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From the Readers



In the summer 2007 issue of Towers, we asked that if you met your spouse here at Otterbein, to send us a photo, either past, present or both. Here are some of the submissions we received. We regret that all submissions could not be used due to quality and resolution of photos submitted.



▶ **Denton '37 and Louise Bowser Elliott '37.** The Elliotts were married in 1942. This photo was taken during WWII when Denton's ship was in port. Louise is still living and is 90. Denton passed away on 12/25/98.

▶ **Bill '51 and Patricia Peterson Shanahan '51** were married a day after graduation on June 9, 1951 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Westerville. Bill is now deceased. Submitted by Elaine Taylor, Pat's daughter.



Jim '75 and Carole Cole Minehart '75 were married on February 14, 1976.



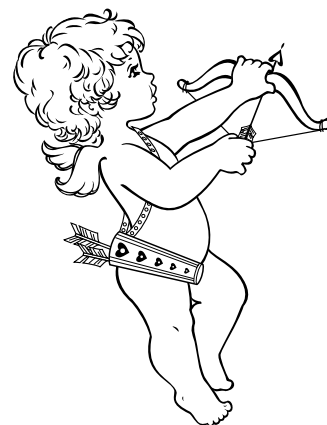
My parents, **Jon '69 and Karla Courtright '70 Banning**, met and fell in love at Otterbein. They were married on Sept. 4, 1971, at the Church of the Master. This past year they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.
Aminda Banning Seymour '98



▶ **Jack '62 and Mary Jean Barnhard '61 Pietila.**



▶ **George "Jug" '49 and Miriam Wetzel '51 Ridinger** had the photo at far left taken on Miriam's graduation day, June 11, 1951. Five days later, they were married and have been together for over 56 years.





◀ **Clifford Gebhart '47** was the tenor who sat behind me in church choir and who was always making jokes. I took a chance and asked him to my sorority party, and to my amazement, he accepted. We went on a lot of walks, saw many movies and rode our bicycles, getting to know each other over the next three years. We were married after his first year in medical school. We have been blessed with four sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and thoroughly enjoyed our 60th alumni reunion last June. We both have been so thankful that we had the Otterbein Experience and are sure that it has made all our success possible. ~ **Wanda Boyles Gebhart '47**



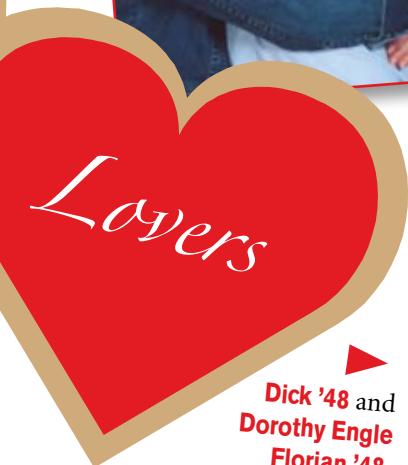
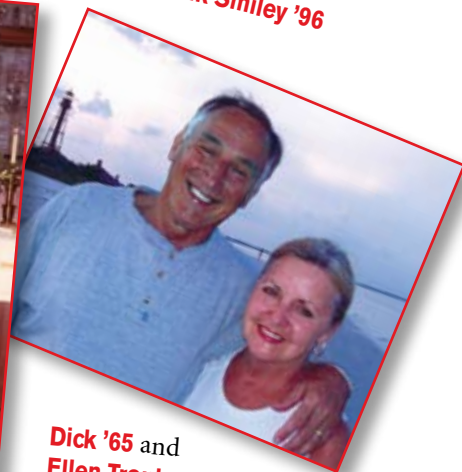
Chris '96 and Tania Krochmaluk Smiley '96



◀ **Jerry '83 and Laurie Brown Parsons '85** were married in 1985. They have two children, Rebecca, 15, and Daniel, 12.



Dick '65 and Ellen Trout Reynolds '68.



◀ **Dick '48 and Dorothy Engle Florian '48.** Dick is now deceased.



Harry '65 and Ann Clymer Peat '65 met at the freshman mixer at Otterbein in the fall of 1961. They dated for four years and were married August 28, 1965. When Harry went off to college, his sister told him to date a girl from Westerville for a cheap date, car, and refrigerator. They now own the Clymer family business, Clymer Overhead Door Service and the Clymer family home in Westerville.



◀ In a quiet peaceful village something magical happened in the fall of 1944. **Mary Ann Augspurser McCualsky '48** and I (**Don McCualsky '48**) fell in love. From our first meeting we became inseparable. Some of our fondest memories were sharing meals and singing songs in King Hall. We were married in 1950. Shortly before her death in 1991, Mary Ann commented, "It was a long love affair." This not only is a true statement for the love we shared for one another, but also for the love we shared for OUR DEAR OTTERBEIN. We both were so happy that we attended Otterbein and that two of our four children attended, **Sibyl McCualsky Carr '74** and **Kim Roger McCualsky '76**. Two grandchildren also attended, **Sheridan Carr '06** and **Shannon Carr '08**.

College News

Compiled by Jenny Hill '05



Green Efforts Take Root at Otterbein

Above: Otterbein students gather for the Center for Community Engagement's Fall Plunge, when they worked at Otterbein Lake. Many participants continue to volunteer throughout the year in CCE's weekly programs.



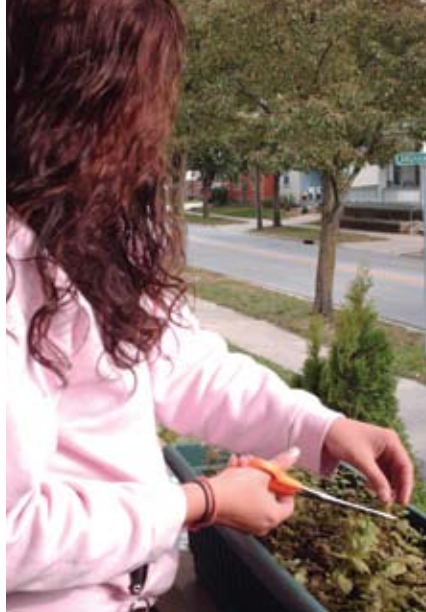
In the summer of 2004, Otterbein College made the decision to contract with Bon Appétit, a food service company well-known for its commitment to sustainable and socially-responsible practices. Bon Appétit is considered a leader in the "greening" of Otterbein, and the same can be said of Plan-It Earth, a student group going strong in its second year of environmentally-focused community service.

Founded in 2005 by Whitney Prose, a junior majoring in English, Plan-It Earth has an ever-increasing membership of concerned students and regularly draws volunteers for their service projects from the Departments of Life Science, English, Economics and Sociology, among others.

Recently, Plan-It Earth has been actively involved with the Otterbein Lake Project (www.otterbeinlake.org), which plans to turn a neglected eight-acre lake near campus into a scenic, environmental, educational and recreational natural resource. Members have also volunteered with the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT). Activities during fall quarter have included installing water plants, erosion control efforts and litter clean-up.

Whitney said, "The volunteers are learning about native plants, erosion control, and most importantly how to turn a *place* into a *community*."

Additionally, Plan-It Earth volunteers have been learning how to write grants to support non-profit organizations.



Far left: A Plan-It Earth member gathers spearmint for the Campus Center to be used in cooking. **Left:** Cameron Conard strikes an “American Gothic” pose while working at Otterbein Lake. **Above:** Plan-It Earth members tour a Rumpke recycling facility.

Plan-It Earth also grows herbs and donates them to the Campus Center kitchens to help students eat in a more sustainable manner. After their first donation, Whitney said, “The cooks were ecstatic, and complimented Plan-It Earth on their amazing green thumb!”

Other Plan-It Earth activities have included a tour of a local recycling plant, involvement in conservation efforts with the organization Sustainable Westerville, and working with campus contacts to incorporate recycling and conservation into campus life.

And the campus community is listening. “Around campus, one can

now find places to donate cell-phones, books and ink cartridges for reuse. And household and other items can be purchased at or donated to the Otterbein Thrift Shop for reuse,” Whitney said.

“Classes such as Dr. Terry Hermesen’s Environmental Writing, and Dr. Hal Lescinsky’s Environmental Studies are really expanding how far environmental education is reaching. Let’s face it, there is nothing that the environment doesn’t reach, from economics to religion to daily life. If we’re aware of this, we can affect our environment to positively effect us,” Whitney said.

Recently a new Recycling Coordinator position was created. Coordinator Paul Baldridge is planning on building upon a campus audit conducted by the Environmental Sociology class in winter 2007 to help expanding campus recycling programs. Paper, metal and glass recycling is now available across most of the campus.

In addition, as renovations move forward on the recently acquired building at 25 W. Home St., which will open as a residence hall in Fall 2008, a variety of “green” features are being incorporated. ●



Equine Center Update

Plans for the development of a new home for Otterbein’s 25-year-old Equine Science program are moving forward after the Westerville Planning Commission voted unanimously on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, to approve the final development plans for the Spring Road property.

This approval, along with a recent lead gift of \$1.5 million from The McCuan Family Trust will allow Otterbein to break ground on the construction of The Patrick and Jill McCuan Center for Equine Science in spring 2008 once all the necessary funds have been secured. Throughout the winter, the College will continue to seek additional donors for the \$4.9 million project.

The new state-of-the-art facility will include classrooms, faculty and staff office space, a large indoor

riding arena capable of hosting regional and national equestrian competitions, stable manager’s quarters, reception and spectator seating and stalls for 52 horses with future expansion capabilities to double stall capacity. In addition, the land will be home to an outdoor riding arena, three large pastures and a cross country course. A natural-wood fence will enclose the pastures to enhance the serene setting of the facility.

With the new facility, the Equine Science program will be able to expand its program offerings and to admit more students, doubling enrollment in the program to 150 students over the next ten years. Current program offerings include majors in Pre-veterinary Medicine/Pre-graduate Studies, Equine Health Technology and Equine Business and Facility Management.

President DeVore to Retire

Otterbein President Brent DeVore has announced his plans for retirement. He will finish his 25th year in service at the conclusion of the 2008-09 academic year and officially leave his post June 30, 2009. The timing of the announcement gives the College ample time to conduct a comprehensive search for its next



Brent DeVore

president, led by its Board of Trustees.

"Brent's commitment, tenacity, inclusiveness and empowerment have shaped the college into what it is today," said Tom Morrison, chairman of the Board. "He has set the stage for a new chapter in the life of the college and we're well positioned to take those next steps."

Over the years, Brent has become known as the "dean" of higher education in Central Ohio for his tenure amongst his peers. He is regularly tapped for comments about the higher education industry throughout the nation and serves on multiple boards and higher education associations in the United States.

He has brought much leadership and change to the college since 1984 including regionalizing

admissions and improving retention rates; introducing Continuing Studies for adults and graduate programs in Education, Nursing and Business. During his 25-year tenure, enrollment has nearly doubled to 3,107, the endowment has increased from \$6 million to \$100 million, faculty with terminal degrees have increased from 45% to 93%, a dozen student support and

academic facilities have been renovated or constructed and land acquisition has nearly doubled the size of the campus.

Community Service among its students and staff has increased to over 32,000 hours being donated annually and 57 service learning courses offered. In recognition for his service on the boards of 23 national and local non profit organizations totaling over 37 years, DeVore was presented with the President's Call to Service Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Corporation for National and Community Service in June, 2007 at the Otterbein College commencement ceremony.

"Brent has led this college for over two decades and has left his mark on many programs, facilities and most importantly, people," said Tom Morrison. "We will take this time to conduct an exhaustive search for his successor who will guide the college in the 21st century and help us fine tune and implement the strategic plan initiatives." ●

Three Otterbein Professors Honored

Otterbein College professors Suzanne Ashworth, Noam Shpancer and Patricia Wilson have been acknowledged as three of Ohio's top college educators. They were recognized in the December 2007 issue of *Ohio Magazine's* "Excellence in Education" feature.

Suzanne Ashworth,

Ph.D., has been a member of the Department of English since 2003. She teaches courses in literature, composition, gender studies and sexuality studies and is the recipient of five teaching/advising awards. Suzanne earned her master's and doctorate degrees from Pennsylvania State University, and conducted her undergraduate work at Miami University of Ohio.



Suzanne Ashworth

Noam

Shpancer, Ph.D., joined the Department of Psychology in 1999. In 2001, he won the College's New Teacher of the Year award. He teaches a variety of courses, including child

development, psychology of personality, abnormal psychology, human sexuality, and health psychology. He is a licensed, practicing clinical psychologist, specializing in the treatment of anxiety disorders. Noam received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and his master's and doctorate



Noam Shpancer

degrees in clinical psychology from Purdue University.

Patti Wilson, M.S.,

CHES, has been a member of the Department of Health and Sport Sciences at Otterbein College for 15 years, where she teaches undergraduate Health and Physical Education majors and the pre-kindergarten through grade three classroom teachers health education course. Patti is active with and holds office in many state-wide health and physical education organizations. Patti received her bachelor's degree from Muskingum College and her master's degree from Ohio University. ●



Patti Wilson

Two Noted Men of Science on Committee

Featured in this issue are two prominent graduates who are serving on the Science Building Campaign Committee.

Hugh D. Allen '62, B.A., B.S., M.D., Sc.D. (Hon. from Otterbein, 1985), majored in chemistry and biology. After graduating from Otterbein, Hugh attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed a rotating internship at Hennepin County



Hugh Allen

General Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. He completed his pediatric residency, pediatric and cardiology fellowship at the University of Minnesota.

His fellowship was interrupted when he was called to serve as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, stationed at Darnall Army Hospital, Fort Hood, TX.

Dr. Allen, is former chief of pediatric cardiology at the Heart Center, and physician-in-chief at Nationwide (previously Columbus) Children's Hospital. He is professor of pediatrics and medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He sees patients, teaches and does research on a full time basis. He served as executive vice chair for clinical affairs in the Department of Pediatrics and is now the vice chair for Academic Affairs. He was vice president of the national American Heart Association.

During his career he participated in the world's first bone marrow transplant. He has published over 200 scientific papers and textbooks and is lead editor of the major textbook in pediatric cardiology. He is on multiple editorial boards and grant review committees.

He and his wife, **Elizabeth Glor Allen '64** have three sons, Clark (Jana), Portland OR, Carl (Hillary), Houston TX, and Lloyd, Baltimore MD. They have 2 grandchildren, Christopher (8 years) and Stella (18 months).

Wendell L. Foote '60 was always interested in science and has been involved in scientific endeavors his entire working career. He is very concerned that our country is falling behind in the sciences.

After serving four years in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps during the Korean War, he transferred to Otterbein pursuing dual majors in chemistry and biology. While at Otterbein he also worked full-time for several years in basic research at Battelle Memorial Institute and met and married his wife, **Judith Ann Lovejoy '58**, who is recently deceased.

He worked several years in the pharmaceutical and chemical



Wendell Foote

industries before co-founding Specialty Polymers, Inc., in 1969. Specialty Polymers specializes in emulsion polymerization and develops, manufactures and markets polymers used in formulating industrial coatings, adhesives, inks and paints. He also co-founded Roo Products, Inc. and Matrix Development Company, Inc.

He has led and advised professional societies, environmental and regulatory agencies and been involved in community projects.

Wendell has two children: Lauren and David. ●



Construction continues inside and out on Schear-McFadden Hall.

Spotlight on

FACULTY

Lyle Barkhymer came to Otterbein College to receive a quality education and ended up staying to pass that high standard of education on to students for four decades.

Lyle graduated from Otterbein in 1964 and went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees from Indiana University in 1967 and 1970, respectively. He also conducted post-graduate studies in Vienna and London. He joined the Otterbein College Department of Music in 1967.

In his 40 years at Otterbein, he has taught a large variety of courses, including music history, conducting, clarinet and woodwind methods. He has also been assistant band director, and has conducted many musicals and operas.

Besides his duties in the Department of Music, Lyle served as the chair of the Department of Integrative Studies from 2000 to 2007, and has taught *Aspects of World Music* and *Approaching Japan Through Its Arts*. He also teaches a Senior Year Experience course that travels to Vienna, Austria, during the December interterm.

Lyle has been honored with several National Endowment for the Humanities awards, as well as a Fulbright Teaching Exchange Award. He was a longtime member of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, where he continues to play on an occasional basis.

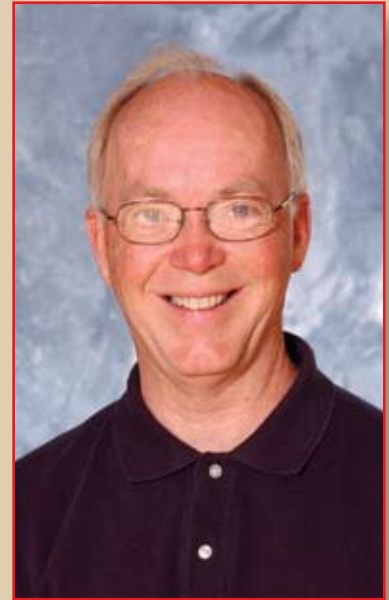
Highlights of his career include performing on the stage of the famous Vienna Musikverein (where the well-known New Year's Concert is broadcast from) with the orchestra of the University for Music and Dramatic Art; playing a number of concerts as bass clarinetist with the

Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra; and finally, while there were many memorable nights with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Lyle thinks the Carnegie Hall Concert with Siciliani conducting tops them all.

At Otterbein, perhaps Lyle's most memorable evening was the "Thanks for Thirty" gala concert that the Department of Music organized for his thirtieth year at Otterbein, which brought back many of his clarinet students of the past.

Lyle has given a lot to the College, but he also received a most important gift in return — his wife, **Margarette (Meg) Barkhymer '81**. Meg and Lyle were both working for the College when they met and became friends. Eventually they began dating and four years later, the two were married in 1988 in St. Leonard's Church in Basel, Switzerland, with a wedding party later at Mrs. Frank's Church House (now the Frank Museum of Art).

Lyle will retire from full-time teaching in June. He and Meg plan to spend his retirement traveling. Their family and grandchildren are spread far and wide: Florida, Philadelphia, Manhattan, Wiesbaden and Munich, Germany. Lyle plans to revisit Japan, as well, whether as a professor or in some other capacity. He plans to teach part-time for a couple of years, most importantly to continue his Vienna SYE course. He is also considering developing a new student opportunity in Japan. Finally, while Meg is still working full-time, he is looking forward to developing his own interest in cooking and "have something decent ready when she gets home from the office."



*Professor of Music Education
Lyle Barkhymer*

Name: Lyle Barkhymer

Title: Professor of Music

Education: B.A. in German, Otterbein '64; B.Mus. in Clarinet, Otterbein '64; M.Mus. in Woodwinds, Indiana University Bloomington '65; D.Mus. in Woodwinds, Indiana University Bloomington, '70. Additional study of clarinet, Universitaet fuer Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Vienna, Austria.

Hometown: Johnstown, PA (Westmont Hilltop H.S. '60)

Current city of residence: Westerville

What particular topic do you most enjoy teaching? This is a hard question. In music history I think it is Mozart, his life and music. In Japanese culture it is Kabuki theater. In Austrian culture, it is the "fin-de-siecle," or around 1900.

Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise? Because music and culture that address the deepest human feelings and experiences make life richer and that much more worth living.

What is your favorite aspect of teaching? Those times when a “spark” catches and students get really excited about what they’re learning.

Why do you teach at Otterbein? It’s a cliché to say “personal contact with students,” but that’s number one. Also, I have been very fortunate to find a home at Otterbein where the institution supported my wish to be a performing musician in the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and was flexible enough to make that possible. And finally, I have been fortunate to find in Otterbein a college that is truly dedicated to faculty development, and through sabbaticals and outside stipends I have been able to develop my interests in Japan and Austria into new teaching areas.

What are the best qualities you see in Otterbein students? At their best, Otterbein students have a desire to be all that they can be, and they don’t have a sense of “entitlement.” They’re motivated, because few come from highly privileged backgrounds, to achieve a lot in life. For the same reason, many of them see that as financial success, but as they mature, they develop more altruistic goals and leave us with a desire for life-long learning.

What question are you most often asked by students? “Will this be on the test?” Just kidding. In the music field, many ask about how to get performing positions. There’s no easy answer, because the old joke “practice, practice, practice” only lays the groundwork. It also takes an incredible belief in oneself, incredible persistence, and — for an orchestra player — incredible luck. Hundreds audition for the same chair, and most

of those are highly qualified. Most have to accept the fact that they will play in lesser orchestras and/or “cobble together” a professional life in part-time teaching, possibly arts organization management, and auxiliary arts activities.

What is the ONE THING you want your students to take away from your class or from knowing you? Curiosity and self-confidence. A student in our Vienna course wrote in her journal, “I learned that it’s a big, messy, lively world out there — and I can handle it!” That about sums it up.

What research are you currently conducting/projects are you currently working on? I just wrote a chapter for a book called *Illness, Madness, and Criminality in Austrian Culture and Literature*. My chapter was about Alban Berg’s opera *Wozzeck*. I’m still waiting to hear how the publication plans are coming along. As I write this, Dr. Thomas Ahrens and I have just finished leading the fifth annual Senior Year Experience Course “1900—Vienna—2000, Culture and Conflict at the Turn of Two Centuries.” We study together during fall quarter on campus then spend two weeks together in Vienna at the historic “Schottenstift” monastery, including a weekend excursion to Budapest.

If you were not an educator, what would be your dream job? Being a college professor and musician is my dream job. But, if you hold a gun to my head, I guess I would say “travel writer.”

What are your hobbies outside the classroom? Meg and I read a lot. We’re also trying to get more exercise, and I swim at the Westerville Community Center, as well as walk about 30 minutes a day with Meg. The problem is that the end goal of our walk, Graeter’s Ice Cream, kind of cancels out the exercise.

We have a vacation and rental place at Chautauqua Institution in western New York State that I was lucky to acquire some time ago before “the bubble,” and it gives me a lot of pleasure to care for the house, built in 1895, and to meet the interesting guests that we have in the summer. It’s also fun to share the unusual “Chautauqua experience” with colleagues, friends and students, and we generally have a group of international students up for a Niagara Fall trip each spring. Faculty have been coming for a seminar on “The Meaning of the Liberal Arts” led by Dr. Andrew Mills in June after commencement for a couple of years. In retirement we expect to spend more time at Chautauqua, but it seems a little too remote to live there year round.

I guess I never grew up, because I’m still fascinated by trains. One of the great things about being a visiting professor in Japan and taking students to Austria is that both countries have a highly developed rail and public transportation infrastructure, and there are lots of interesting rail trips to take. Having grown up in a steel town where my dad was a maintenance mechanic at the mill, I’m interested in all sorts of industrial and mechanical things. (Before they made it too hard to get at, I used to like to change my own oil!) Recently, with a group of students in our course who are doing a project on the environment, I visited the “Fernwaerme Wien,” which is Vienna’s trash-burning plant that produces electricity and district heating for many homes and businesses in the city. We put on hard-hats and could tour the whole complex and see every aspect of the process. It was fascinating because it offers such a great model of care for the environment for other cities. ●

Third Annual Sleepout for the Homeless

Boxes Become Beds at Sleep Out

By Stefanie Campbell

More than 40 Otterbein students, faculty, staff and administrators joined the hundreds of thousands of American citizens who are homeless by sleeping out in the cold in box shelters on Towers lawn for the third annual Sleep Out for the Homeless on Nov. 7, 2007.

Sleep Out for the Homeless encourages participants to be in solidarity with homeless persons in Columbus, across the United States and around the world. Many people have the perception that homeless individuals are somehow not like us, and therefore not deserving of the same respect and dignity. Otterbein's annual Sleep Out presents homelessness as a problem for, and a responsibility of, the entire community.

A student who participated in a previous Sleep Out said, "We experienced first-hand what the homeless put up with every night as most of us are warm in our beds."

Besides an educational experience, the event serves as a fundraiser for the education program at the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless. Participants collected blankets, sleeping bags, tents and clothing during the event to donate to the Coalition.

Sleep Out for the Homeless tied into Otterbein's Integrative Study course, "Growing Up in America." Throughout the quarter, the students were educated through a homeless awareness and education program called Unsheltered Life, created by **Zach Reat '05**, the education coordinator at the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless.

Ashley Coen, a freshman student enrolled in the course said the class and program opened her eyes to homelessness in Columbus. "I never saw a problem, and now I do," she said.

Coen said speaking with a former homeless man from Columbus gave her a new and very different view of "High Street" as more than just a social destination for college students. ●

***Right:** Paige Malick, a freshman, finds the early morning brisk. **Below:** Otterbein students huddled in make-shift "homes" built out of cardboard boxes to fend off the cold.*



Come and help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Choirs at Otterbein during Homecoming weekend, October 17-18, 2008!

All alumni who sang in a choir during their time at Otterbein are invited to participate

There will be a rehearsal and social event on Friday evening the 17th, and a gala concert on Saturday evening the 18th, allowing alumni choristers to take full advantage of the many and varied Homecoming activities planned during the day on Saturday. This year, this event will replace the Alumni Choir activities that occur annually during Alumni Weekend in June. Full details will follow in the months to come, but save the dates on your calendar, and start warming up your beautiful voices now—it is truly an event not to be missed!



What's in a Name?

by Jenny Hill '05 with Stephen Grinch '98

Most Otterbein alumni and students know that the College was named “Otterbein University” after Philip William Otterbein (1726-1813), the founder of the United Brethren Church. But how many alumni know the histories of the names of the many buildings on campus?

Otterbein College was established on eight acres of land purchased from the Blendon Seminary in 1847, which included two buildings that would serve as classrooms and housing for male students. Female students boarded with professors or local residents. When the main campus building (which was called Old Main then) was destroyed by a suspicious fire on Jan. 26, 1870, the College immediately moved classes to professors' houses and raised the \$29,335 necessary to build a new structure in 1871, which is now the beloved **Towers Hall**. Some bricks from the burned building were used in the construction of Towers Hall to save money on building costs. Those charred bricks could be seen until they were painted over in the 1970s.

The Victorian Gothic building designed by R.T. Brooks featured striking towers, but the building would not be named Towers Hall until the mid-1950s. Originally, it was known as the Administration Building, or “Ad Building” for the administration

It was known by some as the “Ad Building” (because it housed administration offices) but the Administrative Council officially made it Towers Hall in 1954.



offices that were housed on the first floor of the building until 1954, when the offices were moved into Clippinger Hall. At that time, the Administrative Council decided the building needed an official name. One administrator was adamant in holding out for “Old Main Hall.” But the students of the era already commonly referred to the building as Towers Hall, and the Council made it official.

Towers was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 4, 1971, and in 1973, two of the famous towers were dismantled due to deteriorating conditions and replaced, along with other renovations. The building received a well-deserved makeover in the late 1990s and was rededicated on April 26, 1999. Over 700 people attended.

In 1908, Otterbein dedicated one of over 2,500 public and university libraries funded by Scottish-American steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie between 1881 and 1917. The libraries were built all over the world from the United Kingdom and Ireland to Australia and New Zealand and from South Africa to Fiji. The United States was home to 1,681 Carnegie libraries.

Otterbein’s **Carnegie Library** housed the College’s volumes until 1954, when expansion became necessary and part of Towers Hall was renovated into the Centennial Library. The Carnegie Corporation released claim to the building, allowing it to be used for new purposes suited to Otterbein’s needs.

Dr. Jacob S. Gruver ’1898, an alumnus and board member for nearly 25 years, made a generous gift to the College in 1947 to be used in remodeling the Carnegie Library when the time came, with the stipulation that it be named after Dr. Walter G. Clippinger, president of Otterbein from 1909-1939. The new administration building was named **Clippinger Hall** and dedicated by Bishop Arthur R. Clippinger, the former president’s brother.

After Otterbein’s collection outgrew both Clippinger Hall and Centennial Library in Towers Hall, the



Clippinger Hall, named after Walter G. Clippinger, president of Otterbein from 1909-1939, was originally a Carnegie Library.

college built a new facility. **Courtright Memorial Library** was built for \$2.1 million and dedicated in 1972, simply as “The Library.” The building was even labeled as such with the etched word *Library* placed above the main entrance, prompting students to label everything — *rock, tree, sidewalk, etc.*

Luckily, the joke ended in 1979, when “Courtright Memorial” was etched along with “Library” as the building was named in honor of Robert and Ada Courtright, the parents of local newspaper owner **A. Monroe Courtright ’40**.

Monroe came to Otterbein in 1937. He played football, ran track, wrote for the *Tan and Cardinal* and *Sibyl* yearbook, and was a member of the debate team, the YMCA and the Men’s Glee Club. He also played accordion for the Banjo-Mandolin Orchestra and was president of Sigma Delta Phi. With such an impressive student résumé, it is no wonder Monroe would become a leading figure in Westerville.

He began his journalism career as a photographer for the *Columbus Citizen* and a columnist for the *Westerville Public Opinion*, which he purchased in 1946 and ran for approximately three decades.

It was his wish that the library be named in honor of his parents, but the request was not carried out until after

his death in 1976. A plaque honoring Monroe and his parents hangs inside the doorway to the main floor of the library.

Like the original library, the administrative offices outgrew Clippinger Hall and offices relocated to other parts of campus, leaving only the Offices of Admission and Financial Aid in Clippinger. Several administrative offices eventually found a home in **Barlow Hall**, which was originally built in 1948. It was named after Shauk E. Barlow, who left \$240,000 to Otterbein in his will. It was nicknamed “Barlow Beach” for the flat roof that served as a popular and relatively secluded place for female students to sunbathe.

Today, Barlow Hall houses the Business Office, the Career Center and the Otterbein Chapel. Other offices moved to the quaint houses that border Otterbein’s campus and preserve a close-knit, residential feel on campus. One such office house is **Howard House**.

When the Anti-Saloon League of America moved its headquarters to Westerville in 1909, its leaders built homes along Grove Street between Park and Walnut Streets. These five houses made up “Temperance Row.” One of these houses, now **Howard House**, was home to Purley Baker,

superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

When Baker died in 1924, Howard House became home to the editorial offices of the six-volume *Standard Encyclopedia of Alcoholism*. From 1930-1933, the first floor of the house served as the Westerville community library.

The College acquired the house in August 1947. Otterbein used this as the president's home from 1948 to 1971. The name Howard House comes from its first occupant, J. Gordon Howard, president of Otterbein from 1945-1957. He left Otterbein to become Bishop of the United Methodist Church.

At one time, the house featured a large, decorative sunken garden in the front. Legend has it that one night, President Howard had the pleasure of watching a group of Otterbein students chase a group of Capital vandals straight over the edge of the garden. The president said he heard many screams from the Capital students. The yard was later raised.

In 1972, Howard House became home to the Alumni Relations and Development Offices. Today, the house is home to the Office of Development, while Alumni Relations is located in the nearby **Hancock House**.

Dr. Harold Hancock was a beloved history professor who came to Otterbein in 1944 and stayed for 43 years. He donated his home to the College upon his passing in 1987, at which time the College named it Hancock House. It was originally the home of the Communications Department.

The arts came alive at Otterbein when **Cowan Hall** was built across the street from Professor Hancock's house in 1951.

Dr. Clyde E. Cowan '1904, was a leading figure in the coal industry. He made a donation to the College for the construction of a "chapel-auditorium" in honor of his former professors, whom he considered "scholarly men of great vision, with broad understanding and a high degree of tolerance."



Howard House was acquired in 1947 by the College and was used for the president's home until 1971. It was named after its first occupant, J. Gordon Howard, president of Otterbein from 1945-1957.



Hancock House was donated to Otterbein by History Professor Harold Hancock, who served Otterbein from 1944-1987.

The gift was to be anonymous until his death. Unfortunately, he died shortly after the details of his \$400,000 gift were finalized. His widow, Alice Fickling Cowan gave permission to the College to dedicate Cowan Hall in his honor. Alice was named an honorary alumnus at the dedication ceremony, which was held on Oct. 28, 1951.

The first performance in Cowan Hall was by the Westminster Choir under the direction of **Dr. John Finley '1911**.

Cowan underwent renovation in 2004-05. Major improvements were made to the acoustics, the scene shop, the lobby and The Fritsche Theatre. The improved Cowan Hall was dedicated on May 19, 2005, with a ribbon cutting by **Nevalyn Fritsche Nevil '71**, a lead donor and president of the Theatre Advisory Board.

Located across the street from Cowan is Otterbein's newest general classroom building, **Roush Hall**. Made possible by a gift of \$2 million from

Edwin “Dubbs” ’47 and **Marilou ’45 Roush** and with a total cost of \$6.5 million, Roush Hall was dedicated on June 12, 1993. In addition to classrooms, it also houses a two-floor art gallery, the president’s office, Academic Affairs, Graduate Programs and the Departments of Education and Business, Accounting and Economics.

Dubbs came to Otterbein in 1940 and spent three years at Otterbein before serving three years in the United States Navy. He returned to finish his education and was quarterback and captain of the 1946 OAC Championship Cardinal football team. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions and led their club team to the American Division Championship before returning to Westerville.

Dubbs and Marilou met as students and were married in 1946. They settled in Westerville where they raised their five children. Their daughters, **Wendy ’71** and **Cynthia ’80**, and son, **Larry ’76**, also graduated from Otterbein.

Dubbs opened Roush Hardware in 1951. His business grew steadily over the decades, and the Roush family of stores now includes RoushHonda, opened in 1956, and Roush Sporting Goods, opened in 1971.

Major gifts begin building projects, but the smaller gifts from many alumni complete them. In the mid-1920s, there was a strong consensus among alumni that the College should have a sports and recreation facility. **E.S. Barnard ’1895**, the president of the American Baseball League, and others campaigned to raise the \$150,000 it would take to build a gymnasium. **Frank O. Clements ’1896** was the major project donor, but chose to give the naming rights to the alumni who had rallied for the building. Thus, it was named the **Alumni Gymnasium**. It was dedicated at Homecoming in November 1929.

As was common through the years at Otterbein, the College eventually outgrew the space. A larger sports facility was erected on



The new Alumni Gymnasium was dedicated in 1929 (above) but later was renovated and transformed into Battelle Fine Arts Center (below).

the north end of campus and new plans were made for the Alumni Gymnasium.

The building was renovated for \$1.4 million, with the lead gift of \$200,000 given by the Battelle Memorial Institute, which was established from the estate of industrialist Gordon Battelle, who died in 1923.

Battelle Fine Arts Center was dedicated in 1979, 50 years after the original Alumni Gymnasium was completed. It was designated as the new home of the Departments of Music and Art. In 2006, Art moved into a new facility, but the Battelle Fine Arts Center remains the home of the Department of Music today.

The first performance held in the Battelle Fine Arts Center was a production featuring two one-act operas: Henry Purcell’s *Dido and Aeneas*, starring **Kent Stuckey ’79**, and

Leonard Bernstein’s *Trouble in Tahiti*, starring **Kent Bixler ’79** and **Fontaine Follansbee Sheridan ’81**.

Before renovations turned the Alumni Gymnasium into the Battelle Fine Arts Center, Otterbein athletics moved to the **Rike Center**, which was built in 1975 for \$1.5 million with a lead gift of \$300,000 from the Rike family of Dayton, Ohio.

David L. Rike served on the Otterbein College Board of Trustees from 1879-1895. His son, **Frederick H. Rike ’1888**, held the same position from 1906 to 1947. **Susanne Rike MacDonald ’1890**, taught music at Otterbein from 1894-1895. Generations continued their relationship with Otterbein through the establishment of the Rike Family Foundation.

Fondly called “The Otterdome” by students and alumni, the Rike Center was considered the envy of the

Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) at the time of its dedication.

The Rike Center was built next to **Memorial Stadium**, the home of Otterbein football. Memorial Stadium was dedicated in 1948 as a memorial to those Otterbein students and alumni who were killed in World War II. The field itself is named Ballenger Field, in honor of long time Otterbein Athletics supporter **Dwight “Smokey” Ballenger ’39**. Encircling the field is the McVay Track, which was dedicated in 1988. It was named in honor of Lawrence and Dorothy McVay, who gave the College a \$100,000 gift to refurbish the stadium and resurface the track.

With funds raised by the Otterbein “O” Club and a generous gift from the Clements Foundation, Memorial Stadium was replaced in 2005. The new \$3.2 million Memorial Stadium grandstand, built on the original site, was dedicated on Sept. 17, 2005, shortly before Otterbein defeated cross-town rival Capital, 17-14, by scoring twice on its last two possessions of the game.

Rounding out Otterbein’s sports complex is **Clements Recreation Center**, a fitness and recreation center added to campus to keep up with the growth of the health and wellness and athletics programs and of general fitness among the students. Clements Recreation Center was dedicated on Oct. 18, 2002. With a \$3.5 million donation from the Vida S. Clements Foundation and a core gift of \$500,000 from the Freeman family in honor and memory of Ida and Harold Freeman and John and Margaret Freeman, the Recreation Center took 17 months to build at a cost of \$9.5 million.

Westerville native **Frank Orville Clements ’1896** and his wife, **Vida Shauck Clements ’1901**, were generous benefactors to the College and community, even helping students through the Great Depression.

Frank worked as a chemist for the railroad industry before joining the Dayton Engineering Laboratory Company (Delco), which became part



The Suites residence hall is one of the many buildings on campus that have not yet been officially named.

of General Motors in 1916. Frank was granted an honorary doctorate of science degree from Otterbein in 1930 and was chair of the Otterbein Board of Trustees from 1925-1936. Vida joined the Board in 1945 and served until her death in 1968.

Their renowned philanthropic nature lives on through the Vida S. Clements Foundation, which continues to support Otterbein today. Two other buildings on campus are named after the Clements: Clements House and Clements Hall.

Clements House has been home to Otterbein presidents since Thomas J. Kerr IV, president from 1971-1984. The Clements built the house as a personal residence in 1939. It was designed to his specifications by architects and engineers Harley & Ellington in Detroit. It cost over \$25,000 to build, a substantial sum at that time, and the *Westerville Public Opinion* called it “one of the grandest (houses) built in the history of the city” in a Nov. 4, 1973, article.

Clements Hall also owes its name to the couple. Built in 1956, Clements Hall is a women’s residence hall.

For decades, the sciences have been taught in the **Schear-McFadden Science Building**. There are two parts to the Science Building: The

original science building, McFadden Hall, and the addition, Schear Hall. McFadden Hall became the new home of the sciences at Otterbein in 1920. It was named for Professor Thomas McFadden, Otterbein’s first science professor and a surgeon in the Civil War. McFadden Hall was renovated beginning in 1969, and an addition built onto the west end of the building was completed in 1970. The addition, christened Schear Hall, was named in memory of Otterbein science professor Dr. E. W. E. Schear, who chaired the Life Sciences Department from 1912 to 1951.

Now undergoing major renovations, the Science Building will reopen as a new, state-of-the-art facility. A name for the building has not yet been determined.

Naming opportunities also exist for the newly renovated **Art and Communications Building** and the recently acquired building that currently serves as a temporary home to the sciences. Both of these buildings are located on Collegeview Road, expanding the campus west of Alum Creek.

Other buildings without formal names include both **The Commons** apartment complexes and **The Suites** residence hall.

Residence Halls

Davis Hall, named for Rev. Lewis Davis, Otterbein's third (and sixth) president, was built as a men's residence hall in 1961. In 1965, Davis Annex was built as an addition to Davis Hall, but in 1978 it became a separate women's residence hall.

Mayne Hall was dedicated in 1964 as a women's residence hall through a gift of Westerville automobile and real estate broker **Horace Lambert Mayne '13**, and named in memory of his mother, **Hannah Lambert Mayne**, class of 1890. Mayne Hall became a men's residence hall in 1980.

Garst Hall was built in 1960 as a residence hall for men. It was named for Henry Garst, professor of Latin, English

and ethics from 1869-1900, who wrote the first history of Otterbein College.

Scott Hall was built in 1959 as a men's residence hall and is named for Dr. George Scott, professor of classical language and literature and twelfth president of Otterbein (1901-1904).

Sanders Hall was also built in 1959 and was named for President **T.J. Sanders '1878**, who served as president of the College from 1891-1901.

Engle Hall was built as a residence hall for men in 1961. Its namesake is Prof. Jesse Engle, who taught bible and religion from 1923-1956.

Hanby Hall is a women's residence hall and home of the Office of Student Affairs. At one time, it held Otterbein's pre-school program. Hanby Hall was dedicated in November 1961 in honor of

Kate Winter Hanby '1857, a member of Otterbein's first graduating class and wife of composer **Benjamin Hanby '1858**.

Dunlap-King Hall was originally called King Hall and built as a freshman and sophomore men's residence hall and dining room in 1926 with a gift of \$40,000 from **John R. King '1894**. While it was a men's residence hall in the 1940s, the students who worked in the hall's dining room founded Kings Fraternity. In 1948, the building became a residence hall for women. Renovations were made in 1988, funded by Nationwide Insurance in honor of former CEO and long time member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees, George Dunlap. Today Dunlap-King Hall serves as a women's residence hall.

Gone...but not Forgotten



The parking lot that serves guests visiting Cowan Hall marks the former location of **Lambert Hall**. In 1909 Lambert Hall was built on this site, furnishing Otterbein with its first music and arts facility. Money to build the structure was donated by George A. Lambert of Indiana and the building was named in

honor of his late wife. There is an Otterbein myth that says the architect of Lambert Hall went insane shortly after the building was complete, and based upon the interior design most music and art alumni believe it. (The archives hold no evidence to substantiate these rumors.) The building was razed in 1979.



To the east of Courtright Memorial Library is a perfectly manicured green that was the site of **Saum Hall** from 1854-1970. Named for Jacob Saum, who pledged \$1,600 towards its construction, Saum Hall served first as a men's residence hall, later a women's dormitory, then in 1898 it was converted into a science building, and finally it was returned to being a women's dorm in 1920 when McFadden Hall was completed.



Where Roush Hall now stands was the **Association Building**, which was unique for two reasons. It was the first Christian Association building west of the Allegheny Mountains, and students of the YMCA and YWCA led the drive to raise funds for it. It held religion classes, the campus health center and athletics for both men and women until 1929. In 1975 it was determined it would be too costly to renovate the structure, and it was razed. When Roush Hall was built, the architect was careful to include certain design similarities to the much beloved "Old Sosh."



Just across Home Street, southeast of the Campus Center, is a lovely green knoll, which is where **Cochran Hall** once stood. Cochran Hall was a women's residence hall, where all the sororities had club rooms. It was first occupied in January 1907 and served as a women's residence hall until it caught



fire and was damaged beyond salvage in 1976. It now serves as the perfect setting for a recent campus tradition, the graffiti rock. The photo at top left show students engaging in a serenade. At bottom left is the hall after the fire in 1976.

Science

as a way of life



Fascination with Science is Chris Cordle's Job and Avocation

by Jan Madak O'Daniel '86

*“Science is a series
of judgments,
revised without
ceasing.” — Pierre
Emile Duclaux,
French biochemist
and bacteriologist*

A scientist's work is never done. And **Christopher T. Cordle '69** wouldn't have it any other way.

This highly respected scientist, adjunct professor, speaker and inventor has spent the past 38 years conducting lab experiments, noodling ideas, testing theories and otherwise immersing himself in scientific discoveries.

His fascination with science, which began with the *Watch Mr. Wizard* television show of the 1950s, grew into a full-fledged passion that not only defined his career, but benefited his avocation — championship speedboat racing.

In fact, it was the race boat that gave Chris his most extraordinary moment of scientific discovery to date. After wrecking the Sho Nuff hydroplane

in Raleigh, NC, and putting it back together with boat owner and racing partner John Shewbrooks, Chris (who has a background in aviation and is a commercial pilot), decided they needed a wing that would help control airflow under the 125 mph boat.

Working with the Aeronautical Engineering Department at The Ohio State University, Chris designed a 9" wide wing that sits on the front of the boat and is controlled by a foot pedal. It took four months to design, construct, and install, but the wing's performance knocked the socks off its inventor and allowed the racing team to safely win three consecutive national championships.

“I drove first (on the test run) and the boat started to rock,” says Chris, “I pushed on the pedal and the

“With science, you’re never done...There are so many opportunities in the scientific world. For every question answered at least three more questions usually present themselves.

~ Chris Cordle”

boat stabilized and accelerated. As the boat picked up more speed, more wing deflection kept it stable. At the end of the straightaway, the tachometer read 11,500 — past the red line. The boat was literally flying, probably 130+ mph but still stable. I was grinning from ear to ear.”

Making discoveries has been a lifelong pursuit for Chris that started under the tutelage of his high school football coach and science mentor, Fred Newman, who encouraged Chris’s explorations and experimentations. “Like John (Shewbrooks), Fred Newman let me experiment and make my own mistakes,” says C. “He let us play in the lab — and this was back in the days when we had access to concentrated acids.”

Besides giving students freedom to experiment and learn, Coach Newman fostered student interest in science by making it fun and interesting. Chris recalls that Newman would order new lab equipment which was delivered over summer break. Fred waited until school started to open the boxes during study halls in front of the students so he could create a Christmas Day-like excitement around unwrapping the goods.

It was Newman who arranged for Chris to visit Otterbein’s

campus for a Battelle-sponsored science fair. Soon after, Chris accepted an academic scholarship to Otterbein, his mother’s alma mater. At Otterbein, Chris studied under physical chemistry teacher Dr. Bob Place, made lifelong friends with the likes of **Karl Kempf ’69**, and met the love of his life, wife **Susan Palmer ’70**.

“Naturally, I have great affection for Otterbein. There were so many great people and it is where I really got serious about science,” he says. “Roy Turley (former chemistry department chair) was a great guy. Bob Place became an institution. My student colleagues at Otterbein made my

time here more meaningful, too. We helped each other. Plus, I consider it a great advantage to have had a liberal arts education. I know the difference between Neo-classical and Rococo art and architecture. Having a liberal arts education has also helped me in business. It’s given me a broader spectrum.”

After graduating from Otterbein and marrying, Chris and Palmer went to graduate school at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore before relocating to Miami, where Chris worked for world-renowned immuno-reproduction expert, Dr. Charles B. Metz.

This was during the 1970s when the National Institutes of Health budgets were severely cut. The birth of his son and uncertain opportunities for academic research funding left Chris rethinking the lifestyle of a grant-seeking scientist, so he left the university environment and returned home to work with his father at the family feed and grain business.

“I went into business with dad for five years,” says Chris. “It was an extremely valuable experience because I learned about customers, 18-wheelers, meeting payrolls and sales. It taught me many good lessons, but we were both relatively opinionated. After





Chris Cordle designed the wing part of this hydroplane, so he got to be the first to test drive it. Sho Nuff's racing team, of which Chris is part, went on to win three national championships. Below is some promotional material from Sho Nuff.

five years I was tired of arguing with my boss and wanted my dad back, and I missed science."

After leaving the family business in 1980, Chris joined Ross Labs in Columbus, Ohio, starting with the company's then brand-new immunology program. Chris is still at Ross (now Abbott Nutrition) as a research fellow working on food allergies and immunonutrition, the study of the relationship between nutrition and immune status.

"We're making progress" is all he'll say about his food allergy prevention work. "Modern scientific

achievement is not a single event. There's a lot of research, data analysis and thoughtful experimental design. But we're getting there."

Now 60, Chris lives in the Centerburg, Ohio home once owned by his grandparents. Other than spending more time with his cherished 2-year-old granddaughter, he shows no signs of moving toward retirement. "Why should I retire? I enjoy my work and I've always done the things outside work that I wanted to do," he says. "We won our last hydro championship when I was 57," he says. "I never want to put off anything until retirement. I try to enjoy every day."

But when asked if the major scientific discoveries have already been made, Chris lights up with the excitement of a kid riding a bike without training wheels for the first time or, more realistically, like a scientist on the brink of discovery.

"With science, you're never done. Just look at human genome screening," he says. "Nobody yet really understands how to use the information strategically to benefit human health. There are so many opportunities in the scientific world. For every question answered at least three more questions usually present themselves."

Indeed. More questions. And that's utopia for a scientist like Chris Cordle. ●



And Science Runs in the Family...

Susan Palmer '69 has taken what may seem to be an unusual career path, from science to higher education administration. But for Susan, it was a natural progression. Her philosophy is, "Science is helpful in any career. It helps you see the world as it is and become a critical thinker."

After graduating from Otterbein with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics, Susan earned her master's degree in teaching from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, in 1970. She taught science in the Baltimore public schools for five years until her son was born. While raising her son, she continued to work from home consulting and editing science textbooks for a publishing company.

Eventually, Susan decided to earn her Ph.D. in educational studies. While studying at The Ohio State University, she taught at Otterbein, Ohio State and Kenyon College. After completing her degree in 1990, she joined the faculty at Kenyon.

While there, she became the executive director of The Carolinas and Ohio Science Education Network (COSEN), a collaboration of eight colleges, including Kenyon. COSEN was one of eight nationwide clusters of institutions of higher education collaborating to improve science education. COSEN encouraged women and students of color to pursue careers in science and mathematics.

When the funding for COSEN ended, the Five Colleges of Ohio consortium was beginning. In 1996, she became the executive director. The Five Colleges of Ohio consortium "was founded to coordinate operating functions and develop collaborative academic programs, while reducing costs." Member colleges include Kenyon, The College of Wooster, Denison University, Oberlin College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Susan's duties include coordinating grants, overseeing the budgets and bringing college officials together to plan and implement programs to serve all member institutions. According to Susan, her favorite aspect of the job is getting

a behind-the-scenes look at operations. "When I was on the faculty, the classroom was the main focus and I never saw all the different aspects of colleges and how they operate."

While Susan now serves the Five Colleges of Ohio, her heart remains at Otterbein. "Otterbein is a wonderful school and I appreciate having the opportunity to be there," she said. "That old saying about the quiet, peaceful village was true."

A native of Dayton, Susan came to Otterbein because "it was a good match in terms of the liberal arts, and it felt like a comfortable, yet

challenging, place to be.

"I can't quantify why—maybe the size, the location, the people I met early on—but it was a good match," she said. Susan had been interested in science since high school and one of her very first courses was in the chemistry department. It was there that the young chemistry student found another good match in her husband **Chris Cordle '69**.

"Professor Rex Ogle had a gathering of chemistry students to welcome the incoming freshmen. I was a sophomore at the time," she recalls. "He told me that Chris Cordle would be there, but I didn't know who he was."

Later, at a social event in the Campus Center, Susan was in line when the man in front of her turned around with "Chris Cordle" written on his nametag. "I thought, 'So that's who he is!' We talked at Professor Ogle's party and the friendship grew from there. Eventually he started working in the chemistry lab, because that's where I was."

Chris and Professor Ogle were not the only people at Otterbein who made an impression on Susan. "When I think about the significance of my time at Otterbein, about the lasting memories, I think that the faculty, administration and staff all seemed to truly care about the students and held us all to high standards academically and through involvement in the life of the College."

Chris and Susan have one son, Andrew, who is currently interning at the Cleveland Clinic, and a 2-year-old granddaughter. ●



Aces

Flying bombing missions over Germany, pursuing Japanese aircraft carriers, intercepting German fighter planes at night—these three aces left an unmistakable trail across the war-torn skies of WWII.



Les Mokry '47

story by Bob Arledge '55 (Col. USAF, Ret.)

They have been called the greatest generation, though surely as young men they knew nothing of that lofty title. They showed great courage and resolve, though at the time they most likely were just doing their jobs. And for those who took to the skies, they were testing the young wings of a just-coming-of-age technology at the time: aviation.

They flew B17 bombers at 30,000 feet. They flew night flights at 500 feet. They flew with the likes of former president George H. Bush, and some were shot down, more than once.

We take a look back at three Otterbein flying heroes who faced a multitude of dangers in hostile skies, risking their young lives for their country and the free world.

on High



Harold Augspurger '41

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Dr. Harold Augspurger graduated from Middletown High School in 1937 and began his notable career at Otterbein where he was an outstanding student athlete. "Augie" received 12 varsity letters playing football, basketball, baseball and track. Freshmen were prohibited from varsity competition until 1951.

Dr. Augspurger graduated from The Ohio State University School of Dentistry in 1952 following his WWII experience. He practiced in Dayton, Ohio, for 50 years.

Augie was drafted into the Army immediately following graduation in 1941. He was sent to California for Army Air Corps Cadet training. An Otterbein classmate,



Bill LeMay '47

Molly Mollett, had returned home to Van Nuys, California, following her graduation from Otterbein. Augie recalls he would take pilot friends to Molly's home during weekend furlough. They were always welcomed by Molly and her parents. Sixty-five years later, Augie and Molly, both widowed, married and now reside at Augie's long-time home in Dayton.

Following flight school, Augie flew submarine patrol in the Pacific until he was selected for special training with a small elite group of night fighter pilots.

In 1943, Augie was shipped to Scotland where he trained with Royal Air Force pilots to learn to fly the British-made "Beau fighter." Flying only at night, the

fighters intercepted German planes that came nightly to bomb American troops on the ground.

Augie was soon transferred to Biserta, a captured German Navy Base on the Mediterranean. As the Germans retreated, Augie moved to Corsica where he was promoted to major and commander of the night fighters. He and his pilots flew nightly over Italy and Naples and gradually gained air superiority over the enemy. Augie shot down two German planes during this campaign.

The German retreat escalated and Major Augspurger's night fighters followed them into France. Their mission in France was low level flying at 500 feet to destroy German troop convoys that were now forced to travel at night due to American air superiority during the day.

Augie was shot down twice by ground fire during these dangerous low level flights. He avoided capture both times. He was able to salvage the parachute he used and sent it home. His first wife, **Gracie Burdge '39**, had the silk chute made into her wedding gown.

On Sept. 27, 1944, at the Dijon Airdrome in France, Major Augspurger was given a special mission. French and American intelligence had learned that a

German Focke Wolfe 200 transport plane with several high ranking German officers, critical intelligence records and huge amounts of cash was heading to Spain, the last Axis stronghold.

Major Augspurger made contact with the German plane at 8,500 feet over France. He identified the plane and fired one three-second burst which hit the starboard wing. The engine burst into flames and the plane crashed.

French and American intelligence personnel quickly cleaned up the crash site and recovered many top-secret German documents. The intelligence gathered was viewed as a valuable coup and significantly aided in the German defeat.

Major Augspurger received the Distinguished Flying Cross from his government and the Croix de Guerre from the French government.

Augie served as an Otterbein trustee for many years. He is a founding member of the "O" Club and was a long time president of the Country Club Fraternity Alumni Organization. Augie has served his country and his college admirably.

He has four children who have graduated from Otterbein, **Richard '69**, **James '71**, **Betsy Lou Duncan '76** and **Jayne McKewen '74**.



Above Right: Kilts were a part of the attire while training to fly the British made "Beau fighter" in Scotland. The "night fighters" were trained to fly only at night and played a significant role in defeating the Germans. **Right:** Dr. Augspurger's British made "Beau fighter" is on display in the WWII wing of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. A plaque bearing his name lists his achievements as a "night fighter" pilot. Augie was shot down twice and received the Distinguished Flying Cross from the American government and the Croix de Guerre from the French government.



Bill Lemay '47

Bill LeMay was born June 5, 1924 in Poosey Ridge, Kentucky. His family moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1927 where he graduated from Kiser High School in 1942. He entered the Department of Engineering at the University of Dayton. In January, 1943, Bill joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was eventually assigned to the Aviation Cadet Corps and received his navigator wings at Ellington AFB, Houston, TX.

Bill soon joined the 401st Bomb Group stationed in Deenthorpe, England where he flew missions over Germany in the B-17. Casualties were as high as 85 percent early on but gradually dropped to 20 percent as America gained air superiority. Twelve thousand aviators lost their lives flying combat missions over Germany. Crews who made it back celebrated their mission.

Following the war, Bill's crew flew French prisoners of war out of Lutz, Austria, to their homeland. They also flew many food drops over Belgium and Holland. The Germans blew up dams and dikes to flood the farm land and to slow the American infantry. This tactic resulted in severe food shortages and the American food drops prevented massive starvation.

Bill returned to the United States in June 1945 and married **Helen Hilt '47**, a student at Otterbein College. He was discharged in 1946 and joined Helen at Otterbein and finished his bachelor's degree in the summer of 1947. Bill fired the furnace while at Otterbein, cleaned dorms and mowed grass to supplement his G.I. Bill income. He was able to find time for fraternity life and joined Country Club.

Bill and Helen have two daughters, **Helen '73** and **Connie '76**. Bill and Helen reside on their farm in Waynesville where they host the annual Otterbein June Bug Jamboree. They are both active in the community and in the Waynesville Methodist Church. Bill has served as a trustee for Otterbein for several years and was chairman of the Board from 1988 to 1995.



Bill LeMay's B-17 flew at 25,000 to 30,000 feet on bomb runs over Germany. Wool flying suits and oxygen masks were required in the unheated, unpressurized aircraft. Casualty rates for American crews were 85 percent early in the war. Bill served as a navigator with the 401st Bomb group during WWII. His missions were all over Germany where 12,000 American aviators lost their lives. Following the war, Bill flew food drops over Belgium and Holland to alleviate starvation there.

Les Mokry '47

Leslie Mokry was born December 14, 1921, in Middletown, Ohio. He and Harold Augspurger grew up in Middletown one block from one another and were boyhood friends.

Les graduated from Middletown High School in 1939 and was encouraged to attend Otterbein in the fall by members of his Evangelical United Brethren Church. Les received a draft notice his junior year at Otterbein and immediately enlisted in the Naval Air Corps.

Following flight training, Les received his wings and was commissioned an Ensign. He and former President George H. Bush trained together and received their wings together. They have remained in contact over these many years. Les and President Bush trained together in the "Avenger" torpedo bomber in Ft. Lauderdale. Les described him as a regular guy.

Ensigns Mokry and Bush both completed training to become carrier pilots. Les transitioned into the F6F Hellcat with duty in the

Mediterranean where he participated in the air cover for the invasion of Southern France.

Flying from either the Kassar Bay or the Tripoli aircraft carriers, the Navy fighters, working in conjunction with aircraft from two British escort carriers, attacked enemy targets on the ground in the area around Marseilles, Cryriste, Post Cross Island, LaBullane and other cities in Southern France. Les recalls losing five of their 25 pilots to intense anti-aircraft fire. Les had a close call when his tail hook pulled out on landing after it had engaged and he crashed into the arresting barrier which prevented him from dropping into the ocean.

Les was transferred to the Pacific in 1945 and joined the carrier Bon Homme Richard for night operations against targets of opportunity in Japan. He recalls his unit lost two crews over the Inland Sea while pursuing a Japanese aircraft carrier. One of his squadron mates, Ensign McDonald, became the last ace of the war, shooting down five Japanese aircraft in one night. He remembers

that his carrier, the Bon Homme Richard, was attacked by kamikaze aircraft. The shoot down and rescue at sea of fellow pilot Ensign George H. Bush has been well documented.

Les returned to Otterbein for his final year and graduated in 1947. While there he met his future wife, **Mickey Stiner '49**. They were married in 1948. Les began a career in banking and remained in the Naval

Reserve. He was recalled for the Korean Conflict and retired from the Naval Reserve in 1976 with the rank of Captain. Les and Mickey have two children and two grandchildren and reside in Lebanon, Ohio. ●

Bob Corbin '49 is a Survivor

Alumnus makes it home after harrowing WWII P.O.W. experience

Robert Corbin '49 was born in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1922. His family moved to Dayton in 1929 where he graduated from Fairview High School in 1940. He worked at Rikes until 1942 when he joined the army.

Following basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was selected for officer training in artillery. He was in the 84th Division that deployed to England in 1944 when he was assigned to General Patton's "Red Ball Express."

Bob landed on Omaha Beach in October 1944. He was captured by the Germans in November along the German Seigfield line, the large German defense line. Bob was attempting to destroy a "pill box." During the battle a bullet ripped through his jacket without wounding him. Although taken prisoner, he felt very fortunate to be alive.

Following his capture he was placed in a dungeon along the Rhine River near Aachen, Germany, and then moved to a P.O.W. camp near Hamburg. He was sent to Hamburg for refusing to cooperate with his interrogators. They expected him to be killed by the American bombers who were pounding the city. Bob later learned that Otterbein classmate Bill LeMay was one of the airmen bombing Hamburg at the time.

His Hamburg P.O.W. Camp, however, was not bombed and he was transferred to Szabien, Poland, OSFLAG 64 prison camp with 1500 American P.O.W.s. Bob and fellow P.O.W.s arrived on Christmas eve. He described the peace of Christmas taking over the transport train. The German guards and the American P.O.W.s sang Christmas carols together and the German guards allowed them to open Red Cross parcels which contained American food.

On January 18, 1945, the Russians were rapidly approaching the Szabien P.O.W. camp. The Germans marched Bob and his fellow P.O.W.s 60 kilometers to Stteen, Poland, on the Oder River. The Russians caught up with them again and they were forced to march another 500

kilometers. During the march Bob contracted dysentery and lost 25 pounds. He felt he was going to die until he happened upon a Red Cross package that contained

American Kraft cheese. Bob is sure the Kraft cheese saved his life.

Following the march, the P.O.W.s were placed on a train and sent to Hammellburg, Germany, of *Hogan's Heroes* fame. Only 500 of the 1,500 who were on the march survived. Gen. Patton sent a task force to free the prisoners on March 27, 1945.

The General Patton rescue attempt allowed the prisoners to escape but they were still surrounded by Germans. Bob and three buddies escaped into a forest where they could only move at night to avoid capture. They covered 54 miles in nine days before safely reaching American lines. He learned only 25 of the 500 had survived.

Bob sincerely believes that God was with him during his escape,

allowing him to be one of the 25 survivors. "I would not take a million dollars for what I learned during my ordeal and I would not give a nickel to do it again," he said.

Following the war, Bob came to Otterbein to be with an old girlfriend. The relationship did not work out but he did meet **Edie Peters '49**. He and Edie married in 1948. Bob, a member of Country Club fraternity, recalls their fraternity sweetheart serenade was featured in the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Bob attended Otterbein on the G.I. Bill and graduated in three years by attending summer school.

Bob and Edie currently reside in Bethany Village in Centerville, Ohio. They have been members of the Normandy Methodist Church for 50 years. Their two daughters, **Lynn Corbin '75** and **Carol Corbin Wilcox '79** are Otterbein graduates.

Bob served 24 years as a State Representative (R) and was president of the Otterbein Alumni Association in the early 1970s.



ClassNOTES

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1959

Neil Leighton is currently a visiting professor in the African Studies Center at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.



1964

Pat Smith Caldwell has accepted a one-year interim appointment as superintendent/president of Copper Mountain Community College in Joshua Tree, CA. She has 20 years experience in the California Community College system, most recently as vice president/assistant superintendent of El Camino College. She has also served as a consultant



to community colleges since 1991, primarily in the areas of strategic and master planning. Pat is married to Terry, an attorney and mayor of Victorville where they live, and has two daughters, Carrie Bershee, a school counselor, and Christie, a doctoral student and community college instructor.

Sharon Allaman Hoover participated in a roundtable discussion on race relations after reading the book *To Kill A Mockingbird*. The discussion was held on Oct. 10, 2007, at the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, Knoxville, TN.

1965

Porter Miller was inducted into the Earlham College, Richmond, IN, Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 19, 2007. Porter was the director of athletics at Earlham from 1985-2002 and has 31 years of college coaching, teaching and administrative experience. After graduation he coached Otterbein Track and Field until 1985.

1968

Judi Garratt was recently named Outstanding Theatre Educator by the California Educational Theatre Association. The award is given to an educator "whose continued service has been distinguished by leadership, contribution, and support." A mime, Dianne Bye, was her presenter to honor Judi's long-time career in the art form. Judi continues to teach for the Los Angeles Unified School District and performs as a professional mime.



1972

James Fox was presented with the Honorary Alumni Award by the General Alumni Association of Penn State's Dickinson School of Law. The award is in recognition of "exemplary loyalty and devotion to the school and the association." He has served as a professor of law at the school for 31 years.

1966

Betty Fitch Gibson's husband, David, retired from teaching in the Geomatics department (surveying), at the University of Florida. Two of three children have graduated from UF, with the third nearing graduation.

1967

David Hogg and spouse, Paulette, celebrated 40 years of marriage in June 2007.

Marcia Sanders Pomeroy currently resides in Westerville with husband, Geoffrey. Marcia teaches private

piano lessons in her home studio. She is proud of her three outstanding children: **Michelle Pomeroy Roettger '01**, currently finishing her Ph.D. in biochemistry at The Ohio State University; Melody Pomeroy, who will graduate from Otterbein in 2008 and do summer research in neuroscience at OSU; and Sean Pomeroy, who will enter Otterbein or OSU in 2008 and study computer science or athletic training.



1971

Jed Morison was re-elected to serve on the Bexley, OH city council in the Nov. 6, 2007 election.





1974

Kathryn Paugh is the new executive director of the Worthington Chamber of Commerce, Worthington, OH. She officially began her duties on Jan. 1, 2008. A small business owner, Kathryn has been involved in the Chamber in a variety of leadership roles since her marketing communications firm, KRP Communications, joined the Chamber in 1995. She has served on the board of trustees since January 2000, chairing the board in 2003.

1973

Pat Martin is the president and chief executive officer for Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk, OH, a position he's held for almost 10 years. He first started working at the hospital in 1972 as an administrative assistant but left two years later. He said his dream was always to return to Fisher-Titus.

1976

Randy Adams is a founding partner with Junkyard Dog Productions in New York which develops and produces new musicals. Prior to starting JYD Productions in 2006 with partner Sue Frost, he served as the managing director of TheatreWorks in Palo Alto, CA, from 1984-2006.

Susan Hall-Baldur has been named editor-publisher of *Camaraderie*, the triennial journal of the Western Front Association U.S. Branch. The WFA is an international organization dedicated to the study of the First World War in Europe and to the memory of those who gave their lives in that conflict. Susan has taken two tours of battlefields in Belgium and France. She is still a copy editor at the *Detroit Free Press*. She blogs as What

Nana Knows at the *Free Press's* website and is also a proud grandmother of a three year-old grandson.

Tina Williams Shepeck graduated from University of Florida.



1978

Doug MacCallum was recently hired as president of One Systems USA, Inc., Nashville, TN. One Systems is a manufacturer of high-quality, high-output loudspeaker systems that are engineered primarily for outdoor and indoor sports and entertainment venues. He joined One Systems after serving nearly eleven years as VP/General Manager of AKG Acoustics, U.S., Nashville location.

Cabot Rea performed in the season-opening concert at the Palace Theatre, Columbus, on Oct. 1, 2007. The concert also included the newly formed Columbus Music Theatre, a light opera group in which Cabot sings baritone.

1979

Gary Hoyle is the chief executive officer of Rise & Dine Restaurants. The company, less than two years old, has six locations in three states and commitments from franchisees to open 110 stores in Ohio, Missouri and Texas over the next decade.

1980

Chris Carlisle is teaching at Johnstown-Monroe High School in Johnstown, OH, and is the assistant varsity boys basketball coach at Dublin Jerome High School in Dublin, OH.

1982

Robert Cornette is completing his Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at The University of Kentucky during the 2007-2008 school year. His dissertation project is using a transtheoretical model to assess readiness to change unhealthy lifestyle behaviors in fourth and fifth grade students.

Susan Ridinger Reeves is proud of her children, Jason and Amy, who are super soccer players and great with drama and acting in plays.

Randall Rogers, his wife, Lisa, and their four daughters reside in Pataskala, OH. Randall suffered an illness in 2004 which put him into a coma and life support for two months. With a one percent chance of survival, he beat the odds. Randall now owns two companies with approximately 15 employees and runs most of his business from home.



1976

Col. Kenneth Jewett has written a book just published entitled *To the Valley*. The historical fiction book, taking place in the 1750s, began as a family project and ended up a published work. After taking his nephew, Philip, on a trip to Williamsburg, Ken began sending letters to Philip each time he visited the city without him. The letters were written as if Uncle Ken were visiting the historic city during the Revolutionary period. The letters were such a hit with Philip that his father, **Greg '78**, had the idea for a book that placed family members, capturing their personalities, in the Revolutionary period.

Like Father Like Daughter for this Alumna

by Jenny Hill '05

As a child, **Karen Fishbaugh Linder '80** walked from her grade school to the Otterbein College baseball fields to watch her father, Dick Fishbaugh, coach the Cardinals. Today, her own children watch from the stands as she coaches softball at Kent State University.

When Karen became a member of the first graduating class of Westerville South High School in 1976, the next step was to enroll at Otterbein. The choice was an easy one. "I was in third grade when my dad started coaching, so Otterbein was my entire life. Growing up at Otterbein, I was comfortable with the campus and knew I would have many opportunities as an athlete and in my education, so it met my needs."



At Otterbein she played volleyball, basketball and softball. She was also a member of EKT sorority, serving as president her senior year, held many jobs on campus, and studied abroad in Segovia, Spain, during her sophomore year. She also worked as a student assistant for men's basketball her senior year to learn more about coaching.

Karen earned her bachelor's degree in education from Otterbein in 1980 and her master's degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky University in 1982.

After earning her master's degree, she was hired as head softball and basketball coach for Union College in Kentucky, where she also taught physical education. At age 23, this was a major accomplishment for Karen.

Karen coached at Union College until 1985. During her time there, both her softball and basketball teams won the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state championships.

She then coached at Ashland College from 1985-1996. She was hired by **Fred Martinelli '51** as the head women's basketball coach and requested the job of coaching softball, as well. She eventually left basketball to coach softball exclusively, while also teaching physical education courses.

Karen was hired to coach and teach at Kent State University in 1996. Her first softball season was in 1997. "I was used to smaller schools and was always leery of Division I with its competitive nature and recruiting," she said. "But when I interviewed at Kent State, I could see that it had a strong sense of values about what athletics should be. And I was up for a new challenge."

While Karen is very accomplished as a softball coach, she is not one to brag. "I don't really keep up with my statistics."

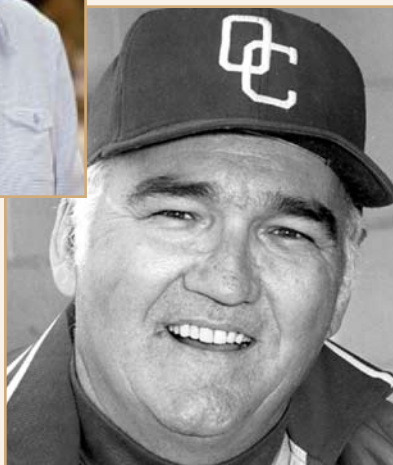
But the statistics speak for themselves. In over two decades of coaching, she has earned a 526-440-1 career record. In 2004, Karen was named MAC Coach of the Year. She has six 30-win seasons to her name. In 2006,

she took her Kent State team to its first Mid-American Conference (MAC) Softball Tournament championship in school history. That same year, she won her 500th game as a fast-pitch softball coach, making her and her father the only father and daughter in NCAA history to each win 500 games as head coaches. Dick Fishbaugh coached baseball at Otterbein for 33 years, winning 617 games.

For Karen, the human aspect of the game outweighs the statistics. "I really enjoy the interaction with the college athletes. I perceive my job as helping them grow into adulthood," she said.

Karen believes student-athletes learn many life skills through participation. "They learn to balance priorities, values, communication skills, teamwork, overcoming adversity and how to be mentally tough," she said. "They have to deal with stress and maintaining balance in their lives. College athletics helps them understand these skills and take them into the 'real' world."

She attributes her success in sports to the support of her mother and her husband, Tom. She met Tom at Ashland, where he coached wrestling. He is now a radio commentator for football and women's basketball at Kent State. Their sons Thomas, 16, and Tucker, 14, play football, basketball and baseball.



1983

Jerry Parsons has taught for 25 years and is the music and choral director for Thomas Worthington High School in Worthington, OH. For the past nine years, he has also traveled the country as the bass player in an Italian band, Ray Massan's Euro Rhythms. His wife, **Laurie Brown Parsons '85**, has taught for 23 years and is currently teaching at Wellington Schools, Columbus, OH, music education to Pre-K through 4th grade. They have a daughter, Rebecca, 15, and a son, Daniel, 12.

1985

Jeffrey Gale was elected to the Westerville City School Board in the Nov. 6, 2007, election.

1987

Bob Kennedy is news and traffic anchor for Metro Networks, a division of Westwood One. He reports for Kiss Country 101.7 FM in Springfield, OH, and 104.9 The River and Wink 107.1 FM in Columbus between 5 and 9 a.m. every morning, and T-100 in Newark, OH, 95.5 The Hawk and QFM96 in Columbus between 3:30 and 5:50 p.m. every afternoon.

Kimberly Murphy is working as a women's health nurse practitioner at Marysville OB/GYN, Marysville, OH. She received her MSN at The Ohio State University in 2003.

Susan Shelly and her husband, Kevin Murray, adopted a daughter, Erin,



1988

Jean-Marc O'Connor has relocated to Mesa, AZ to become the director of athletics at Mesa Preparatory Academy. In addition to building a junior high and high school athletic program from the ground up for this brand new public charter school, he is also teaching seventh grade composition and literature, and helping to organize a new athletic conference operated by the Great Hearts Academies. On Sept. 28, Jean-Marc was inducted into the Rutherford B. Hayes High School Athletic Hall of Fame, becoming the first soccer player and gymnast in the school's history to be elected to the Hall. Friends **Scott Martin '87**, **Andrew Hall '89**, **Kelly Patrick '89** and **Michael Smith '90** attended the induction ceremony in Delaware, OH.

whom they brought home from Guatemala when she was 10 months old. Kevin is a restaurant manager and Susan stays busy with Erin, now 4 years old, and raises Texas longhorn cattle on their 22-acre farm in North Texas.



1989

Patrick Baker is the head women's soccer coach at the University of Georgia. The student newspaper, *Red and Black*, highlighted his career in their October, 2007, issue saying that "Patrick has a knack for creating winning programs." Over 19 years he has compiled a 209-120-23 record. In 2003, he was named the Soccer America National Coach of the Year



after taking Florida State to the Final Four.

Martina Miller Walters currently is a project manager for IBM working on the NiSource Columbia Gas account. Martina has either worked for or on the Columbia Gas IT team since graduation. Martina received her MBA from Otterbein in 2003. She and her husband, Les, just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September. They have one daughter, Mackenzie, 13.

1991

Bill Hunter is a lecturer at Juniata College and principal investigator for Heberling Associates, a cultural resource management firm. Hunter recently wrote (with a co-author) *On the Road, Highways and History*, published by the

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, as well as a chapter on place-perception for the book *Genealogy and Geography: Locating Personal Pasts*. Bill, **Krista DeVore Hunter '91**, and son, Eamonn, 5, live in Huntingdon, PA, where Krista is a Le Leche League leader and partner in The Friends Farm, a community supported agricultural cooperative.

Barbara Roubanes has been selected to join the Ohio State Bar Foundation's 2007 Fellows Class. Membership in the Foundation is an honor extended only to lawyers whose careers have demonstrated their dedication to the highest ideals of the legal profession and the welfare of their community. Barbara has her own law firm with offices in Columbus and Marysville, OH.

1991

Aysu Basaran has accepted a position as assistant news director at WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC. She previously worked as the executive producer of Special Projects at WBNS 10TV in Columbus. She has won five regional Emmy Awards over the course of her career and been named Best Producer for four consecutive years by the Ohio Associated Press. She is pictured with her middle daughter, Olivia Kaczmarek.

Alumnus was Born into the Horse Business

by Jenny Hill '05

Rob Burk '00 made his way across the country pursuing a job in the “family business,” in his case the horse industry. He started in California, where he was born and raised to work with horses; came to Otterbein College to study in the Equine Science program and ride on the College’s competition teams; and continued on to Maryland, where he is now the executive director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

In his job, Rob uses his broad based education and experiences to perform a broad base of tasks. “I serve as advisor to the secretary of agriculture and the governor of Maryland,” he said, adding that Maryland boasts a \$1.6 billion horse industry that employs 28,000 people.

“I distribute grants to non-profit and not-for-profit equine organizations. I regulate stables and license facilities for horse boarding, sales and training,” Rob said. And if those tasks aren’t enough, he is also responsible for marketing the Maryland horse industry to the rest of the nation.

His favorite part of his job is working with youth programs, therapeutic riding programs and educational institutions. “It gives me a chance to give something back,” he said.

Horses have always been part of Rob’s life. He was born into a family that was involved with horses “in one way or another” for generations. “I was born into it. I really had no choice, I was put to work cleaning stalls,” he said with a laugh.

In his youth, he earned an H-A rating with the U.S. Pony Club and studied under the Irish Olympian Captain David Foster. In competition, he was Junior Novice Combined Training Champion of California and Young Rider Open Preliminary Combined Training Champion of California.

When it came time for Rob to explore his options for college, he decided that Otterbein’s Department of Equine Science “stood far and above the rest because of its faculty.”

“I looked at programs with bigger, more impressive facilities, but students who have been involved in the horse industry like I was can see past that,” he said. “The faculty was really welcoming and the quality of the program and faculty impressed me.”

In addition, Rob was attracted by the location. “Columbus is up and coming in the equine industry,” he said, noting that events like the Quarter Horse Congress, Equine

Affair and Little Brown Jug call the area home.

While at Otterbein, Rob “rode on every equestrian team offered” while majoring in pre-veterinary equine science.

“I knew that I wanted to be involved with horses but didn’t know how to make that into a career, or even if I could make it into a career,” Rob said. “Ironically, I knew that I didn’t want to be a veterinarian, unlike the other pre-vet students. But I did learn more about the horse industry and got direction at Otterbein.”

Outside his classes, Rob’s competitive riding at Otterbein earned him the IHSA Regional Open Over Fences and Flat Championship, and he was ranked fourth in the nation in Western Reining and Horsemanship Riding.

After college, Rob went to Virginia Tech to earn his master’s degree. His research focused

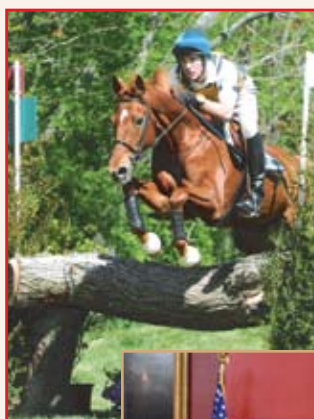
on equine nutrition and outside of school, he ran a thoroughbred auction.

After he earned his master’s degree, Rob was deciding if he should continue on to earn his doctorate degree when the opportunity to work for the Maryland Horse Industry Board arose. “They were looking for someone with broad based understanding of the horse industry and

an educational background to back it up,” he said. “There are only six jobs like this in the country, so I took it.”

While Rob is busy with a blossoming career, he is also busy with a blossoming family. He and his wife Amy, whom he met in graduate school, welcomed their daughter, Emma, into their family in September 2006. Amy is a professor of equine studies at the University of Maryland.

As for Rob’s career, he said, “I genuinely like the job I’m in. Maybe someday I will move into a national organization. That is something I am working toward.”



Rob is top left with members of the horse industry, at the signing of a bill sponsored by the Maryland Horse Industry Board and which Rob took the lead in drafting. On the bottom row, Maryland Lieutenant Governor Brown, Maryland Senate President Mike Miller, Governor Martin O’Malley, and Maryland Speaker of the House of Delegates Michael Busch.

1992

Elaine Gonya recently accepted a position with the Aurora Sports Medicine Institute in Milwaukee, WI as a licensed athletic trainer working with the Aurora Sinai Medical Center and Whitefish Bay High School.

Theresa Henricks Lombardo was promoted to unit director of the Special Care Nursery at Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, OH.

Christine Lorello-Brandt continues to work in concert marketing with Live Nation in Phoenix, AZ. She and husband, Darryl, recently opened a second barber shop called "Snip." Their son, Xander, is 3 1/2 years old.



1994

Gary Baker was elected to the Columbus, OH, School Board in the Nov. 6, 2007 election. Gary is a neighborhood leader who wants to make school safety a top priority.

Yesenia Jimenez Captain and her husband, Jim, relocated to Chicago, IL, in July 2007. Jim was promoted by Nestle Waters, North America. Yesenia is now employed as an assistive technology educational consultant with the Special Education District of Lake County. This position entails assessing individual students for assistive (AAC) devices, integrating technology into daily lessons, and writing special education curricula



1993

Jeffrey Goins has been promoted to customer operations supervisor at the CheckFree Corporation in Dublin, OH. He began his career with the company in May, 1998. CheckFree is the nation's largest provider of e-bill services and online bill payment products.

across all content areas. Their daughter, Marissa, 5, will be starting kindergarten and son, Dimitri, will be 2 in September.

1995

Melissa Crohen is currently working for Franklin University and is the Student Services Associate for their new Delaware, OH, location. She and fellow alumnae, **Holly McFarland '78**, started working at Franklin on the same day!

Shawna Goebel recently founded Rhythm Ray Inc, publishing music, books and art that presents movement (rhythm) and light (ray). Known as Shawna Ray, her first project is a special

edition and CD of her children's book, *Take a Trip to Diverse City*, with national music group B5, which was scheduled to be released this past December.

Robert Medary has accepted the position of director in the Project Management Office at Cardinal Health, located in Dublin, OH. Prior to joining Cardinal Health, Rob spent 15 years in IT and nine years in project management. Rob initially accepted a position at Cardinal Health as a program manager and within two years he was promoted to director.

Cheri Smith Miller has been hired as regional marketing manager for The Little Clinic, a chain of health care centers with locations in Kentucky,

Indiana, Ohio, Georgia and Florida. She will direct all marketing efforts for their Ohio locations.

1996

Julie Laureano Jester is currently the assistant music director at Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Gurnee, IL, where she also founded and currently directs Saint Paul's Recorder Ensemble. She recently finished her sixth season as a member of the Street Cast at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Bristol, WI, having served as an assistant director for the 2007 Street Ensemble. She performs regularly in dinner theatre, interactive murder mystery theatre and children's theatre at Apple Holler Showplace in Sturtevant, WI.

Brett Stertzbach has joined Denison University, Granville, OH, as manager of their endowment fund.

1997

Tami Davis earned her MBA from Capella University, Minneapolis, MN, in 2005 and earned Microsoft Certification as a Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Specialist in 2007.

1996

Michael Vollette is the executive director of Underground Zone Ministries. This Christian non-profit organization reaches young people with the love of Jesus through media and entertainment. Michael and his wife, Regan, are the parents of four sons, Brandon, 8; Geoffrey, 6; Nathan, 5; and Benjamin, 2.



Chad Edgar received his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2005 from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. After graduating, he pursued a specialty residency in Pharmacy Practice Management from the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, KS. At the same time, he earned a master of science in hospital pharmacy administration. Currently, Chad is working at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, FL, as the Clinical Coordinator of Infectious Diseases.

Kristopher Foster is employed by Wells Fargo Bank as a central region manager in Louisville, KY.

Jennifer Funk Polanz is now working from home as a freelance writer.

Shelley Rice Thompson received her DDS in Dentistry from The Ohio State University in 2001.

Jennifer Wagner Woods was named to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*.



1998

Maggie Fishell completed her masters in public administration in May 2006 from Levin College of Urban Affairs in Cleveland, OH, and her juris doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, also in Cleveland the same month. She recently returned to the Columbus area and has been admitted to the Ohio State Bar.

1998

Jason Gilham has been named director of media relations for the major league soccer team, Colorado Rapids. Throughout his ten years in professional sports media relations, he has worked in the National Basketball Association, National Football League, Arena Football League and Major League Soccer. Gilham enters his first season in MLS having spent the previous six years in the same capacity in the AFL, including the past two seasons with the Colorado Crush. Prior to his work with the Crush, Gilham was the director of communications with the Georgia Force from the team's inaugural season in 2002 to its National Conference championship in 2005. He began his career in professional sports with the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 1997-98 campaign and has also worked in the media relations departments for the Cleveland Browns (1999) and Atlanta Falcons (2000-2001).



Stacie Oliver is now serving as legislative assistant for Sen. Bob Corker (TN) defense, veterans, and foreign policy. In her role, Stacie will oversee the issues that fall under the jurisdiction of Sen. Bob Corker's assignments on the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committee.

wedding in Topsfield, MA. Both currently reside in Washington, D.C.

Sara Steel Lahman graduated from Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH, in May 2007 and successfully passed the bar exam. Sara is employed by JPMorgan Chase as a vice president trust officer.

Previously, Brian was a long-term substitute for the Canal Winchester school district, Canal Winchester, OH.

Alice Harold Brannigan received her MAE in new professional studies from George Mason University in 2007.

Travis Budd received his education degree from Bowling Green in 2004 and is now teaching K-6 science at Great Western Academy, Columbus, OH.

Martina Fissette Easley was promoted to captain in the United States Air Force in February 2007.

Jennifer Etheridge completed a master's of science degree with a designation as a neonatal nurse practitioner at The Ohio State University in June of 2007.

Pamela Goodfellow received her MBA from Capital University, Columbus, OH, in August 2007. She is also engaged to be married to Eric Thomas, a controller with Huntington National Bank. They are planning a September 2008 wedding.

1999

Suzu Igarashi published her senior thesis with Dr. J. Lehman entitled "Host Resistance to Monilinia Vaccinii-Corymbosi in Flowers and Fruits of the Highbush Blueberry" in the journal *Plant Disease*. Suzu is working as a laboratory manager and research specialist in nephrology at the University of Arizona.

Robert Randall is employed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol as a photographer.

2000

Tara Beth Johnson is currently working on a master's degree in nursing at Georgetown University. Tara is engaged to Kyle Beach from Salem, NH. They are planning a May 2008

Daniel Largent is currently teaching seventh grade and coaching high school football and baseball for the Olmsted Falls City School district in Olmsted Falls, OH.

2001

Brianna Elsmore graduated from Capital University Law School in May 2007 and passed the bar exam in July.

April Bowyer Largent is currently a registered nurse for Parma Community General Hospital, Cleveland, OH, in the CCU step-down unit.

2002

Brian Baker has joined the teaching staff of Etna Elementary, Pataskala, OH, as a first grade teacher.

Anthony Healy started his own business, Zoros Chain, in Grove City, OH. The company sells emergency equipment to fire departments throughout the Midwest. Anthony also works with city hall to raise money for inner city youth programs.

Mandy Burns Huffman graduated with a master of library and information science degree (MLIS) from Kent State University on Aug. 18, 2007 and is currently employed at the Westerville Public Library as a Youth Librarian.

Kristen Porter Jarzecki graduated from Capital University in December 2006 with her masters in music education with a kodalý emphasis. She teaches elementary music in the Marysville School District, Marysville, OH.

David Knox is vice president of Sogeti USA L.L.C. and will be moving to North Carolina to open a new office. Sogeti's team of experienced IT professionals works closely with clients to design, develop and deploy adaptable solutions that address the unique needs of their business and industry.

Heather McLeish recently accepted a position with American Electric Power (AEP) as an information technology training specialist. The position is located in Columbus, OH and includes travel to AEP locations throughout the United States.

Kyle Oyster received his MED in education

technology from Ashland University, Ashland, OH, in 2005. He is a teacher for Southwest Licking Schools, Pataskala, OH.

Shanon Potts graduated cum laude from Capital University Law School in May 2005. She is a civil litigation attorney in Dayton, OH.

Kevin Shay will be stationed in Iraq with his military unit through 2008.

Evan Struble recently accepted the position of continuing education coordinator at OHIONET—a non-profit library membership organization in Columbus, OH. Previously, Evan was employed by the Westerville Public Library for over six years.

Heidi Solt Walker received her master's degree in occupational therapy from The Ohio State University and is working as an occupational therapist at Heinzerling Memorial Foundation in Columbus, OH.



2003

Nicole Grooms Clark is currently employed by Idear Media Corp., Westerville, OH, as a district sales manager. Idear sells advertising and publishes the Verizon Yellow Pages, Superpages.com, commercials, direct mail and more.

Jason Fletcher is employed as an investment analyst



at J.P. Morgan Chase in Columbus, OH.

Tia Jean graduated from The Ohio State University School of Dentistry in June 2007.

Neelima Sharma received her M.A. in Bioethics from Case Western.

Leslie Tuttle graduated from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens in June 2007.

2004

Libby Hultberg is pursuing a creative nonfiction MFA degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Susan McGregor-Monahan has been named business development manager for the Chicago office of PlumRhino Consulting L.L.C. She specializes in consulting engagements in the financial services area. Susan has been living and working in downtown Chicago since graduating from Otterbein.

Courtney Dolphin Siegel received her master's degree in health and community education from North

2004

Andrew Yeager has relocated to Birmingham, AL, to become the afternoon announcer for the public radio station, WBHM.

Carolina State University in 2006. She is currently the athletic trainer for the track and field teams at The Ohio State University where she also teaches athletic training classes. She is also serving as an alumni advisor for Sigma Alpha Tau (Owls) at Otterbein.

Brooke Burton Valot has accepted a position as a school counselor at Point Loma High School in San Diego, CA.

2005

Gary Cooper completed his master's degree in plant pathology at the University of Florida.

Amy Griffith and **Katie Hendren '05** are using their education degree and their entrepreneurial skills to start a new concept: drop-in child care with flexible hours. Their business, Kids Zone Flexible Childcare, is located in Westerville and offers drop-in service with flexible hours, only charging for the childcare hours needed.

Kristen Moxley received her master's degree in genetic counseling from Case Western Reserve University.

Ashika Nanayakkara is in her first year of a Ph.D. program in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University.

Katelyn Tilley Willyerd

is attending Penn State University in State College, PA, working on her Ph.D. in plant pathology.

Scott Willyerd is working at WHP-TV in Harrisburg, PA, as a television producer.

2006

Adam Brandt is serving as a part-time firefighter in Blacklick, OH, and started paramedic school in January 2008. He played three seasons as a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners minor league organization.

Courtney Cook is an assignment editor with WTOP Radio in Washington, D.C. WTOP is the most listened to station in the Washington, DC region and follows a 24-hour news, traffic and weather format.

Dave Kimberly and **Ben Van Allen '06**, along with Michael Hoggarth, professor of life and earth sciences at Otterbein, have had their paper, "A Study of the Mussels (Mollusca: Bivalvia: Unionidae) of Symmes Creek and Tributaries in Jackson, Gallia and Lawrence Counties, Ohio" accepted for publication in the *Ohio Journal of Science*. Dave is currently in graduate school at the University of Texas at Tyler and Ben is currently in graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Amber Murphy is in her second year of medical school at The Ohio State University.

Justin Whitehill recently published his senior thesis with Jeff Lehman, associate



professor of life and earth sciences at Otterbein, entitled "Ips pini is a vector of the fungal pathogen, Sphaeropsis sapinea, to Austrian pines, Pinus nigra (Pinaceae)" under the population ecology section of environmental entomology. Currently, Justin is a Ph.D. student in plant pathology at The Ohio State University working on the emerging threat of the Emerald Ash Borer.

2007

Kirsten Ebert is employed as an intervention specialist for Cardington Lincoln High School in Cardington, OH.

Mallory Gray is a pediatric nurse at Emerald Pediatrics in Dublin, OH.

Nicole Harrison is currently enrolled in the Capital University Law School.

Andrea Boggs Johnson began her first full-time teaching position this past fall as an English teacher at Miami Trace High School in Washington Court House, OH.

Alexandrea Kontos has relocated to Lakeside, OH, and is a marketing manager at the Lakeside Association.

2007

Christina Christian has joined the firm Roop and Co. as an assistant account executive and will help support and service the firm's growing client roster. She has held positions with Fahlgren Mortine Public Relations, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and Total Image Specialists. She recently returned from studying in Australia and while there worked for Pulse Communications, an Ogilvy PR Worldwide Company, in Sydney.

Alex Mack entered The Ohio State University School of Dentistry this past fall.

Megan McLain is a sales representative in the central Ohio area for Athlon Pharmaceuticals.

Amber Robertson is an Account Manager for the American Whistle Corporation, Columbus, OH.

Megan Schlingman is \$25,000 richer after her stint on the Dec. 6 installment of *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire*. Schlingman called Otterbein Religion Professor Paul Laughlin when she got stuck on the question "An informal press conference between the White House press secretary

and reporters is known by which of these terms?" Laughlin knew the answer was "gaggle" from watching *The West Wing*. Megan took his advice to win the \$25,000 question. She missed the next question, good for \$50,000, ending her *Millionaire* experience.

Brandt Weininger entered The Ohio State University School of Dentistry this fall.

Ashley Wolfe began her teaching career at Pataskala Elementary, Pataskala, OH, on Aug. 22, 2007. Ashley graduated from Watkins Memorial High School in Pataskala in 2003, and was glad to be returning to work with some of her former teachers. ●

100th Anniversaries for Fraternities!

All Pi Kappa Phi Members: Please join us for the Pi Kappa Phi 100th Anniversary Celebration on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, October 18 featuring a dinner banquet in the evening. More details will be announced in the spring. For more information, contact **Jim Augspurger '71** at jaugspur@gracebrethren.org, (614) 891-6707 or **Bill Cole '54** at bbcole22@verizon.net, (740) 548-5571.

Brothers of Pi Beta Sigma: Please join us for the Pi Beta Sigma 100th Anniversary Celebration on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, October 18. We have a full day planned with our annual meeting, tours of the over \$100,000 of renovations to 72 West Plum and a dinner banquet and celebration at the Easton Hilton. Watch for more details in your Annexer, or contact Alumni President Anthony J. Cisco at president@pibetasigma.org, (216) 990-1899 or Alumni Secretary Jeff Rutter at secretary@pibetasigma.org, (614) 209-4296. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event!"

MileSTONES

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Marriages

1977

Beth Kreider to Wayne Marchant, Dec. 29, 2006.

1986

Regina Anderson to Robert Stevenson, Aug. 25, 2007.



Regina Anderson Stevenson with husband, Robert

1987

Douglas Griffith to Deena Bartholomew, Sept. 15, 2007.

Timothy O'Neal to Tessa O'Neal, Aug. 19, 2006.

1996

Julie Laureano to Carl Jester, Feb. 3, 2007.

1997

Rebecca Snow to Aaron DeHart, April 7, 2007.



Rebecca Snow DeHart with husband, Aaron

1998

Marianne Timmons to Christopher Cromley, Oct. 27, 2007.

1999

Robert Randall to Karie Adelsberger, Sept. 8, 2007.

2001

Rob Hetler to Stacey Bussell, May 25, 2007.

2002

Alice Harold to Michael Brannigan, June 30, 2007.

Amanda Burns to Shane Hoffman, Nov. 4, 2006.

Kristen Porter to Tomasz Jarzecki, July 21, 2007.

John "Wally" Walters to April Hudson, July 21, 2007.



John Walters with wife, April

Jennifer Hampson to Jay Wversig, July 7, 2007.

2003

Nicole Grooms to Drew Clark, July 28, 2007.

Jason Fletcher to Shannon Willison, Sept. 22, 2007.

Heather Martin to Steve Hysell, Oct. 20, 2007.



Heather Martin Hysell with husband, Steve

Valerie (Angie) Atkinson to Gordon Shaffer, Oct. 20, 2007.

2004

Matthew Carpenter to Betsy Stewart, Sept. 1, 2007.

Katherine Helgeson to Adam Cramer, June 16, 2007.

Courtney Dolphin to Ryan Siegel, June 16, 2007.



Courtney Dolphin Siegel with husband, Ryan

2005

Scott Howard to Wendy Bailey, July 28, 2007.

Amanda Evans to Daniel McGuire, June 9, 2007.



Amanda Evans McGuire with husband, Daniel

Erica Patton to Trevor Rey '06, Sept. 8, 2007.



Erica Patton Rey with husband, Trevor '06

Katelyn Tilley to Scott Willyerd '05, July 14, 2007. Several Otterbein alumni served in the wedding party. **Adam Willyerd** '07, brother of the groom, served as best man; **Sarah House Wiltrout** '05 was the matron of honor; **Angela Congrove** '04 and **Kathryn Rainsburg** '05 were bridesmaids. **Katie Harrah** '05 also shared her musical talents during the ceremony.

Alyson Blazey to Kristopher Vigneron '05, Sept. 30, 2007.



Alyson Blazey Vigneron with husband, Kristopher '05

2006

Adam Brandt to Sarah Riegenbach, Nov. 26, 2005.

Christina Hodges to Elliot France '05, Sept. 14, 2007.

Jessica Hall to Adam Porsch, Sept. 15, 2007.

Additions

1986

Sean McConnell and wife, Rebecca, a son, Aidan Patrick, Aug. 27, 2007.

1987

Stephanie Haney Gerckens and husband, **Timothy** '88, a son, Ross, Sept. 14, 2006.

1992

Emily Osborn Cunningham and husband, Chad, a son, William Frederick, June 3, 2006.

Sean Dusek and wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Elyse Christine, Oct. 4, 2007. She joins big sister Elena, 3.

Connie Kester Ketler and husband, Gregg, a daughter, Elise, July 27, 2006.

1993

Heather Fess Knapp and husband, Kent, a daughter, Caris Anne, Sept. 17, 2007. Caris joins siblings, Isaac, Levi, Asa, Elijah and Lydia.



Caris Ann Knapp

Christine Zecher McDonel and husband, **Gregory** '02, a son, Liam Matthew, Nov. 12, 2006.

1994

Gary "Chip" Betz and wife, Mia, a daughter Ava Sophia, Oct. 5, 2007.



Ava Sophia Betz

1996

Kristen Thomas Harvey and husband, Kevin, a daughter, Lauren Kathryn, July 3, 2007. Lauren joins big brother Andrew, 3. She is also welcomed by grandfather **Robert Thomas** '63 and aunt **Laurie Thomas** '98.

Stacey Crowley Moore and husband, Bryan, a daughter, Mara Evelyn on Sept. 4, 2007.



Mara Evelyn Moore

Laurie Kennedy Niehaus and husband, Andrew, a daughter, Hannah Grace, on Aug. 25, 2007.

1997

Laura Quinn Barber and husband, James, a son, James, May 18, 2007. James joins big brother Michael, age 2.



Jimmy Barber

Catherine Brown Dimes and husband, Robert, twins, Annabel Marie Kathaleen and Townsend William, Oct. 17, 2006.



Townsend William and Annabel Marie Kathaleen Dimes

Anne Thompson Fickel and husband, Danny, an adopted son, Isaiah Mark, Oct. 30, 2007. Isaiah was born Oct. 29, 2007.



Isaiah Mark Fickel

Kristopher Foster and wife, Amelia, a son, Knox, June 28, 2006.

Peggy Barnes Keefer and husband, **Michael '97**, twin girls, Genevieve Lucy and Beatrice Eliza, Nov. 20, 2006.

Aaron Martin and wife, Tameko, a son, Isaiah Ausar, Sept. 24, 2007.

Stephanie Rhodes McCully and husband, Brian, a daughter, Megan Marie, June 27, 2007.

Jennifer Funk Polanz and husband, Brian, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, July 21, 2007.

Julia Copley Schwendeman and husband, **Tim '97**, a daughter, Kate, Oct. 10, 2007. She joins big brother, Jack.

Shelley Rice Thompson and husband, **Jacob '98**, a son, Trent Rice, Aug. 24, 2007.

Christopher Titler and wife, Amy, a son, Matthew, Sept. 3, 2006.

Jennifer Wagner Woods and husband, Mike, a daughter, Clara, Nov. 20, 2006.

Jennifer Koonce Zalewski and husband, Robert, a son, Nicholas, Aug. 4, 2007. He joins big brother, Joseph.

1998

Sonya Lowmiller Higginbotham and husband, Carl, a daughter, Eileen Luree, Nov. 29, 2007.

Amy Dearden Kleine and husband, Bryan, a daughter, Larkin Danielle, July 18, 2007.



Larkin Danielle Kleine

Jessica Iamele Stetzbach and husband, **Brett '96**, a daughter, Reese Gabriella, May 29, 2007. Reese joins big brother, Cortland.

2000

Andrea Russell Barlow and husband, Jason, a son, Evan Joseph, July 13, 2007. Evan joins big sister, Paige, 2.



Evan Joseph Barlow

Molly Bowen Harr and husband, **Chris '99**, a son, Alan Quinn Harr, Oct. 3, 2007.

Amy Melvin Roush and husband, Richard, a daughter, Kailyn Rae, May 19, 2007.



Kailyn Rae Roush

2001

Brianne Stewart Harman and spouse, **Wes '02**, a son, Mason Wesley, Sept. 19, 2007.

April Bowyer Largent and husband, **Daniel '00**, a daughter, Brooke Lucille, Sept. 11, 2007.



Brooke Lucille Largent

Crystal Edwards Wolford and husband, **Chris '01**, a daughter, Addison Jane, Sept. 4, 2007.



Addison Jane Wolford

2002

Elisabeth Reay Alfman and husband, **Nick '01**, a daughter, Avery Reay, Nov. 5, 2007.



Avery Reay Alfman

Lauren Brandt Bobo and husband, Judson, a daughter, Caroline, Aug. 28, 2007.



Caroline Bobo

John Duey and wife, Tricia, a daughter, Avery, May 13, 2006.

Martina Fissette Easley and husband, Jamie, a son, Connor Anderson, April 24, 2007.

Jamie Machosky Foley and husband, Justin, a daughter, Julia Lauren, Aug. 1, 2007.

Celeste Grone and husband, Tony, a daughter, Willow, Nov. 20, 2006.

Amy Johnson McKibben and husband, Benjamin, a daughter, Eleanor, Feb. 24, 2007.

Kyle Oyster and wife, Julie, a daughter, Kylie, Mar. 5, 2007.

Beth McDannell Parr and husband, Kurt, a son, Noah, May 30, 2007.

April Wilson Ricciardo and husband, **David '02**, a son, Casey Allen, Oct. 25, 2007.



Casey Allen Ricciardo

Erin Range Watson and husband, **Seth '02**, a son, Carter Steven, Sept. 8, 2007. Also welcomed by uncle **Ryan Range '05**.



Carter Steven Watson

2003

Meghann Schneider Green and husband, **Lance '01**, a son, Logan Anthony, June 16, 2007.



Logan Anthony Green

2004

Andrea Wilson Kegley and husband, Kyle, a son, Wilson David, June 18, 2007.

2005

Bethany Barrick Mullett and husband, David, a daughter, Rachel Elaine, Sept. 20, 2007. Rachel joins her twin big sisters, Daphne and Naomi, 2.



Rachel Elaine Mullett

Deaths

1949

Raymond "Dick" Pope passed away on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007. He is survived by three children, Brian Pope, Nancy Pope-Barrett and Chris Alexander; three grandchildren and one sister. Dick founded Lambda Gamma Epsilon "Kings" at Otterbein and received his master's degree from The Ohio State University. Dick ministered in several United Methodist churches in Ohio, and was instrumental in forming the Inter-Faith Council after the tornado that devastated Xenia in 1974. He also planned and organized the building of the John Sale Manor retirement facility in Xenia. Dick is remembered for his sense of humor and his service to others.

Marlene Weyandt Teal passed away on Oct. 24, 2007.

1962

Robert Zepfel passed away on May 22, 2007. He is survived by his wife, **Ida Freeman Zepfel '61** and five children, Christine, Barbara, Susan, William, and Robert, Jr.

1972

Kenneth Campbell passed away Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007. Ken was retired from the State of Ohio. He was born with a major handicap which he treated as a minor disability, but it led him to devote his professional life to promoting the causes

of the handicapped. Ken helped manage sports teams while in high school in Westerville and in college. He held several positions and/or was a consultant to the last four mayors of the city of Columbus and was executive director of the Developmental Disabilities Council, director of Disability Policy Studies for The Ohio State University Nissonger Center and served on the boards of numerous organizations which represented the rights of the handicapped in the area. Ken was an enthusiastic participant

on the Pioneer Wheelchair Softball Team. Survived by his wife of 33 years, Linda; daughter, Heather (Teral) McConnell; son, Michael Campbell; grandchildren, Mia and Devon McConnell; parents, Don and Yvonne Campbell; sister, Jeanie (Richard) Jones.

1983

Joe Shoopman passed away on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, and two sons, Greg and Doug Shoopman. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Inez, and a brother, Gary. ●

1957

Elaine Ellis Comegys passed away on Nov. 22, 2007. She had fallen asleep after reading the latest Harry Potter book. After graduating from Otterbein with a degree in biology/chemistry, she went on to pursue graduate studies at Columbia, the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Salzburg in Germany. She held many positions at Antioch College in Yellow Springs from 1973 until she retired in 1998, including dean of students. At Otterbein she was very active in campus life and very popular with her classmates. She participated in theatre productions, including *Brigadoon*, in which she had a solo dance number, and was elected by her peers as May Queen. At the 50th class reunion this past summer, she often seemed the center of attention. A memorial service was held for Elaine at Yellow Springs in December 2007, and in February 2008 the first annual Elaine Comegys Black Film Festival at Antioch is taking place throughout the month. Recently she was active in the newly-formed Otterbein College African American Alumni Network (OCAAN) and attended the African American Alumni Reunion at Homecoming 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Danielle Comegys-Pelligrino, and her son, Marco Solomon Comegys.



Investing in OTTERBEIN

compiled by Lori Green

Investor Spotlight: Director of Library Lois Szudy

What is your role here at Otterbein?

I have been the library director since July 1990. As library director I am responsible for managing the overall library operations. When I came in 1990, I established a liaison program between the librarians and the departments. Each librarian serves as a liaison to their assigned departments, helping those students and faculty make the best use of library services, collection and resources.

I am very involved on campus and serve in a variety of ways:

- Faculty advisor to the Equestrian teams
- Co-advisor to the Western Equestrian Club
- Co-advisor to Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary Society
- Secretary/Treasurer of Torch & Key Honorary Society
- Member of the Curriculum Committee
- Member of the Faculty Executive Committee
- Member of Senate
- Member of Faculty Council
- Member of Administrative Assembly

What do you like about being a librarian and/or working in a library?

The field of library and information science has changed a great deal in the 31 years since I earned my master's in library science. The advent of the personal computer, the reliance on the Internet and the explosion of information has totally changed the way research is done. Keeping up with technology makes being a librarian an exciting adventure. There is always something new to learn and interesting topics to explore. I enjoy assisting the students and faculty members locate the information they need to be successful.

I truly believe the book is not dead and, of course, love to read. My favorite genre is mysteries. Being able to assist in building a strong collection of all types of materials is enjoyable and invigorating.

What about Otterbein's mission appeals to you?

Lifelong learning is extremely important to me, both personally and professionally. I earned a master's degree in education at Otterbein in 1999 to further my knowledge of teaching and learning. The development of humane values is also important – we must be global citizens and treat each

other with respect, kindness and compassion. We can learn so much from each other.

You are actively involved in the community, helping to raise funds, particularly, for United Way. Why does our community matter?

We are all members of a global community. A quote I like is "Think Globally, Act Locally" and in fact had a t-shirt with this written on it that I wore until it no longer was possible. Being involved in a wide variety of activities is important to me.

Recently the library has begun looking beyond the local community and is developing relationships with librarians in China. In 2006, Jane Wu (systems and government publications librarian) and I spent two weeks in China visiting four cities and five academic institutions. We did three presentations on library consortia and resource sharing while in China. This visit was the catalyst for the planning and testing phases of an exchange program with the library at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. As part of this process, we

hosted one of their reference librarians, who worked at the Courtright Memorial Library during July and August, 2007. The visit was highly successful and we hope in the future to have many other Shanghai librarians visit our library and have Otterbein College librarians spend extended time in China.

You lead Friends of the Library, an active group of alumni, friends and students. How does this group reinforce the College's mission?

The Friends of the Library was formed in 1996 and has been a very successful group. I am the treasurer and supervise the editing of the newsletter and website. The Friends of the Library has approximately 200 members. Members work together to support the library through their donations, volunteer activities and programming, and receive borrowing privileges from the Courtright Memorial Library and from other members of our statewide consortium, OhioLINK.

The Friends of the Library supports the College's mission in several ways. We offer programs that enhance the learning and development of those who attend (as well as provide enjoyment) and we raise money that supports the library.

Money raised by members of the Friends of the Library has allowed the library to do many things that would have



been impossible without the additional funds, including the ability to reupholster chairs, purchase new furniture, upgrade the library security system, acquire expensive electronic resources, and improve the housing of archival photographs.

The Friends are currently conducting a fund raising campaign, “Preserving our Heritage, Participating in the Present, Preparing for the Future” to support the renovation and relocation of the College Archives. Money raised for the archives will be used for such purposes as the purchase of new display cases, shelving, furniture, the restoration of oil paintings, the purchase of archival materials, digitizing of archival materials, and the restoration of stained glass windows from the Philophronean Room.

What is the most important lesson you have learned during your time here at Otterbein?

Otterbein College is its people. The students, faculty, administrators and staff members who work together to make Otterbein a wonderful caring place, are its backbone. I appreciate the love, compassion and concern that people have for each other. I value the friendships I have developed at Otterbein. I am very proud of the students, both past and present, who are making such a difference in their communities and the world.

Why do you think philanthropy is important?

Philanthropy is our way to give back to organizations or groups that support the programs we care the most about. Therefore, I am happy to support Otterbein College both monetarily and through my work. I am pleased that the money I provide has helped in some small way to continue making Otterbein College a successful institution of higher education.

What advice would you give to others who are considering an investment in Otterbein?

Otterbein College is a wonderful investment – the difference we make in student lives and in the community is invaluable. With your help we can continue to provide a high quality education into the 21st century and beyond.

I hope everyone will assist with the current campaigns for the science building and the equine facility – both projects very dear to my heart and which I gladly support. The need for both of these projects is great, but together we can successfully provide state of the art facilities that will make a significant difference in the future of these programs.

Of course, the library can always use your support. No matter what your major was in college, I am sure that you interacted in some way with the library during your time as a student. ●

Recent Grant Awards

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation awarded \$39,000 to Dr. Melissa Gilbert, director of Otterbein’s Center for Community Engagement, and Dr. Terry Hermesen, from Otterbein’s English Department, for the *Genoa Otterbein Creative Literacy Alliance*. Now in year 3, this collaborative

project between Otterbein College and Westerville City Schools will continue its four objectives of providing a professional development program for teachers, service-learning project for Otterbein students, mentoring and literacy skill-building program for middle school students, and annual literacy-through-the-arts festival at Genoa Middle School.

Dr. Leslie Ortquist-Ahrens, director of Otterbein’s Center for Teaching and Learning, and Tammy Birk, from Otterbein’s Department of English, were awarded \$3,000 by the **Association of American Colleges and Universities** for their project, *Shared Futures: General Education for Global Learning*. With the goal of bringing global learning into the center of campus life and learning, this project will initiate a thorough program review of the general education curriculum, adapt existing courses to the goals of global learning, design new courses to better highlight a commitment to cosmopolitan education and pilot courses launched during the 2006-2007 academic year. Curriculum development activities will focus on general education science courses with significant global learning outcomes.

New Endowed Funds

A generous grant from The Nationwide Foundation, created the **The Nationwide Foundation George H. Dunlap Scholarship Fund**, an endowed scholarship. Each year, students pursuing a business administration or social science major will receive scholarship support. This fund was named in honor of George H. Dunlap, past Chairman of the Nationwide Corporation who served 15 years as president of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees. Mr. Dunlap received an honorary degree from Otterbein in 1991.

Robert E. Woodruff ’67 has created **The Robert E. Woodruff Endowed Student Teacher Enrichment Fund**. This fund will provide financial support for students wishing to pursue a student teaching experience. Mr. Woodruff, a teacher retired from the Westerville Public School System, continues to devote a lot of his time to education.

Annual Fund Investments

Otterbein College Annual Fund student callers are contacting alumni, parents and friends to share with you what is happening on campus and to ask you to support the Annual Fund. We hope that you enjoy your time connecting with a current student. With your support, we can increase financial aid, improve the quality of each student’s academic experience and ensure continued success in building and shaping Otterbein.

To learn more about giving to the Annual Fund, please visit our website at www.otterbein.edu/giving/annual_fund.asp or contact **Jennifer Westbrook Waddell ’01**, Director of Annual Giving at (614) 823-1948 or jwaddell@otterbein.edu.

We appreciate your continued support!

2007 LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY RECOGNITION DINNER

October 19, 2007



Board of Trustees Dr. Mary F. Hall '64 (left) and Connie Hellwarth Leonard '63 (far right) and Ken Leonard (middle).



Mary Bivins H'85 (far right) shares a laugh with Ollie McCoy Yohn '51 (left) and Jane Morrison Horn '50 (middle).



Vernon L. Pack '50 (left) chats with Dick Dilgard '53. Waide Vance '47 is in the background (center).



Assistant Dean of Students Kate Porubcansky (left) and 2007 Common Book author Helena Maria Viramontes.



Otterbein students express their appreciation to the 2007 LGS dinner guests. From left, Bob Keep '08, Polly Wilbur '08, Professor John Tansey, Sandi Thouvenin '08, Garey Berry '10, Nicholas Wood '10, Cindy Boyden '08, Chris Wyse '08 and Sadie Bartholomew '07. Signs were created by the Starving Artists organization.



Retired professor Roger Neff and his wife Betty were elegant on the dance floor. They also are parents of two Otterbein graduates.



The Otterbein Big Band, under the direction of Jay Miglia, provided music for listening and dancing, which followed the evening's program.



Valerie Harrell and Board of Trustees member Eddie Harrell '94 speak with Garey Berry '10.



For more photos of the Recognition Dinner, go to www.otterbein.edu/LGSdinner



Sonya Stauffer Evans '56, Sadie Bartholomew '07 and Jane Morrison Horn '50 enjoy the evening.

The "O" CLUB

compiled by Rebekah Medaugh Carlisle '81

News and Information from the "O" Club

Otterbein "O" Club Board of Directors

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"O" Club Contact Information

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"O" Club Information

The "O" Club is to aid and assist the College to maintain a respectable and competitive athletic program and encourage good worthy student athletes to attend Otterbein College. – *from the October 22, 1955 minutes*
Officially the "O" Club is an "unincorporated nonprofit association" operated by a volunteer board of directors. The "O" Club is separate from the College but exists to assist the College in supporting its athletic program by providing funding for facilities and equipment over and above what is provided for in the athletic budget.

Rings Available

Athletic rings, watches and other commemorative items may be purchased through "O" Club Foundation Member, Bill Davis, of Cambridge, Ohio. His company, Davis Enterprises, supplies several Ohio colleges with their championship rings. For more information contact:

Davis Enterprises
1-800-879-4058
bigbilring@aol.com

The "O" Club Room

The "O" Club furnished a comfortable room inside Memorial Stadium to be used for small group meetings and social events. It is equipped with a full complement of latest technology and adjustable lighting, and is being used increasingly on campus as a meeting room. Use of the room is scheduled through the Athletic Department.



Old Sibyls?

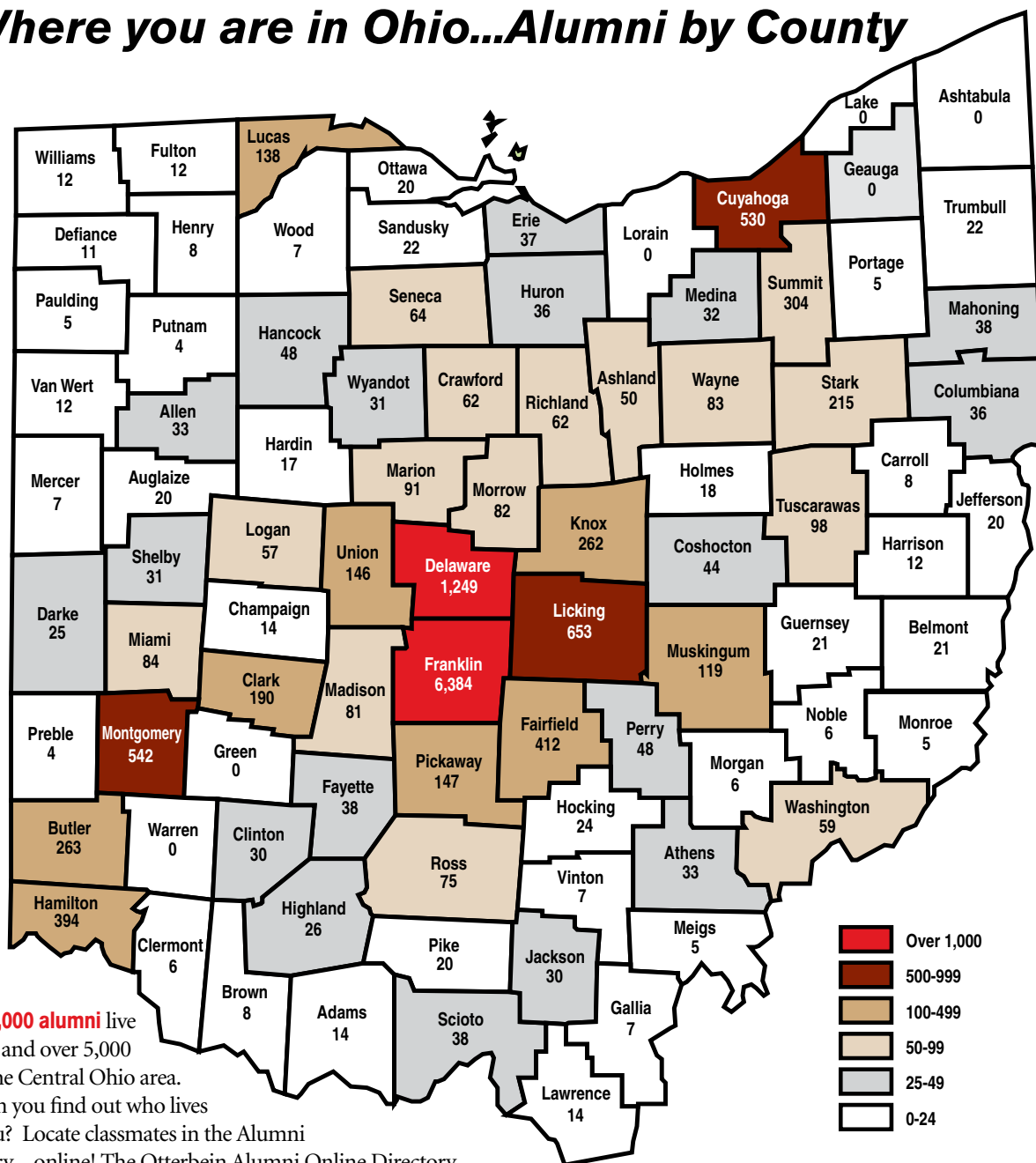
Looking for a home for some old *Sibyls*? The "O" Club would be happy to receive them. The "O" Club maintains a collection of *Sibyl* yearbooks in the "O" Club room in Memorial Stadium. Duplicate copies are sent to the Otterbein College archives.

Scheduled "O" Club Events for 2008

Monday, October 13, 2008 – 34th Fall Golf Classic at The Lakes Golf & Country Club
Saturday, October 18, 2008 – Homecoming

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Bonnie Robinson

Where you are in Ohio...Alumni by County



Over 14,000 alumni live in Ohio and over 5,000 live in the Central Ohio area.

How can you find out who lives near you? Locate classmates in the Alumni Directory – online! The Otterbein Alumni Online Directory is a free benefit for alumni to find old friends, search for your teammates, Greek sisters/brothers, update your personal information and post happenings in your life for classnotes.

Using the Alumni Online Directory is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni <<http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni>> and select “Online Directory” in the menu bar.
2. Log-in for the first time using the username and password printed above your address label of *Towers*.

- 3.** Once you have logged in for the first time, you will be prompted to change your password to something easy to remember.

You can search by city, state, last name, or occupation. Easy, simple and fun! If you need your username and password or further assistance, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600 or email alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.

Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click "Events/Registration"

Feb 29, 6:30 p.m. - African American Alumni Inaugural Kickoff, Columbus Urban League

March 1, 10 a.m. - Ft. Myers Annual Brunch, sponsored by the Alumni Club of SW Florida

March TBA - Alumni Club of SW Florida - Otterbein Baseball Gathering

April 5 - Wine Tasting Social sponsored by the Alumni Club of Atlanta

April 24 - 26 - Cardinal Migration to Salt Lake City, Utah - Opening Reception at 5 pm at Sheraton Hotel

May 25 - Spring Brunch and Musical - *Peter Pan*

June 9 - Zero Year Reunion for the Class of '08, 4:30 p.m.

June 10 - Master's Grad Reception for the Class of '08

June 13 - 15 - Alumni Weekend 2008

June 28 - June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH

Week of August 3 - Summer Send-Offs around the state

Aug 2 - 9 Alaskan Cruise

Aug 29 - Alumni Cross Country meet

Sept 11 - Luncheon of Otterbein Alumni with New Students

Sept 19 - 27 - Otterbein travels to Swiss Alps

Oct 18 - Homecoming 2008

Got Cardinal Pride...?



Katie Hendren '05 (left) and **Amy Griffith '05** have Cardinal Pride and they show it by flying the Otterbein pennant in the lobby of their new business: Kids Zone Flexible Childcare. The child care service features a new concept: drop-in child care with flexible hours. Parents only pay for the childcare hours needed. The business is located at 6065 Chandler Ct. in Westerville, 614-899-6325.

Spring Musical with Sunday Brunch, May 25, 2008



Enjoy a Sunday Pancake Brunch in the Otterbein Cardinal's Nest, prepared by Bon Appetit. After the meal, children will create a "Peter Pan" craft. Then make your way to Cowan Hall where children and adults will fall under the spell of Neverland, a place where children can fly and adventures happen every single day. Following the performance, pick up your craft in Roush Hall and enjoy cookies,

punch, and a photo session with characters from the show. Children and adults alike will enjoy *Peter Pan*, a tale which never ages.

- \$30 for adult brunch and theatre ticket
- \$18 for age 6-11 brunch and theatre ticket
- \$16 for age 5 and under brunch and theatre ticket

Reservations by May 1, 2008 at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click Events/Registration or call 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600.

The Otterbein College African American Alumni Network Inaugural Kickoff

The newly formed Otterbein College African American Alumni Network will hold its inaugural kickoff on Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus Urban League, 788 Mt. Vernon Ave. in Columbus. The network is looking to create a strong foundation of African American Alumni who are willing to participate in the following opportunities:

- Cardinal Career Network
- panel discussions
- career/networking/mentoring
- community service
- providing scholarships
- supporting AASU and students of the College

Go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni for more information and to register by Feb. 20 for the kickoff event.



Recent Alumni Gatherings

Cardinal Network Luncheon

Thanks to all the alumni who participated in the 24th annual Cardinal Network Luncheon on Jan. 25. Presented each year by the Center for Career Planning, the luncheon provides a chance for students to meet alumni who have their dream job, discuss career related issues, and gain insight on desired occupations. The alumni appreciate the chance to share their knowledge and provide advice and encouragement. Pictured are Holly Ross '93, Judy Ketner-Dollison '88, and Gary L. Baker '94.



Otterbein Alumni Club Contacts

If you live in these areas and are interested in being involved in the Alumni Club, contact:

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conniekayleonard@yahoo.com (330) 699-5382

Alumni Club of Central Ohio, LeAnn Unverzagt '80

oc_class_of_80@wowway.com, (614) 818-2563

Alumni Club of Dayton – Bonnie Robinson

brobinson@otterbein.edu, 1-888-614-2600

Alumni Club of Southwest Florida – Jim Wagner '56

wagnerjk@juno.com, (239)543-5065

Alumni Club of Atlanta – Alicia Caudill Colburn '96

acaudill@gsc.edu, (770) 962-5620

Alumni Club of Washington, D.C. – Tracy Young Babcock '93

tracey_j_young@yahoo.com, (301) 891-1095

Interested alumni are needed for the development of alumni clubs in the areas of Cincinnati and Cleveland. If you are interested in how to develop an alumni club in your area, contact Bonnie Robinson at brobinson@otterbein.edu.



Cardinals at Cardinal Health

Otterbein alumni employed with Cardinal Health in Dublin, OH, gathered for a networking reception on Jan. 17. The event hosted by Danelle Entenman-Bardos '94, MBA '00 and the Office of Alumni



Relations, was also attended by several faculty members who enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with former students. **Far left:** Amy Walter Hooper '96 and Danelle Entenman-Bardos '94. **Left:** Dr. Allen Prindle, Tom Diley '00 and Greg Ewing '97.



Intracoastal Waterway Cruise

Ahoy! The Otterbein Alumni Club of Southwest Florida kicked off their 2008 activities with a day cruise on the intracoastal waterway from Ft. Myers. The club's next event is a brunch on March 1 at the Colonial Country Club in Ft. Myers. For more information, go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni. **Far left:** Joan '57 and Art Heslet. **Left:** Phyllis and Gordon Morris '67.



Cardinals in Flight...



Jane Stolzenburg '65 and Joaline Mathias '65 have made several trips together. This past July they took a two week driving trip to the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec, Canada to visit the Rocher Percé (Percé Rock). Joaline's three years of French at Otterbein came in handy in French-speaking Quebec.



Edie Walters Cole '60 shows off her Otterbein duds in Dessau, Germany this past summer.

Cardinal Migration 2008

Salt Lake City

Thursday, April 24-Saturday, April 26, 2008 with pre- and post-migration activities on Thursday and Sunday

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Details and registration at www.otterbein.edu/alumni or call 1-888-614-2600. Registration Deadline: Friday, March 14. Hotel Reservations Deadline: Friday, March 14 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel; Call 1-888-627-8152 or 1-801-401-2000



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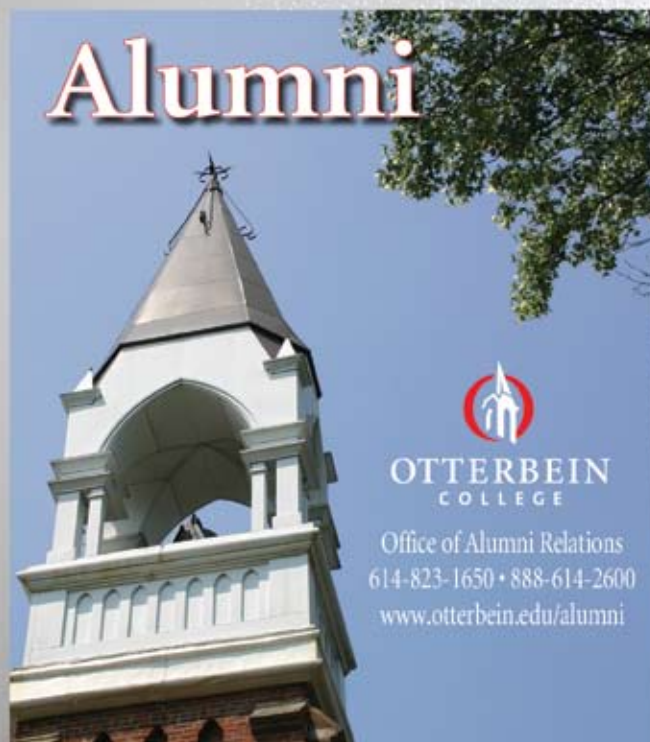
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The mission of Otterbein College is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein College is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational college that sponsors traditional and continuing education 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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June 13 - 15

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'48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78

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Weekend Highlights:

- "Students Share Their Life Changing Experience in Rwanda"
- "Go Green—What You Can Do Right Now"
- History of Otterbein College
- City of Westerville Pictorial Display of 150 years
- Stories of the 50s by Dean Joanne Van Sant and Marion Chase
- Recognition of the Annual Alumni Award Winners
- Campus Tours - walking and golf carts
- Visit the Renovated McFadden Science Building
- Open House at the Hanby House

**Questions: Call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650 or
email alumniinfo@otterbein.edu
www.otterbein.edu/alumni**

Class Reunions

Class Reunions on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

60th Reunion Class of 1948

Contact Vic Ritter; 2:30 p.m. Campus Center Lounge

55th Reunion Class of 1953

Contact Dick Borg; Borg Residence

50th Reunion Class of 1958

Contact Ed Mentzer (edmentzer@aol.com), Joyce Warner, Edmund Cox - GOLDEN REUNION CELEBRATION; Holiday Inn, Worthington

45th Reunion Class of 1963

Contact Doug Knight (douglaskni@gmail.com); Holiday Inn, Worthington

40th Reunion Class of 1968

Contact Rachel Stinson Turner (turner4931@verizon.com)

*35th Reunion of the Class of 1973

Contact Cheryn Alten Houston (cheryn73@aol.com); Old Bag of Nails, Westerville

*30th Reunion of the Class of 1978

Contact Becky May Hill (blm924@aol.com); Old Bag of Nails, Westerville

** The Classes of '73 and '78 cordially invite the Classes of '72, '74, '77 and '79 to join them at their reunion.*

What's new at www.otterbein.edu...?

"Otterbein Confidential" Blogs

Eight Otterbein students write regular entries about their daily lives at the 'Bein.

www.otterbein.edu/admission/blogs

Garey writes



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January 28, 2008

Is it week 4 already? Wow, the time has been flying this winter! January is almost over and now we are getting ready for February. I love February because its the month of "affection" and Black History Month. Work is the usual...



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Updates and photos of the Science Center construction, and artist renderings of the proposed equine facility.

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