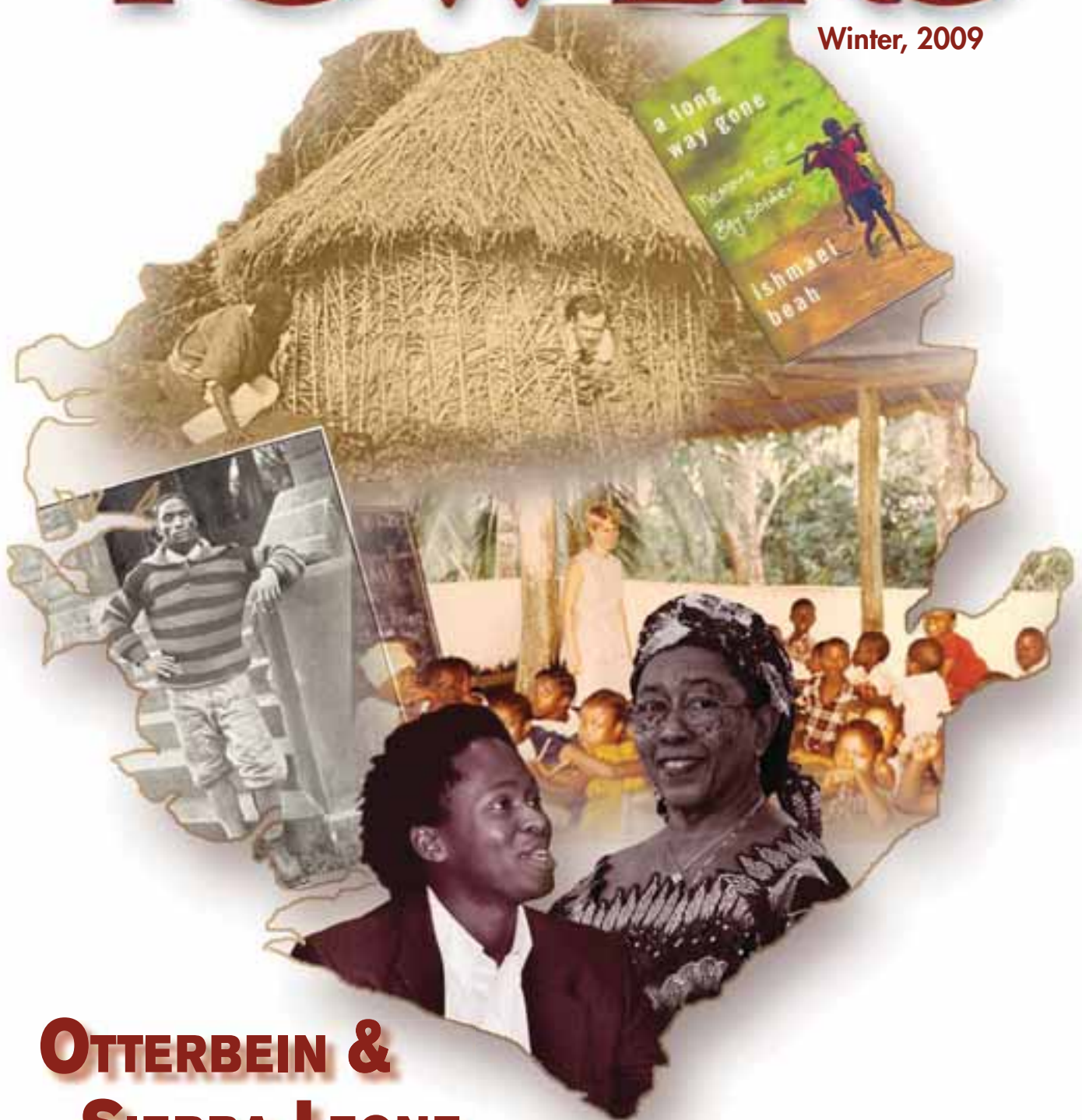


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## *2009 Signature Series*

# Otterbein Welcomes Back One of Its Own: Dan Knechtges '94

### Dance Concert 2009 Features Work by Alumnus

Otterbein Alumni and guests will welcome the return of **Dan Knechtges '94** to campus for the 2009 Dance Concert, March 5 through 8. Dan was selected as the "Signature Series" guest artist for the 08-09 academic year. Photographer Joel Meyerowitz who photographed the aftermath of 9/11 was the last "Signature Series" guest artist to visit campus in 06-07.

Not only did Dan choreograph a spectacular dance number for the show in March with Otterbein students but he spent time on campus recently in classes and offered advice on auditioning. **A public convocation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.** where Dan will discuss his time at Otterbein and his most recent professional endeavors including choreographing *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam Spelling Bee* and *Xanadu* now on national tour. On March 2 at 5 p.m. he will offer a Masters Class to local dance studios and its students.

Dan has directed and choreographed for numerous theatres across the country. His choreography has been noted for its exceptional storytelling, deft humor and good show biz.

Dan has had the pleasure of choreographing all four incarnations of the Tony Award winning *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* - the workshop and the first production, the Off-Broadway New York Premiere, and the Broadway production. For the Off-Broadway production, Dan was nominated for a 2005 Lucille Lortel award for Outstanding Choreographer.

You can visit his website to see samples of his most recent choreography and learn more about Dan at **[www.danknechtges.com](http://www.danknechtges.com)**.



### **DANCE CONCERT 2009:**

#### **TO EACH HIS OWN**

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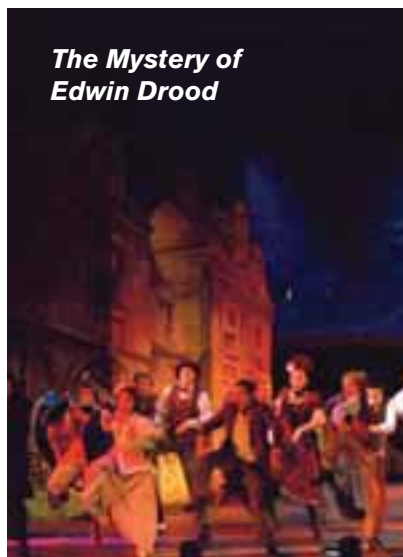
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*Dan Knechtges directed Otterbein productions  
of *The Mikado* (2002) and *The Mystery of  
Edwin Drood* (2002).*



*The Mystery of  
Edwin Drood*



*The Mikado*



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## Otterbein Announces Next President

**O**n Dec. 5, 2008, Otterbein College announced that Dr. Kathy A. Krendl, executive vice president and provost of Ohio University, agreed to become the College's 20th president. The announcement was made at a news conference in Roush Hall.

Krendl will be the first woman to lead Otterbein, a school with a rich history of inclusiveness. Otterbein was one of the first schools to admit women on an equal basis with men, and has admitted women to its full-time academic programs since its founding in 1847. Krendl will succeed President C. Brent DeVore, who will retire at the end of the academic year following 25 years as Otterbein's president. She will assume her role in July 2009.

Krendl received a bachelor's degree in English from Lawrence University (Wisconsin), a master's degree in journalism from The Ohio State University and a doctorate degree in communication from the University

of Michigan. After holding teaching positions at Ohio State, Southern Illinois and Indiana University, Krendl joined Ohio University in 1996 as a professor of telecommunications and dean of the university's Scripps College of Communication. In 2004, she was appointed provost and became responsible for eleven colleges on the Athens, OH, campus. In 2007, she was promoted to executive vice president and provost.

Krendl was chosen to lead Otterbein following an eight-month nationwide search by a 14-person search committee. The Committee included representatives from all Otterbein constituencies, including trustees, faculty, students, administrators, support staff and alumni. The search culminated in a series of two-day visits to the Otterbein campus by three finalists, each of whom met with members of the school's various constituency groups.

**Thomas C. Morrison '63**, who chaired the search committee and

who serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees, said "We are thrilled that Dr. Krendl has accepted our offer to succeed President DeVore. We had a wealth of highly qualified candidates who applied for the position but Dr. Krendl stood out from the start. Her experience as dean of the Scripps College of Communications and, subsequently, as OU's provost and executive vice president, together with her intelligence, personality and energy make her the right person to lead Otterbein at this time."

Krendl will be joined at Otterbein by Richard Gilbert, her husband. Gilbert has worked in university press book publishing, holds a master's degree in creative nonfiction writing from Goucher College and was a Kiplinger Fellow in journalism at Ohio State. He currently teaches writing in the English Department of Ohio University. The Krendl-Gilberts have a son, Tom, a college sophomore, and a daughter, Claire, who works for Deloitte Consulting in Chicago. ●



## *Acceptance Speech by Kathy A. Krendl, President- Elect of Otterbein College*

*I am very honored to be here today to accept the presidency of Otterbein College and I want to express my gratitude to all of you. To be offered the chance to build on the exceptional legacy of President DeVore in partnership with the talented and dedicated students, faculty, staff and alumni of Otterbein College is a singular opportunity indeed. I am grateful to you for your willingness to entrust me the stewardship of your much beloved institution—notable both for its academic excellence and its remarkable founding philosophy that has privileged inclusivity since its beginning in 1847.*

*Without exception the individuals I met with during the interview process bore witness to the power inherent in the student centered education grounded in the tradition of the liberal arts. I heard in their words what I know in my heart as the recipient of such an undergraduate education at Lawrence University. Everyday of my life I draw on that four-year experience where ideas in all disciplines matter, where faculty cared about who I was and what I might become and where I was asked to accept and celebrate my responsibilities*

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I will take my inspiration from the talented faculty and dedicated staff who spoke to me so eloquently during the interviews, not about their jobs but about their callings.

~ Kathy Krendl



The announcement of Kathy Krendl as Otterbein's president elect is flashed in Times Square.

as a citizen. Such an education was an incomparable gift and it is what in part Otterbein College has for 161 years been giving to its students.

But Otterbein College is also distinctive among liberal arts institutions. What makes it unique and what made me want to lead this institution is its heritage of inclusiveness, its commitment to an integrative curriculum, and its unabashed idealism evidenced through its national reputation in communities serviced through the leadership of President DeVore. An Otterbein liberal arts education is like none other and I am passionate about continuing to foster it to the best of my ability and so doing I will take my inspiration from the talented faculty and dedicated staff who spoke to me so eloquently during the interviews, not about their jobs but about their callings. Otterbein College has much to be proud of, not only in the realm of undergraduate education, but also in its Graduate and Continuing Studies programs and the commitment to making the student experience as rich and engaged as possible. That tradition continues. It is an area identified in the recently completed strategic plan that will give Otterbein an even greater scope to continue its pursuit of inclusivity and opportunity in new ways.

Richard and I both look forward to joining the Otterbein family—for that is how it truly struck us—and to forming the type of friendships that have flourished under the distinguished leadership of President DeVore. With its beautiful campus, its exceptional people, and a new strategic teaching plan created by the campus community, Otterbein College possesses all of the elements necessary to unite the promise of its future with the proud heritage of its past. To paraphrase what has come down through history as John Wesley's rule, I pledge in my work as President of Otterbein College to do all the good I can, by all the means I can, in all the ways I can, in all the places I can, at all the times I can, to all the people I can, as long as ever I can. Thank you very much. ●

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# DeVore Hall to Honor 25 Years of Presidential Service

As Otterbein President C. Brent DeVore prepares to retire in June 2009 after 25 years of exemplary service to the College, the Board of Trustees has announced that the residence hall currently known as The Suites will be officially named C. Brent DeVore Hall at a dedication ceremony in May 2009.

Board Chair Tom Morrison said the honor is well-deserved. “President DeVore has helped transform Otterbein in many ways during his 25 years as president. Perhaps one of the most remarkable transformations has been in our student housing; we have gone from a collection of old-fashioned and uninspired dormitories to a mixture of beautifully renovated residence halls and suite style housing in several new beautifully-designed buildings. This dramatic change reflects President DeVore’s unflagging interest in Otterbein students. It is most fitting and appropriate that The Suites be named in his honor,” he said.

The residence hall officially opened in fall of 2006 and is located in the heart of the campus, north of the Campus Center and east of Memorial Stadium. The \$9.7 million, three-story, suite-style building houses 174 students.

Many other activities and events will be held during spring quarter to celebrate President DeVore and 25 years of an Engaged Otterbein. ●





*Quarterback Jack Rafferty prepares to pass against John Carroll. Rafferty was named a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, recognizing the nation's top well-rounded Division III football player.*

# Play

## Senior Class

*by Adam Prescott*

The Otterbein football team was able to do something this season that they had never done before—take the field in postseason play. After finishing with a 9-1 regular season record this fall, the Cardinals, who were ranked 10<sup>th</sup> nationally at the end of the regular season, hosted Franklin (IN) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III football championship. Unfortunately, the team was unable to come away with a victory in the contest, but it doesn't take away from what was a season to remember.

## Women's Soccer has Special Season

*by Adam Prescott*

The Otterbein College women's soccer team created a season to remember for themselves and all of their followers this past fall. The team won both the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) regular season and tournament championships in addition to advancing to the NCAA Round of 16 for the second time in school history. On top of those accomplishments, the team earned their highest national ranking in school history by finishing seventh in the final postseason poll. While the team may have been disappointed with how the season ended, they cannot help but reflect on the excitement generated and the strides they made as a group.

"We're all finally getting over losing that last game and starting to realize what a special season it was," said Head Coach Brandon Koons. "This team won games and championships and finished ranked higher than we ever have before, but most importantly to me was the fact that we improved so much from 2007. We finished ranked seventh

nationally, but are also likely one of the top five most improved teams in the country."

"Every season is special," said sophomore forward Lindsey Rudibaugh. "Every time our team gets to play together it's special. We have such a great group of girls that anytime we are around each other in general, it is special."

"We had a great group of freshman girls come in," Rudibaugh explained. "I knew from the beginning that the leadership of our seniors combined with all the newcomers and other returners that it was going to be a great year."

A key ingredient in that recipe was the senior class.

"The seniors were five women who individually, at various points in their careers, made huge impacts," Koons said. "This season, however, the biggest impact they made was not necessarily on the field. Whether they were playing as a starter or substitute, they always put the team first and showed more character than any group of seniors I've ever seen."

Even with the seniors' departure, key contributors will be back on the field in 2009. With three juniors, nine sophomores, and nine freshman set to return for next season, the outlook will surely be very optimistic. At the same time, the coaching staff and players both know it's never as easy as it may sound.

"I've learned enough to know that each season is a separate season," explained Koons. "We can use this season to build on, but we only lost two seniors after going 20-1-1 in 2005, then barely won the conference the next season...and lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. If we start to think it will just get better, we'll forget how much work goes into it."

Rudibaugh, the team's leading scorer and a First Team Ohio Athletic Conference and Great Lakes Region selection, has been a major contributor to that success the last two years. The Dublin native admits she is very excited about the possibilities and opportunities the team has going forward.



# offs, Baby!!!

## Helps Football Program Make History

To go along with making their first playoff appearance, the squad set single-season records for best start (8-0), most wins (9), and most points scored (427). In addition, junior-eligible quarterback Jack Rafferty was named a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, recognizing the nation's top well-rounded Division III football player.

Head Coach **Joe Loth '91** was able to coach in his first career playoff game, and reflected on the road the program has traveled to arrive at this point.

"We've gone from a last place program to making the playoffs in six

years," said Loth. "It hasn't been easy, but the journey has been exciting. We have recruited very good players and worked hard to develop them. We've been able to retain the majority of good players and it has led to a winning formula."

One of those players was senior offensive lineman Andy Fries, who was a crucial member of an offensive unit that finished the season ranked second in the conference in scoring offense and 14<sup>th</sup> nationally with 38.8 points per game.

"Offenses have times where people complain about getting the ball, but nobody on our team was really too greedy," explained Fries. "The guys understood that the offense had certain spots where it was going to hit or miss. Everybody knew their role and it worked really well because of that."

However, many football fans love to say that defense wins championships. This year the Cardinal defense accepted the challenge of competing week in and week out in an extremely tough Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC).

"We had linchpins at every position," said senior linebacker Eric Burnside. "Guys stepped up and made plays when they needed to at every layer of our defense. If you look at our tackling statistics this season, they were much more spread out than they have been in the past."

The success on both sides of the ball created excitement within the locker room for both the players and coaches.

"I think our guys were as excited as any team that made the playoffs," Loth said.

The excitement was not only built in the locker room, but around campus as well.

"Professors encouraged us to keep it going and told us how proud they were," Fries said. "It really made

a difference because in past years they may have just been trying to be nice with encouragement. This season we knew they really meant it."

A special appreciation should be held for the senior class. Since coming to Westerville as freshmen, the class posted a 25-16 record, the best since the 1977 freshman class. They also finished in the top half of the OAC three out of their four years, something that was only done one other time, 23 years ago.

"The program has come a long way since we arrived," said Fries. "We went 7-3 our freshman year and had high hopes for the next season, but then went 4-6. This has all been a reflection of what our senior class is about. We had two rough seasons as sophomores and juniors, but we've gotten back to where we wanted to be."

It was the possibility of rewarding experiences that drove Burnside to become a Cardinal.

"I was hoping that by the time I was a senior we would make it to the playoffs," said the Columbus native. "One reason I wanted to come to Otterbein is because I felt it's a lot harder to build a program than to hop on a train that's already moving with a full head of steam. Everything fell into place for us."

Even though the season may have ended with disappointment, many on the team knew they were able to create a special memory for Cardinal fans and members of the Westerville community who have watched the program blossom.

"There were good teams at Otterbein back when the playoffs were not around, but it's still incredible," Fries explained. "Fifty years down the road when we come back and watch, we'll be able to say we made a difference in the school's football program." ●



*Sophomore forward Lindsey Rudibaugh*

"I am extremely excited about the next couple of years," she said. "We will be looking to come back even stronger and more confident than we were this season. Our freshman will have experience underneath of them, and our sophomores and juniors will be an outstanding group to help lead the younger ones. I believe this group of girls can achieve anything if we want, and the sky is the limit." ●

# Going to the Inauguration

by Thomas L. Draper '08

With fresh snow falling on Otterbein, two buses pulled out of the Campus Center parking lot at 10 a.m. on Jan. 19, 2009. After several hours on a surprisingly comfortable bus, 80 students and alumni, along with six faculty members, arrived at Georgetown University in preparation to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

We awoke between 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. the next day, Tuesday, to begin the three-mile trek from Georgetown to the National Mall. Some students chose to walk, while others took the subway or public buses, but everyone made it to the crowded downtown streets. Even before dawn, the Mall was teeming with people representing a wide slice of Americans. Otterbein staff member Chris Hempfling remarked afterwards that he was most impressed not just by the racial diversity, but also by the representation of people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds in the crowd.

As the morning progressed, the crowds continued to grow. By the time the rebroadcast of Mondays inaugural concert began, most of the Mall was shoulder-to-shoulder and the lines for vendors were incredibly

long. A million and a half people take up a lot of space.

Finally, after several hours in the cold, the inauguration began. Throughout the introductions of the many politicians and attendees in the presidential entourage, the crowd spontaneously erupted in bursts of cheers and flag waving as the leadership of our nation took their seats atop the Capitol Building.

Shortly after noon, newly sworn-in President Barack Obama stepped to the podium to make his first speech as president, and silence washed over the enormous crowd. Periodic cheers overcame the crowd at the key moments of the speech. It was moving to see—together—small children, elderly men and women, black, white, Asian, Latino, the poor, the rich, and everybody in between, cheering not just for one man, but for the future of our nation as a whole.

After the inauguration the crowds dispersed, some to attend the parade happening a few blocks away, many to head back to the places from whence they came. Because of our schedule, the Otterbein students couldn't stay for the parade.

The return to Georgetown was difficult, as the majority of the crowd was going the other way, and the

military police stationed all over the city were having some trouble getting the crowds to listen to instructions, but the atmosphere of celebration and community lent itself to a minimal number of problems during the event.

Having to take a circuitous route through the city led to some unique experiences of its own. One student, junior Morgan Ritchie, said that having to go around the crowds allowed her to see more of Washington, D.C., and that made it all the more exciting.

On the way back, some reflected on their experiences. Christine Horvath, a sophomore, said that she felt for the first time a very strong sense of patriotism and American pride. Sophomore Susanne Mitchell agreed, and mentioned that she felt a strong sense of kinship with the people that were there, adding that the trip itself was "one of the nuttiest days of my life."

Craig McKeen, a continuing studies student, said the inauguration was a step forward for America, an atonement for misdeeds, and a very youth-driven change that was long in coming to our country.

At last, after a sleepy ride back, the adventurers returned to Otterbein around 4 a.m. on Wednesday with a sense of pride and empowerment at being a part of an event so historical. ●



photo by Catherine Kerber



photo by Allison De Orio



Flag wavers get ready for the big moment with the Washington Monument in the background.

It was the dawning of a new day in the nation's capitol.

Jill Humrichouse (freshman), Allison De Orio (freshman), and Catherine Kerber (freshman) got to be a part of Inauguration day.



# Spotlight on FACULTY

**Name:** Michele Acker

**Title:** Associate Professor and  
Chairperson of Psychology

**Education:** BA Eckerd College; PhD  
University of Michigan

## Which particular topic do you most enjoy teaching?

It is a toss up between social psychology and psychology of women. I describe the importance of social psychology below and I really feel pleased when I hear students tell me all the ways it applies to their lives. Psychology of women, I think, is an eye-opening class for most students as they realize how much gender still plays a role in our society, in the types of choices we all have, in our careers and in relationships, whether we are male or female.

## Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise?

Social psychology really is a guidebook for life, as I tell my students. Among other topics, it helps us understand how we go about making decisions and why they may be faulty, how to persuade others (and how we are persuaded), who we fall in love with and why, how we can work most effectively in groups, aspects of the darker side of human nature such as stereotyping, aggression and conflict, and also the positive sides of human nature such as pro-social behavior.

It seems to me that in most aspects of our everyday life, there is some psychological research that can shed light on why we act the way we do and also why others act the way they do. Knowledge of this can only help us be more effective, empathic and perhaps happier in our life.



*Associate Professor of Psychology Michele Acker with husband, Thomas Nelson, son, Avery Nelson, and an unknown friend.*

## What research are you currently conducting/projects are you currently working on?

I am currently doing research on gender and gender roles. In particular, what happens when either men or women violate expected gender roles. For instance, is a woman in power who exhibits masculine characteristics judged differently than a man who does the same? (The answer is yes).

The specific project I am finishing up right now has to do with attitudes toward breastfeeding, particularly in public. Although billions of dollars have been spent in public health messages encouraging breastfeeding in the United States, it is still well below recommended levels. I am investigating one aspect of why that may be the case, which is the attitudes toward women who breastfeed outside the home. In our contemporary world, women with young children are much more likely to be outside the home whether it be for work, community involvement, or many other reasons. In order to breastfeed successfully they will need to breastfeed in public, yet many people hold negative attitudes regarding the women who do this.

I have just finished a paper which is to be published in the peer-reviewed journal *Sex Roles*, that examines the

origin of some of these negative attitudes. One thing I hope that comes out of this work is the application of some of my findings to public health efforts.

## If you were not an educator, what would be your dream job?

My dream job would be to run either a plant nursery or to run a bed and breakfast with guided tours in a tropical area near a coral reef. It might have to be a “dinner and bed” rather than “bed and breakfast” though, because I am not much of a morning person. I do love learning about and teaching people about native flora and fauna.

## What are your hobbies outside the classroom?

I love to garden, I like to cook (and of course eat), and I really enjoy traveling. I am an avid snorkeler and have snorkeled in many great places including Australia, Fiji, Mexico, and Bonaire. I like to spend time with my family (which is currently growing—I am married and have a 6-year-old son, and I am about to have a baby this March) and we enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and poking around in the yard and garden. ●

## Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation

“Civil rights is not a black thing or a white thing, but a humankind thing.”

*reprinted with permission from the Tan & Cardinal  
by Kelsey Sommers*

The Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation took place in Cowan Hall and included a keynote speech by **Eddie Harrell Jr. '94**, president and CEO of the Columbus Urban League on January 14, 2009. Harrell, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Otterbein, also serves on the Otterbein College Board of Trustees.

In addition to the keynote address, the convocation included a student reading of one of King's sermons, an Ubuntu presentation, as well as a performance by the Otterbein Gospel Choir.

The keynote address given by Harrell touched not only on Dr. King's accomplishments and ideals, but encouraged students to lower the amount of racism and discrimination found in today's culture.

Harrell told those in attendance not to assume that racism in America is over and motivated individuals to continue fighting for its demise.

In his speech, he also talked about discrimination and its immorality. He described its universal effect on humanity by saying, “civil rights is not a black thing or a white thing, but a humankind thing.”

Another important part of the ceremony included the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Peace and Justice. The student award went to senior James Prysock and the faculty award was presented to President C. Brent DeVore.

The award is based on four main qualifications: involvement in activities, encouraging others to become involved, the promotion of equity and equality and promotion

and practice of non-violence.

The Ubuntu presentation included video footage of work it has been doing around campus and the community.

The program stems from the Center for Community Engagement and works with urban high schools and middle schools to promote healthy lifestyles and send encouragement to inner city students who want higher education.

Two Linden McKinley High School participants read anonymous diary entries by students who had been positively effected by the program.

A follow-up and question session took place immediately afterwards in the Campus Center where Harrell took questions from Otterbein students.







## Keynote Speaker One of Our Own

For the first time, the MLK Jr. Convocation featured one of Otterbein's native sons—Eddie Harrell Jr.

Harrell is the 7<sup>th</sup> President and CEO of the Columbus Urban League—a post he assumed in April 2006. The Columbus Urban League, founded in 1918, is an affiliate of the National Urban League and is one of the oldest affiliates in the United States. The Columbus Urban League serves thousands of people every year in the following areas: Career Development, Education & Prevention, and Housing. The National Urban League was founded in 1910. Since beginning at the Columbus Urban League, the organization has grown to a budget of \$11 million from \$2.7 million, and the staff has grown to over 100 from 40.

Prior to joining the Columbus Urban League, Harrell served as the executive director of I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus. These two programs, with a combined budget of \$7.4 million, work hand in hand to provide Columbus City School District students with a quality public education that prepares them to enter college.

In 2000, Harrell was recognized as one of the outstanding “Forty Under Forty” community leaders in Central Ohio by *Business First*.

Before working for I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus, Harrell held various management positions with The Kroger Company. Prior to taking over the helm at I KNOW I CAN, he served on the organization's Board of Directors, first as a student member, then as a full member, and finally on the Executive Committee. He now serves on the Otterbein College Board of Trustees, as well as the Board of Directors for COSI (Center of Science and Industry), Columbus Public Schools Education Foundation, and KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program). Additionally, he serves as co-chair of the Diversity Focus Area for the City of Columbus 2012 Bicentennial Commission.

Harrell received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Otterbein College and a master's degree in business administration from Ashland University. He received the Special Achievement Award from the Otterbein College Alumni Association in 2002.

Harrell and his wife, Valerie, reside in Columbus with their two children, Kayla and Eddie III.



*From left: President Brent DeVore received the Faculty/Staff/Administration MLK Peace and Justice Award. Eddie Harrell '94 gave the keynote address. James Prysock received the Student MLK Peace and Justice Award. Toward the end of the ceremony, DeVore, Harrell and Prysock were coaxed into joining the Otterbein Gospel Choir.*

# OTTERBEIN

*February 1856. Otterbein sends its first missionaries to Sierra Leone. Despite a disastrous first trip, the seeds were planted for a long relationship that has spanned over 150 years and counting.*

*by Jenny Hill '05*

**T**he population of Sierra Leone boasts a vast system of roots. Great Britain created a colony at Sierra Leone as a home for Africans from many different nations who had fought for England during the American Revolution and later for former slaves who were freed when Britain abolished slavery. The new



*Lloyd Mignerey '17*

residents set up a naval port at Freeport to intercept slave ships. Many of those rescued slaves would also settle in Sierra Leone.

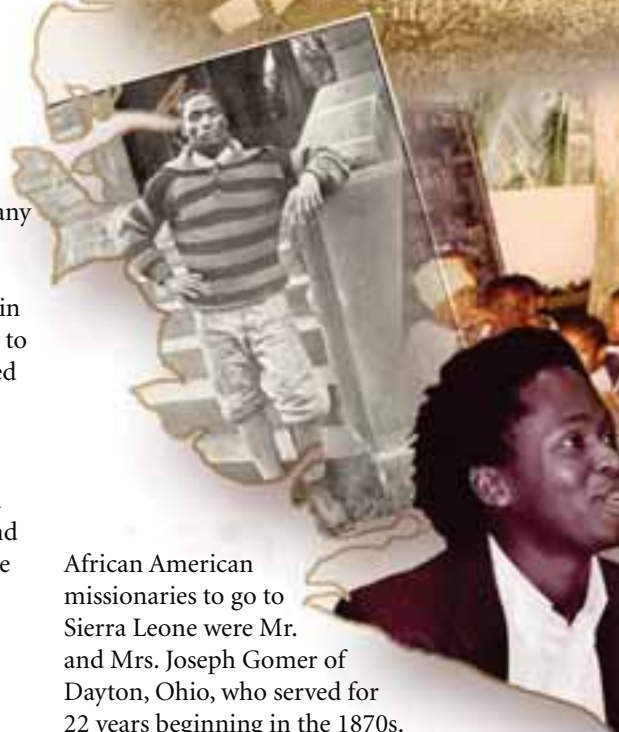
The United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone today traces its history to 1855, when the Church of the United Brethren in Christ began mission work there. As a growing number of freed slaves made their homes in Sierra Leone, the church recognized the need for a Christian presence and sent missionaries and supplies to the people.

A leading institution within the church at that time, Otterbein's missionaries soon followed in February 1856. Rev. William Shuey, Rev. D.R. Kumler and Rev. J.K. Flickinger lasted only a few months in Sierra Leone before falling ill to native diseases and returning home. But three years later, more missionaries set out to continue building the relationship with the West African country. A student named C.O. Wilson joined the mission work there in 1860 and in 1862 the first woman missionary to travel to Sierra Leone from Otterbein was Amanda Hanby, sister of Benjamin Hanby. The first

African American missionaries to go to Sierra Leone were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gomer of Dayton, Ohio, who served for 22 years beginning in the 1870s.

The missionaries began making important headway with the people of Sierra Leone, when tribal revolts over hut taxes claimed the lives of seven missionaries in 1898. The church considered withdrawing from Sierra Leone, but decided to stay. Otterbein missionaries after the tragedy included **Lloyd Mignerey '17**, who served in 1922, and **Glen Rosselot '16**, who served from 1927-1939.

Lucy Caulker, the daughter of a tribal king, was one of the first





# 2 SIERRA LEONE



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While the local weather was not always to the liking of Caulker, the religious spirit of Otterbein was. A pious Christian, Caulker admired the dedication and enthusiasm of both students and professors. The bright and friendly Caulker was popular within the Otterbein community, which was devastated by tragedy when, on Dec. 6, 1900, Caulker was burned to death in an explosion caused by a small oil stove in his room.

Other descendents of Lucy Caulker who attended Otterbein include **Richard Kelfa-Caulker '35**, who became ambassador to the United States and later the United Nations from Sierra Leone; and **John Karefa-Smart '40**, who became minister of external affairs for the independent government in 1961.

Through the years, many other Otterbein graduates from Sierra Leone

forged successful careers on both the national and international stages.

**Sylvester M. Broderick '24** served as director of education in Sierra Leone; **Amelia Caulker Ben-Davis '59** was a member of Sierra Leone’s parliament; **Victor Sumner '59** became a diplomat in London; **Miatta Akiatu '65** went on to work for UNESCO in Paris; **Emma**



*Joseph Hannibal Caulker*

converts and many of her direct descendents have made their way to Otterbein.

The first was Joseph Hannibal Caulker, a prince of the Bolun tribe in Sierra Leone who was educated by United Brethren missionaries enrolled at Otterbein in 1896. The notebooks Caulker kept while in the United States give a unique look into what it was like for a West African to walk the streets of New York City, as well as those of Westerville.

He was amazed by the tall buildings, trolley cars, and the streets filled with “Saxons, Germans, Gauls, Italians, Negroes, Chinese, English and what

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**Broderick '67** has been affiliated with both the Economic Community of West African States and the Sierra Leone Bureau of Tourism and Culture; and Enuyami Lewis-Coker went to work for the Trade and Telecommunications Ministry.

Another successful Otterbein graduate from Sierra Leone was **John J. Akar '51**, who became head of the national radio broadcasting service in Sierra Leone and composed the nation's national anthem.

In 1961, Sierra Leone became an independent nation, free of British rule and was named the 100<sup>th</sup> member of the United Nations. On the day the country was granted independence, April 27, 1961, Akar aired a version of the national anthem as sung by the Otterbein men's glee club. He also was a leader in the arts in Sierra Leone, and had previously acted onstage with Richard Burton and Sidney Poitier.

**Sylvester Modupe Broderick Jr. '63**, son of **Sylvester Modupe Broderick '24**, and **Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63**, daughter of **Richard Kelfa-Caulker '35**, were the first graduates after Sierra Leone gained independence.

"I was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone, to Richard Caulker and Olivette Stuart. My father was born in the village of Mambo of Sierra Leone parents, both of whom are from the Caulker family – a ruling family in South Western Sierra Leone," said Caulker-Burnett.

Caulker-Burnett chose to come to Otterbein after

generations of family came before her. "Joseph Hannibal Caulker was the first member of the family to come to Otterbein. He was the grandson of Chief Thomas Stephen Caulker, who had given land to the UBC missionaries, to set up their mission. Joseph was also my grandmother's brother. My father Richard, Uncle **John Karefa-Smart '38** and my father's sister, **Amelia Caulker '59**, followed. Needless to say Otterbein was the only college I had heard of in the US. Since then, many more Caulker descendants have gone through the school," she said.

Caulker-Burnett's experience at Otterbein is a far cry from what she would experience today. "My first memory was my arrival at an all white school where there were only six black students! Four of us were Africans," she said.

"I managed to adjust to college life. Who can forget 'Scrap Day' in 1959. That was probably the most ridiculous experience I ever had. I joined the Women's Glee Club, pledged Theta Nu sorority and made some very good friends," said Caulker-Burnett. "In my sophomore year, I had a roommate, Mercedes Blum, with whom I roomed for the remainder of my stay at Otterbein. We became fast friends. Together we saw the film 'Ben Hur' seven times in seven days for \$1.00 each time. In our senior year, we were both part of the group chosen to live in Clip House. The Clip House group (noted on page 32 of the Summer 2008 *Towers*) still exists today and we are still in touch."

Life for Caulker-Burnett wasn't without challenges, however. "In those



Imodale Caulker-Burnett '63





*Missionary Lloyd Mignerey looks out of a Sierra Leone dwelling, circa 1922.*

days, one quickly understood one's limitations as a black student. We were not allowed to date white students, so we went out with each other. Although I toured Ohio with the Glee Club, I was not allowed to go to Florida when they went on tour there, because I would not have been able to eat in the same restaurants or sleep in the same hotels as the group. That was a disappointment."

After graduating from Otterbein, Caulker-Burnett had a prestigious career in nursing, earning numerous awards. She retired from nursing in 2003 and established development/rehabilitation services in her ancestral village of Mambo, Sierra Leone. "I try to go home at least every two years just to keep myself grounded. Lately, since I retired, I have been going home each year, to help in the redevelopment process, following the 10 year Rebel war," she said. "In 2004 I decided I would visit my father's village, and found that the

people were in what I would call 'Survival Mode.' Everything was run down. My grandfather's house was uninhabitable, there was no clean drinking water, no health care facilities, no pastoral care, almost everyone was illiterate, and while the Caulkers had been the rulers in the area, there were no literate Caulkers around. So I decided to join in the redevelopment process, doing one village at a time."

"To date, there are two wells for clean drinking water. We are supporting 37 children in secondary school and one student in college. We are hoping to expand the school and hire more teachers, so that we can serve the surrounding villages. Adult education classes have also begun. We believe that education is the single most important tool in the redevelopment process," she said.

"There is a microcredit program for 10 women at a time; they are to do

projects which will benefit themselves and the community. Access to the village has improved, and we are currently working on getting a health post built, which can provide emergency care as well as preventive care, particularly for malaria and preventable childhood diseases and prenatal care. Eventually we hope to build a chapel that will provide spiritual support for the people," said Caulker-Burnett.

"It is a long process, especially in the area of developing trust, but there has been progress," she added.

The base for fundraising is in Virginia, where Caulker-Burnett lives with her husband. "The Lesana Community Development/Rehabilitation Services is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. We run three fundraisers a year, and accept all donations through out the year."

In 1968, Otterbein College began a program to send student teachers to Sierra Leone through a study



An Otterbein student teacher with her class in the “open-air” classroom.

abroad initiative developed through the Excellence in Teacher Education, which was the work of Dr. Chester Addington and Mrs. Mildred Stauffer. Fifteen students spent 10 weeks during the winter term of 1969-1970 in Sierra Leone, working in the schools and studying the culture of the country. See their photo on page 17 .

Also on that trip was **James Francis '71**. “It certainly was a unique experience. At that time, it was probably the first trip outside the U.S., with the possible exception of Canada, for most of us.”

Francis took the trip because of the faraway location. “I thought, this is probably the only time in my life I would have the chance to go someplace as exotic as Africa. It was very worthwhile.”

Working alongside Peace Corps and other volunteers in a small inland city, Francis discovered that the people of Sierra Leone had a relatively high standard of living. “They might not have had all the luxuries we had, but it was not the Africa you see on television,” he said. “They would ride on the backs of trucks and lorries, there were no buses. But the schools were in school houses.”

Things were also different inside the classroom. The schools relied

on the churches for textbooks, and the organization of their education system was structured in a unique way. “It was completely different than anything we could have experienced here. Even the school system was different. Here, we go to elementary school and high school for free, then pay to go to college. There, they paid to go to elementary and high school, then if they passed a test, college was free,” he said.

He noted that the students were eager to learn and curious about the student teachers’ culture. “The people were very friendly. We were the strangers, the outsiders, and they had a lot of curiosity about the American culture.”

Francis said the class had the opportunity to experience a unique event outside the classroom. “We were there when the country switched from the British-style left hand side driving to the continental European style of right hand side driving. I think it was a Saturday morning, and when they rang the bells in the city, everyone was supposed to just switch sides,” he said. “And they managed to do so without any fatalities, although we were urged to stay off the roads that morning.”

“I gained a great appreciation for what we have here, from basic

necessities to opportunities, because there, those things could be hard to come by,” he said. “It was a country working to better itself.”

“To this day, the trip has an impact on me. It was really special and a great opportunity that the College provided,” he said.

Otterbein has also maintained a connection to Sierra Leone through the arts. In 1971, Sillaty Kemoh Dabo, an artist-in-residence from Sierra Leone, taught African literature in both French and English to Otterbein students for a month and the Sierra Leone Dance Troupe performed on campus.

Most recently, Otterbein honored its relationship with Sierra Leone by selecting *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah as the 2008 Common Book (See pages 18-19). The author came to campus for a riveting standing-room-only convocation on Oct. 21, 2008. In his book, Beah, now 28 years old, tells the story of his years as a child soldier and his rescue from that world of horrors and rehabilitation by UNICEF.

The crafts of Sierra Leone play heavily into Otterbein’s art collection. Many of the missionaries to West Africa took a special interest in the art of the region. In fact, many returned to the United States with African art and artifacts, bestowing the Otterbein Art Collection with decorative jewelry, ceremonial masks and sculpture, baskets and weavings, and handicrafts.

Originally, the collection was cared for by biology Professor E.W. Schear and housed in the Science Building. The Department of Art took over the collection in 1969 and acquired new gifts from missionaries’ collections. With assistance from the Kress Foundation, Art Chairperson Earl Hassenpflug began touring north and West Africa in 1969 to collect new materials for the collection. Pieces from the collection have been displayed in Otterbein’s galleries over the years and now frequent exhibits are housed at the Frank Museum of Art.

Currently on exhibit is *Uncommon Threads: Blankets and robes from Sierra Leone and Ghana*, an exhibit of



West African textiles and objects from Otterbein's collection. It will be on display in the Frank Museum of Art through June 5, 2009. Located at 39 S. Vine St. in Westerville, the Museum is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. ●

**Learn more about Sierra Leone at <http://www.otterbein.edu/commonbook/index.asp>.**

**Plans are in the works for a Saturday, April 18 reunion for the Otterbein alumni who traveled to Sierra Leone in 1970 and 1971. Wendy Roush '71 and Dr. Chester Addington are your hosts. Contact Becky Smith at [RSmith@otterbein.edu](mailto:RSmith@otterbein.edu) or 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600 for more details.**

### Otterbein Alumni from Sierra Leone

<b>1924</b>	Sylvester Modupe Broderick
<b>1927</b>	Ross Lohr
<b>1935</b>	Richard YelsahaKelfa-Caulker
<b>1940</b>	John Karefa-Smart
<b>1951</b>	John Joseph Akar
<b>1953</b>	Max Alfred Bailor
<b>1956</b>	Daniel Mojube Ademu-John
<b>1959</b>	Amelia Caulker Ben-Davis Victor Emmanuel Sumner
<b>1960</b>	Lloyd Owen Bailor
<b>1963</b>	Imodale Caulker-Burnett Sylvester Modupe Broderick Jr.
<b>1965</b>	Miatta Akiatu Frederick Emmanuel A. Noah Nathaniel Gbese Yavana
<b>1967</b>	Emma Broderick Awoonor-Renner Princess Sangma Caulker Annie Edith Lefevre
<b>1969</b>	Phlorence Yema-Lango Caulker
<b>1971</b>	Hannah Onike Jawarah
<b>1974</b>	Melvyn Leonora Caulker
<b>1975</b>	Enuyami Lewis-Coker Stanley Hinga Thomas
<b>1978</b>	Samuel Abu Tambi
<b>1981</b>	Amadu Sankoh
<b>1983</b>	Sandra Atere-Roberts
<b>1985</b>	Alice Hannah Thomas
<b>1990</b>	Leonard Richmond Sumner
<b>1995</b>	Joseph Hannibal Caulker (posthumously)



**Top:** A view of Regents Road in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on a busy Saturday. **Middle:** 1900 West Africa Conference in Freetown with many members of the United Brethren Church in attendance. **Bottom:** The 1969-70 trip to Sierra Leone. James Leopard (OWU), James Francis '71, Lana Walters '71, Earl Roosa Jr. '72, Diane Savage '72, Chester Addington, Susan O'Donnell (OWU), Shirley Dillon '72, Carol Carpenter '71, Elizabeth Johnston '71, Jeanne Maxwell '72, Karen Schnabel '72, Marilyn Swisher '72, Wendy Roush '71, Dianne Miller '71.

# 2008-2009 Common Book a long way gone

*Memoirs  
of a  
Boy Soldier*

**At age 12, Ishmael Beah's peaceful life and childhood in Sierra Leone were suddenly shattered with the horrific scenes of war. His family was murdered. By 13, though he and his friends had run from the war, he was captured and trained as a child soldier. For two years he was kept high on drugs to fight the rebels. Killing became commonplace. *A Long Way Gone* is his story, one of deliverance and redemption.**

*by Roger Routson*

When I began to read *A Long Way Gone*, one thing that struck me right away was the quickness with which the war struck Ishmael Beah's life. The conflict hit without warning, like an earthquake, and shattered his young life. One day, at age 12, he was walking with his older brother and friends to a neighboring village to participate in a talent show. The next, he was seeing the victims coming from his own village—a volkswagen with a dead family inside, all shot; a man carrying his dead son, still talking to him, clinging to hope; and a woman who carried her baby on her back, the baby shot dead as the woman had run for her life.

Slowly, it began to sink in to the author that his family was likely dead. And soon he and his friends were running from the war, running from the rebels, running for their own survival.

As you can already tell, *A Long Way Gone* is not an easy book to read. It is filled with horrors, suffering, inhumanity, grief, and killing, ever more killing. The author acknowledged as much in his talk. One of the first things he did was to thank everyone who had taken time to read his book. "I know it is not a very easy book to read emotionally...so I'm always grateful when people take time to read it."

The book chronicles an amazing and horrendous journey: months of Ishmael and his friends on the lam, trying to avoid capture; the subsequent capture and training to be a soldier; the young Ishmael moving from a terrified unwilling participant in the war to a grizzled veteran, even before reaching age 16; the rescue and removal of Ishmael from the war by UNICEF; his rehabilitation in Freetown; and finally his frantic escape from Sierra Leone for his very survival.



*Despite the traumatic events of his early life, Ishmael Beah is always smiling, happy to be alive.*



The story reads like a novel. If only it was mere fiction.

On Oct. 21, Ishmael Beah, now 28, stood in Cowan Hall and talked to the Otterbein community about the book he wrote and his life after fleeing Sierra Leone. He related that when he first came to the U.S. in 1998 and attended high school at the United Nations International School, he didn't want to talk about his experiences with his classmates. "Lots of questions were asked... whatever the person's speculation about my situation, I agreed with it because I didn't want to talk about my experiences, not because I was ashamed, I just felt that people would not understand. It would not take enough lunch to tell someone of my experiences. I had to give them a lot of context and was afraid if I gave them a little bit they would basically misconstrue it and I would become the child soldier and people would become afraid of me. I didn't want that."

Beah related his frustration with the media for their generalization of the fighting in Sierra Leone. "It seemed like Sierra Leone had always been at war. When anyone was born they picked up an AK47 and went to fight right away. There was no context given at all."

Beah added, "People just don't get up in the morning and say, 'Oh, we hate our neighbors, we have to fight them.' It doesn't happen that way at all... I grew up in a place where there was a strong sense of community, where as a child growing up, your neighbors were your friends and family... that context wasn't given... And when that context is not given, people do not understand that people who lived in Sierra Leone, even during the war, were still human beings. They had the same desires, tendencies, needs and wants as anyone anywhere. The sacrosanct nature of their lives was still the same."

This is why Beah wrote his book. "I wanted to write to put a human face to this experience so it's no longer distant. So people can see feel hear and be a part of this so intimately, they will no longer be able to turn away. That they can see that, those children, everywhere in the world, not just in Sierra Leone

and Africa, wherever this is happening, are someone's child. That wherever this is happening that could be your child, your brother, that it could be you. That all of us have the capacity to lose our humanity completely, but that we also have the strength to regain it, if given the right care and support."

Things that we all take for granted, "the paraphernalia of our life," as Beah put it, is lost during a war. He related the frustrations of not having report cards, or even a baby picture to contribute to a group project at the United Nations school. And he was frustrated as well by an attitude he ran up against that said if you were a child soldier, if you were exposed and contributed to all sorts of violence, you were finished, you couldn't be rehabilitated.

"All of these experiences frustrated me but they also shaped what came to be the book. I felt I needed to write this book so I could give people a very strong experience about what really happened during the war. What it does to human beings. How it disrupts the traditions, the culture, the community that I grew up in. How once as a child you're innocent, it's something that people cherish. And how that place now is filled with tremendous fear because as a child

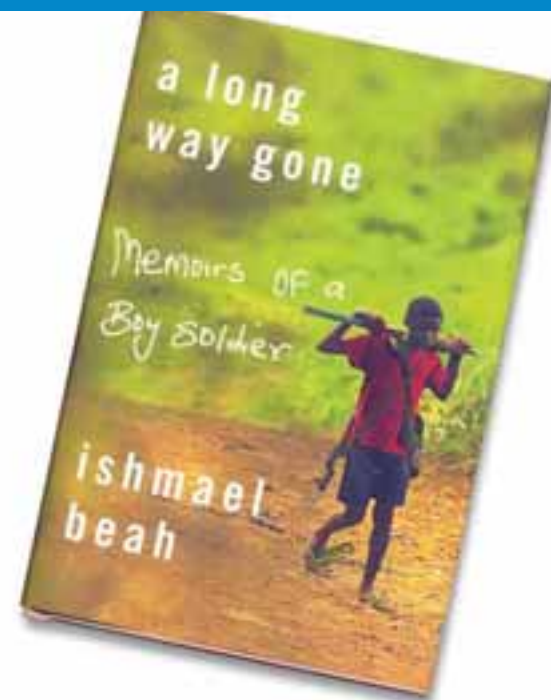
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~ Ishmael Beah

you're forced to shoot those adults who once upon a time you would not raise your voice to. It changes the dynamics of a society."

What was remarkable was the cheerfulness and glowing happiness that Ishmael Beah clearly exuded during his talk and subsequent discussion with the audience. He spoke of still having nightmares, though they are less frequent and do not disturb as much. He spoke of sleeping only three hours a night, and never for more than one hour at a

time—residual after-effects of the vigilant soldier. He spoke of what happens if someone runs by him really fast on the street or if he sees a particular kind of tree in the bush how it will bring up a painful memory. But he also spoke of putting all this into positives. "I could look at insomnia as the worst possible thing that could happen to me, but I don't. As a student in college, it was a blessing," he said with a smile. "It's the same thing



with the nightmares. They come and go but I have a deeper appreciation for just being alive, which is why I'm always smiling. For me, just being alive is enough to be happy."

Ishmael Beah continues to speak around the world about the plight of children soldiers and continues to be an ambassador for UNICEF. He has discussed the plight of children in war with such dignitaries as UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Nelson Mandela, and Bill Clinton. ●



*Otterbein Now Offers 90 Service Learning Courses*


# Community Service as part of the Curriculum

*by Jeana Harrington '10*

Since its establishment in 1847, Otterbein has been historically connected to some of the biggest community issues of the time. From our involvement in the abolitionist and temperance movements to our international partnerships, Otterbein has always been an engaged community, dedicated to a culture of service. Integrating that level of service commitment into the classroom was a natural choice.

Last year, Otterbein's community involvement translated to \$810,000 in monetary impact, according to the Center for Community Engagement's (CCE) Annual Report. Almost 1,000 students were involved in one day service events (community plunges and Make-A-Difference Day) and service programs.

On top of that, 1,116 students were enrolled in 83 service learning courses, equaling 22,320 service hours from classroom projects alone. This year, Otterbein has continued to raise the bar, offering 90 service learning classes in 18 out of 19 disciplines.





Melissa Gilbert, director of the CCE, coordinates the funding of service learning classes on campus. Projects are supported by a combination of external grants (the majority of funding since 2003), corporate sponsorships and an internal budget from the CCE funded by Otterbein.

There are no restrictions or mandatory requirements for service learning classes at Otterbein, setting us apart from many other institutions. When it comes to designing classes, Gilbert said the school's philosophy is simply that the determined project helps the professor reach whatever learning goal they have set for their students.

Varying from well-established programs to up-and-coming projects, this year's service learning courses cover a wide variety of subjects.

The Genoa-Otterbein Creative Literary Alliance, funded by a grant from Chase Bank and supported by grants from Learn and Serve America and the CCE, is currently in its fourth year at Otterbein, according to Terry Hermesen, program director and assistant professor of English.

Through his course *Teaching Creative Writing in the Community*, Hermesen has trained three groups of Otterbein students to teach poetry writing to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at Genoa Middle School in Westerville. Hermesen says, "It's not just poetry, it's something to get the kids thinking."

According to the CCE Web site, poetry is the writing genre most suitable to the Genoa Middle School students because it is generally short and certain concepts can be easily conveyed in a single lesson.

Hermesen said Otterbein students benefit from the courses as well because, "They have to show to Genoa students why poetry matters. They are 'poets and residents,' teaching their art."

In past years, students have taken Hermesen's class in the fall and taught workshops at Genoa Middle School in either winter or spring. This year, however, the class has been restructured into an "alternative break."

Students taught their lessons at Genoa Middle School over a two-week period in December, bringing the program "closer together," according to Hermesen. He said that by teaching the workshops over break, students can concentrate on the project without other school stresses getting in the way. "It's so much more engaged this year," he said.

At the end of the project, the Genoa Middle School students' poetry is made into a collection and the youth read their poems to the class.

"Things are flying at this point," said Hermesen. "It's so exciting to have everybody there, working together."

The Creative Literary Alliance is also partially supported by the Great Cities Great Service grant led by Otterbein, University of Cincinnati and Ohio Campus Compact. Through the grant's model initiative, youthLEAD (Learn, Engage, Act and Decide), college students are trained to serve side-by-side with urban youth, according to the CCE Web site.

YouthLEAD programs are focused to strengthen urban wellness and solve community problems, among others.

Jean Kelly, assistant professor of communication, is one of many teachers focusing their service learning programs on urban youth. Thus far, three of her communication and journalism classes have worked with Linden McKinley schools on a variety of projects.

Kelly's programs vary, depending on the subject of her class, from helping the students redesign a newsletter that promotes nonviolence to developing creative materials for the Greater Linden Development Corporation.

"It's a really forgotten place and there's no actual reason to write it off," said Kelly. "The students are working against incredible odds but they really want more. They have a lot of structures to do a lot of good things for them."

Last winter, Kelly's Feature Writing class started a program called Youth Media Columbus, through which Otterbein students wrote news stories about Linden and worked to create a news wiki to highlight community issues overlooked by traditional media outlets.



*A Genoa Middle School student reads her poetry as Assistant Professor of English Terry Hermesen listens.*

Participants wrote their own stories and helped students at Linden-McKinley High School write opinion columns. According to Kelly, Otterbein students improved their writing by immersing themselves in the community and uncovered a story within the community itself.

Kelly, however, isn't the only professor to have discovered the hidden gem at Linden. She became involved with the Linden Community through John Kengla, CCE's service learning liaison, whose *Mentoring: Theory and Practice* class also works with Linden through a mentoring program.

Linden students attend classes at Otterbein over three quarters and the students work together to study mentoring skills and practices, according to the CCE Web site. In turn, the Otterbein and Linden students mentor sixth and eighth grade students from Medina Middle School where they develop self-esteem, self-confidence and leadership skills.

Other service learning classes cover a variety of disciplines, even chemistry. Joan Esson, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, has worked with local elementary and middle school students for the past two years, testing toys for the presence of toxic lead.

Through her *Analytical Chemistry* class, Esson's students educated the class about the hazards of lead, and



*Whitney Prose and a Community Plunge volunteer plant indigenous species along the banks of Otterbein Lake.*

*A Whittier elementary school student tests a toy for lead paint.*

*AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer Caitlin Tully joins a Troup 1847 girl scout at camp.*

*A volunteer clears a path at Otterbein Lake.*

together the students determined a hypothesis to test.

According to the CCE Web site, Esson's students gained more experience with the techniques they were learning in class and the Whittier students made sure to report their testing results in the school announcements the next morning.

Across all disciplines, "we want students to deepen their sense of civic and social responsibility," said Gilbert. "At Otterbein, more than many other institutions, we take very seriously the knowledge and skills our students will need as future citizens of our communities."

Classes can impact a student's ability to apply certain skills or give them a more broad understanding of a topic. "Across the board, the key piece is that in some way you're applying your academic theory and learning," Esson added. "It's the same thing as other courses, you enhance and encourage the same set of academic outcomes... it's just a different narrative."

While service learning has become a focus of many classes, outside of the classroom, many students have taken projects into their own hands, from bettering the environment to helping local youth, among others.

Since 2007, three consecutive Otterbein students have received The Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Partnership Foundation grants to pursue their projects: sophomore nursing major Danielle Fabian, junior English major Whitney Prose and senior psychology major Chelsea Merriman.

The grant program recognizes the best academic service work of students, faculty and staff at universities and

colleges across the country by investing in young "service entrepreneurs based on their proposed contribution to a community organization," according to the CCE website.

Through her "Granola Girls" service project, Fabian, who just received her grant in November, will educate girl scouts in the "Bonds Beyond Bars" program on health issues facing teenage girls today. The girls will come to campus and complete projects about a number of issues, including nutrition, prescription and drug education and goals for their own healthy life style.

Last year, Prose was awarded \$1,000 to continue her work with Otterbein Lake through her CardinalCorps program, Plan-It Earth, a student organization that helps build environmentally friendly practices on campus and in the surrounding community. The Otterbein Lake project, one of Plan-It Earth's community partnerships, is a continuous transformation of an overgrown sterile pond into a natural place that can be enjoyed by the community.

With her Carter grant, Prose said that she and other members of Plan-It Earth will plant a native wildflower garden at the lake, including laser-engraved plant markers designed by the students to help identify the plants.

"Otterbein has embraced going green with an enthusiastic spirit and admirable drive," said Prose. "I'm very proud to have been here to help organize everyone's environmental consciousness and to be graduating knowing that the green-flower I've seen planted here is going to continue to grow and blossom."

In 2007, Merriman was also awarded \$1,000 for her proposal, *Grow Something With Them*, which built on the College's partnership with United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH). Merriman and other student volunteers worked with residents of UMCH to grow and maintain a garden of vegetables, herbs and flowers that were sold at a local market.

In her speech given at the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Awards Ceremony in February, Merriman said the project focuses on cultivating your own personal garden as a metaphor for your future.

"When last week, I asked my kids what they wanted to name their garden, one boy spoke up and said 'Let's call it AGAPE' – that's when I realized that they'd gotten it – for Agape means 'selfless love,'" said Merriman.

She closed the speech saying "My combined experiences within the classroom and outside in the community have allowed me to take part in a more complete educational experience over the past three years."

This October, Merriman also is one of five recipients of the 2008 Spirit of LASSIE Award, given by Learn and Serve America in Washington, D.C.

Merriman was the first youth participant to receive the award, given to honor a participant's long term commitment to service-learning. She has worked with a number of local and national service projects, and is "a force at Otterbein for service and service-learning," according to Amy Cohen, former director of Learn and Serve America.





*Genoa Middle School students perform Reader's Theater pieces at Otterbein.*



*Troop 1847 girl scouts at camp.*



*Kayla Hall, Taylor Temnick, Val Pozzuto and Alicia Fabrizi write letters for Up 'Til Dawn.*

Fabian, Prose and Merriman are just few of the many Otterbein students who dedicate themselves to service-learning projects throughout the community. The CardinalCorps Leaders, a group of student leaders committed to community service, currently offer 15 weekly service programs and coordinate community plunges, service fairs and awareness weeks, according to the CCE Web site.

Now that Otterbein has established service learning as part of the curriculum, Gilbert said the goal is to integrate courses and form interdisciplinary partnerships.

"We'd love to see an English course, a history course, and a psychology course come together to work on a community issue," she said. "If we use the existing structures but have them in dialogue with one another we can really make a difference."

She added that the problem with service learning classes across the country is that they are very scattered. "We need to make it intentional, integrated and focus based."

Gilbert also acknowledged how far the school has already come, saying "Our real strength is in the breadth of these programs. I don't want anyone to think it's just about the numbers, because it's not.

"The strength is in committed and enthusiastic faculty who see the value of experiential forms of education," she said. "It's messy, risky work but we have those kinds of faculty who put on muddy boots and roll up their sleeves and provide amazing experiences for students here... and that is really phenomenal." ●

## St. Jude Continues to be a Favorite Project

As part of Otterbein's dedication to community service, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of many charity projects on campus. Over the past four years, Otterbein has raised over \$164,000 for St. Jude's through a combination of student and community involvement, including *Up 'til Dawn*, a campus-wide event for any one willing to help raise money for St. Jude.

At this year's fourth annual *Up 'til Dawn* letter writing campaign, 168 students sent 4,580 letters asking for donations to St. Jude. With further contributions by the Executive Board, almost 5,000 letters were written and donations have begun to filter in. This year's program director, **Kayla Sechler '09**, has been to the St. Jude's hospital in Tennessee, and is interning with the St. Jude's chapter in Columbus. She participated in the annual Half Marathon in Tennessee and this year raised over \$23,600 for it with the rest of her 28 member team, Steps for St. Jude. This year's *Up 'til Dawn* Executive Board also sponsored their first annual two mile walk/run at Homecoming.

Throughout the last three years, the *Up 'til Dawn* letter writing fundraiser has brought in over \$131,400 for the cause. In 2005-2006, Otterbein became the number one fundraising school in Ohio, raising \$46,500 for St. Jude, a record-breaking amount at the time. The following year, Otterbein again ranked among the top fundraising schools in Ohio, raising \$50,700. Last year's campaign continued the success, raising over \$34,200 to benefit the life-saving work of St. Jude. *Up 'til Dawn* is the largest collegiate philanthropy in existence today, with over 180 campuses participating nationwide.

On Dec. 6, a group of Otterbein seniors traveled to Memphis, Tenn., to participate in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon weekend. Katelyn Young, Becky Gray, Matt Bender, TJ Luttrell, Nicole Miranda and Kayla Sechler participated in the half marathon and 5K as part of the Steps for St. Jude team. The students participated as St. Jude Heroes which is a group of individuals dedicated to raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital while training for the race. Steps for St. Jude had 28 runners and walkers in this year's race and raised over \$23,600 for the Hospital.

Alumnus **Craig Sutherland '89** also sponsors a charity golf tournament in June, which has raised over \$500,000 for St. Jude. Based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. ●

*A runner participates in Otterbein's 2 mile walk/run for Up 'til Dawn.*

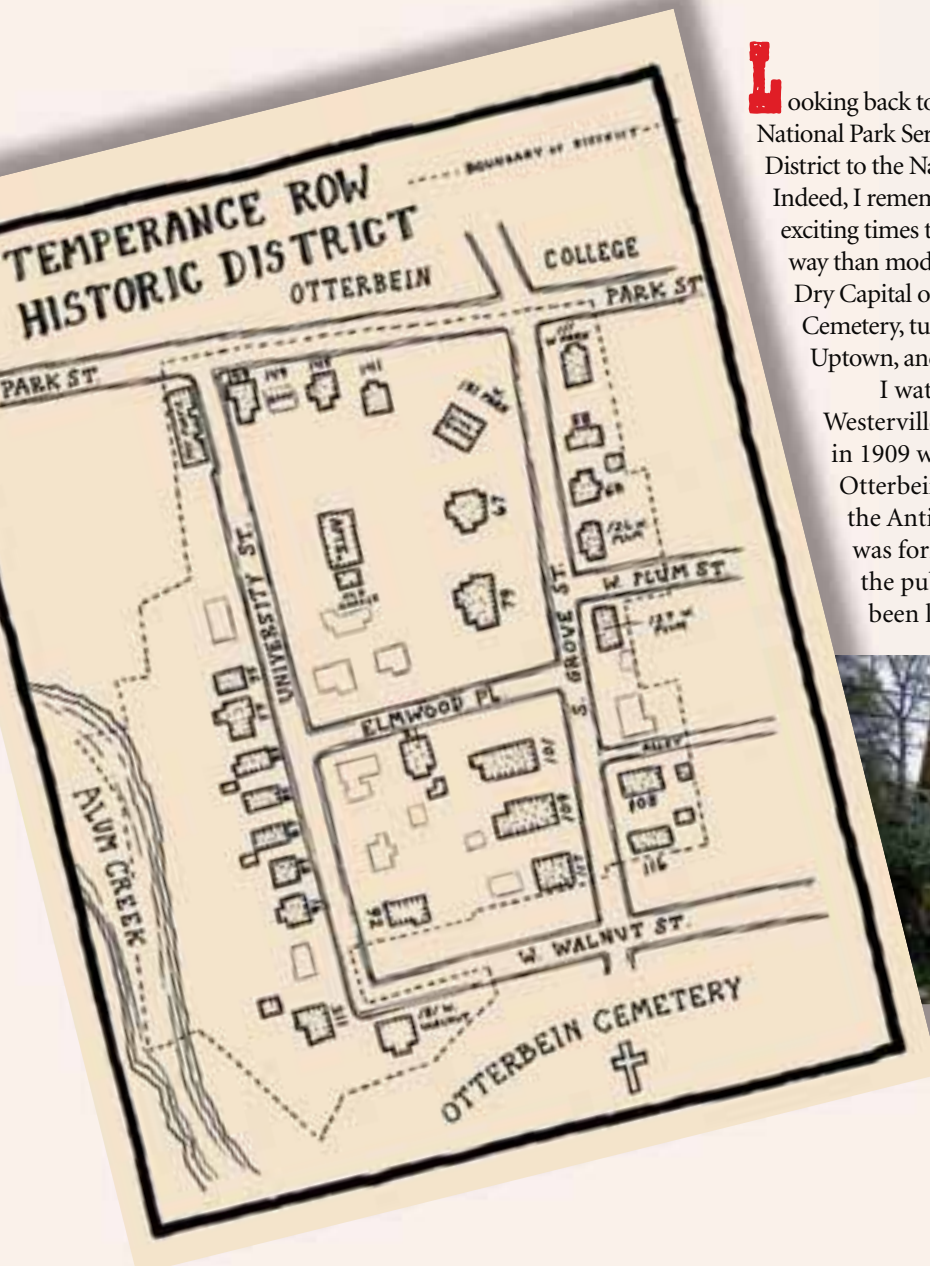




# TEMPER

**Down South Grove all the way to the cemetery, along Park**

*The story of an historic district: a first-person narrative by Jenny Hill '05  
inspired by the collective memories of students past*



**L**ooking back to the early 1900s, I'm not surprised that the National Park Service added Westerville's Temperance Row Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 3, 2008. Indeed, I remember the days of the Temperance Movement were exciting times to live in Westerville, but perhaps in a different way than modern students define "excitement." Living in the Dry Capital of the World meant long walks through Otterbein Cemetery, tug-of-war over Alum Creek, five-cent sodas Uptown, and good wholesome fun. Those were the days.

I watched the Temperance Movement roll into Westerville—along with trunks upon trunks of books—in 1909 when Rev. Purley Baker bought 11 acres near Otterbein University, and set up the headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League of America (ASLA), which was formerly housed in Washington, D.C., as well as the publications branch of the movement, which had been located in Chicago.



**181 W. Walnut**

photos by Bill Merriman



# ANCE ROW

## and University Streets, it was Temperance Union Headquarters

Westerville was the perfect community for the Anti-Saloon League. From the wholesome students at Otterbein to the family-oriented small village of 1,900 residents, Otterbein was the epitome of Christian values, including abstinence from alcohol and other vices. In fact, an 1859 ordinance forbade the sale of liquor. That is what brought many of us students to Otterbein, and what brought the Anti-Saloon League to Westerville. Wayne Wheeler, a lawyer for the Anti-Saloon League said, "I am told that from time immemorial, Westerville has been so dry that you have to sprinkle the streets after the rain."

Mr. Wheeler also said, "Your community appealed to the committee because it is clean; not only clean morally, but clean physically. With shady avenues, paved streets, cement walks, natural gas, artesian wells, pure water,

sanitary sewers, electric lights and a good water plant, with steam and electric railroad connections and with Otterbein University, which for the last 50 years has been an institution of high grade in all its social, political, intellectual, moral and religious life, laying special emphasis on the cause of civic righteousness, Christian temperance and the destruction of the liquor traffic."

Another thing that made Westerville ideal was the easy access to the railroad. At the height of the movement, trains came each day, and distributed 40 tons of anti-alcohol publications each month to the rest of the country! The printing plant, located on State Street, was running 24 hours a day and employed 200 people, making it a major employer in Westerville.

Westerville held huge celebrations with bonfires and church bells when the announcement was made, and

welcomed the Anti-Saloon League to town with even more celebrations on Feb. 12, 1909.

On those 11 acres, we watched as prominent Anti-Saloon League members built their quaint neighborhood of Craftsman-style houses between 1910 and 1935. Later, in the year 2008, Bill Merriman, president of the Westerville Historical Society, would estimate that these Temperance leaders occupied at least 20 houses in the district. When the first six houses went up on the west side of Grove Street south of Park Street and north of Walnut Street, we started calling the neighborhood Temperance Row—while some of the rowdier students called it "The Brewery."

Rev. Baker's house, which he called "Greendale," was built on the southwest corner of Grove and Park



109 S. Grove



92 University



67 S. Grove



117 S. Grove

*All of these homes were associated with the Anti-Saloon League. From left: 181 W. Walnut was built by the Rev. John Schaibly in 1914. 109 S. Grove was built by the Rev. Thomas Hare in 1913. 92 University was built by Russell Henderson, the ASLA political cartoonist, in 1920. 67 S. Grove was built in 1923, and Lillie Baker, upon Purley's Baker's death, moved into the house in 1924. 117 Grove was built by ASLA editor Sam Fickel in 1916. Nearly 30 residences on or near campus had historical ties with the ASLA.*



Library of Congress

Streets. He was the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, so a lot of very important meetings were held and decisions were made in that house. Working day and night in a grassroots effort, the Anti-Saloon League won their noble crusade against liquor nationwide in 1919, when the 18th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified. Sadly, it was repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933.

Those 14 years were glorious times for Temperance Row and Westerville. Prohibition was widely supported by students and Westerville residents alike. Finally, we could have fun at parties without worrying about demon rum rearing its ugly head and walk the streets at night, safe in knowing that law-breaking drunkards wouldn't make trouble for us. It was truly the perfect solution to "the liquor problem," in the words of the Anti-Saloon League publications.



I am told that from time immemorial, Westerville has been so dry that you have to sprinkle the streets after the rain.

~ Wayne Wheeler, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League of America

Rev. Baker lived out his final days in that house, dying in 1924. He didn't live to see the Prohibition Amendment repealed. Lucky for him, I suppose, because that shock alone might have killed him.

His house then became the home of editorial offices for the *Standard Encyclopedia of Alcoholism*. It was great reading, very informative. The first floor was also the first home of the Westerville Community Library for a few years in the 1930s. The College bought that house in 1947 and its presidents lived there for many years. The first president to live there was J. Gordon Howard, and so the house was named Howard House.

The house itself, and several other Temperance Row houses, used cobblestones taken from nearby Alum Creek in the foundations, chimneys and porches. Rev. Baker and his wife Lillie also built a greenhouse, a cobblestone garage and a sanitary milk house on their property. They sold produce and bought a milk route for their dairy business. A house that already stood on the property when Rev. Baker bought it was moved west in 1911 and housed the property's caretakers.

The second official to move to Temperance Row was Rev. Howard Hyde Russell, the founder of the Anti Saloon League of America. His house is now home to a fraternity called Country Club. I don't think the men who live there are Prohibitionists.

Rev. Russell was a common site on campus, if not an unusual one. When I first saw him walking through campus, with long white hair, a wide-brimmed hat, a flowing black cape and black umbrella in hand, I didn't know what to think of him. But his

sermons at chapel inspired us all and earned him two honorary doctorates from Otterbein.

Other Anti-Saloon League officials to live in the Temperance Row district in the grandest houses in Westerville included Rev. Milo Kelser, Rev. Thomas Hare, publications editor Samuel Fickel and political cartoonist Russell Henderson.

Not everyone was so impressed with the grandeur of the district. Opponents to the movement called the district "Grafter's Row." When the Anti-Saloon League published a bulletin featuring photos of the houses of brewing barons of Columbus alongside photos of shanties on the Scioto River, to contrast the spoils of brewing alcohol and the results of consuming alcohol, the brewing barons responded with a political ad in *The Columbus Dispatch* of the grand homes of Temperance Row alongside shacks located near the homes. The text of the ad read, "In point of beauty and magnificence of grounds, the homes at Westerville owned by Anti-Saloon League officials will stand out as the equal of any possessed by those who are in control of breweries in the city of Columbus. The argument that the manufacture of beer is a profitable investment is answered by the fact that it is no less profitable to serve in an official capacity against it."

Despite such criticisms, Otterbein students and Westerville residents continued to support the cause and presence of the Anti-Saloon League.

Once the Prohibition Amendment was guaranteed, the Anti-Saloon League of America went international and founded the World League Against



Alcohol, with headquarters in London and Westerville. When Prohibition ended, the Depression had taken a financial toll on the Anti-Saloon League and related offshoots, so they merged into the Temperance Education Foundation and stayed in Westerville until 1973. Prohibition may have ended, but Westerville remained dry and the houses stood firm.

The tradition of Temperance remained strong in Westerville through the early part of the new millennium, until a drastic change in policy was

democratically voted into existence. I nearly rolled over in my grave at the Otterbein Cemetery, which incidentally is just outside the designated border of the Historic District, when voters allowed alcohol to be served in my beloved Westerville in November 2005, and by an overwhelming 79 percent “yes” vote! The first beer was legally poured at an Uptown Westerville restaurant on Jan. 12, 2006.

My dear Otterbein, however, remains true to its Temperance roots, still prohibiting alcohol on campus.

*Special thanks to the research of Westerville Historical Society President Bill Merriman for his research and dedication in the successful application to the National Park Service for the historical designation of the Temperance Row Movement. Much of the information in the above story came from his research. The public application can be found online at [www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm) under October 31, 2008. ●*



photos by Bill Merriman

*****Ironic beginnings?***** Two current fraternity houses on Otterbein’s campus were originally built by Anti-Saloon League members. The Eta Phi Mu house (top left), at 159 W. Park, was built by the Rev. Purley Baker, the superintendent of the ASLA for many years. The Pi Kappa Phi house (top right) at 79 S. Grove was built by the Rev. Howard Hyde Russell, the founder of the ASLA. The Rev. Baker also built Howard House (above), at the corner of Park and Grove, for his own residence in 1911. The house was originally known as “Greendale,” but later became the Otterbein president’s residence and was named after J. Gordon Howard (1945-1957), the first president to live there.



# Class NOTES

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## 1932

**Mildred Forwood Garling's** 100th birthday celebration, dubbed Thoroughly Modern Mildred, was held at the Otterbein Retirement Community, Lebanon, OH on Nov. 22, 2008. After one year of planning, Mildred's goal of 100 guests was met and exceeded. Photos through every stage of her life were incorporated into a slide show with commentary by her son, David, and his wife, Lynn. Attendees toasted Mrs. Garling by sharing outstanding stories about her. A positive and deeply spiritual person, she wakes each morning to say "What wonderful things are going to happen to me today?" Then in the evening she writes at least three great things that happened, and considers them blessings. Mrs. Garling graduated with a BA in history magna cum laude.

*Editor's Note: Sadly, Mildred Forwood Garling passed away on Dec. 28, 2008. Please see page 38 for more information.*



## 1956

**Sonya Stauffer Evans** was named cook of the month in the "Gems From Our Treasure Chest" section of the *News-Tribune*, Hicksville, OH.

## 1958

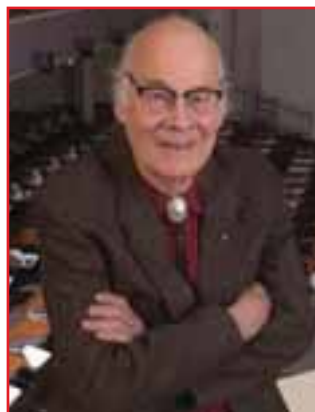
**Ed Cox** and his wife, **Diane Daily Cox '59**, were married June 8, 1958 in Delaware, OH. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with their children Leigh Ann, **Christine '87** and Tom, then traveled to Williamsburg,

VA, as they did for their honeymoon 50 years ago.



## 1960

**John Lloyd** attended the Southern Tier Symphony (of Olean, NY) concert in October at the University



of Pittsburgh. The symphony included his *Ahectic Overture* in their performance. He met and posed for a picture with the conductor, John Whitney.

## 1963

**Janet Lacey McCann** has been honored with a Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching by the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University. Janet is a professor of English at Texas A&M, where she has taught for 40 years.



## 1965

**Jeanette Litsey Westerfield** was a delegate to both the General Conference and the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) in 2008. She was also re-elected as a director of the women's division and of the general board of global ministries of the UMC. She serves as the organist/choir director

## 1944

**Albert Bartlett** will be honored with the award of Best Magazine Article for his article entitled *Why Have Scientists Succumbed to Political Correctness?* Albert expresses concern over scientists identifying overpopulation as a cause of problems in their writings, but ignoring it in their recommendations for solving environmental problems.



of the Gateway Community UMC in Louisville, KY. She and her husband, David, a retired UMC minister, live in retirement in Louisville.

**Mills Williams** retired as counsel on Jan. 1, 2008, from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He was recently sworn in as a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia. Mills has spent the last six months providing governance structure counsel to his church in Washington, D.C. He now plans to work on a part-time, intermittent or temporary basis in a legal or business consulting situation.

## 1966

**Marilyn Hutchings Carroll** retired after 36 years of teaching at McMullen Elementary School, Loudonville, OH. Friends and family hosted a surprise party in her honor at her son's Loudonville restaurant.



## 1973

**Dennis Mammana** is an invited member of The World at Night (TWAN), an international team of the world's most highly-acclaimed night sky photographers. TWAN is under the auspices of Astronomers Without Borders.

**Nicholas Munhofen** is the director of field operations for the Medical College of Georgia, which

contracts with the Georgia Department of Corrections to provide all medical services to prison inmates statewide. He manages the day-to-day operations of 73 medical sites. This position follows 15 years of serving as a hospital administrator, primarily with the Hospital Corp. of America.



## 1974

**Mellar Davis** and his wife, **Deborah Doan Davis '74**, adopted two daughters, Emelin and Lilian. Mellar is the editor in chief of *Progress in Palliative Medicine*; the chairman of the palliative study section of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer; associate editor of the *Journal of Supportive Care in Cancer*; director of research of the subdivision of Palliative Medicine, division of Solid Tumor, Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic; and editor of *Opioids in Cancer Pain*, second edition, to come out March 2009.

**David Dick** is a free lance lead consultant in the SAP field for systems and applications. He is also director and founder of VAAD Consulting in Australia.



## 1979

**Lisa Durham Fairchild** spent her "summer vacation" working with director Oliver Stone and actors Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks and Toby White on the film *W*. She appears in the film as the reporter who asks the tough questions on education during George Bush's run for governor of Texas in 1994. Her fall was spent appearing as Mom in the award-winning production of *Lily's Purple Plastic Purse* by the Dallas Children's Theatre.



## 2009 Showcase Performers



## Attention all Otterbein College Theatre Alumni and Friends!

Please join us for a gathering to celebrate the 2009 Senior Showcase in New York City. Hosted by Otterbein Department of Theatre & Dance, **Dennis Romer '71**, **David Caldwell '86**, **Dan Knechtges '94**, and **Jeremy Bobb '03**.

**Sunday, April 5, 2009, 7:00 pm, Location TBA**  
More info will follow – watch the Otterbein College Theatre website for details  
[www.otterbein.edu/theatre](http://www.otterbein.edu/theatre)

**Please email Elizabeth Saltzgiver [esaltzgiver@otterbein.edu](mailto:esaltzgiver@otterbein.edu) or call 614-823-1239 with questions or ideas for future Theatre alumni events.**



## 1965

**Lynn Schwabacher Norman** serves on the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Outreach and Sponsorship Association in Indianapolis, IN. The association funds the Fairfield Children's Home and other projects in the Old Mutare Mission Center in Zimbabwe. The center is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and within walking distance of Africa University. She made her 11th trip to Africa in January 2009 and, as always, lived with the children. Her area of responsibility on the board is sustainability, with emphasis on both provision of food in the present and sustainable agriculture for the future.



## Free Program Seeks to Honor Veterans with Trip to D.C.

by Jeanna Harrington '10

After eight years of service as a pilot in World War II, a guy deserves a favor in return.

On July 12, 2008, alumnus **Bob Arn '48** was one of five WWII veterans to participate in the Columbus Honor Flight, a free program that honors veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C., for tours of memorials and historic landmarks.

Although Arn said the almost 15-hour day was “very hot and very tiring,” his reception upon landing in D.C. “really made you feel like a hero.”

Arn and his fellow veterans were greeted by approximately 200 people, families from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. “It was like returning from a winning football game,” he said. “It makes tears come to your eyes when you’re greeted with a group like that.”

By 10:30 a.m., the time they arrived at the WWII Memorial, Arn and his fellow flight participants had been traveling for nearly five hours. The veterans were greeted at the memorial by Sen. Bob Dole before watching wreath and flag ceremonies. From there, the group moved to The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Arlington National Cemetery, to witness the changing of the guard.

The rest of the day’s activities included a sightseeing tour on the bus, a visit with marines, and trips to the Korean War Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and Navy Memorial, among other landmarks.

At 4:30 p.m. the veterans headed back to the Baltimore airport. They departed at 7:25 p.m. and had landed in Columbus at 8:30 p.m.

Arn said he had always wanted to see the WWII Memorial after having been to Washington so many times before it was built. He also noted “being honored by the American public” as one of the best parts of the experience.

After graduating from Westerville High School, Arn entered Otterbein in 1940, where he studied business administration with a concentration in advertising and merchandising. He immediately began training in a government aviation program and planned to join the Navy when the war started.

In 1942, Arn, two fraternity brothers and their dates were in a car accident. After fracturing the sixth and seventh vertebrae in his neck, Arn was forced to drop out of his Navy class. “I thought I was ruined,” he said.

One month later, after seeing the pilots were desperately needed in Pensacola, Fla., Arn disguised his neck injury and

was accepted, along with 12 other men, to man a patrol base and fly civilian planes.

By 1943, Arn was in Memphis, Tenn. where he received special training as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ferrying Group Air Transport Command. There he was trained to fly 36 different planes, each of which he eventually flew, and was an instructor for many of the planes during the war.

That same year, Arn married his high school sweetheart, **Jackie Smathers '45**.

In August of 1944, Arn was given overseas orders at the

same time as Jackie had their first son, Bobby. Arn assumed he’d be going to England and was surprised when his orders out of Miami sent him to India. Most of his overseas missions were to fly gasoline and combat cargo into China, as Pres. Roosevelt declared that they must be kept in the war “to tie up the Japanese.”

Hundreds of flights, numerous missions and several planes later, Arn received his orders to go home in May of 1945.

Arn was awarded various medals for his WWII services, including the China War Memorial Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, among others. He also received numerous awards, including air combat and overseas service, along with a Presidential Unit Citation.

Referring to his service, Arn said, “We felt really good about it. We accomplished each and every mission and really thought we were making progress.”

Upon his return to Westerville, Arn finished his remaining two years at Otterbein and graduated with the class of 1948.

After graduation, Arn held numerous management positions at Hanna Paint Company and James B. Sipes Paint Co. in Pittsburgh, Penn. He had a brief partnership in Arn and Roush Hardware and eventually became Senior Purchasing Agent for the State of Ohio. After retiring in 1984, Arn moved to Florida until a short piece of advice from his daughter brought him home; “She told me, ‘You’ve been on vacation for 18 years, it’s time now that you came back home.’”

Currently, Arn serves as Vice Commander of the American Legion in Westerville and belongs to VFW, Blendon Lodge and the Aladdin Shrine. Arn said he spends a lot of time in his “bachelor’s den,” complete with over 200 pictures and artifacts chronicling his story. Numerous organizations have asked for the collection, including the Westerville Historical Society, but according to Arn, “I told them ‘Sorry, I’m giving it all to my daughter.’” ●



Bob Arn is 86 and still flying.





## 1982

**Steve Johnston** has accepted the position of chief financial officer for Cincinnati Financial Corporation, Cincinnati, OH.

**Valerie Frasure Whalen** is a licensed social worker for Acclaim Hospice in Franklin, Knox, Morrow, Marion and Delaware counties in Ohio. She has been a hospice social worker for the last two years. Prior to her hospice work, she worked in the field of geriatric long-term care. Valerie is married and has two children attending The Ohio State University.



## 1985

**Marti Trudeau** has won the inaugural Catherine Reynolds Award for Excellence in Mentoring. The annual award recognizes the Philadelphia VA Medical Center employee who best exemplifies the qualities that made Cathy Reynolds a beloved figure around the medical center, including integrity, professionalism, dedication and positive impact throughout the facility.

## 1982

**Joe Krumpak** is the new athletic director for Grand Valley School District, Orwell, OH.

## 1988

**Jolene Thompson** was recently promoted to senior vice president of member services and external affairs for Columbus-based American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio), where she has worked for 18 years. Thompson will oversee the organization's strategic public relations and communications, state and federal government affairs, regulatory and climate policy, environmental

compliance, engineering services, energy efficiency and key accounts/business development programs, human resources, and safety and training programs.



## 1989

**Angela Hoover Leckwatch** is director of marketing with the Chick-Fil-A Corporation. Her family has relocated to Pittsburgh, PA, and they are having fun exploring the southwestern Pennsylvania area.

**Teresa Moore Martin** has published her second book,

entitled *FLIP! Focused Living = Infinite Possibilities*. The book is based on motivational workshops that Martin has conducted for at-risk youth in Ohio and in the Jamaican mountains, as well as adults who work with at-risk youth. Her first book, *Don't Just Show Up for the Party, Take Home the Gift!* was published in August.

**Andrew White** is the junior/senior high principal for Mechanicsburg, OH, schools.

## 1990

**Sara Tobey Roseberry** is the new elementary principal for Hardin Elementary School, Sidney, OH.



Tim Doup, Joe Loth and Brandon Koons

## 1991, 1992, 1994

**Joe Loth '91** was selected as the 2008 OAC Co-Coach-of-the Year (sharing with Head Coach Barry Wulf from Wilmington) as voted by their peers. Loth led the Cardinals to postseason play for the first time in program history with a 9-2 (8-1 OAC) record. This is the second time he has been awarded this honor. **Tim Doup '92** was chosen as the 2008 Assistant Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by the ten OAC head coaches. Doup serves as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. The Cardinals ranked third in total offense, and second in scoring offense and first downs. The Cardinals also led the conference in fourth-down conversions. Doup is the first Otterbein assistant coach to be awarded this honor. **Brandon Koons '94** was named the 2008 Women's Soccer Coach-of-the-Year as selected by the ten OAC head coaches. Koons, finishing his 10th season at Otterbein, has led the Cardinals to three (OAC) regular-season championships (2002, 2005 and 2006) and two OAC Tournament titles (2004 and 2005). In 2006, Koons passed the 100-win plateau and currently is the OAC career wins leader with 119.

## This '62 Alumnus Takes America's Pasttime to Europe

by Jenny Hill '05

When **Dave Ewing '62** began coaching baseball at Otterbein College in Fall 1992, he had no idea that the connections he made would take him across the world. As an envoy coach for Major League Baseball, Ewing has taught coaching techniques to coaches in the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

While a student at Otterbein, Ewing played baseball and football and was a member of Zeta Phi fraternity. He graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in health education and went on to earn his master's of education from Xavier University in 1968. He spent the first five years of his career in Dublin, Ohio, and the last 25 years in Columbus Public Schools as a teacher, counselor and baseball coach. He spent 12 years at Walnut Ridge High School where he had a coaching record of 208-117, won four City League Championships and four Sectionals, and in 1981, his team reached the regional final.

Ewing was named to the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999, the Central District Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2000, and won the Ohio High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award in 2001.

Ewing retired from teaching and coaching high school in 1992 and became the assistant baseball coach and pitching coach for the Otterbein Cardinals. "It has been very rewarding. The players are great young men who enjoy working hard," he said.

Through the connections he made over the years, Ewing learned about an Envoy Program through the Major Baseball League (MLB) and applied through which American coaches are sent all over the world to teach the fundamentals of baseball to foreign coaches. Coaches spend a week or two in each area working with coaches, visiting schools and practices, facilitating clinics and assisting with instruction and organization, and the entire trip lasts four to eight weeks. He has helped new players from elementary school age through adults.

In the summer of 2001, he was assigned to England. He has traveled to Germany and Switzerland in other years, and his last three years were spent in Sweden. "There is a lot of enthusiasm," Ewing said. "The sport is just starting to grow in Europe and the players are eager and enthusiastic."

When he goes to Europe, Ewing sometimes brings equipment the teams have ordered. "It's difficult to get gloves and shoes because the sporting goods stores don't carry them," he said. "The MLB gives some starter equipment, but that goes mostly to younger players."

"We will have 12-15 people playing baseball and then 200 people the next field over playing soccer," he said. "Some people come and watch the baseball out of curiosity," he said.

"The players usually practice during the week and travel long distances to play double headers on the weekends. I've seen snow fencing used for the outfield, tents for the dugout and dirt hauled in for the mound," he said.

Ewing has encountered players with some interesting backgrounds and stories. "In Germany, one team was called

the Indians. A group of guys who were friends were going to start a soccer team, but they saw the movie *Major League* and decided to start a baseball team instead. That's where they got their name, from the movie," he said.

"In Sweden, most of the players are left-hand batters because that's how they are taught to hold a hockey stick from childhood."

"The club teams there are about the equivalent skill level as high school teams here. They don't throw as much, so their pitchers aren't as good, and the hitters can't develop without good pitchers.

Some of their best club teams might struggle against our better high school teams," Ewing said. "However, some of their individual players are very good. Some come to the United States to play on American college teams and take those skills back to their own national teams."

The American college connection doesn't end there. When Javle, Sweden, recently needed a coach for the entire summer, Ewing recommended former Cardinal **Aaron Hutchinson '08**. "The teams are allowed up to three foreign players, so they like to get college players to both coach and play on the team."

When asked what the most rewarding aspect of the experience is, Ewing answered, "The chance to go to Europe and meet new people and see different cultures. I have a lot of free time to explore. I sometimes stay with locals and people usually take me around, so I get to see a day in the life of another culture. That's more than the average tourist experiences."



*Aaron "Hutch" Hutchison and Dave Ewing in Javle, Sweden when Dave went to see Aaron's team play. Dave had recommended Aaron for the job.*



## 1991

**Paul Kavicky** is currently running sound for the show *Wicked*, playing at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago.



## 1994

**Eddie Harrell** has been appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. In addition to currently serving on the Otterbein Board of Trustees, he is a member of the board of directors for COSI (Center of Science and Industry), Columbus City Schools Education Foundation and KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program), all located in Columbus, OH. Eddie is currently the president and CEO of the Columbus Urban League.

**Shasta Hochstetler Mast** is the executive director of the Holmes County, OH, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. She is also the president of the Millersburg Rotary Club.

## 1995

**Beverly Mellars** has recently joined Owens Corning and will be working in sales for the commercial and industrial insulation business in Chicago, IL.

**Kirk Nichols** was recently named American Family Insurance agent of the year for outstanding service and performance. Kirk's agency is in Piqua, OH.

## 1996

**Johnny Steiner** has announced the release of two new albums of music: *With Nothing to Do* and *December*. The first is a collection of Cole Porter tunes, while the latter is a collection of Christmas songs. These albums follow his debut album, *Positive*, which was released in 2007. He has been performing throughout central Ohio for over ten years.



## 1997

**Jesse Truett** is the principal for Grandview Heights High School, Grandview, OH.

## 1998

**Nathan Larrick** is the assistant vice president and branch manager for National City Bank, Cambridge, OH.

**Carrie Oliver** performed for the opening program at the General Federation of Women's Clubs opening meeting at Pleasant Valley Country Club, Weirton, WV. Carrie is primarily a singer of Christian music and an evangelist. She also sings other styles of music including Broadway, jazz, opera and classical. She has sung in churches throughout the USA and performed in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and Canterbury Cathedral in England. Carrie has been the director of music ministries for St. Paul Catholic Church in Weirton since 2003. She released her first Christian contemporary album, *In His Time*, in 2000.



## 2000

**Amy Miller** is the artistic director of The Transcendence Theatre Company, a performing arts organization dedicated to transforming the connection between theatre and life. The company's members creatively celebrate mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual vitality. They are committed to joining with and empowering audiences to honor and explore unity within themselves, their communities, the Earth, and the universe.

other theatre professionals, the two launched Raconteur Theatre company last May. Their debut show gained critical acclaim and earned Ceneskie a Best Actress nomination by the Central Ohio Theatre Critics Circle.

**Sarah Ryann Kuhner** is the new head girls' basketball coach for Central Crossing High School, Grove City, OH.

## 2002

**Beth Pilawski Burns** is a professor of English at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, FL.

## 2003

**Molly Carey** is working with Summit Eye Associates as an ophthalmic technician in Nashville, TN.

## 2001

**Jill Ceneskie Hartley** and **Tricia Jones '01** are excited to announce their theatre company's December production, *Mom and Pop*, by local playwright Sarah Tobin. Along with a few

## 2003

**Keitiaunna Howard** received her master's degree from Franklin University, Columbus, OH, in marketing/communication. Keitiaunna is a dedicated service specialist for Anthem Life/East Region. She is pictured with her fellow graduate Yolanda Miller (left) and professor Ted Jones (right).



**Wes Coulter** was recently hired as staffing and production manager at Shiraz Events in NYC.

**Jeff Eichorn** has taken on the responsibilities as assistant principal at Galion Middle School, Galion, OH, his first administrative position in education. Jeff has been teaching ninth-grade American history, first at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Gahanna, OH, then at his alma mater, Lexington High School, Lexington, OH.

**Janna Proper Mast** is an RN on the Mother Infant Unit at Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, OH, and also works occasionally as a health and wellness nurse helping out with health fairs.



## 2004

**Niki Mayer Oberlander** graduated from The Ohio State University on June 6, 2008, receiving her MSW and is employed at OSU Medical Center, Columbus, OH, in the ER department.

**Jami Jones Patton** completed her master's

## 2004

**Jason Jenkins** has been promoted to the job of African American mentoring manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Columbus, OH. He is pictured with daughter, Giana Marie.

of art in teaching at Marygrove College in Detroit, MI.

**Glenda Martin Underdown** works at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH, in the research division.

**Bethany Warthen** is the new varsity girls' basketball coach for London High School, London, OH.

## 2005

**Katy Witt** is an advisor with Lia Sophia, a leading fashion jewelry company, where she recently received top honors as an Excellent Beginner for outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism.

**Kyle Yaggi** is currently in his fourth year of teaching language arts at Dublin Jerome High School in Dublin, OH, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in English education at The Ohio State University.

## 2006

**Rachel Ferrara** is currently in her third year of law school at the University of



## 2005

**Jonathan Juravich** was named the Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 school year at Liberty Tree Elementary School in Powell, OH. He teaches art for kindergarten through 5th grade students. When Jon is not teaching, he creates and shows his own artwork which is produced using mostly recycled materials. He is pictured with his wife, Amy.



Toledo. She intends to take the Ohio Bar Examination in July 2009.

**Tyler Ousley** recently toured with a US Select Team throughout Europe playing a number of basketball games. From there the Sheffield Arrows, a club an hour north of London, England, recruited him. Tyler has already proven his worth, scoring 33 points in his first game.

**Dan Watson** has been hired as the number two play-by-play radio man for the Harrisburg (PA) Senators, the Class AA affiliate of the Washington Nationals baseball team.

## 2007

**Drew Aber** made his Broadway debut in *A Tale of Two Cities*, in less than a year of auditioning in New York.

**Karen Beers** is teaching Spanish and coaching girls' soccer for Piqua High School, Piqua, OH.

**Valerie Vernell Vining** is currently living in Westerville. She represents the Tom James Co., the world's largest custom clothier. She is a professional haberdasher, specializing in business apparel.

## 2008

**Todd Ramsey** is teaching seventh and eighth grade mathematics for the Southern Local Schools, Salineville, OH.

**James Savitscus** is working with the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC), Columbus, OH, as a disability claims adjudicator. RSC is a state agency that serves Ohioans with disabilities.

**Andrew Tobias** has joined the *Delaware Gazette* editorial staff, Delaware, OH, as a full time reporter.

**Polly Wilbur** is the new vocal instructor for the Jefferson Local School District, Urbana, OH. ●



# MileSTONES

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## Wedding Album



**1994**

Royce Wong '94 with wife, Hayden



**1997**

Amy Matthews Stross '97 with husband, Vince



**2000**

Brooke Johnson Wilson '00 with husband, Joe



**2002**

Susan Zedella Miller '02 with husband, Jeff



**2000**

John Boyer '00 with wife, Deborah



**2003**

Cynthia Milich Thomas '03 with husband, John



**2003**

Heather Capple Azem '03 with husband, Jazon



**2003**

Sarah Frajter Delly '03 (second from right) with Carrie Reardon DeSimpelaere '03, Erin Springer '02 and Cari Dean '03



**2004**

Niki Mayer Oberlander '04 with husband, Steve



**2006**

Ashley Garriss McWilliams '06 with husband, David



**2007**

Nicolette Smith Ledford '07 with husband, Brandon



**2005**

Brittany Miller Smith '05 with husband, Nick, and Julie Saris '05, Nikki Contini '05 and Bekah Davis '05

## Marriages

### 1980

**Kim Robinson** to Jerry Jacobs, her high school sweetheart, on June 20, 2008. The wedding took place on the beach in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. Kim and Jerry live in Willard, OH where Kim teaches 4th grade and Jerry runs his family's TV and appliance store.

### 1994

**Royce Wong** to Hayden Yi, Sept. 29, 2008 in Maui, HI. They currently reside in Seattle, WA.

### 1995

**Fonda Dawson** to Shawn Kendrick, Oct. 4, 2008, in Hocking Hills, OH.

### 1997

**Jon Clinger** to Rianna Carey, July 5, 2008.

**Amy Thompson** to Andrew Kinkead, Dec. 8, 2007.

**Amy Matthews** to Vince Stross, Sept. 27, 2008.

### 2000

**John Boyer** to Deborah Sting, July 5, 2008, in Pigeon, MI.

**Brooke Johnson** to Joe Wilson, Oct. 10, 2008 in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**Jenny Hitmar** to Jody Frederick Shankland, June 21, 2008.

### 2001

**Kevin Miller** to Janelle Triplett, Feb. 16, 2008.

### 2002

**Susan Zedella** to Jeff Miller, Sept. 13, 2008. The wedding took place in the historic City Stage Theater in Wilmington, NC. The couple resides in Wilmington.

### 2003

**Heather Capple** to Jazon Azem, Dec. 29, 2007. Fellow Otterbein alumni **Joel Shireman '01**, **Scott Henning '04** and **Keyona Willis '04** sang in the ceremony.

**Sarah Frajter** to Matt Delly, Sept. 27, 2008.

**Kelli Molk** to Timothy Lippenga, June 28, 2008.

**Cynthia Milich** to John Thomas, June 21, 2008.

### 2004

**Cynthia Crawford** to Nader Nawar, Aug. 23, 2008.

**Niki Mayer** to Steve Oberlander, June 7, 2008.

**Glenda Martin '04** to Guy Underdown, Oct. 4, 2008.

### 2005

**Jon Juravich** to Amy DiFiore, Dec. 16, 2006.

**Brittany Miller** to Nick Smith, Sept. 20, 2008. Bridesmaids included **Julie Saris '05**, **Nikki Contini '05**, and **Bekah Davis '05**.

**Katie Peltier** to Van Tran-Lam, Aug. 31, 2008.

### 2006

**Ashley Garris** to David McWilliams, July 19, 2008.

**Alison Schmidt** to **William "Paul" Davis '06**, July 19, 2008. Included in the bridal party were **Trent Kugler '06**, **Mayme Moyer '06**, **Ben Menard '06**, and **Stacey Moyer '07**.

### 2007

**Nicolette Smith** to **Brandon Ledford '06**, Aug. 30, 2008.

**Rachelle Ramsey** to **Matthew Shaffer**, July 26, 2008.

**Katherine Farver** to **Walter Theado '06**, July 26, 2008.

### 2008

**Ashley Woodard** to **Chad Bell '05**, June 27, 2008.

**Matt Bohrer** to Lindsey Wayt, May 10, 2008.

## Additions

### 1993

**Casey Travis** and wife, Lindsay, a son, Carter Alan, Nov. 1, 2007.

### 1994

**Jason Dishop** and wife, Maria, a daughter, Elena Maria, May 25, 2008. Elena joins brother, Joshua, age 3.

**Anthony Losh** and wife, Stacia, a son, Alexander James, born Mar. 18, 2008. He joins big sister, Reagan Elizabeth, age 3.

### 1995

**Zenia Dacio-Mesina** and husband, Simeon, a son, Elias, Jan. 24, 2008.

**James Sawyer** and wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Olivia Ellen, June 11, 2008. Proud

grandparents are **George '67** and Gloria Biggs and **Richard '67** and Jackie Sawyer.

### 1996

**Elizabeth Raeske Grinch** and husband, **Stephen '98**, a daughter, Charlotte Jane Grinch, Sept. 20, 2008.

### 1997

**Rebecca Snow DeHart** and husband, Aaron, a daughter, Elizabeth Ross, April 6, 2008.

**Melissa Muguruza Weaver** and husband, Nathan, a son, Ramon Javier, Oct. 9, 2008.

### 1999

**Brooke Preston Moore** and husband, **Brian '00**, twin boys, Madden and Mason, Oct. 12, 2008.

### 2000

**Laura Martin Gladden** and husband, **Eric '01**, a son, Gregory Eric, April 11, 2008. He joins big sister, Alaina.

**Sarah Hankinson Travis** and husband, **Craig '00**, a daughter, Ava Noelle, July 23, 2008.

### 2001

**Jenny Geesling All** and husband, Jim, a son, Samuel James, Sept. 6, 2008.

**Malinda Butler**, a son, Liam Thomas, Sept. 2, 2008.

**Rachel Bell Edgel** and husband, Chris, a daughter, Olive Mae, Sept. 26, 2008. Olive's grandfather is **David Bell '74**, director of Otterbein's Service Dept.



## Baby Album



**1994**

*Elena Maria Dishop*



**1995**

*Elias Mesina*



**1996 & 1998**

*Charlotte Jane Grinch*



**1997**

*Elizabeth Ross DeHart*



**1997**

*Ramon Javier Weaver*



**1999**

*Madden and Mason Moore*



**2000**

*Gregory Eric Gladden with big sister, Alaina*



**2001**

*Olive Mae Edgel*



**2001**

*Liam Thomas Butler*



**2002**

*Cora Lianne Burns with big sister,  
Charlotte Marian*



**2003**

*Ryley Danielle Hubbard*



**2003**

*Kason Trey Mast*



**2005**

*Sarah Ann Whetstone*

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1,000 pixels on the shortest  
side and jpeg format is  
preferred.*

**Sarah Belasco Hayman** and husband, **Josh Hayman '00**, a son, Braeden Lucas, Oct. 31, 2008.

## 2002

**Amanda Terry Bailey**, and husband, Ryan, a daughter, McKenna Ryan, June 16, 2007.

**Beth Pilawski Burns** and husband, Andy, a daughter, Cora Lianne, July, 11, 2008. She joins big sister Charlotte Marian.

## 2003

**Becca Machuga Hubbard**, and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Ryley Danielle, Sept. 20, 2008.

**Janna Proper Mast** and husband, Randy, a son, Kason Trey on June 23, 2008. Big sister Kaidrie, 3 1/2, was so happy to welcome her baby brother to the family.

## 2004

**Sarah Armstrong Baker** and husband, Eric, a son, Oliver Charles, Feb. 22, 2008.

## 2005

**Lynda Miller Whetstone** and husband, Joshua, a daughter, Sarah Ann, Oct. 8, 2008.

## Deaths

### 1928

**Gladys Snyder Lowry** died on Oct. 1, 2008. Preceding her in death was her husband, **Forrest Lowry '25** and brother **Charles Lowry '33**. Two children

survive, Jean Lucas and Miriam Wertenberger; and a granddaughter, **Linda Lucas Ingham '80**.

### 1932

**Mildred Forwood Garling** died Dec. 28, 2008. She had resided at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Home in Lebanon, OH, since 1994. She was born to the Rev. G.C. Forwood and Leola Miles Forwood on Nov. 25, 1908, near Evansville, Indiana. She was an honors graduate of Otterbein College in Westerville, OH, and did graduate work at the University of Chicago and The Ohio State University; she also took special courses at Ashland University. On June 14, 1942, she married Karl J. Garling, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church for over 65 years. Her 32-year teaching career ended with her retirement from Hillsdale High School in Ashland County in June of 1975. She was also preceded in death by a sister, **Hazel Forwood Bundy '34**. She is survived by her son, David, a physician, and his wife, Lynn Taylor, of Columbus, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews. In late November, she celebrated her 100th birthday with more than 100 family members and friends (see page 28).

### 1933

**Virgil Shreiner** died on June 16, 2008. Virgil was the oldest surviving member of Zeta Phi fraternity which he helped found. Surviving are his son,

David Shreiner; daughter, Beverly Giannone; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends. His wife, Ruth, and four sisters preceded him in death.

### 1941

**Margaret Lane Kletrovets** died on Feb. 5, 2007. Margaret was a charter member of the Hilliard, OH, Presbyterian Church, a member of Hilliard Senior Center and retired from Nationwide Insurance. She was preceded in death by husband, Neal, and brother, Robert Lane. Survivors include her son, **Fred '63**; brother, George; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and aunt, Pauline Reuwee.

### 1942

**Raymond Brubaker** died on Sept. 18, 2008. Surviving are his wife, **Jeanne '44**, and son, **Jim '69**. Ray had retired to Sun city, AZ in 1985 after working at Williams and Co. in Pittsburgh, PA, for 39 years.

**Helen Cheek Haines** died on Sept. 14, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Robert, as well as six brothers and two sisters. Surviving are her children, Barbara Heiget, Patti Jasin, Nancy King, Bobby Haines, and Bonnie Rayo; five grandchildren and two great-grandsons. She was an active member of Summit United Methodist Church in Columbus for 60 years, a member of the Riverside Hospital Guild, volunteered at Children's Hospital and was a board

member of Neighborhood Services, Inc. food pantry, Columbus, OH.

**Lt. Col. William Roley** died on Sept. 21, 2008. He received degrees from Long Beach State University in CA and the Marine Corps' Command and Staff School. He served in the Marine Air Corps in World War II and the Korean War, and was the commandant of the Marine Corps, personal pilot for many years in Washington. His wife, Margaret Van Dorn, preceded him in death. Surviving are his son, William Roley; daughter, Col. Susan Malone; four grandchildren; his sister, Sarah Roley; and companion, Roberta Schuman.

### 1944

**Margaret Cherrington Zezech** died on July 6, 2008. She was a devoted wife and mother and was active in both church and social organizations. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, **John '44**. Surviving are her son, **Michael Zezech '68**; daughter, **Patricia Zezech Bailey '71**; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and her brother, Gordon Cherrington.

### 1945

**Mary Jane Kern McBlane** died on July 3, 2008. She did her graduate work at Colorado State University, Wright State and Wittenberg University in Ohio. She was active in many area organizations and loved music and



teaching. Mary Jane taught music for two years at Wittenberg using the Suzuki movement. Survivors include two daughters, Claudia Jones and Penny Ake; one son, Sheldon King; one step daughter, Becky Braden; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, step-son, James; sister, Rachel Emrich; and brother, Robert Kern.

## 1948

**Kenneth Foltz** died on Oct. 14, 2008. He was a physician, artist, farmer and soldier. His sister, Gretchen Foltz Whitmont, preceded him in death. Surviving are his spouse of 61 years, **Juanita Gardis Foltz '48**; children, Brian Foltz, Michelle Bourquin, Leslie Wilsong, Amy Foltz, and Chritine Alonzo; and grandson, John Hoover. Ken was drafted into the infantry in 1941 and relieved of active duty as Captain, B-29 squadron navigator, Okinawa, in May, 1946. He graduated from Des Moines College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1952 and interned at Doctors Hospital, Columbus, OH. He practiced general medicine for 36 years, retiring at age 72.

## 1949

**Carl Becker** died on Oct. 13, 2008. Carl is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Marilou Daily Becker '48**; son, Mark Becker; daughters, Ann Niess and Karla McVey; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sister, **Marian Havens Becker '50**; and numerous friends, family and colleagues.

Preceding him in death was his brother, **John Becker '50**. Carl was a professor emeritus of history at Wright State University in Dayton, OH, and served as chairman of the history department during his career. He received the "Teaching Excellence" award at Wright State as well as numerous other awards for his writings and achievements. Carl was the author, coauthor, and co-editor of over 100 book titles, book chapters, journal articles and biographical essays. He served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army for three years during WWII with tours in the Pacific, Headquarters Battery, 866th AAA Aw Battalion, Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. He was a member of the Miamisburg, OH, Historical Society, served on the Miamisburg school board, and was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church.

## 1950

**Charles Gilbert** died on Aug. 30, 2008. Surviving are his wife, Shirley, and a sister, **Janet Gilbert '50**. Preceding him in death was a sister, **Harriet Gilbert Slagle '46**.

**Emery Hole** died on Sept. 20, 2008. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Sybil; a daughter, Chris Kanai; two grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Heaton. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII in Burma, was a member of the Warren Masonic Lodge in Piqua, OH, and the Scottish Rite in Dayton, OH. He was an avid baseball and softball

player, being inducted into the Miami, OH, County Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame in 1987, and he co-founded the West Michigan Senior Softball League.

## 1951

**Thomas Maurer** died on July 29, 2008. He was a music and German teacher retiring in 1981 and owned Maurer Insurance Agency in Sugarcreek, OH, where he served as mayor from 1972 to 1986. He was an Army veteran of the 101st Airborne during the Korean War, a member of the Sugarcreek Rotary Club and Dover Masonic Lodge and served as choir director for several churches in the area. He is survived by his wife, **Jeanne Keplinger Maurer '58**; children, Craig Maurer, Margaret Polka and Thomas Maurer; and four grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, Myron and Opal Maurer; and a sister, Joan Pence.

**James Stone** died on Aug. 25, 2008. He served in the U.S. Army/Air Force during World War II and was a retired principal of 27 years from Highland, OH, local schools. Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Elnora, sister Lillian Wagner and several nieces and nephews.

**Glenn Waggamon**, a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean Conflict, died on Sept. 15, 2008. From 1956 to 1993, he served as a minister in the United Methodist Church East Ohio Conference which included being their associate director of

the Council of Ministries position which began in 1977. During that time he also served with the Christian Education and Youth Ministries at Cleveland Church of the Redeemer and the Barberton Moore Memorial churches. Glenn is survived by his wife, **Edna Pollock Waggamon '52**; children, **Sybil Waggamon Baker '76 (Peter Baker '75)**, **Jill Waggamon Petryczkiewicz '77**, Philip Waggamon, and Dennis Waggamon; sister, **Marie Schneider '58**; brothers, Ervin and Delbert; and seven grandchildren.

## 1953

**Dorothy Schaser Cook** died on Sept. 18, 2006. Surviving are her husband, **Jack '53**; and children, Carey Cook, and Stacy Lacy. She was preceded in death by her son, Chris Cook.

## 1956

**Shirley Amos Hodapp** died on Oct. 7, 2008. She is survived by children, Holly Vining, **Curtis Hodapp '81**, and **Gordon Hodapp**; grandchildren, **Valerie Vining '07**, Christopher Hodapp and Vanessa Vining. Shirley was in the education field for more than 50 years, starting as an elementary teacher in Xenia, OH, and serving as principal at Noble Elementary School. She was a Defiance County elementary supervisor and a professor of education at Defiance College, Bowling Green State University and Wright State University. She developed a preschool program at Babson Park

Schools in Florida and received a Presidential 1,000 Points of Light Award for her volunteer work. She wrote several books, was a Sunday school teacher at First Lutheran Church in Bryan, OH, and served on its education committee and council.

**Marlene Riegel Shannon** passed away on Oct. 1, 2008. Marlene was a substitute teacher and a librarian at Powers Elementary School in Amherst, OH, for over thirty years before retiring in 2001. She was an active member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Amherst. She loved outings including dinners and shows at Playhouse Square or the Beck Center. An avid sports fan, Marlene spent many fall afternoons cheering on the University of Pittsburgh football team with one of her grandchildren. She vacationed with her family to Ocean City, NJ, or Kiawah Islands, SC.

Survivors include her son, Michael; daughters, Marilyn and Melinda; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Shannon.

## 1958

**Janice Ellenberger Schroeder** died on Sept. 17, 2008. Janice retired in 1999 after a 38-year career teaching language arts at the middle and high school level. After moving to Lake Tahoe, CA, she continued her education relationship by volunteering in the local Tahoe school district. She is survived by her daughter, Carla Hiob; sister, Katherine Haines; two grandsons and two nieces.

## 1961

**John Leohner** died on Sept. 20, 2008. Upon graduating from college, where he excelled in basketball and baseball, John taught science at Linden McKinley High School in Columbus.

He then went to work for John K. Leohner Landscaping Inc. where he served as president following the death of his father. He served for several years on the advisory board of Fairfield National Bank, coached YMCA basketball and was an avid supporter of youth athletic programs in Lancaster, OH. Recently during retirement in Naples, FL, he was involved in various civic and community endeavors. Preceding him in death were his son, Brett Leohner; and brothers, Richard Smith and Kenneth Leohner. Surviving are his wife, Sherie; children, Gia Coffee, Adam Leohner, Michele Leohner, and Bart Leohner; and 10 grandchildren.

## 1962

**Brenda Franklin MacCurdy** died on Oct. 17, 2008. Preceding her in death was her husband, William, and son, Scott. Surviving are a

brother, **Martin Frankin '63**; and children, Mary Jackson, Sandra Hunsicker, Julie Hart, Mark and Jeffrey; and 11 grandchildren.

## 1985

**Mary Wehrle Adair** died on Oct. 1, 2008. She was a writer and self-employed editor and publisher. Mary is survived by her husband, Jim; son, Jesse; mother, Dorothy Dixon; brother, John Wehrle; and many relatives and friends.

## 1991

**Bryan Puderbaugh** died on Oct. 9, 2008. Bryan began working at Huntington National Bank in the Retail Lock Box area in 1996 and worked his way to vice president of operations. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Angel; daughter, Abigail; son, Zachary; parents, David and Jane; brother, Daniel; sister, **Sherri '86**; and numerous friends and relatives. ●

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# Investing in OTTERBEIN

compiled by Lori Green

## Investor Spotlight

### Mark '78 and Deborah Scott Thresher '78

#### How did Otterbein prepare each of you for “the real world”?

In several ways. First of all, we believe that a solid liberal arts education teaches you how to think and interact with all kinds of people. Second, Mark was given the opportunity to work in the accounting business his junior and senior year, which gave him a good feeling for what was waiting for him after graduation. Debbie had the opportunity to be in several musical groups, sorority (held the office of song leader) and other extra curricular groups on campus.



community—and those that align with our personal interest in education and the development of kids.

#### Why is Otterbein a part of your philanthropy?

First, we have a soft spot for Otterbein, and it meets the definition of the type of organization we like to support. And second, because it provided Chelsea, Mo and us the foundation for our careers. We have been very fortunate over the years with pretty good success in our careers—and we believe Chelsea and Mo will do the same.

#### You are an Otterbein couple, and your daughter Chelsea '05 married Jeremy (Mo) Ross '05. What is it about Otterbein that inspires these commitments?

I think it just points out the quality of the students that Otterbein attracts—individuals with high standards and common interests. Then let nature take its course.

#### What distinguishes Otterbein from other college options in the central Ohio area?

Otterbein is unique in several ways—you can start with a list of some of our outstanding programs like theater, equine science, nursing, etc. You can add some very competitive sports teams—and we think you wrap it up with the quality of the faculty and staff that deliver a high quality experience for the students. The feeling of family on campus was important to Debbie. She was six hours from home, but instant friendships and a caring faculty kept her from being home sick.

#### What matters in your philanthropic decision-making?

We support organizations that make a difference in our

#### What, in your opinion, makes Otterbein a good investment?

The quality of the graduates and the impact they have on the “real world” you asked about earlier.

#### You both contribute your time and talent to many causes. What is one of the greatest gift(s) you've ever received?

Having two great daughters, Chelsea and Kaylea, that will both benefit from a liberal arts education from two outstanding schools—Otterbein and Ohio Northern.

#### What do you think is the greatest challenge to face Otterbein in the next five years?

Competition for students. Otterbein will need to continue to improve the experience they offer—that experience includes programs, faculty, staff and facilities. With a new President coming on board next year, she will need to quickly execute on the strategic plan that has been developed over the past two years, so that we can keep Otterbein ahead of the competition. ●

# 2008

## LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY DINNER



*Tom 'H71 & Donna Kerr 'H71, Erwin Kerr*



*Mary Pat Knight 'H00 & Elizabeth Glor Allen '64*



*Anne Decker & Bud Yoest '53*



*Kent Witt '75, Dave Verne & Jane Melhorn Witt '75*



*Harold Augspurger '41, Donna Kerr 'H71, Vernon Pack '50, Kathleen Mollett Augspurger '41*



*Angela Lewis, Garey Barry '10 & Mary Hall '64*



*Jenny Smith-Pariolá & Mary Kerr*



*Donna Burtch, Kathy & Jim Butler*



*Jim Heinisch and Kelly Butler '10*



*Carol Boda Bridgman '50, Anne Yost Ickes '53, Ann Hathaway King '54, Patty Borg*



President Brent DeVore and the Board of Trustees hosted the 2008 Leadership Giving Society dinner recognizing those who invested in Otterbein during fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) at the Towers level and above. The event was held October 8, 2008 at The Conference Center at Northpointe. **Kelly Butler '10**, was the evening emcee, and the Otterbein Jazz Band performed following dinner. The 2008 theme, Mission: Possible, helped identify for donors the value

of their investment in the college, its students and faculty, and the many programs which help create a quality educational opportunity. The evening offered a first look at *Be Yourself at Otterbein*, a defining video aimed at student recruitment and engagement. Chris Hempfling, assistant director of the Center for Community Engagement, provided investors with an update about the Center's community outreach programs and talked about winning the national service award. ●



*Members of the Otterbein Jazz Band*



*Dick Dilgard '53 & Diane Vanderpoel*



*Diane Daily Cox '59, Connie Myers Mentzer '60, Allison Raygor '09, Bonnie Robinson*



*Allison Raygor '09, Lauren Jones '09, Molly Metz '09*



*Michael & Annie Bauman Upper '86, Peggy Ruhlin '79 & President Brent DeVore H'86*



*Tom Morrison '63, Bill LeMay '48, Emmanuel Lewis '08*



*Gary Swisher '69 & Jim Butler*



*Mary Bivins H'85 & Jane Horn '50*



*Ed '58 & Connie Myers Mentzer '60, Diane Daily Cox '59 & Ed Cox '58*

# Alumni NOTES

*compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Bonnie Robinson*



## ***Cardinal Migration Heads to Asheville, NC in 2009***

Thursday, Sept 24 – Pre-migration

Sept 24 – 26 – Migration

Sunday, Sept 27 – Post-migration

Host Hotel: Renaissance Hotel; special Otterbein rate of  
\$144/night plus taxes; phone 1-800-468-3571

Sites to visit include: Biltmore Estate, Grove Park Inn, Blue  
Ridge Parkway, Artist Walk, and much more...

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# Strike up the Band!

## *It's a Centennial Celebration!*

**Time to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Otterbein College Cardinal Marching Band during Homecoming Weekend, October 23 – 24, 2009.**

- All alumni who played in the marching band or participated in the auxiliary units during their time at Otterbein are invited to participate!
- Calendar a social event at Old Bag of Nails on State Street, Westerville on Friday, October 23, participation in the Homecoming parade and other activities on Saturday, October 24, and a band concert that evening at 8 p.m.
- Let us know if you are interested in being a volunteer to recruit members to return for the celebration.

For information, call the Office of Alumni Relations, 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650



## Relive the memories of the 150th Choir Celebration!

Continue to celebrate 150 years of Choirs at Otterbein by purchasing a compact disc recording of the Homecoming 2008 weekend performance. Send a check for \$15, made out to Otterbein College, with MEISA 150th CD in the MEMO line to:

EVE Audio Services  
1896 Highlandview Dr  
Powell, OH 43065



Join Chair Kent Stuckey and the Friends of Music in a drive to raise funds for new band uniforms. The current band uniforms have not been updated for 15 or more years and are in need of replacement. The Clements Foundation has agreed to match each of your tax deductible gifts to fund the purchase of the new uniforms. The new uniforms will be unveiled at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Otterbein College Marching Band during Homecoming 2009.

Send your tax deductible gift of any amount to The Friends of Music, Howard House, Otterbein College, Westerville OH 43081 (please indicate "band uniforms" in your check's memo line.)

Sound  
off

Otterbein!



# 2009 Alumni Weekend

***Saturday, June 13***

***Engaged in Tradition...Filled with Pride...Committed to Lifelong Learning***

*\* Class of '59 Golden Reunion runs Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14*

**Join us for**

- Tours around the campus including the new Science Center
- Viewing of the new President's Gallery in Towers Hall
- Classes without Quizzes taught by students and alumni
- Reminiscing through the late 50s and early 60s with Joanne Van Sant, and Marion and Jean Chase
- Class photos, class reunions and annual Alumni Awards Luncheon

**Class Reunion Dinners, Saturday evening, June 13**

- Class of '69 – Old Bag of Nails – Westerville
- Class of '64 – Holiday Inn – Worthington
- Class of '59 – Little Turtle Country Club – Westerville
- Class of '54 – Holiday Inn – Worthington
- Class of '49 – After luncheon reception in the Campus Center Lounge, 2:30 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. dinner at MCL Cafeteria in Westerville

*Call a fellow classmate and meet them at the 'Bein!*

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## Otterbein Alumni Clubs

# You're Already a Member of the Club...

Alumni clubs and networks have been a part of Otterbein for a few years now. With the start of the New Year we decided to talk with alumni about what they want from alumni clubs and networks. What drives alumni to reconnect with their alma mater? Why are those Otterbein connections important? The answers have been heartwarming. Alumni responded that they want to reconnect with Otterbein because it is a special place. Some have responded that trying economic times have helped them remember what's really important in life...friends and family. Otterbein represents membership in a close-knit circle.

The Office of Alumni Relations offers alumni clubs and networks as an alumni membership benefit. Clubs and networks give you a chance to connect with former classmates in your area and to meet new Otterbein friends. Engaging in alumni activities can provide career networking opportunities. As a member of a club or network you can also get the benefit of a "warm fuzzy" by serving others in your community or serving the college.

So...how do you become a member? Guess what? You're already a member.

Go to [www.otterbein.edu/alumni/clubs](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/clubs) to learn more about Otterbein alumni clubs or networks and get involved today.



## Relay for Life • May 1-2, 2009

**Otterbein College is hosting an American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event for the first time this spring and we invite all alumni and friends of Otterbein to participate.**

### What is Relay For Life?

This event offers everyone in a community the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event, up to 24 hours in length.

- **Celebrate** the lives of those who have battled cancer.
- **Remember** loved ones lost to the disease.
- **Fight Back.** We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease. The Otterbein Alumni Club of Central Ohio encourages you to gather with your former classmates and join in the fight against cancer. You can participate on the Central Ohio Alumni Team or start your own team. Teams can compete against each other. It's all good fun and it's all for a good cause.

**For more information, contact [alumnicalcentral@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumnicalcentral@otterbein.edu) or Heather Gilbert '08 at 888.227.6446 x3213.**

### Central Ohio and Northeast Ohio Alumni:

## Roll up your sleeves and PLUNGE IN!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** A few hours of your time leads to new friendships, stronger Otterbein connections and your chance to make a difference.

The **Otterbein Alumni Club of Central Ohio** encourages you to participate in the annual **Spring Community Plunge on Saturday, April 25**. What makes this year's plunge different? It's the DeVore Spring Plunge – celebrating a quarter century of Dr. DeVore's vision of service learning and community engagement.

The DeVore Spring Plunge is a win-win partnership for the Central Ohio community and the college. Alumni are invited to work side-by-side with current students.

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Campus Center. Please pre-register for the DeVore Spring Community Plunge at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) "Events/Registration." Questions? Contact [alumnicalcentral@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumnicalcentral@otterbein.edu) or call 614-823-1650.

The **Otterbein Alumni Club of Akron/Canton** invites Northeast Ohio alumni to work with Keep Akron Beautiful on Super Saturday, April 25 – the culmination of "Clean Up Akron Week." As a thank you, all alumni who participate will receive free admission to the Akron Zoo that day, as well as lunch and entertainment. Events begin at 9 a.m. (location TBA.) Please pre-register on at [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) "Events/Registration." Questions? Contact [alumniakron@otterbein.edu](mailto:alumniakron@otterbein.edu) or call 614-823-1650. All alumni who participate receive a t-shirt to commemorate the occasion.

## Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at  
[www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni) click "Events/Registration"

**February 22** – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Family Picnic at Lakes Regional Park in Ft. Myers, 1 p.m. Free – but bring a side dish to share.

**February 25** – Alumna Fellow **Melissa Johnson '99**, sponsored by Joanne Van Sant Leadership Series, the Center for Student Involvement, and the Office of Alumni Relations Roush Hall 114, 7 p.m.

**February 27** – African American Alumni Network Hall of Fame After Work Reception and Hall of Fame, Columbus Urban League, 6:30 p.m.

**March 21** – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Annual Ft. Myers Brunch at Colonial Country Club in Ft. Myers

**April 17** – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein

**April 21** – Otterbein Dayton Women's Club features Otterbein's Rwanda Program, 7 p.m.

**April 21-22** – Grad Fest for Class of '09, Campus Center, Otterbein Campus

**April 25** – Alumni Club of Central Ohio Spring Community Plunge, 8:30 p.m. (see page 47)

**April 25** – Alumni Club of Akron-Canton "Clean up Akron Week" Community Service, 9 a.m. (see page 47)

**April 30** – Alumni Club of Central Ohio winetasting, Camelot Cellars, Columbus, 6 p.m.

**May 7** – Networking in the Gallery for science students and alumni, Roush Hall, Fisher Gallery, 6 - 8 p.m.

**May 17** – Class of '09 event at The Dog Joint, Westerville

**June 8** – Zero Year Reunion for the Class of '09

**June 9** – Class of '09 Master's Reception

**June 11** – Class of '09 at the Columbus Clippers

**June 12** – Class of '09 – Uptown Hop

**June 12 - 14** – Alumni Weekend. Highlights include Unveiling of the new President's Gallery on second floor of Towers

**June 27** – June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, Ohio

**August 9 - 14** – Summer Send Offs for new students and parents

**Sept 10** – New Student and Parent Legacy Lunch

**October 23** – Presidential Inauguration

**October 24** – Homecoming

## Cardinals in Flight



*It was a Schoepke Reunion near Berlin, Germany, in Sept. 2008 as five cousins got together. Pictured are Ina Grosse, Teltow, Germany; Ell Potocki, Kleinmachnow, Germany; Alfred Schoepke '57, Altadena, CA; Jane Stolzenburg '65, Hilliard, OH; and Jean Stemm, Orange City, FL.*



*It's the West Wing Ladies! In October, Marcy Hayward Crisler, Adrienne Tapply Smela and Stephanie Krous Posey, all members of the Class of 2001, enjoyed getting together for a long weekend. They toured Washington, D.C., which involved a tour of the West Wing of the White House.*

**Want to find old friends and classmates?**  
**Go to [www.otterbein.edu/alumni](http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni)**  
**and select "Online Directory!"**





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## Institutional Mission

The mission of Otterbein College is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein College is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational college that sponsors traditional and continuing education programs of liberal arts and professional education at Baccalaureate and Master's levels. Our commitment is to the liberal arts as the broad base of all learning.



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