenn, June 11, 2009.

Kristin Lanier Fox and husband, Daniel, a son, Eli Nathaniel, Dec. 24, 2009.

2002

Dawn Suver Lawrence and husband, Darin, a daughter, Ella Marie, Nov. 12, 2009. She joins big brother Jack, 3.

2003

Michelle Mikolajewski Cox and husband, **Nick '02**, a son, Ethan Michael, March 20, 2009. He was welcomed home by big brother, Brendon, 2.

Angela Lowe Lawler and husband, Chris, a son, Keegan Bradley, April 9, 2009.

2004

Jami Kelley Martini and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Maggie Karlyn, Oct. 18, 2009. She joins big brother, Drew, 2.

Kristin Cook Myser, a son, Treeker Owen, Feb. 18, 2010.

2005

Amanda Evans McGuire and husband, Daniel, a son, Cale Eugene, Nov. 25, 2009.

Lethichia Banks Pope

and husband, Thomas, a daughter, Lillie Camille, Jan. 29, 2010.

2007

Katherine Starling Tobias and husband, Matt, a daughter, Briella Mae, Feb. 22, 2010.

Deaths

1929

Richard Sanders passed away March 28, 2010. He spent his entire working career in the banking field, joining the Federal Reserve in 1934 and retiring as a vice president in 1973. His tennis abilities enabled him to play in tournaments all over the continent, and at age 80 he ranked in the top 10 nationally as a senior. He served many years as a Sunday school teacher and also served as a deacon and elder. Sanders served as a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees, and in 1999 Otterbein named new tennis courts in his honor. His grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Sanders 1878, was president of Otterbein from 1891-1901. Preceding him in death were grandparents, **Thomas Sanders 1878** and **Emma Slater Sanders 1877**; relatives, **Helen Byrer Sanders '16**, **Albert Sanders '21**, **Charles Sanders '12**; parents, **Ernest 1902** and **Ola Schrock 1901 Sanders**; wife, **Iva Huntley Sanders '29** and sister, **Alice Sanders Reed '26**. Surviving is his wife, **Charlotte H'91**; grandchild, **Susan Jones Reichter '85**; relative, **Bradley Reichter '83**; children, Richard Sanders and Betty Jones; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one

great-great-grandchild.

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1934

Richard Fetter passed away Feb. 23, 2010. He was a coach, teacher, principal and superintendent of the Richwood/North Union School District, Richwood, OH. He attended the First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for many years. He was also active in the Lions Club and Masons. Fetter retired from the school district in 1970 then relocated to Sun City Center, FL, in 1978. Preceding him in death was his wife of 62 years, Irene. He is survived by four children, **Christine Fetter Greene '63**, **Linda Fetter McGuire '67**, **Mary Jo Fetter Motz '69** and Kathryn Winders; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1938

Miriam Haynes Zimmerman passed away Jan. 24, 2009. She was a charter member of Northwest United Methodist Church and a retired teacher from Grandview School District. She was also a volunteer at Riverside Hospital and a supporter of Campus Crusade for Christ. She is survived by husband, Ben; and children, Bethanne and **Kathleen Zimmerman Raines '71**.

1939

Olive McCombs Foltz passed away June 24, 2009. After completing her education at The Ohio State University, she taught vocal music in the Watertown, CT, school system and wrote and presented numerous papers

and piano recitals for the Naugatuck Women's Study Club. She is survived by three children, Carolyn, John, and Robert; a brother, Paul; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces. Preceding her in death was her husband, Robert, and mother, **Yola Strahl McCombs '12**.

1940

Mary Agnes Dailey Spessard passed away Dec. 28, 2009. She taught at St. Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, OH, and was also secretary to the chemistry department at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH. She sang in choirs and in the Licking County Chorus, played in Mrs. Jeanne's marimba and recorder groups, and played the piano. Preceding her in death are mother and father, **Verda Miles Dailey '16** and **Edward Dailey '15**; and husband, **Dwight Spessard '41**. Surviving are children, **Ronald Spessard '68** and **Patricia Spessard Schramm '71**; daughter-in-law, **Carol Andrews Spessard '68**; and granddaughter, **Heather Spessard Eades '95**.

1942

Robert Roose passed away Jan. 12, 2010. Roose enlisted in the Army Air Corps serving as a war photographer in Italy and North Africa during World War II. He was personnel director at the General Electric plant in Murfreesboro, TN, until his retirement in 1985. He was active in the Boy Scouts, United Way and the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was

preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, **Mary Jane Brehm Roose '42**; and parents, **Vera Stair Roose '20** and **Robert Roose '18**. Surviving are his children, **Lawrence '68**, Richard and Jane Luna; a brother, **Donald '48**; sister-in-laws **Anne Brehm Sell '36** and **Evelyn Brehm '37**; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Donna Beck Wilkin passed away June 1, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Walker '42**. Surviving are two children, Donna and Randy; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

1943

Jean Unger Chase passed away Feb. 11, 2010. Following college, Chase worked in the advertising industry in Cleveland, OH, then returned to college to earn her master's degree in English from St. Francis College, NY. She then taught 18 years at Central and North high schools in Naperville, IL. She was a member of the Angola, IN, Congregational United Church of Christ, Friends of the Library, PEO Chapter DV women's organization, and volunteered at Steuben County, IN, Animal Shelter. She also read her poetry to the ladies of Cameron Woods assisted living facility. She is survived by husband, **Marion C. Chase '47**; children, Kevin and Susan; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

Joseph Dixon passed away Feb. 17, 2010. His life was

enriched with the love of music, an illustrious military career, and a gift for sharing his talents as an educator. Dixon was a 20-year member of the Tri-County Kiwanis, where he served as president. He was a member of David United Church of Christ and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lancaster, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Pickering Dixon '48**. Surviving are children, Kevin, Deborah, Janice and Laurinda.

Martha Moore Slone passed away Dec. 22, 2009. She was a substitute teacher in Rochester, MI, a Girl Scout leader, president of the Philanthropic Education Scholarship Organization in Lake Wales, FL, and P.E.O. member of the Detroit Chapter. She was a life member of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and Life Member and Circle Leader in the Grosse Pointe Methodist Church. She is survived by husband, Robert; and children, Robert Jr., Charles, David and Mary.

1946

Carol Clark Alkire passed away Jan. 27, 2010. She enjoyed raising great danes and basset hounds, and was very active within the local and national basset hound clubs. She retired from Belk's of Fort Pierce, FL. She was an active member of the Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, FL, for many years before moving to Wesley Chapel, FL. She was preceded in death by husband, **Robert Alkire '45**. She is survived by children, Pamela, Richard and Steven.

Jacqueline McCalla Cordle passed away Feb. 3, 2010. She was a longtime member of the Centerburg, OH, United Methodist Church where she served as choir director for 49 years. She was a civic leader involved in adult education, mental health services, women's clubs and an ardent supporter of the local fire and sheriff departments. She was named a Knox County Mover and Shaker and was named the 2007 Knox County Outstanding Senior Citizen. She was also recognized as a 2008 American Red Cross Humanitarian Hero. She was preceded in death by husband, Harold. Surviving are children, Erin, Jacqueline and **Christopher Cordle '69**; and daughter-in-law, **Susan Palmer '70**.

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Helen Hebbeler Evans passed away Dec. 28, 2009. She retired as a school teacher in the Oak Hills School District in Cincinnati, OH. She is survived by husband, **Robert Evans '49**; and children, Thomas and **Robert Evans '76**.

1950

William Crabbe passed away Nov. 2, 2009. He is survived by daughter, Carol.

John Dale passed away Jan. 22, 2010. He was vice president for Third National Bank, and a member of Central Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Una, and is survived by children, John and Karen.

Earl Hogan passed away March 4, 2010. After high school Earl joined the Army Air Force, served in WWII,

and later he was a captain in the Air Force Reserves. He earned his master's degree in education from The Ohio State University, and his doctorate degree in education at Michigan State University. He was the superintendent of many school districts throughout Ohio and Michigan. He was active in the Zanesville, OH Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Port Authority, and a board member of the Zanesville Art Museum, as well as many educational groups. He was a member of the Masons for 64 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Mary Webb Hogan '49**; two children, Dan and Cathy; two grandchildren; brother, Bob; sister, Betty Holderbaum; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers; two sisters; and two grandsons.

Kenneth Shively passed away Jan. 30, 2010. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1946. After graduating from Otterbein, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar, and was a partner in the law firm of Shively, Shively, and Shively for many years. He is survived by wife, Marie; and children, Elaine and Randall.

1951

Paul Moore passed away March 1, 2010. A World War II veteran, he was preceded in death by father-in-law, **Carl Smith '20**. Surviving is wife, **Ruth Anne Smith Moore '51**; sister-in-law, **Kathy Smith '69**; brother-in-law, **Neale Smith '50**; and nieces, **Jean Moore Smith '72** and **Jan Moore Bache '75**.

1952

Thomas Hammond passed away on May 7, 2009. He was retired from Bethlehem Steel, Bethlehem, PA and served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps and Navy Reserve and was commissioned as second lieutenant. He is survived by his daughters, Kim, Kris and Beth; and friend, Carl Fulcomer; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Hanaford passed away Feb. 3, 2009. He was a teacher for the Princeton School District and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hamilton. He is survived by wife, Donna; and children, Barbara and **Lee Ann Hanaford Millisor '79**.

James Rea passed away Jan. 8, 2010. He worked in aviation design at North American Rockwell in Columbus, OH, until taking a teaching position at the College of Wooster. During his 30 years at the College of Wooster, he served as chairman of the speech department, on many academic committees, and was director of the Freedlander Speech and Hearing Clinic, which provided free speech and audiology services to county residents unable to pay. After retirement, he continued to tutor at Pittsburgh Avenue Elementary School. He was preceded in death by mother, **Grace Straw Rea '13**; and child, Philip. He was survived by his first wife, **Elizabeth Marsh Rea '53**; wife, **Linda Snyder Rea '65**; children, Carol,

Jean, Ellen, and **Cabot Rea '78**; and daughter-in-law, **Heather Leach Rea '78**.

1953

Donna Rice Holland passed away March 3, 2010. She is survived by children, Larry, Timothy and **Mark Holland '03**.

Elizabeth Marsh Rea passed away Jan. 20, 2010. She was a published poet, a pianist and a supporter of the arts. She was employed in the treasurer's office at The College of Wooster, OH, before becoming director of housing there. She was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church in Wooster, a member of P.E.O., as well as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and a community ESL program in Wooster. She also volunteered for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry. She was preceded in death by sister, **Leslie Marsh Gress '62**; former husband, **James Rea '52**; and child, Philip. Surviving are children, Carol, Jean, Ellen and **Cabot Rea '78**; brother-in-law, **Allen Gress '61**; and daughter-in-law, **Heather Leach Rea '78**.

1954

Martha Hankinson Hutson passed away Feb. 13, 2010. She spent her early career as an elementary and preschool teacher and program director. She was an artist and enjoyed music, specifically listening to and playing the piano. Martha loved nature and watching wildlife, especially the birds visiting the pond in her backyard. She is survived by husband, Fred Hutson; child, Lynne; sister, **Mary Hankinson Crimmel**

'58; nephew, **Orlando Burt Crimmel '90**; and niece, **Marlynn Crimmel Gresock '90**.

1955

John Byrum passed away Oct. 14, 2009. He is survived by wife, Judith; and children, Jeffrey, John and Jayme.

1956

David Fisher passed away Feb. 19, 2010. David was an All-SEOAL basketball player for the Ironmen, and served as a teacher and coach in his hometown. His coaching achievements set him apart as Jackson High School's most successful boys' basketball coach in the school's history. He was a long-time member of Grace United Methodist Church of Jackson. He is survived by wife, Bobbye Lou Gagel Fisher; and children, Douglas and David.

Doris Stibbs Seitner passed away July 16, 2009. She was a member of Cross View Church, volunteered for the local board of elections, and was a member of the Washington Township Fire Department Auxiliary. She is survived by husband, Ronald Seitner; and children, Susan, Rhonda, Barbara and Nancy.

1958

John Owen passed away Feb. 12, 2010. He proudly served seven years in the U.S. Naval Reserve. As a talented manufacturing engineer, he founded and was president of Prototype Technology Inc. and CNC Fixtures. In addition to his business interests he was a consummate explorer and

investigator. His wonder and respect for history, nature and humanity guided his worldwide travels. He is survived by wife, Evanthia Owen; and children, Cindi and Kimberly.

1960

Arthur Green passed away Jan. 26, 2010. He served as a sergeant in the USAF deployed in Germany during the Korean War. He always wanted to know more; more about the world around him, the skies above, and the people he met. He is survived by wife, **Jacqueline Wright Green '58**; and children, Cindi and Scott.

John Minch passed away March 13, 2010. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was a science teacher at Circleville High School, Circleville, OH.

1966

Lana Rinehart Laseta passed away Feb. 10, 2010. She was a first grade teacher at St. James Academy, Monkton, MD. She didn't quite fulfill her dream of world travel, but she formulated multiple, memorable social studies units, transforming her classroom into places such as Japan and Australia. She is survived by husband, **Frank Laseta '67**; and children, Jordan, Joseph, Sarah and Grant.

1967

Helen Kennedy Bond passed away Jan. 29, 2010. She was a first grade teacher at Galena Elementary for 13 years and a principal for 12 years. She was a charter

member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Columbus, OH. She helped with Care Net Pregnancy Center in Mount Vernon, OH, and quilted more than 1000 quilts for newborns at Grady Memorial Hospital. She is survived by husband, Ernest Bond; children, Karen, Richard, Rebecca and **Doris Bond Kennedy '67**; and daughter-in-law **Susan Davis Bond '81**.

1980

Susan Gregory Minor passed away Dec. 24, 2009. Upon graduation, she entered the U.S. Civil Service as a contract specialist for the Army's

Tank-Automotive Command. Later, she served 22 years as a contract specialist, contracting officer, and team leader for the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division. She enjoyed traveling, making trips to the Caribbean, Europe, South America and South Africa. She is survived by husband, Michael; and children, Kara and Kristen.

1987

Howard Chambers Jr. passed away May 6, 2009. He was a field representative for the U.S. Census Bureau. He was a member of the Queen of Archangle Parish in Clarence,

PA, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Mountain Council, and was current president of the Clarence Community Cable. He was a coach for Mountaintop Little League, the Boys & Girls Youth Basketball League, and Youth Football League. He is survived by wife, Stephanie; and children, Noah and Morgan.

David Eckelberry passed away Jan. 25, 2010. While at Otterbein, he played third base for the baseball team. His love for baseball began in little league and continued throughout his life as he taught and

coached boys of all ages until his health declined. He touched many lives through his music and art. He was an accomplished drummer in the band, The Idea. He was also a prolific painter. He is survived by his wife, Carla; and children, Paul and Katie.

2007

Shannon Elizabeth Fox passed away Feb. 20, 2010. She was working toward her master's degree from the University of Dayton. She enjoyed traveling and animals, especially her dog. She was preceded in death by mother, Teresa. She is survived by father, William. ●

HOME 2010

October 23

"Forever Tan and Cardinal"

Highlights include:

- Young Alumni Gathering at Old Bag of Nails/Uptown Westerville
- Otterbein Alumni Choir Reunion
- Sigma Alpha Tau's 100th Anniversary
- Reunions for the classes of 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990
- Cardinal Playground with face painting, pottery painting, and more.

*Otterbein Blood Drive, Friday, October 15

** Interested alumni home-based business owners wanting to display, email rsmith@otterbein.edu



More information will be available this summer at www.otterbein.edu/alumni

Investing in OTTERBEIN

compiled by Lori Green

Mentoring Program, Physics Benefit from New Grants

The following grants were awarded to Otterbein for the projects described.

TG Benefits has awarded \$90,444 to Otterbein in support of **Ubuntu College Clubs**. John Kengla directs the Ubuntu program, which joins 25 Otterbein students with 75 pre-college students, nearly all of whom aspire to be their family's first generation to attend college. All students learn the art of mentoring, and in the process, develop the personal qualities important for college entry and retention. Through service-learning pedagogy, peer networks are established that inform personal choices about risky behaviors, influence student perception of personal efficacy and contribute to the development of complex problem-solving skills. Students write a common book about their experience, visit colleges and attend college information sessions held after school. Ubuntu seeks to build a cycle of success where middle school students who have been mentored eventually become the Otterbein students returning to the neighborhood to become mentors. St. Stephen's Community House is Otterbein's community partner.

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$113,000 to **physics professor Nathaniel Tagg**. In the course of the project, "Neutrino Experiments with the NuMI Beam," Dr. Tagg and two undergraduate researchers will study neutrino interactions and oscillations with the NuMI beam at Fermilab, IL, using the MINOS and MINERVA experiments. These experiments are large collaborations of over 100 scientists devoted to the study of fundamental particle properties.

The Ohio Arts Council has awarded \$2,000 to **Nicholas Hill in the Art Department** in support of his project "Contemporary Chilean Prints at the Frank Museum." Nicholas Hill traveled to Santiago, Chile to select contemporary prints for review, framing and display in the Frank Museum in autumn 2010.

The Ohio Board of Regents has awarded **Wendy Sherman-Heckler** \$107,853 for the project "OP2: OPERATION PHYSICS for Central Ohio Middle Grades Teachers." The goal of this project is to develop an understanding of basic physics among central-Ohio based teachers of students in grades 4-9. Teachers will enroll in nine (quarter) credit hours of graduate coursework through Otterbein, with tuition paid for by the Ohio Board of Regents. The coursework will provide teachers with sequences of inquiry activities, demonstrations, readings, and outside projects to be completed with their

students. Teachers will learn to recognize and challenge some naive ideas in order to inspire student interest in physics concepts, encourage problem-solving, and improve student learning in areas of physical science specified in Ohio's Academic Content Standards.

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Community Garden Academy of The Columbus Foundation has awarded \$3,480 to **Bruce Mandeville**, chairperson of the **Department of Equine Science**. He has also received \$520 of in-kind support from the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. Both of these gifts are in support of a project to establish a community garden at the new Center for Equine Studies as an educational resource and a commitment of service to the community.

Memorial & Honorary Gifts

The following gifts were made to Otterbein College between July 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009, to honor or remember Otterbein's special friends and alumni or loved ones. These names were inadvertently left off of the listing in the Winter 2010 issue. Our apologies for the omission.

In memory of James Heinisch

Roger & Margaret Lloyd Trent

Arthur Schultz

Roger and Margaret Lloyd Trent ●



Heather Mikolaj (left), a post-baccalaureate student in the Department of Art, and Claire Parson, an academic assistant in the Department of Education, have each received a grant to study the Lucinda Lenore Merriss Cornell diaries. **For the complete story, go to www.otterbein.edu/calendar/merris-cornell**

Alumni NOTES

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Kara Anderson



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Otterbein Online Links

Alumni Home page: www.otterbein.edu/alumni

Facebook: www.facebook.com/otterbeinalumni

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com (join Otterbein Alumni Group)

Twitter: www.Twitter.com/otterbeinalumni

Young Alumni Network in Central Ohio

Did you know there are over 4,500 alumni who graduated from 2000-2009 living in Ohio and 61% of those alumni live in the Columbus area? As a result, The Office of Alumni Relations has created the central Ohio Young Alumni Network and we are planning the event calendar for 2010. We offer career networking, cultural activities, professional/personal development workshops, social gatherings, and coming soon, weekend travel and after-work sports teams. Take the survey on our website www.otterbein.edu/alumni/YoungAlumni and let us know what you would like to do! Interested in a leadership role with the Young Alumni Network? Contact Kara Anderson, assistant director of Alumni Relations at kanderson@otterbein.edu. Also, save the date for the Young Alumni Homecoming Party Saturday, Oct. 23, on the third floor at Old Bag of Nails in uptown Westerville. See you then!



Over 25 young alumni gathered in April for a social event at Keystone Pub near Polaris Parkway. Pictured are members of the class of 2006 Karleigh Spahr, Holly Fenner Ritter, Jess Medors and Drew Laughlin.



Alumni Choir Reunion October 22 – 23, 2010*

All Otterbein choir members are invited to keep the celebration alive!

Friday, Oct 22, 7 p.m. – Rehearsal in Riley Auditorium, BFAC; 9:30 p.m. – Social event at Old Bag of Nails; Saturday, Oct 23, 7:30 p.m. – Concert at Riley Auditorium, BFAC. Conductors will be Dr. William Wyman (1971 to 1975) and Dr. Gayle Walker (2000 to present). For more information, contact this year's Alumni Choir coordinators, **Jill Leasure '75** at primadonna@frontiernet.net or **Peggy Malone '73** at Maloneagain@windstream.net

*Choir will have their reunion on the even years; Band on the odd years.

Alumni Serve Communities in Varied Ways

Serving others is at the root of Otterbein's mission and a strong core value emphasized from the day you attend orientation. The Office of Alumni Relations strives to provide various opportunities throughout the year that allow alumni to give back together and encourage alumni to give back to our current students. From the 2007 Alumni Survey, we learned that over 46% of respondents were interested in club community service days. This year, over 400 students and alumni participated in the annual spring community plunge in four locations around the country—Atlanta, GA; Akron-Canton, OH; central Ohio and southwest Florida—and provided service to others by

collecting art supplies for children, performing campus and community beautification clean-up, and donating food.

Otterbein alumni recognize the importance of giving back to their alma mater and others with their time, talents and contributions. We encourage you to give back to Otterbein not only through service efforts like the Community Plunge, but also with your time and talent at alumni/student career networking events and prospective student recruitment events. In the coming months, please visit the website at www.otterbein.edu/alumni to learn about alumni events and provide us with suggestions on how YOU want to give back to your alma mater.



The Alumni Club of Atlanta bought art supplies and delivered them to the Children's Center for Hope and Healing in Gainesville, GA. Pictured are Susan Kunkle '63, Gary '93 and Rebecca Strobl, Alicia Caudill Colburn '95, Joe Whitlach '96 and Andrea Kesterke '00.



Carole Kreider Bullis '56 and Edie Sheets Cole '60 display the food items collected from the Alumni Club of Southwest Florida for the Ft. Myers area food pantry.



The Alumni Clubs of Cleveland and Akron-Canton combined their networking efforts and met in March at Mavis Winklers in Twinsburg, OH. Watch for the next After Work Networking Event in the fall. Contact: Jeff Sabo '08 at JeffRSabo@yahoo.com (Cleveland) or Chris '88 and Susan Howell '87 Grant at Csshgrant@gmail.com (Akron-Canton).



The Otterbein Student Alumni Association sponsored three workshops this spring including speed networking, food etiquette, obtaining internships and understanding personal budgeting. For more information about the Student Alumni Association, contact saa@otterbein.edu.

2010 Cardinal Migration Portland, OR!

Pre-Migration, Thursday, Aug. 26

Basic Package, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28

Post-Migration, Sunday, Aug. 29



Portland, the City of Roses, features acres of parks and gardens, world class museums, and historic districts. Enjoy wineries, waterfalls, and paddle wheelers.

Mark your calendar and watch for the Cardinal Migration brochure which will be mailed in June.



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For over 50 years, the Otterbein Alumni Awards have honored individuals who have demonstrated Otterbein's excellence through their outstanding achievements in their career; their service to others, or their service to their alma mater. In February, the African American Alumni Network recognized

Andrea M. Brown '99 and **William Livisay Jr. '78** at the third annual AAAN Hall of Fame awards. Visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards to learn more about these individuals, to view the 2010 Alumni Award recipients, and nominate outstanding alumni for the 2011 Awards.



AAAN Hall of Fame award winner Adrea Brown '99 with Otterbein Board of Trustee member Mary Hall '64.



AAAN Hall of Fame award winner William Livisay Jr. with President Kathy Krendl.

Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click "Events/Registration" or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650

June 2 – Alumni Travel 2011 Presentation for the Caribbean Pearls and Historic Reflections (see promotion on page 23), Roush Hall, Room 118, 7 p.m.

June 5 – Cardinal Connection Tour in Chicago hosted by James Shilling '77, 6 p.m.

June 7 – Zero Year Reunion for the class of 2010, Rike Center, 4:30 p.m.

June 11 – 13 – Alumni Weekend, Otterbein campus

June 12 – Master's Commencement, Cowan Hall, 3:30 p.m.

June 13 – Undergraduate Commencement, Rike Center, 12 noon

June 24 – Young Professionals Networking, Lakes Country Club, Westerville, OH, co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 p.m.

June 26 – June Bug Jamboree at the home of Bill '48 and Helen Hilt '47 LeMay in Waynesville, OH, 4 p.m.

July 17 – Otterbein at the Columbus Zoo, sponsored by the Alumni Club of Central Ohio, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

August 9 – 15 – Summer Send-Off Tour, alumni clubs welcoming new students from

Akron- Canton – Monday, August 9

East of 71/ Central Ohio in Westerville – Tuesday, August 10

West of 71/ Dublin area – Wednesday, August 11

Dayton – Thursday, August 12

Cleveland – Sunday, August 15

August 20 – Alumni Council Meeting at Otterbein

August 21 – 'Disney in Concert' at Blossom Music Center sponsored by the Alumni Club of Cleveland 6:30 p.m.

August 22 – Third Annual Track Reunion Picnic for 1977-1988 alumni, Coach Lehman's home, 1 p.m.

August 26 – 29 – 16th Annual Cardinal Migration to Portland, OR

September 3 – Annual Alumni Cross Country Meet, Otterbein Course, 6:30 p.m. Contact: dlehman@Otterbein.edu

October 9 – Alumni Clubs of Akron-Canton and Cleveland Tailgating before the Otterbein-Baldwin-Wallace football game, 12 noon

October 22 – Fourth Annual African American Alumni Homecoming Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

October 22 – 23 – Alumni Choir Reunion

October 23 – Homecoming – "Forever Tan and Cardinal"



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