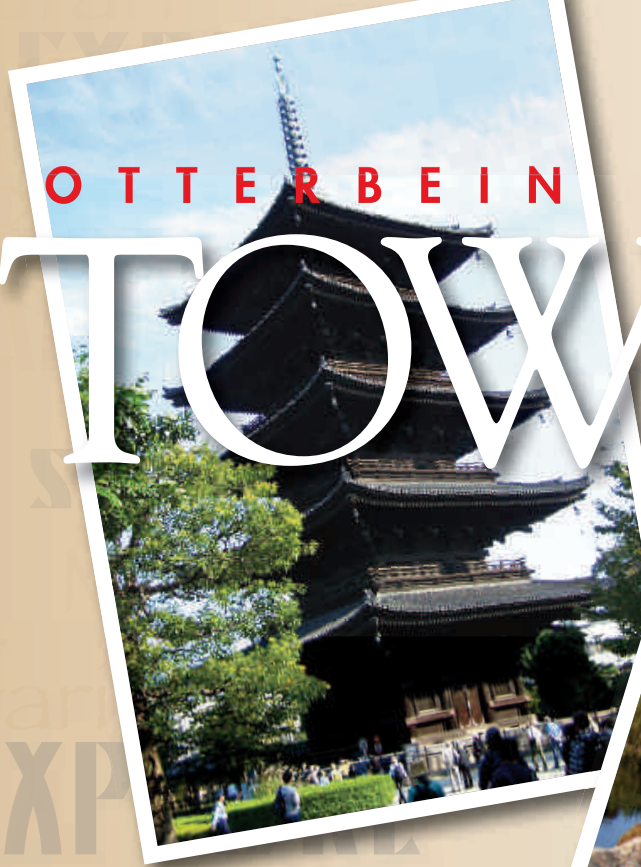


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Otterbein Homecoming

2007 A Time to Bond

160 years of Otterbein Traditions



What:

You are invited to a birthday party at Otterbein's Homecoming for a 160th birthday celebration.

Where:

Otterbein College Clements Recreation Center

When:

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Join us for a spirited football tailgate, fall music fest and prizes! We'll have games that will remind you of May Day. Wear your old athletic sweaters or your Greek shirts - or have your kids wear them! Come back and bond with friends to celebrate a special birthday.

9:00 am	Otterbean Café open with free Schneider doughnuts
10:00 am	Homecoming Parade
11:00 am	Tours of the new communication and art facility and residence hall suite
1:00 pm	Women's Volleyball: Otterbein vs. Muskingum
1:30 pm	Cardinal Marching Band Traditional March
2:00 pm	Football: Otterbein vs. Heidelberg
2:00 pm	Women's Soccer: Otterbein vs. John Carroll
TBA	Cross Country meet
TBA	MBA 10 year Reunion
5:00 pm	Black Family Potluck Dinner, Clements Hall Lounge
6:00 pm	Women's Volleyball: Otterbein vs. Hiram
6:00 pm	Reunion class gatherings for '87, '92, '97, '02
7:00 pm	Otterbein Family Night Out at Capri Bowling Lanes, coordinated by TEM
8:00 pm	Otterbein Theatre and Dance Dept performance: <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf</i> , Campus Center
8:00 pm	Homecoming Concert – Battelle Fine Arts Center

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Jack Hanna comes to campus



As part of Otterbein's "Go Green" Earth Week, the College welcomed Jack Hanna and Columbus Zoo animals to campus to help students reduce their ecological footprint on animal habitats and develop an appreciation for land and animal conservation efforts around the globe. Hanna spoke to an audience of over 1000 students, faculty, staff, and alumni, sharing personal stories of his life experiences working with animals and conservation efforts in Africa and North America. He brought to life global concerns about habitat loss and endangered species, encouraging our campus community to become better stewards of our environment. The event was sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Studies, the Berkey '52 Endowed Lecture, the Parents Advisory Council, Residence Life, and Learn and Serve America.



Top Left: Shawn Brehob '01, right, handles Kaga the cheetah. **Upper Center:** The Hyacinth macaw is endangered with only about 3,000 left. **Upper Right:** The African black-footed penguin is also known as the "jackass" penguin because of the loud braying sounds it makes. **Above:** Hanna and Otterbein student Karli Volkmer.

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compiled by Jenny Hill



Former trustees Porter Miller and John Codella, above. Erwin Kerr chats with Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rick Dorman, right. Trustees enjoyed visiting with fellow former trustees at a reception in the Miller Gallery at 33 Collegeview Road.



Former Trustees Reunite on Campus

Otterbein hosted a reunion for past members of the Board of Trustees on Feb. 23. Over 40 past trustees participated in the day's events, which included a campus update by President Brent DeVore and Board Chair Tom Morrison; a tour of campus; a reception with current trustees, faculty and students at the new Miller Gallery; and a dinner at the Brookside Country Club with current trustees featuring entertainment by Otterbein's Chamber Winds Ensemble. All past trustees in attendance received a book of biographies of former trustees and a desk clock with the Otterbein logo.

The former trustees seemed to thoroughly enjoy the reunion. One said, "Thank you for allowing me to join you for the Trustee Reunion dinner on Friday—what a wonderful event! It was great to see Dr. DeVore again, as well as Tuesday and John Trippier, Becky Smith, Tom

Stein, Bill Swank, Kent Stuckey, Nancy Bocskor, and Bob and Jackie Gatti. I don't know whose idea it was to have the former trustees reunite, but please keep it up... All of us, obviously, cared a great deal about Otterbein when we were on the Board, and I would guess that we all—even those of us who work at other universities—still care for and believe in Otterbein's success."

The book also included remarks from the former trustees about the College they once served. One former trustee wrote, "Participation in the governance program of Otterbein nourishes a sense of community that is difficult to find in other college settings. Otterbein's governance system is unique and encourages openness and trust across the whole campus community."

A former student trustee wrote, "When I was elected to the Board by the students in 1970, some of the campus-

“Otterbein’s governance system is unique and encourages openness and trust across the whole campus community.”

~ Former Trustee”



es in America were literally on fire from student demonstrations, which sometimes became riots. The Viet Nam war protests led to destruction and the death of students at Kent State University. Otterbein developed a governance plan where students and faculty shared the power and responsibility of the school along with the administrators. The plan was hailed as ‘the most advanced in the entire establishment of higher education.’”

Former Otterbein President Thomas Kerr wrote, “I found that working with a group of leaders from a variety of professions, all committed to the educational mission and advancement of Otterbein College, was one of the most valuable and cherished experiences of my Otterbein presidency.” ●

Otterbein gives alumni **MORE** reasons to go online!

Otterbein recently launched a sleek new homepage, with user-friendly features for alumni, current students and prospective students. The page features the latest news headlines, as well as a “Quick Links” menu with a variety of useful site links.

The new homepage was designed to help users find the specific information that they are seeking as quickly as possible by having separate links for prospective students and for current students, and maintaining the alumni link with pertinent categories such as Alumni News, Events/Registration, Get Involved, Travel, Online Directory, Calendar, Photos, Publications and Career Services

In addition to the updated homepage, Otterbein has launched “Otterbein Confidential,” blogs that give alumni and high school students a glimpse into the lives of current Otterbein students. Six undergraduate students write weekly entries about finals, hanging out with friends, cafeteria food or any other subject that is on their minds. You can read the blogs at <http://www.otterbein.edu/blogs>. Bet you can't read just one!

Otterbein Blog Up and Running!

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Otterbein Celebrates Diversity with Annual Convocation and Black History Month Events



MLK Convocation speaker the Rev. Susan K. Smith.

Otterbein College held its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation on Jan. 17, featuring a lecture by Reverend Dr. Susan K. Smith about “Politics, Art and the Survival of the Human Spirit.”

With a style that captivates the audience, Susan discussed the role of people in preserving their identities through politics and expressing those identities through art. Her speech was at once passionate, empowering and motivating. She told Otterbein’s students how they can be part of the change for the better, working through the system and through their creativity.

Susan is pastor of Advent United Church of Christ in Columbus. A former journalist, she was a reporter for both newspaper and radio before answering her call to the Christian ministry. She has hosted radio talk shows in

Columbus and served as an adjunct professor at Methodist Theological Seminary.

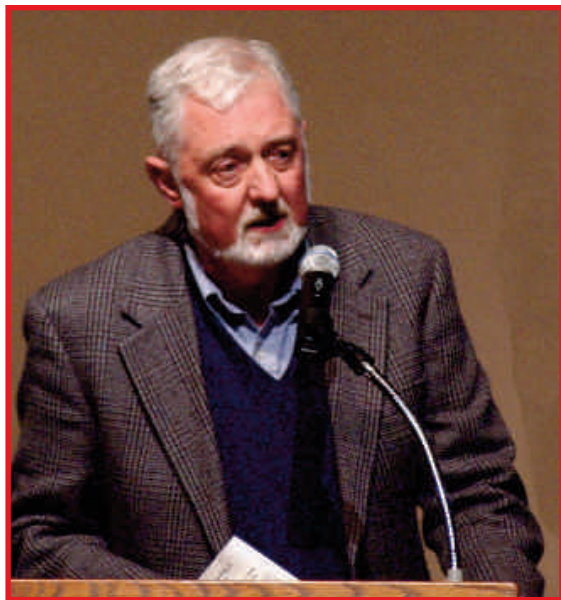
The author of three books, *Carla and Annie, From Calvary to Victory*, and *Forgive WHO?*, Susan founded the Advent Arts Academy, a summer enrichment program for youth. She serves as director of the Voices of Advent Choir, which performed as the back-up choir for country singer Lyle Lovett’s Columbus concert in 2004 and at the International Music Festival in Ghana, Africa, in November 2005.

Susan received her bachelor’s degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA., and her master of divinity degree from Yale University in 1986. While at Yale, she received the prestigious Wolcott Preaching Prize and was also elected the first African American president of the student body. She received her doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

The Office of Ethnic Diversity also held a variety of activities to celebrate and educate during Black History Month in February.

An interactive workshop on the effects of slavery on the American psyche discussed how many Americans find themselves in an environment that they did not create, one that still has a lingering discomfort over race. This workshop looked at how Americans have come to this point by looking at the past. It educated participants on the various facets of why this discomfort exists in the complex American society.

A lunch discussion on the political consciousness of the Black Panther Party was held to educate people about the well-known activist group, the Black Panther Party (BPP) for Self-Defense, the largest political organization advocating self-determination and civil rights for Blacks throughout the Diaspora. Led by Phyllis Lynne Burns of the Department of English, the discussion focused on the objectives of the BPP, how the organization practiced its sociopolitical theory and how the group still struggles to locate a meaningful space within the chronicles of history. ●



MLK Peace and Justice winner Monty Bradley.

Faculty/Staff Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace and Justice Award Winner Monty Bradley

This year's faculty recipient, Chaplain Monty Bradley, was described in a nominating letter as follows: "He exemplifies holistic service to mankind. Aside from the fact that he is active on many different committees that work to model an appreciation for diversity on campus...he does so as a quiet leader. He is motivated by social justice, which then motivates others around him. As the saying goes, still waters run deep. While he quietly is present in many places and capacities, when it is time to speak, he is articulate, powerful and fiery. He excites and motivates me to look for ways to make change and to voice concerns where no voice exists and is an exemplary promoter of equity and equality in the community."

Student Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace and Justice Award Winner Micah Gibbons

The nominator of the student recipient said: "As a predominantly white institution, Otterbein's student body includes but a handful of minority students. That said, it would be easy for today's award recipient – who is white – to complete college without ever having acted on becoming more diverse. However, he is not one of those students. He is also not one of those students who boasts about the color of his friends. He is simply moved by a desire for fellowship with others and doesn't focus on what they are or where they're from. He's in the gospel choir. He was front and center at the DESIRE diversity conference sessions. He was on a panel discussing interracial dating. He helps with the Indianola Mentoring program. And he volunteered significantly for the "Images of You" Students of Color overnight visit program. These are just the acts of involvement I've personally seen, and I know he didn't participate so that the whole campus would think he was a great guy. He just – is. My faith is restored and my hope is maintained that other students will push their boundaries as he has – not to be a poster child for diversity but to be an example of an appreciation for humanity."



MLK Peace and Justice winner Micah Gibbons (left).



Otterbein students present research for the National Meeting of the *American Chemical Society*

For the third consecutive year, Otterbein College sent students to present their research at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. This year's meeting took place in Chicago in March.

Five Otterbein students attended, accompanied by Professors Dean Johnston and John Tansey. The students included Sadie Bartholomew, Shelly Hobbs, Jessica Honnold, Mary Lower and Nadine Stephens.

Sadie Bartholomew is a senior from Michigan double majoring in chemistry and biochemistry. After joining the lab as a freshman, Sadie's first project focused on creating a biological system in which to culture cells that enabled extremely high cell growth while maintaining low cost. She and Dr. John Tansey recently published these findings in the journal *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*. Her current project examines the function and mechanisms of a newly identified protein, PAT-1. PAT-1 is a member of the PAT family of proteins, which plays a key role in lipid metabolism. Sadie has demonstrated that PAT-1 is not only found on lipid droplets, but translocates inside the cell with varying culture conditions. This is her third time presenting her research at a national meeting, and she says that these experiences have helped define her as the person and the scientist she is aspiring to become.

When not in the lab, Sadie can likely be found at the barn, riding and spending quality time with her equine friends, or devoting her time to campus organizations such as the College Senate, the Board of Trustees, Academic Council, Mortar Board and her sorority. After graduation, Sadie will attend either Stanford University or Harvard University to pursue her Ph. D. in biochemistry.



Parents McKim Barnes and Terry Fife hosted Otterbein College students attending the 2007 American Chemical Society's National Conference in Chicago in March. This is the third year in a row that five or more Otterbein students have been selected to present at the national conference. The 2008 conference will be in New Orleans. Pictured here are: (front row, left to right) Jessica Honnold '07, Nadine Stephens '07, Mary Lower '07, Shelly Hobbs '09 and Terry Fife; (back row, left to right) Sadie Bartholomew '07, McKim Barnes, Molly Barnes '04, Professors John Tansey and Dean Johnston, and Jeremy Bringardner.

Shelly Hobbs is a sophomore life science major from Pataskala, Ohio. She is an active member of Alpha Lambda Delta and the treasurer of Phi Eta Sigma, the two freshman honorary societies. She is also an active member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medicine honorary society. She plans to attend medical school after graduating to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming a doctor. Shelly began working in the laboratory as a freshman. Her current project focuses on the types of proteins that may be involved in storing cholesterol in arterial plaques.

Jessica Honnold is a senior from Brookville, Ohio. She is majoring in biochemistry with a minor in French. She is secretary of both the Otterbein chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Epsilon Delta and is active as a member of Phi Eta Sigma and an Orientation Leader. She conducts research with Dr. Johnston and hopes to attend medical school to become a surgeon.

Mary Lower is a senior from Mount Vernon, Ohio, majoring in biochemistry with a math and life science minor. She is president of the Otterbein chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and a member of Mortar Board, Student Senate and Alpha Epsilon Delta. She works on campus as a math tutor and organic teaching assistant. She plans to pursue a career in medicine or public health.

Nadine Stephens is a senior from Lewisburg, Ohio. She is majoring in biochemistry with minors in chemistry, life science and psychology. She will attend The Ohio State University College of Optometry next year. At Otterbein, she is president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, Mortar Board chair, and a member of Torch and Key, Student Senate, Alpha Epsilon Delta and Phi Eta Sigma. She works on campus as an Orientation Leader, tutor and lab assistant. ●

Letters to the EDITOR

We enjoyed your articles in the Winter 2007 *Towers* and would like to comment on several things about them.

"Gazing at the Skies" was excellent and the pictures outstanding, some of the best we have ever seen and intend to keep this issue for those alone.

"It's Time for Science" was most interesting since I met my wife, **Janet Shipley '45**, while working in the chemistry laboratory stockroom in the fall of 1941. We were pleased that the new windows in McFadden Hall will be like those we knew at that time. Between the two of us, most of our college days were spent in McFadden Hall.

During our time, Professor Esselstyn was always called A.J.; we didn't know his name was Albert and along the same line we were surprised that Professor McCloy was referred to as Jimmy rather than James. We were most distressed that Dr. Lyle J. Michael was omitted as head of the Dept. of Chemistry over many years. He was known by his many students as "Prof Michael" but always addressed as Dr. Michael. During my three years at Otterbein, (1940-43) many pre-med students passed through the Dept. of Chemistry under his direction—Ray Jennings, John Perry, Hutch Williams, Dean Elliot, Edwin Schear, Ray Gifford and Mort Wooley to name a few. Dr. Michael was still there to greet me when I received my B.S. degree from Otterbein in 1964 (post WWII).

Janet and I continued our relationship with Dr. & Mrs. Michael over the years at their home in Westerville and at the Otterbein Home in their later years. You can see why we were sorry that Dr. Michael was not mentioned.

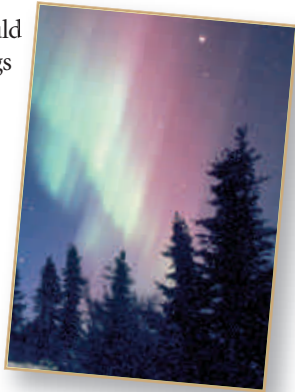
Richard L. Hartzell '64

Janet Shipley Hartzell '45

I recently received my Winter 2007 issue of *Towers* magazine and was excited to see the article on the Communication Department which launched so many of our careers. I read it, then re-read it. Glaring in its omission is any mention of the professor who changed so many of our lives, Dr. Grissinger's "replacement," Mr. John Buckles.

It's not like the author passed over "all the other" people who have come and gone since Dr. Griss. Mr. Buckles was the ONE who followed and who served, I believe, more than 20 years. The impact he had on so many of us personally and professionally, in regular and adult education—is beyond mere words.

True, it was fantastic to read about Dr. Ludlum, Dr. Grissinger, and Dr. Weispenning; however, mentioning these great professors makes the omission of Mr. Buckles all the



more obvious and perplexing. For if Dr. Griss "contributed to a certain ethic in the Department," Mr. Buckles carried on that legacy for almost a quarter of a century serving Otterbein.

Again, it's hard to conceive of an article on the Department of Speech and Communication without a mention of the man whose influence is seen and heard on radio and television stations throughout the country (and indeed the world) today. We find it sad that someone didn't catch the error before the article went to press.

Names withheld by request

I read the fall *Towers* article about Otterbein Theatre and I am very angry and disappointed. What happened to the years between Prof. Smith's retirement in the spring of 1950 and Dr. Dodrill's arrival in 1958? Your story ignores these years, although records were left in the speech/theatre department files documenting the activities.

In September, 1950, Marion Chase and James Grissinger were the Speech Department—Jim, concentrating on the speech/debate aspect with Marion teaching theatre courses and directing plays. Dr. Grissinger used to joke about two people having to replace dear Prof. Smith. Dr. Grissinger also established Otterbein's radio department as well as expanding debate and oratory.

Marion directed all plays, using students for assistants—lights, props, scenery construction, etc. until the arrival in the late 50's of Fred Thayer who was hired as technical director.

During those years, Dean Van Sant contributed much to the choreography of the musicals. Professors Lee Shackson and Robert Hohn of the Music Department and Lillian Frank, Art Department, were also experts who worked with Marion to make all plays special.

Twice, Prof. Chase took students to New York to see Broadway shows including *The Music Man* and the long-running off-Broadway play, *The Fantastiks*.

Your article was correct in stating that the first production in Cowan Hall was *The Miser*. Prof. Case directed this and the lead was played by Dr. E.W.E. Schear, newly-retired science professor. He was great!

These were good speech-theatre years, too, and it doesn't seem fair not to acknowledge the many fine, dedicated people who made them so.

Yours truly,

Jean Unger Chase '43

Editor's Note: We appreciate all of the above for taking the time to share with our readers some of their memories and give recognition to those we missed. We apologize if we missed some of your favorite professors and personalities.

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SNAPSHOTS

FROM ABROAD

and their stories

As part of the annual International Festival in February, Director of International Student Programs Chuck Vedder called on Otterbein's students who have studied abroad to submit written stories from their travels for the BEST EXPERIENCE IN STUDY ABROAD (BESA) CONTEST. Below are the award winners.



This 3-year-old girl is dressed for the 3-5-7 Festival that took place in the city of Nara, Japan. Children of those ages dress in formal attire and attend a special ceremony at shrines across the nation.

FIRST PLACE

Sandra Thouvenin, who studied at the American University of Cairo in Cairo, Egypt

I was lost in the land of the sand. Not in Egypt's desert, however, but in the ever-alive city. I walked along a dirt road with tan, sand-sprayed buildings surrounding me. I carried a wrapped tray of sweets in my hands. A kind gesture to bring to Iftaar, the meal that breaks the fast at sunset during Islam's holiday Ramadan. But I was lost. I was to meet my friend Basem, who had invited me to Iftaar, at Khan al Khalili, the whimsical Egyptian market.

I saw security guards dressed in white uniforms and tall black boots standing near the corner. They could help, Inshaallah (God willing), a phrase I heard used often. They fasted since sunrise, now preparing to eat their Iftaar. Sunset was minutes away. I knew I would have to use the Arabic vocabulary I had learned and understand an Arabic answer. I was completely engulfed in a language and culture so different from my own.

The guards did not recognize the English given name – Khan Al Khalili. But success! In Arabic, I described it as “the big market.” Overcoming a language boundary, especially when I needed it most, was an alleviating feeling. But I wasn't done yet. The directions were given to me in Arabic. My mind focused to hear the sounds of each word, and I understood!

"I knew I would have to use the Arabic vocabulary I had learned and understand an Arabic answer. I was completely engulfed in a language and culture so different from my own".
-Sandra Thouvenin



Shannon Ebbinghaus and friend face off with a penguin in Argentina.

"Shukran!" Thanks! I saw the main road farther ahead. This must be the right way to the main road. My next problem was crossing the road. I closely mingled into a group of experienced Egyptians to cross through the disarray of traffic; a strategy that proved successful.

I could see Khan al Khalili, the big market, just ahead of me, and I found Basem. I had made it! And I was ready to experience my first Egyptian Iftaar.

SECOND PLACE

Noga Granite, who studied at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, Osaka, Japan

We awoke at 4:30 a.m. It was a brisk December morning as we made our way to catch the first train at 5:05 a.m. Getting off at Tsukiji Station, we made our way along the street debating as to which alley would lead us to the wharf. It was easy to tell when we reached the ideal pathway due to the commotion of half-scooter/half-truck machines being maneuvered about the warehouses. We made our way to the warehouse closest to the wharf, and there they were: hundreds of frozen tuna divided into rows and sections by size. Men were walking from fish to fish, examining the tuna by picking out a chunk from the tail end to check for parasites or judging the fat content from the slice removed just above it. Soon after our arrival, a man stood on a stool in front of the first row and rang a bell. The auction began. Immediately, the auctioneer started bobbing up and down calling out the numbers of the fish and matching prices with a speed only mastered by those few fit for the job. Amazingly, for all his enthusiasm, the only responses he would receive were slight raises of the hands from the bidders. When one row was accounted



Otterbein students Gabriel Riggle and Kelly Stevens in front of Blarney Castle, Ireland.

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Top: Sandra Thouvenin finds woolly friends in the countryside in Egypt. She said the experience, “really transcended any cultural involvement. I felt a part of the culture and part of the lives of the people I stayed with.”

Middle: The Igauzu waterfalls in Argentina.

Bottom: The mosque and madrasa of Sultan Hassan, Egypt.



for, the auctioneer moved his stool in front of the next and started his motored mouth again. When the action ended, each buyer pulled his fish to the warehouse's garage-like doors and loaded them onto the scooter-trucks. They were then hauled to the buyer's stall in the inner market where they were divided into distinctive parts to be purchased by other companies or the common man walking around. Many of the parts were kept frozen and shipped back out into the world, but many of them stayed to quell Japan's desire for sushi.

THIRD PLACE

Gabriel Riggle, who studied at Universiteit Maastricht in Maastricht, the Netherlands

My Netherlands study abroad was an unforgettable experience, and I cannot wait to return to Europe. I visited several countries, met many people and took part in a wide range of activities. My favorite part of the study abroad experience, though, was when I traveled with my family.

In late October, my mother and sister made the trip across the Atlantic and landed in Amsterdam. We spent several days there, and Amsterdam served as a very interesting introduction to European life. I don't think my family was sold on either the “hostel experience” or the Red Light District, but they definitely enjoyed the other legs of the trip.

We traveled by train to Paris and spent two days exploring the city. We saw the iconic Eiffel Tower and the Louvre Museum. From Paris, we took an overnight train to Italy and spent three days in and around Florence. We admired the gorgeous countryside, old architecture and authentic Italian cuisine (and limoncello). Our final excursion took us to Switzerland. Here, we admired the gorgeous hills, clean air, and great food.

My favorite part of the trip was not the scenery, however, but the quality time with my



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-Gabriel Riggle

family. We had grown apart over the years, especially since I left for college. Spending time playing cards, seeing the sights, and trekking (getting lost) around Europe really brought us close together and allowed us to reconnect.

My study abroad experience was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see Europe. More than this, however, it was a chance for me to get to know my family a little bit better, something I never made time for here. My family and I both enjoyed our time abroad, and I would not trade it for anything in the world.

FOURTH PLACE

Shannon Ebbinghaus, who studied at Universidad Blas Pascal in Córdoba, Argentina

One Friday I went to class and then went to pick up my package that arrived from my aunt. How I loved receiving packages while I was studying abroad. It was like a little piece of home. I was particularly excited for this one since my aunt told me that it had my sorority jacket and a birthday present that would come in handy for my trip to Buenos Aires. When I went there with Leandra to pick it up, I got a little shock: they were on strike until November 1! First off, I found it strange that people actually announced when they were going on strike and until when. I think that the main thing about a strike is that you do not come off it until your demands are met...not for a specified amount of time. The sign actually said from Thursday, October 20 until Tuesday, October 31. Also, I was very irritated because I wanted my package! ●



Pagoda at Toji (Eastern Temple), Japan.

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Alumni *step forward for* Science

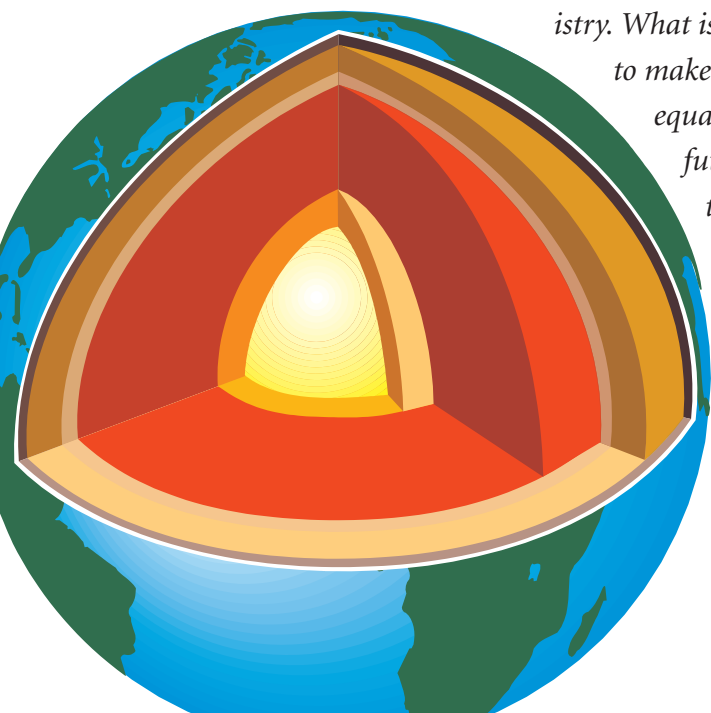
Alumni committee forming to lead the initiative for the sciences at Otterbein

As Otterbein College moves forward in its commitment to improve its science facilities, alumni are leading the way. Several alumni have stepped forward to volunteer their leadership as members of the Science Initiative Volunteer Committee.

The committee leading the effort will be comprised of alumni who have used what they learned at Otterbein as a strong foundation for successful careers in scientific fields, from medicine to biochemistry. What is most striking about these alumni is their commitment to make sure Otterbein's future alumni graduate with an equally strong foundation. Through investing in Otterbein's future scientists, these alumni realize that they are, in turn, investing in their own futures as science becomes more intertwined in everyday life.

Meet some of the alumni who are paving the way for the future of the sciences at Otterbein.

Please note: this is a partial list. More committee members are to be added in the coming months.





Ted Huston '57

Before his retirement, Dr. **John "Ted" Huston '57** was leading the way in preventative cardiology at the McConnell Heart Health Center in Columbus and was named one of the top cardiologists in the central Ohio area by *Columbus Monthly*.

After graduating from Otterbein with bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry, he attended The Ohio State University, where a career path in cardiovascular disease evolved, combining his interests in cardiovascular physiology, biomedical engineering and patient care. Following his graduation from OSU, he worked as an intern at Riverside Methodist Hospital, becoming chief medical resident his final year. He then served in the Army for two years as chief of medicine at Dunham Army Hospital in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

When he completed his military service, he was appointed an NIH Trainee in Cardiovascular Disease at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he remained on staff for

three years after he completed his fellowship.

In 1972, he was recruited to join the staff of Riverside Methodist Hospital to develop a heart service and cardiac catheterization laboratory, which has become a nationally recognized heart facility. He spent the latter part of his career as Medical Director of Heart Services at the hospital.

Ted is a past-president of the Central Ohio Heart Chapter of the American Heart Association and a past-president and charter member of the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions. He received the Otterbein Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1998.

He feels that Otterbein gave him a strong foundation for his career, being especially grateful to Professors Charles Botts, M. Jeanne Willis, Lyle Jordan Michael, Albert Esselstyn, Willington Mills and Frederic Bamforth.

For Ted, Otterbein is a family affair. Both of Ted's parents, his brother, and two of his three children with **Eileen Fagan Huston '57** are graduates of Otterbein. He is a current member of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees.



Marilynn Etzler '62

Another dedicated member of the Science Initiative Volunteer Committee is Dr. **Marilynn Etzler '62**, professor of biochemistry at the University of California at Davis College of Biological Sciences.

After graduating from Otterbein with a double major in biology and chemistry, Marilynn conducted her graduate work in developmental biochemistry at Washington University and obtained her Ph.D. from that institution in 1967.

She then moved to New York to conduct postdoctoral studies in immunochemistry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. It was there that she began working on a class of plant proteins called lectins that are distinguished by their ability to bind to specific carbohydrates and their wide variety of biomedical applications.

In 1969, she joined the faculty at the University of California at Davis. Today she is internationally renowned for her research in the subject of lectins.

Although initially focusing her research on the structures and specificities of plant lectins and their use as tools in studying animal cell surface components, Marilynn soon began questioning what role these lectins may play in the plants. This curiosity led to the discovery that a single plant contains a variety of lectins, each encoded by a separate gene. Her laboratory has recently found that one of these lectins

appears to play a role in enabling the roots of leguminous plants to establish the nitrogen-fixing symbiosis with rhizobia, a class of bacteria. This discovery helps to open the door to the possibility of eventually conferring this symbiotic ability to nonleguminous plants, an accomplishment that could have a significant impact on agriculture, the environment and the world food supply.

Marilynn's research has been funded throughout her career by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture. She has been a member of the editorial boards of *Glycobiology* and the *Journal of Cellular Biochemistry*. She also helped to establish and is co-director of the Plant Cell Biology Training Program at her institution.

Her research interests include structure and function relationships, carbohydrate specificity, and physiological roles of plant lectins, particularly from *Dolichos biflorus*, and her teaching interest is in cellular biochemistry.

In addition to her work as a professor and researcher, Marilynn has made time for her alma mater. She was the keynote speaker for the 1997 Women's Studies Festival when she spoke on "Being a Woman in Science and Surviving." She also returned to campus that year to serve as a commencement speaker. The College honored her with an honorary doctorate of science in 1991 and the Distinguished Alumna Award in 1999.

Jerry Lingrel '57

Alumni volunteer Dr. **Jerry Lingrel '57** was always keenly interested in science and was a senior in high school when he met Professor Charles Botts, who taught biology at Otterbein and encouraged Jerry to attend Otterbein. Jerry majored in both chemistry and biology and there met his wife, **Sara Wright '59**.

After graduating from Otterbein, Jerry earned a doctorate degree in biochemistry at The Ohio State University, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

Jerry then accepted an assistant professorship at the University of Cincinnati and has spent his career at this institution, with the exception of a year at the University of Cambridge in England.

He rose through the ranks to a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and is presently the chair of the Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology. The department has grown and has become a nationally recognized entity in the field of science.

Among Jerry's personal scientific accomplishments are the first identification of an mRNA in mammalian cells, the hemoglobin mRNA and the isolation of initial product from the hemoglobin genes. These advancements contributed to understanding the manner in which the information in DNA is used. He also cloned a number of hemoglobin genes and described a novel evolutionary mechanism for produc-

ing gene sets, which are regulated differently during embryonic and adult life.

He is one of the world's experts in Na,KATPase, the enzyme that maintains ionic balances and serves as the receptor for an important class of cardiovascular drugs. He not only cloned the Na,KATPase genes, but also described the basis for the enzyme's drug sensitivities. He has described the role this enzyme plays in cardiac contraction.

During his career, he has published more than 200 papers in scholarly journals and has given talks on his research at many institutions in the United States and around the world. His awards include Outstanding Chemistry Major Award, Otterbein College; Research Career Development Awardee, United States Public Health Service; Sigma Xi Award for Outstanding Scientist; Elected Member of the Fellows of the Graduate School, University of Cincinnati; The George Rieveschl Award for Distinguished Scientific Research; Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha; awarded a Distinguished Research Professorship, University of Cincinnati; and Distinguished Alumnus, Department of Chemistry, Otterbein College Sesquicentennial Award. He has served as President of the National Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry.

Jerry's brother, **Larry Lingrel '59**, and sister, **Rebecca Lingrel Comer '67**, as well as his uncle, **Elmo Lingrel '17**, also graduated from Otterbein. He married and has two children with **Sara Wright Lingrel '59**.



Robert J. Dominici '66, president and CEO of Ischemia Inc, has over 30 years experience in the Medical Diagnostics industry.

His degree in biology and chemistry from Otterbein, as well as his experience as a U.S. Naval Officer, laid a foundation for Bob to build a successful career.

He has served in positions that include general management responsibilities for marketing, sales, research and development, manufacturing, finance, information technology, human resources, operations and corporate accounts.

Robert Dominici '66

Robert spent 14 years at Amersham/Searle Corporation, working his way up to become vice president of marketing and sales. He served Roche Diagnostics (formerly Boehringer Mannheim Corporation) for seven years as vice president of marketing, sales, service, and president of the Laboratory Systems Division. Robert served seven years as president and CEO of Microgenics Corporation, and five years as CEO of Cholestech Corporation.

Robert and his wife, **Pamela Hudson Dominici '68**, have two children.

*More committee members are to be added in the coming months.
Check future issues of Towers for information on new members.*



Bill LeMay '48

Dr. **William (Bill) LeMay '48** was born in Lancaster, Kentucky, on June 5, 1924, and has gone on to attain success as a researcher, scientist, inventor, businessman and entrepreneur.

Bill's original college plans were interrupted by World War II, when he entered the Army Air Corps in January 1943 and served in the European theater as a B-17 bomber navigator. At the war's end, he graduated from Otterbein with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then pursued advanced work in chemistry at the University of Colorado. Bill's wife, **Helen Hilt LeMay '47**, also attended Otterbein.

He launched his own company in 1953 called Ohio Sealer and Chemical Corporation. In 1961 he founded Dayton Flexible Products, which he later sold to Baxter Travenol. He remained with the company as researcher and development manager. From 1967 to 1978, Bill served as president of the Dayton Flexible Products Division and vice-president for Baxter Travenol Medical Products Division. After his time with Baxter, Bill went on to found and head both Phoenix Medical Technology and Waytek Corporation.

Throughout his career, Bill has actively supported his community, church, professional organizations and alma mater through many volunteer roles. He served as chair of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees for seven years and a member of the board for 25 years. During his early years as a board member, he undertook many leadership positions,

including his outstanding service as Chair of the National Leadership Gifts Committee for Otterbein's 125th anniversary in 1975. As a trustee, he has served on several board committees including the audit committee; the budget committee, which he chaired for 10 years; the finance committee, which he chaired for four years and the long-range planning committee, which he chaired for four years.

In 1969, Bill established the Michael-LeMay Scholarship in honor of Otterbein chemistry professor, Lyle J. Michael. Not a stranger to volunteering his services to Otterbein, he was a leader in the 1980 Decision for the Arts campaign and in funding software purchases to update the College's data processing system in 1985. He led the College's Cornerstone for the Future Campaign, which raised more than \$6.5 million for the construction of Roush Hall, which was dedicated June 12, 1993. He also led the \$30 million Campaign for Otterbein, which included \$4.8 million for the renovation of Towers Hall.

The College recognized Bill's outstanding contributions as an alumnus by presenting him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in 1973. The Alumni Association honored Bill with the Service to Otterbein Award in 1983 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1997.

Describing his philosophy, Bill said, "I feel the guidance and inspiration received from my professors laid the foundation for whatever success I have had. They taught a very basic philosophy that has been mine all these years: Be honest, search for the truth and be a self-starter. Do not look for the easy way out. The easiest course may be the least desirable."

Brad Mullin '84

Neurosurgeon Dr. **Brad Mullin '84** works with Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons Inc. in Columbus. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Otterbein, he studied marine sciences at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, and received a medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

While at Otterbein, Brad worked as a laboratory assistant, teaching assistant and tutor in the Departments of Chemistry and Life Science from 1980-84. He also worked as a phlebomotomist at Grant Hospital in Columbus from 1982-83, and then worked as a researcher at The Ohio State University Hospital in the division of neurosurgery from 1985-88.

In June of 1989 he completed a year-long internship in general surgery from The Ohio State University Hospital and immediately went into the hospital's residency program. He completed the residency program in 1994.

He was the chief neurosurgical resident at The Ohio State University Hospital from January 1992 through March 1993 and chief neurosurgical resident at Riverside Methodist Hospital from January through June 1994. Brad worked with

clinical spine instrumentation at The Ohio State University and Grant Hospitals. He was a NIH-Javits Research Fellow at The Ohio State University Spinal Cord Injury Research Center from July 1993 through June 1994.

Brad received his American Board of Neurological Surgery certificate in 1997 and in 2002 he was named a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has published and presented many papers on neurological disorders and surgery procedures.

He has practiced medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Mt. Carmel Medical Center-Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Park Medical Center, St. Ann's Hospital, Grant Medical Center and The Ohio State University Hospital. Brad is associated with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons. In 2004, he was inducted into the Gahanna Lincoln High School Alumni Hall of Fame.

Brad and his wife **Catherine Bell Mullin '84**, have three children: Linda, Brent and Maria.

Integration of the Sciences



Integrative and interdisciplinary, the sciences at Otterbein help students gain new viewpoints and consider new ideas within the science community.

by Mallory Alexin

Teaching practices in the various fields of science have evolved drastically in higher education over the past 30 years and the renovations to the Schear/McFadden science building will bring greater ease of application of new teaching methods at Otterbein College.

Through the renovation of the current facility and the building of a 30,000 square foot addition on the southern side of the current Schear Hall, the overall plans will bring together the different branches of science, encouraging a flow of information between them. Currently, chemistry, physics and biology are housed at the far ends of the building.

Associate Professor of Life and Earth Sciences Dr. Jeff Lehman believes that the integration of the sciences and the resulting teaching techniques call for a science community on campus with active dialogue

between different scientific disciplines. "Modules in the new facility will house a large teaching lab, a small project lab and an office for each discipline."

By keeping the modules clustered together, Lehman said interdisciplinary project-based learning will become easier and more efficient to teach, which will ultimately help Otterbein science students transition smoothly to graduate or medical schools.

Chemistry professor Dr. Jerry Jenkins said, "In my lifetime at Otterbein, I have witnessed a growth in the interdisciplinary need for sciences." According to Jenkins, recent developments have fueled the evolution of biochemistry, the study of chemical processes in living organisms, which is becoming increasingly popular as an area of study. "We changed our department name last year to the

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~ Chemistry Professor Jerry Jenkins



Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry,” said Jenkins. “It’s certainly reflective of the growth of the field.” In the new facility, a biochemistry lab will be located near a molecular biology lab. The chemistry and physics departments will be housed in close proximity in order to make use of common equipment. The very layout of the building will help Otterbein’s education mission.

Students pursuing several courses of research at Otterbein will benefit greatly from such a building design, including students interested in nanotechnology. This highly multidisciplinary area of science, which incorporates chemistry, physics and engineering, will be able to function much more easily in a physically integrated setting.

An enhanced interdisciplinary teaching program is key to allowing students to gain viewpoints and cre-

ate new ideas they wouldn’t have otherwise thought about by participating in a scientific campus community. Dr. David Robertson noted that there will be points of contact for departments with common interests. “There will be more common areas and gathering spaces that will facilitate interaction,” said Robertson.

“It’s going to be a great building, I’m convinced of that,” said biochemistry professor Dr. John Tansey.

“I am happy that Otterbein has finally recognized the need for a new facility considering many high schools have newer, nicer labs than we do,” said senior molecular biology and life science major Amanda Applegarth. “This will be a great recruiting tool for the future. I’m jealous that I’m graduating and won’t have the chance to use it.”

In addition to interdisciplinary teaching for science majors, the sci-

ence building will allow for a prominent role for science and technology in the liberal arts curriculum. Even for non-science majors, science and technology are becoming increasingly important in the lives of everyday people.

“We want to stress science literacy for all of our students,” Lehman said. The issues of global warming, energy source depletion, nanotechnology, cloning, and more, all require a general understanding of science.

Non-majors are required to take at least two science courses as part of their integrative studies curriculum. “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts,” said Jenkins. “It’s important for students to become educated and realize what’s going on in the world to make themselves relevant.” ●

Class NOTES

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1944

Catharine Robertson

James is a permanent resident at the Crandall Medical Center, a nursing home facility in Sebring, OH.

1956

Lillian Gullett Shah retired after 30 years as director of the Elementary Workshop Montessori School and began working on writing her new book. It was published in the fall of 2006 and titled *Keeping Healthy by Keeping Track: Complete Guide to Maintaining Your Own Medical Records*.



1968

Rodger Dougherty retired from the PA Department of Public Welfare in July, 2004 after 35 years and currently works for the Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services as a care manager.



1972

Thomas Dunipace's son, Seth Adam Dunipace, and daughter-in-law, Miya Tokumitsu, both graduated from Princeton University in 2003 and are pursuing graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Craig Parsons retired in 2006 after 32 plus years with British Airways. He served British Airways in various capacities including sales, reservations, and airport services in many locations across America. From May through October he will reside near Camden, ME managing a seaside estate with a rental cottage and apartment.

1973

Michael Webb retired from the U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio, on Dec. 31, 2006, after 32-plus years of service to the Federal Judiciary, the last 17 years as the Court's chief executive officer and clerk of court. As clerk of court, Michael moved all three court locations to new facilities and deployed one of the nation's first electronic filing and case management systems. In addition,



Pat Weigand Bale '58 was selected as teacher of the month for "going the extra mile" for Coronado High School students in Colorado Springs, CO. She currently teaches 11th grade English, 10th grade honors, and college composition for high school seniors.

Michael was the president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks for two years, launching the organization's first web site. He also served on numerous committees within the Federal Judiciary. In retirement, Michael and his wife, Carol, plan to travel and volunteer.

1974

Roberta Bowens Boyd was named one of the Dayton area's Top Ten Women for 2006. Boyd is the assistant dean for fiscal affairs in the College of Liberal Arts at Wright State University. She serves on the Dayton-Metro Libraries Board of Trustees and is the current secretary to the board. She



Michael Wasyluk '74 retired in January 2007 after 32-plus years as the assistant city manager for Westerville. He plans to pursue full-time employment outside the city government as well as continue coaching the Westerville South boys' basketball team.

This Eighties Alumnus has Risen to VP with Old Navy

by Stefanie Campbell '08

Nearly 20 years have passed since **Rob Gagnon '87** graduated from Otterbein College. With a double major in business administration and home economics and a triple minor in economics, marketing and fashion merchandise, one can only imagine the journey that took him from being a college student to a vice president of online sales for Old Navy.

After learning a lot about Express as a student, Rob quickly gained employment with the company after graduation. He worked for the company for three years before moving to New York City to work for the Victoria's Secret Catalog. He held a variety of buying and directing positions and was the director of swimwear in 2003, when he left to work for Urban Outfitters in Philadelphia. In 2005, he joined the staff of OldNavy.com, as director of merchandising. He is now a vice president.

Rob also runs his own business. In 2002, he established R. Gagnon Designs with his two sisters after a fruitless search for an appropriate bed for his dog. The company started with the perfect "pooch pad" and moved on to design throws, pillows and other home furnishings in their signature patchwork look. Among his clients are Kelly Preston and Meredith Viera.

Currently residing in San Francisco, Rob doesn't seem to miss the winters in Westerville, Ohio, as he bragged about wearing flip flops. But he does miss the warmth of the Otterbein campus, where, he said, "You knew everybody."



And everybody knew Rob and his brother Rick for an interesting reason: the two are twins who attended Otterbein together.

While at Otterbein, Rob played on the tennis team, worked as a resident assistant and was vice president and social chair of Lambda Gamma Epsilon fraternity. He recalls some of his fondest memories from Otterbein were spent with his friends, some of whom he still keeps in touch with today. "I really loved every bit of it," he said. "It was truly a great experience."

Rob said that Professor David Jones helped him a lot while at Otterbein by guiding him through a variety of marketing studies. **Joanne "Dean Van" Van Sant H'70** also helped Rob through his college years. "She was really great because you could go talk to her about anything."

However, his biggest influence was Jean Spero, currently the curator of the Otterbein Historic Costume Collection, who he describes as a "wonderful, encouraging" woman. "I

have the fondest, sweetest memories of her." Rob's family contributed to the collection.

"All the teachers taught you about academics," said Rob, "but they also taught you about life."

With his reunion year celebrating at Homecoming this year, Rob points out how important it has been for him to stay connected with classmates. He was happy to be featured in *Towers* because he sees it as a tool to maintain that closeness. "I think it helps reconnect people." ●

is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the American Educational Research Association, and the Ohio Library Association.

1975

Deborah Shuey Grove is director of the Nucleic Acid Facility at Penn State. She has been chairman for 2

years of the Nucleic Acids Research Group of the Association for Biomolecular Resource Facilities. Her daughter, Laurie, is a graduate student in the Dept. of Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and her son, Lewis, is finishing his B.S. with Honors at Penn State with a major in ecology. Deborah's obsessive hobby is birding

and her second obsession is running in 5Ks, which she started at the age of 50. Her most recent memorable moment was taking President Jimmy Carter and Rosalyn birding in Rothrock Forest in Huntingdon County, PA.

1976

Colonel Kenneth W. Jewett retired from the US Air

Force with 30 years of active duty service. In a retirement ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC, Colonel Jewett received the Legion of Merit award.





Thomas Graham '77 is the president and chief executive officer for SunCorp Credit Union in Westminster, CO. SunCorp is the largest corporate credit union in the Rocky Mountain region and seventh largest in the nation, with more than \$2.3 billion in assets.

1979

Margaret Dine-Jergens

serves as vice president of the real estate investment firm, Dine & Jergens, LLC, in Cincinnati, OH. In addition, the Cincinnati area jazz vocal ensemble and arts organization, City Lights, was founded by Maggie and was recently acknowledged for its many years of success and community service as it embarks on the organization's 18th year of operation. Besides being the founder of the organization, Maggie serves as the group's business manager and executive board member and also sings soprano and alto in the diverse jazz ensemble. Maggie also sings in her church's contemporary ensemble and the Youth Ministry and volunteers at her children's schools. However, she is kept busiest in her favorite job as the mother of her four children.

Daniel Griffith has been named general manager of Dysinger Inc. in Dayton, OH.

1981

John Hulkenberg is sports editor for the 21-paper *Columbus Suburban News Publications* and a freelance writer for *Columbus Monthly* magazine.



1984

Craig Bennett is playing a priest in the debut tour of the Tony Award winning production of *The Light in the Piazza*.

1985

Michael Holmes and his wife, Collette, adopted two children from Russia named Mya and Hunter in 2002. Mya is 9 years old and Hunter will be 6 in March 2007. They are natural brother and sister.

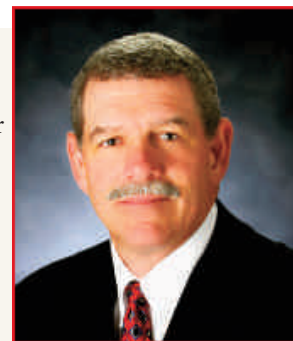


1987

Bob Kennedy recently joined Metro Networks, a



Jeff Brindley '81 was selected as the Westerville Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year for 2006. He has been president and general manager of Roush Honda, Westerville automobile dealership, since 1998. He started with Roush Honda in 1982. He was named vice president in 1994. Brindley and his wife, **Cathy Holdrieth Brindley '80**, have two sons, one attending Arizona State University and one attending Ohio State University.



division of Westwood One, as news/traffic anchor. He reports for Kiss Country 101.7 FM in Springfield, OH and 104.9 The River in Columbus, OH every morning between 6 and 9 a.m. He also fills in for several other affiliates in Columbus and Dayton.

1988

Daniel Gifford has been elected vice president - CFO, Private Sector Retirement Plans at Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.

1989

Jean Aldridge Archer retired from Anthem BC & BS after 29 years of service in September 2005. She is now working with her husband, Harry, who is a Certified Financial Planner practitioner as his client service manager. They have

two grown children, Chris and Brian.

John McMenemy has been living and working as a family practice physician in North Carolina. He's been married to **Stacey Paxson McMenemy '90** for "16 wonderful years." They have a 13 year old son Josh and a 10 year old daughter Mandy. They are both very active in their church.

1991

John Beel and wife, **Robin May Beel '92**, live in Brockport, NY with their four children. They both teach music in the Pittsford Central School District.

Gabriella Orszag Bogardy, her husband, and her four children live in Strongsville, OH. She works as an RN part-time

Peter Bible '80 has joined the firm Amper, Politziner & Mattia, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, as officer in charge of the firm's New York office. He is a CPA with a diverse background in both public and private accounting. Prior to joining Amper, he served as chief accounting officer for General Motors Corporation. At GM, he held worldwide responsibility for accounting, financial reporting and forecasting, SEC reporting, financial controls and systems development. Mr. Bible also served as audit partner for Deloitte and Touche's New York office.

This Recent Alumna is Shedding Light onto the World

by Stefanie Campbell '08

Sheryl Warren Wisniewski '00 might be considered a recent alumna by some, but she already has made a mark in her career. Currently the director of production operations for The Lighting Design Group in New York City, she has worked behind the scenes televising two Olympics, winning an Emmy Award for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, and worked on the lighting for stops on the funeral motorcade of 38th President Gerald Ford, as well as his funeral at the Washington National Cathedral.

Sheryl's years in the Department of Theatre and Dance prepared her well, and after graduating, she devoted two summers to lighting Otterbein Summer Theatre productions.

"My first summer, we did *Dangerous Liaisons*. There was a mishap with our guest artist who was set to star in the show," she recalled. "Dennis (Romer) scrambled and managed to find an actor who had recently played the role in a regional theatre. He flew in, had two rehearsals and we opened. He went on stage with no script and was amazing! He never knew which way to enter or exit the stage and the wardrobe staff had to chase him around to get him into the right costumes every night, including one scene change when a stage hand THREW his shoes from one side of the stage to the other - in view of perceptive audience members."

"We...all learned a lesson about 'the show must go on' and we had a laughing-out-loud good time," she said.

In 2001, Sheryl joined the Center for the Arts at The College of Staten Island, part of The City University of New York (CUNY) as a production manager and lighting supervisor. She joined the staff of The Lighting Design Group in 2002 as the assistant lighting designer, being promoted as the company grew to her current position of director of production operations.

"My role is managing the production department and managing the larger projects we do, such as the Olympics," Sheryl explained. "We are responsible for show related activities including hiring crew, renting and buying lighting equipment, drafting and documentation, and tracking budgets."

In 2004, Sheryl won an Emmy for Sports Technical Team Studio for the 2004 Athens Olympics broadcast coverage on NBC. She also received an Emmy nomination for her work on the NBC Election Night 2004 coverage.

She also has worked on the 2006 Torino Olympics and the funeral of Pope John Paul II, as well as daily operations of CNN's New York Bureau, Bloomberg Television, HBO Real-Sports and most recently, the lighting of the funeral of President Gerald Ford at the Washington National Cathedral.

"The Theatre Department's design faculty spend a huge amount of energy on keeping the students professional at all times and building that behavior into habit. They also helped to teach us when to take life seriously, and when to just give up and laugh. All of my faculty were working in the field, as well as teaching the craft, so they were always up to date on technologies and practices in the 'real world.'"

She continued, "The senior year internship is the second part of my education that I credit with my success. For my internship I came to New York City under the supervision of another Otterbein alumnus, **Josh Allen '96**. He took me on as an assistant designer, introduced me to other designers and crew in the field, and also managed to find me some work as a designer. That time for hands-on, on-your-own, sink-or-swim

experience is key to taking the training wheels off while there is still a safety net and showing us we can make it."

Sheryl counts Rob Johnson, Dana White and Greg Bell among the faculty who most influenced her. "Rob Johnson was my advisor and spent hours and hours trying to teach me to keep my big, opinionated mouth shut. Dana White gave me the chance to grow outside of the Theatre Department, taking me to other theatres as his assistant. I still count Dana as a friend and immediate source of professional advice. Greg Bell is still one of the most ingenious people I've ever met. He taught us that there's always a solution to any problem, and fixing it with technology can be fun."

"Katie Robbins was our only female design professor and she showed us that women can kick butt in a man's world," she added. "She's another professor that I've kept in touch with and who is always there for students past and present. Dennis Romer and John Stefano both went out of their way to encourage the students and seemed to me to take special interest in where I could go one day."

Sheryl met her husband, Luke, while in New York for her senior year internship. The couple married in May 2005 and are expecting their first child this August. ●



Sheryl (sitting in Bob Costas' chair) with her studio designers and crew on the NBC Primetime set at the Torino Olympics.

for University Hospital of Cleveland in the float pool in the pediatric, neonatal intensive care and the recovery room.

Zeke Avradopoulos Pournaras is back in Boston working with a company that does corporate events after a diverse career engaged in many different events over the past few years, including being one of the Parade of Athletes Coordinators for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, and having a six-month acting job at the Allenberry Playhouse in PA.

Kelleyanne Pearman Wank and her daughter, Eris, moved back to Ohio in January of 2007. She recently reconnected with her sweetheart from her Otterbein college days. For more information please refer to marriages.



1992

Laura Marker Johnson has started her own business, Canine Connection. She has been training dogs for-

mally for over 6 years. She has trained at PetSmart, but wanted to do more than what their program allowed. She now does training in your home with a program tailored to your puppy or dog.

Tiffany Valentino-Rigsby has spent eight years as the alumni coordinator at her alma mater Bishop Watterson High School. Her husband Tim, is a nurse with Consumer Support Services. They have three sons, the eldest two are from Tim's first marriage. Joe is 14, Davey is 10, and Tyler is 6. Joe and Dave

attend South-Western City Schools and Tyler is in kindergarten at Our Lady of Bethlehem.

William Yarbrough is the director of Claims Training at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, OH and winter 2007 graduate of Ohio State University with a masters in Labor and Human Resource Management.

1993

Christie Anderson has joined Colorado State University's Animal Cancer Center in Fort Collins, CO



Dr. Jon Schoeff '00, Nurse Morgan Woodward '03 and Dr. David Blevins '89 sport their cardinal headgear at the Holzer Clinic in Cincinnati.

Dr. David Blevins '89 recently performed a surgery with a team of Otterbein alumni. David is a surgeon at Holzer Clinic, where he practices general, vascular and laparoscopic surgery, and teaches surgical residents at the University of Cincinnati.

Recently, one of the residents operating with David was Otterbein alumnus **Dr. Jon Schoeff '00**. While two Otterbein surgeons in one operating room might be

noteworthy, one of the operating room nurses, **Morgan Woodward '03**, also attended Otterbein. In addition, the attending anesthetist, Vernon Roush, has a daughter who is a current Otterbein student, Molly Roush. David, John and Morgan had operating room scrub caps made with Otterbein colors, the Otterbein cardinal logo, and their names embroidered on them to commemorate the Otterbein surgical team.

to specialize in oncology. She recently completed a one-year internship at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver, CO.

Mark Becker is currently the gifts and prospects research manager for the Foundation of Legacy Ministries International in Xenia, OH.

Melissa DeVore Bruney was recently promoted to chief operating officer (COO) at Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council, Inc. in Albuquerque, NM. She begins her seventh year with the organization.

James Nichols is the director of Technical Services of TPI in Columbus. Jim earned one of the first professional certifications for Radio Frequency Identification from the Computer Technology Industry Association. Jim heads the Data Collection division of TPI, a company that provides turnkey solutions. He resides in Lewis Center with his wife, Danah, and two children, Andersen and Keaton.

Mary Lucas Yarbrough is a Company Controller for Central Ohio Credit Corporation in Columbus and a 13-year member of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

1994

Capt. Angela Jo Masak has been reassigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. She is currently working as chief, Nurse Transition Program. She has recently been selected for promotion to the grade of Major.



Dr. Charles Hastings '96 opened the McKenzie-Hastings Institute for Foot and Ankle Surgery in Suffolk, VA in 2005. He is traveling to Vietnam in spring 2007 to correct pediatric and adult limb deformities.

1995

Jenny Rebecca Stratton is an insanely busy mother of two. When she's not working or studying, she can usually be found at the Clintonville, OH Cup O' Joe, training for some run, or jumping out of airplanes.

James Michael Ziogas is currently a law student at Cleveland Marshall College of Law in Cleveland, OH. He and his wife, **Melissa Wilcox Ziogas '98**, are expecting their third child in March 2007.

SRA division of The McGraw-Hill Companies. An employee of nearly 8 years, Brian is currently responsible for managing SRA's transition from a traditional print publishing environment to an online editing and design process. Brian resides in Dublin, OH.

Dorothee Mertz Weigel has accepted a tenure-track position in the Languages, Literature and Philosophy Department at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA.

marketing and graphic design with Allied Supply Company, Ohio's leading HVACR supply/wholesaler. In her new position, Jillian is responsible for implementing all marketing campaigns and promotions, as well as all direct-mail and/or targeted marketing opportunities.

Joyce Ann Ray recently started a new position with the Community Research and Grants Management Department at the Columbus Foundation.

Jeremy Stanford was recently hired as director of Camp Wesley. Located in

2000

Jillian Pinter Lowe has accepted a promotion in



1997

Katherine Osier is completing her masters of divinity at Duke University Divinity School this May 2007. She will also be commissioned into the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 2007, to serve as a probationary elder in a local church.

Melissa Johnson '99 launched her own consulting firm called Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group, LLC located in Cincinnati, OH.



Rob Burk '00 recently received a promotion in his job as the Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board and purchased a new home in Gambrills, MD.

1998

Brian Batch has recently been promoted to Publishing Systems Specialist at the



Bellefontaine, OH, Camp Wesley is a summer camp and year-round retreat center operated by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

2001

Shauna Huff Piatt is in her fifth year of teaching freshman english at Jonathan Alder High School in Plain City, OH. She is involved with the Student Council and directs the fall play. She received her master's in Education this past Sept. from Otterbein College.



2002

Stacy Marie Barcus is engaged to Jon Alfield. They are planning a Nov. 2007 wedding.

Daniel Brownstein is currently a reporter at *The Hilton Head Island Packet* and awarded a McClatchy President's Award for a series of articles about illegal traffic tickets in South Carolina. The award was one of only fifteen presented in the second half of 2006.

Amy Miller Crandall was recently elected to the board of Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Columbus. She will serve as the chair of the education committee having served 6 years as a volunteer on the committee. She represented Komen Columbus at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure National Affiliate Conference in Dallas, TX. She also participated in the Otterbein College Health Fair this winter. Amy works at Strategic Insurance Software as an agency automation specialist.

Matthew Hodge was named head football coach at East Clinton High School.

2003

Spc David Elsner redeployed back to the states on Sept. 25 after a year combat tour in Iraq with D Co 2/502 Inf Regt, 101st Airborne Division (Aaslt). This was his second Combat tour to Iraq, the first occurring in 2003 with B Co 2/502 Inf Regt.

2004

Matthew McClellan is working as the deputy

press secretary for the Ohio Senate Republican Caucus at the Statehouse. He is also engaged to **Jennifer Phillips '04** and they are planning to marry July 21, 2007.

Jami Jones Patton is currently working on her master's in Education at Marygrove College.

Eileen Tamasovich has been selected as an educational delegate to China through the People to People Organization. On this trip, she will represent teachers from the United States while visiting schools in China to promote occupational skills training in high school settings. She will be in China from Oct. 7-19, 2007.

Dawn Thompson recently had her literary piece "Salvation of the Snakes" published in an online literary journal.

2005

MaryBeth Bailer is engaged to Daniel Heath. They are planning an Aug. 4, 2007 wedding.

Nichole Marquette is engaged to Andrew Cooper

of Dublin, OH. A December wedding is being planned.

Jessica O'Donnell is a teacher at Oakstone Academy in Westerville, OH.

2006

Rachel Lynn Ferrara is currently in her first year of law school at the University of Toledo.

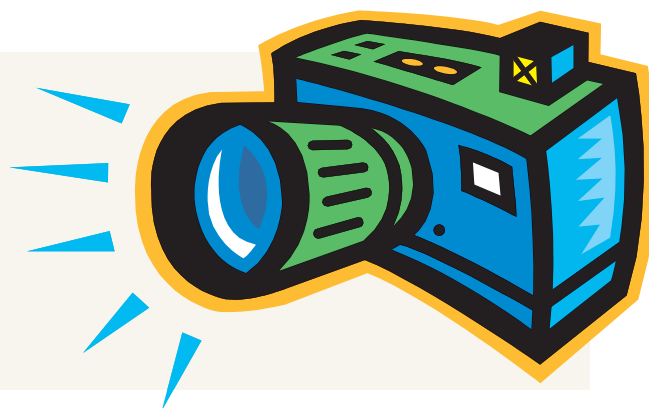
April Lynn Kirk has been working as an RN at Riverside Hospital in Columbus in neuroscience since graduating. She recently accepted a position in the mother/infant unit of Banner Good Samaritan in Phoenix, AZ.

Lindsey Powell played Chava in the Fireside Theatre's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in Fort Atkinson, WI. She lives in Manhattan, NY.

Daniel Watson was hired by WELE Radio (AM-1380) in Daytona Beach, FL to be the new play-by-play and color commentator for the Daytona Beach Cubs minor-league baseball team this season. ●

Click!

We always love hearing from you, but we'd like to see you, too. Send us your photos for Classnotes, Additions and Marriages sections. But make them high resolution, please! Photos should be at least 2 x 4 inches at 300 dpi. Send photos to Becky Smith, director of Alumni Relations, Otterbein College, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. Or email digital photos to rsmith@otterbein.edu. Show us your stuff, Otterbein Alumni, we want to see you!



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Marriages

1974

Sharon Pennington to David Trigilio, Oct. 28, 2006.

1979

Margaret Dine Pickett to Peter Jergens, July 5, 2005.

1990

Volkan Berksoy to Altynai Nazarmatova, Mar. 5, 2005.

Joshua Wank to **Kelleyanne Pearman '91**, Feb. 24, 2007.

1993

Janet Drabousky to Anthony Carter, June 17, 2006.

1994

Luke Hanks to Kimberly Frazer, Feb. 2, 2007.

1995

Bryan Burnham to Susan Cash, June 30, 2006.

1996

Bethany Broderick to Paul Mullen, Sept. 23, 2006.

1998

Corey Alexander to Erica Clift, May 6, 2006.



Kelly Youman Truxall '97 with husband Gabriel.



Alexandra Sewell Lowry '05 with husband Kevin '04.

1999

Rocco Petrozzi to Elissa Shamakian, July 29, 2006.

Tracy Sturtz to Matthew Shoemaker, July 29, 2006.

2000

Tracy Blaine to John Hedges, Dec. 2, 2006.

Donald Kress to Tara Everly, June 24, 2006.

2001

Sara Louise Schaefer to **Brian Erwin '03**, Jan. 20, 2007.

Derrick Gilliam to Kelly McNair, July 29, 2006.

Shauna Huff to Art Piatt, July 1, 2006.

2002

Kayne Kirby to Kathleen Williams, Nov. 4, 2006.

Kristi Kibble to Terry Martin, June 10, 2006.

2003

Natalie Arnold to Corey Nielson, Dec. 8, 2006.

Brook Cann to Jeremie Roshon, June 17, 2006.

Liesel Fleischman to Darren Kautz, June 3, 2006.

2003

Kelly Youman to Gabriel Truxall, Oct. 28, 2006.

2005

Alexandra Sewell to **Kevin Lowry '04**, Aug. 12, 2006.

2006

Trevor Fruth to **Leah Meyer '06**, Jan. 12, 2007.

Nicholas Kiger to **Misty DeMichael '06**, July 8, 2006.



Sara Louise Schaefer '01 married Brian Matthew Erwin '03 on Jan. 20, 2007. Many Otterbein alumni attended the event. Alumni in the wedding party including (front row left next to bride) Jen Prasky Burns '01 and (second row far right) Erin Schetzle '01.



Liesel Fleischman Kautz '05 with husband Darren.

Additions

1990

Volkan "Turk" Berksoy and wife, Altynai, a daughter, Aylin Alev, Sept. 7, 2006.

1991

Brooke Carter Rhea and husband, Jim, a son, Cade



Logan, Kayla and Shelby McSwords welcome little brother Brody to the family.

Atwood, Feb. 3, 2007. He joins big sister Audrey, age 4.

1992

Wendy Pietila Watson and husband, Jason, a son, Brock David, Jan. 16, 2007.

1993

Mark Becker and wife, Caroline, a daughter, Emma, April 12, 2006.

1994

Christine Baur Leber and husband, Len, a son, Jeremy Robert, Nov. 17, 2006. He joins big sister Natalie, age 17 and big brother Nolan, age 13.

Rebecca Thompson Long and husband, Charles, a daughter, Kaitlynn Grace, Aug. 31, 2006. She joins big brother Ethan, age 1.

1995

Sara Cornett McSwords and husband, **Joseph '94**, a son, Brody Aaron, Nov. 29, 2006. He joins older brother Logan, age 4, and older twin sisters Kayla and Shelby, age 8. Proud grandmother is Barbara Cornett, Otterbein professor of nursing.

1997

Katie Kieft Osier and husband, Eric, a son, Ryan Christopher, Feb. 18, 2006.

Juliana Taylor Riggs and husband, Dale, a son, Calvin Munro, May 14, 2006. He joins big sisters Emmaline Rose, 5, and Eliza Belle, 3.

Jennifer Neiman Smith and husband, **Paul '98**, a son, Owen David Charles, Oct. 10, 2006. He joins big sister Kailey, 21 months.

1998

Brandi McCluskey Couzins and husband, **Patrick '98**, a son, Joseph Patrick, Oct. 7, 2006

Emily Devaney Replogle and husband, Adam, a son, Charles William, Sept. 12, 2006.

1999

Nikki Davis Dunbar and husband, **Steve '99**, a son, Ryan Charlton, July 23, 2006.

David Firth and wife, Elizabeth, a son, Edward Michael, Jan. 31, 2007.

Kirsten Gangestad Hicks and husband, **John '95**, a daughter, Lillian Marie, June 20, 2006.

Jill Travern Hiles and husband Scott, a daughter, Isabel Eileen, Jan. 4, 2007.

2000

Robert Burk and wife, Amy, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, Sept. 22, 2006. Emma was born one day after Rob's birthday and he says she was the best present he could have ever received.

Elizabeth Hardesty Sanese and husband, Jeffrey, a daughter, Gianna Margaret, Jan. 12, 2007.

Jeremy Stanford and wife, Aurelia, a son, Emil Benjamin, April 3, 2006.



Gianna Sanese

2001

Nicole Kaitsa Carleton and husband, Kent, a daughter, Olivia Izabella, Dec. 18, 2006.

Angela Haynes Larrick and husband, **Nathan '98**, a daughter, Aubrey Grace, June 21, 2006. She joins big brothers Noah, 3, and Caleb, 1.

Mindy Ellis Nagel and husband, Tom, a daughter, Adalina Elizabeth, Dec. 13, 2006.



Raegen Dudzinski



Charlie Replogle

**Check www.otterbein.edu/alumni
click photos
for more baby and wedding pics!**

Adrienne Tapply Smela and husband Jonathan, a boy, Curtis Jacob, Feb. 11, 2007.

2002

Katlyn McGinnis Barcroft and husband, **Kyle '00**, a daughter, Kali Marie, Aug. 26, 2006.

Maria Lump Dudzinski and husband, **Dan '01**, a daughter, Raegan Lynn, July 24, 2006.

2003

Jennifer Vitek Waller and husband, Adam, a daughter, Addison Susanne Waller, September 5, 2006.

2004

Brooke Dodson Buzzard and husband, Rich, a daughter, Jaidyn Marie, Sept. 25, 2006.

Deaths

1927

Mary Greenewald Walborn passed away April 14, 2006.

1929

Paul Brock passed away May 2, 2006.

1930

Zuma Heestand Eshler passed away Dec. 8, 2006.

1931

Omer Tedrick passed away Aug. 15, 2006. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Fischer.

1934

Hazel Kile Fravel passed away Dec. 11, 2006.

1935

Gertrude Van Sickle Clapper passed away Dec. 20, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, F.O. and Elsie Van Sickle; husband, Howard W. Clapper; and two daughters, Pat and Pam Clapper. She is survived by son, Timothy (Chris) Clapper; daughter, Marty (Ken) Clapper Barnett; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, **Frank (Mary '44) Van Sickle '41**; and brother **Robert (Mary Jane '42) Van Sickle '35**. Trudy was a member of the 1st WAVE unit of the U.S. Navy, and a veteran of World War II. For the Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was a 50-plus member, she served the church in every capacity and was a member of Amazing Grays. She was a founding member of the Meals on Wheels and assisted in coordinating the delivery of meals.

1938

Harold Conrad passed away on Feb. 18, 2005. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Crum Conrad; his brother, **Carl Conrad '30**; and his wife, **Maxine Forwood Conrad '37**. He is survived by his son, James C. Conrad.

Wilma Mosholder passed away Dec. 11, 2006.

1939

Dorothy Steiner Drury passed away Jan. 12, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Drury; parents, J.C. and **Frances Steiner '18**; her sister, Geraldine Whisler; and her grandson, Brenden

McGovern. She is survived by her son, John (Mary Ann) Drury; daughter, Rosanna Drury McGovern; daughter, Margaret Drury; daughter, Mary Kay (Ed) Drury Kray; daughter Jean Drury; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many extended family members. She was a life-long member of First United Methodist Church of Willard, Ohio. Dorothy's greatest joy in life was hearing from and being with family and friends and sharing her homemade cookies.

1942

Betty Woodworth Clark passed away Jan. 11, 2007. She taught art for 41 years at the Euclid City Schools, Cleveland Museum of Art, and at the Tri-C Western Campus. Her artwork has been exhibited in hundreds of Ohio and national exhibitions and purchased by the Canton Art Institute. In 1966 she was named "Woman of the Year" for art achievement by the Otterbein College Women's Club. She is survived by daughter, **Margarette (Lyle '64) Clark Barkhymer '68**; sons **Daniel (Catherine '74) Clark '73** and **Timothy (Denise) Clark '71**; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1944

Evelyn Whitney Fisher passed away Jan. 20, 2007. She and her husband, Rev. **Roy Fisher '44**, served in many United Methodist churches in West Virginia and Ohio for over 50 years. Evelyn was active in United Methodist Women and

Alumni Affairs at Otterbein College. She was preceded in death by her son, **John W. Fisher '71**; and grandson, Christopher Hardcastle. She is survived by her husband, Rev. **Roy Fisher '44**; daughter **Rebecca Fisher Hardcastle '73**; **David (Beth) Fisher '75**; daughter, **Sarah (Marc) Fisher Hathorn '79**; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

1949

Martha Frey Foulk passed away on April 18, 2006.

Clyde F. Helsinger passed away on April 20, 2006.

1950

Rosa Rubino Bucco passed away Jan. 16, 2007. She was preceded in death by husband, **Louis Bucco '50**. She is survived by her sisters, **Sandra Rubino Paul '46** and **Ida Rubino Snow '58**; son, David Bucco; and daughter, Cynthia Bucco O'Neill.

Richard Keller passed away Dec. 9, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Keller and his twin brother, **Robert (Miriam) Keller '50**.

Charles "Chuck" Stockton passed away on Feb. 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife, **Betty Ervin Stockton '50**; his son, Charles F. Stockton; and his daughter, Mary Anne Stockton Morehart.

1951

Richard Baker passed away Oct. 11, 2006.

Joseph Schurtz passed away Nov. 29, 2006.

Frank Spuhler passed away July 3, 2006.

1956

Joanne Valentine passed away Oct. 21, 2006. She was a retired music teacher

of the Union-Scioto School District of Ross County. She was active in various community affairs including the outdoor drama *Tecumseh*. She was a member of Tyler Memorial United Methodist Church where she served as the organist for many years.

1958

Janet Love Tobin passed away Dec. 10, 2006.

1975

Caryl Pfost passed away on Aug. 28, 2006.

1978

Patrick Byrnes passed away on Feb. 5, 2007.

1979

Connie McCallister passed away Nov. 4, 2006.

Friends

Betty Fickell Kennedy, age 87, of Westerville passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2006. She was a retired professor of Equine Science at Otterbein College. She is preceded in death by parents Emmet and Mable Fickell and brother Robert Fickell. She is survived by children, Dr. Ed (Leslie) Kennedy, Jr. of California, Barney (Cathy) Kennedy of South Carolina, Barbara (Sam) Gingrich of Lebanon, Ohio and Marie McKenzie of Gahanna, OH.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Ethlynn Schultz passed away Jan. 19, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. **Elmer A. R. Schultz '24**. She is survived by her son, **Arthur (Louise '49) Schultz '49**; grandson, **Thomas (Charlayne '70) Schultz '70**; and granddaughter, **Rebecca (James) Schultz Amorelli '76**. ●

Correction: Cara Boettner husband's name is **Randy '99** not Tim as written in *Winter Towers '07*

Cardinal Tales...

We want to hear from you! Specifically, we'd like to hear any stories you might have of your time at Otterbein that relate to the sciences. Tell us an anecdote about a favorite science professor, a prank pulled in Schear-McFadden, or an inspiration that came from a science class. Or anything else about your experiences with the sciences at Otterbein. Submission info follows below....

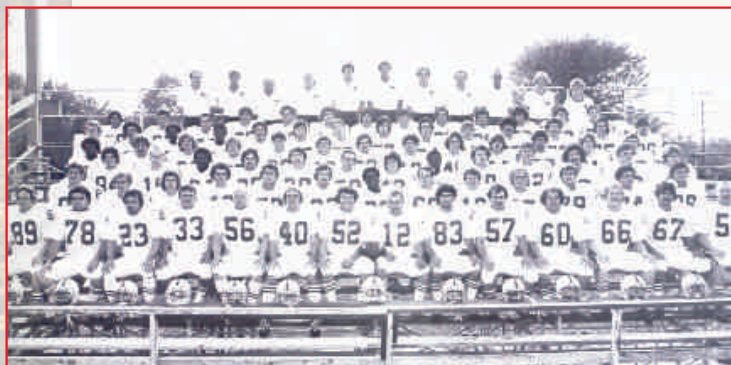
...and Cardinals in Flight

Traveling? Got your Otterbein shirt or sweatshirt handy? We want to see pics of Otterbein alumni around the world wearing the good ole tan and cardinal. Photos should be high resolution (i.e. at least 3 x 5 at 300 dots per inch or 900 x 1500 pixels).

Send stories and/or pics to Jenny Hill, jhill@otterbein.edu, or to Otterbein College, Department of Marketing and Communications, One Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081.



1977 Otterbein Football Team Reunion



2007 is the 30-year anniversary of the 1977 Otterbein football team, which chalked up an 8-1 record and produced 12 all-OAC selections. The team's senior class is planning reunion activities for the weekend of October 19-20 and wants to invite all members of the '77 team, as well as any friends and supporters of the team, to be a part of the celebration. Details are being finalized. To receive more information about the '77 team reunion, please forward your name and contact information to Rich Seils (seils@verizon.net), Chris Carlisle (ccarlisle@laca.org), or Bob Boltz (bbboltz@aol.com).

The "O" CLUB

"Serving Otterbein College Athletics Since 1955"

October 2007 Events – Public Invited

Annual Social & Auctions

Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.
The Lakes Golf & Country Club
\$30/person

33rd Annual Fall Golf Classic (Golf Scramble; Shotgun Start)

Monday, October 8 at Noon
The Lakes Golf & Country Club
\$150/person & \$100/hole sponsor

Annual Homecoming Dinner & Program

Saturday, October 13, 2007 after the Heidelberg football game
Columbus Crowne Plaza North (formerly Columbus Marriott North)
\$30/person

2007 Honorees to be Recognized at Homecoming

Outstanding Service Award Honoree

William J. "Bill" McLoughlin '83

Excel Award Honorees

William R. Bricker '59
Paul E. Greene '52
R. Eugene "Gene" Keel '53

1946 Golf Team (Otterbein's First):

Jack E. Rees '50
Frank T. Truitt '50
John T. "Jay" Truitt '50
(The late Joseph O. Schurtz '51)



Bill McLoughlin '83

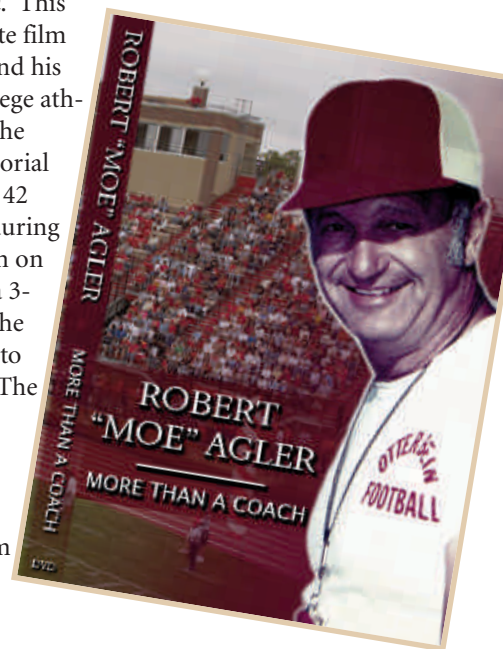


1946 Golf Team: Joe Schurtz '51 (deceased), Frank Truitt '50, Jack Rees '50, and John "Jay" Truitt '50.

Moe Agler DVD for sale

Through the generous financial support of George M. Steinbrenner III, Roush Honda and others, the "O" Club was able to produce its first DVD titled *Robert "Moe" Agler, More Than a Coach*. This

DVD includes a 22-minute film on the late Coach Agler and his impact on Otterbein College athletics, especially relating the building of the new Memorial Stadium. It also includes 42 minutes of footage shot during the stadium's rededication on September 17, 2005 and a 3-minute photo collage of the stadium construction set to the *Otterbein Love Song*. The DVD was professionally produced by Keepsakes Solutions and is available for sale from Otterbein's bookstore or directly from the "O" Club for \$30 (including shipping).



The "O" Club, established in 1955, is Otterbein's athletic boosters association. Operated separately from the College, and run by a volunteer board of directors, the "O" Club raises money to support Otterbein's athletic program. Along with the Vida S. Clements Foundation, the "O" Club financed the building of the new Memorial Stadium, dedicated in 2005. In the recent past the "O" Club purchased two, new 15-passenger vans and also donated the "O" Club bus for student-athlete transportation.

The "O" Club is open to all persons and businesses who wish to support Otterbein College athletics. We suggest an annual donation of \$25 to \$50 to help defray operating costs. We also conduct two fund raising events: the annual social & auction and the annual fall golf classic. The "O" Club hosts an annual homecoming meeting and dinner and uses the opportunity to recognize individuals for their contribution to the "O" Club, Otterbein College athletics, and athletics in general. The public is invited and encouraged to attend any or all of these events.

For more information, contact the "O" Club at 614/823-3555 or oclub-home@columbus.rr.com. Or visit our web site at www.otterbeinoclub.com.

Investing in OTTERBEIN

compiled by Lori E. Green



Joe Glick '61 (L) and President Brent DeVore at the Chinese Ceramics exhibit at The Frank Museum of Art.

Joseph Glick Honored at Frank Museum

Joseph D. Glick '61 was honored for his continued commitment to Otterbein with a reception at the Frank Museum of Art in late February. Mr. Glick has contributed several pieces of rare Chinese ceramics to the College's collection. These were exhibited as part of the recent Japanese Impressions and Chinese Ceramics show at The Frank.

The Frank Museum of Art was established through a bequest from Lillian Frank and with the generous support of the Friends of the Frank, of which Mr. Glick is a Founding Member. For more information about The Frank, please visit <http://www.otterbein.edu/dept/art/frank/museum.html> or call 614-818-9716.

Students say "thanks"

Each year more than \$1 million in scholarships are awarded to students selected as "endowed scholars." This designation makes students eligible to receive one of the more than 300 named endowed scholarships.

One of the recent thank you letters we received was especially well-written, and we wanted to share it with all of Otterbein's investors as an indication of our (and the students') gratitude for your continued support.

Dear Investors:

How ecstatic! How elated I am! I know I cannot thank you enough. Please let me share with you what your generous scholarship is funding! I am Whitney Prose who, through God's great sense of humor, am an English creative writing major. I really enjoy writing science fiction, religious and psychological thriller pieces. I also have minors in Japanese and environmental studies. Somehow, they all fit together. Trust me. I am the founder and leader of Otterbein's environmental volunteer group, Plan-It Earth. This little group has grown to nearly 100 strong. All over campus, souls are noticing nature, taking joy in its preservation, and beginning to understand the world holistically. I'm a first generation college student. My mom home-schooled me, with my little brother, on a farm. Because of my success at and love of college, both he and my little cousin are planning to finish high school and attend college. Who knows? Maybe now my older cousins will follow suit. My grandma has changed her mind about the usefulness of college, and my dad has and still supports me. After I graduate I have no "plans." I know I'll go where I can best be of service to others. Servant leadership is the only way. Who knows? I might even be able to go to graduate school! Seriously, I cannot thank you enough. May God bless your philanthropy always!

Whitney Prose

Why I ♥ Otterbein: I can learn all I want! There's a huge library. The College values community service. The food's pretty good. Towers Hall is so mysterious. What great friends I've made here! Alum Creek is so near. My professors know me and care about me. My employers are the sweetest ladies. I can't outgrow my britches. Free Tai-chi? Awesome. So much support and love on all levels!

We need your help!

Thanks to the generous support of Otterbein alumni, parents, students and friends, the Annual Fund has collected more than half of our goal. But we still need your help to raise \$640,000 by the end of the fiscal year on June 30!

Why should you support the Annual Fund? Because these funds are an integral part of each student's life by helping to bridge the gap between tuition dollars and the actual cost of an Otterbein education. As we continue to grow we need to renovate buildings and upgrade technology; faculty development opportunities help with providing a first-rate educational experience; scholarships and small class sizes help us to retain our top 10 status among Midwest Comprehensive Colleges.

You can make your gift online by visiting www.otterbein.edu and clicking on "Make a gift online" or contact Jennifer Westbrook '01, Director of Annual Giving, at (614) 823-1948 or jwestbrook@otterbein.edu.

Your Otterbein experience helped you to become who you are. Help others achieve their potential!

Grants recently awarded to Otterbein

The Columbus Foundation awarded a follow-on grant of \$10,357 to Dr. Barbara Schaffner and the Otterbein College of Dept. of Nursing. This initiative will enable Otterbein to continue programs of health education and health promotion for minority and/or underprivileged populations in Central Ohio through health fairs and clinical services provided by nursing students and faculty.

Dr. Craig Johnson and Otterbein's Department of Music have been awarded \$4,500 from **The Presser Foundation**. This award is for scholarships to be given to students majoring in music based on artistic potential.

Dr. Allen Prindle has received \$1,000 from **The Ohio State University Research Foundation**. These funds will support Otterbein faculty in the pursuit of additional courses and majors approved for the Otterbein-Maastricht Exchange Program.

New Endowed Funds

The El Doris McFarland Scholarship

El Doris McFarland '53 has created a scholarship for education majors, preferably those students interested in teaching early elementary school students (K-4). She spent more than 30 years teaching kindergarten in the Columbus Public Schools.

The Gary R. Tirey Endowed Award In Music

Created by funding from the Friends of Music in honor of Gary Tirey's 35 years of teaching excellence, this award annually will be given to a student active in the College's instrumental program. Eligible student candidates should be program leaders and brass, woodwinds or percussion performers.

The Widdoes, Miller, Metzger Families Scholarship Fund

This fund was created by **Raymond E. Miller '51** to provide scholarships for students pursuing a major in math or

computer science and who participate in intercollegiate activities. Doris Widdoes Miller Metzger was a faithful friend of Otterbein College and its basketball program. This fund is established also in memory of the **Rev. Howard H'26 Widdoes** (doctorate of divinity) and his wife, Alice, who were missionaries for the Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Philippines from 1903 through 1945. Other families members in whose honor or memory this fund is established include Doris' brothers **Carroll '26** (**Viola Peden Widdoes '28**) and their granddaughter **Lynn**

Widdoes Anderson '78; Emmor '30 and Harold '27; Doris' sisters Margaret Widdoes Laub '26 and Ida Widdoes Taylor '33 (Vernon Taylor '33); Jesse W. Miller '30; Paul Metzger '46; Ray Miller '51; Dorothy Laub Kaiser '54, John Kaiser '56, Jody Laub Pomerey '56; Jeanne Metzger Augustus '96; Janet Metzger Hull '99; Myrtle Metzger '14 (also a missionary in the Philippines 1919-1947); and Hazel Metzger Phelps '12.

IRA Special Provision

The special provision enacted by Congress in 2006 permitting rollover funds directly from your IRA to any charity is in effect through the end of 2007. This rollover designation does include your mandatory distribution, and it must come directly from the IRA custodian to Otterbein in order to avoid income tax implications. Please contact your custodian or broker for the necessary paperwork to initiate this. For additional information on how this works and how you can benefit Otterbein with this option, please call Director of Planned Giving Carolyn Williams at 614-823-1454.

Annual Fund Student Caller Spotlight



Name: Daniel Cruso 🍷 Class Year: 2010 🍷 Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio 🍷 Major: Actuarial Science 🍷 Campus Activities: Cross-country, Track, Chess Club, Actuarial Club, OCF 🍷 Why I chose Otterbein: The size!! I'm the only freshman in my major, so that helps. 🍷 Favorite quote: "Just because you lost doesn't mean the game is over. To continue the fight will lead you to the victory in the end." 🍷 Why someone should take your Phonathon call: So that I can inform them on how important the Annual Fund is to everyone and the importance of giving! 🍷 The Annual Fund is important to me because: I personally never knew about the Annual Fund here at Otterbein until I worked here! But, I am glad I have (learned) because by showing the importance to others (it) shows the importance to me to give once I graduate! I can't wait to call so that I can share my personal, fun experiences here at Otterbein and to brighten up their day! 🍷 To date, Dan has 110 pledges totaling \$13,155. This is his first quarter working for the Annual Fund.

Hurry!! Alumni Weekend is Just Around the Corner!

Relive Your College Experience Through...

...**"Classes Without Quizzes,"** educational enrichment courses on the topics of Astronomy, Digital Photography, Fitness, and Service Learning. ...**Campus Tours** featuring the new home for the Departments of Communication and Art, Clements Recreation Center, Frank Museum of Art, OtterBean Café, Memorial Stadium and Residence Hall Suites. ...**Celebrations** through class reunion gatherings, including the Golden Reunion Class of 1957, the 60th class reunion of the Centennial Class of 1947, the cluster reunions for the Classes of '71, '72, '73 and '76, '77, '78 and class gatherings for '62, '67, '82. ...**Recognition** at the Annual Alumni Lun-

cheon honoring the 2007 Alumni Award Winners. ...**Special Events** including the History of Otterbein College; the Progressive Dining Experience at The Suites, Campus Center and Towers Plaza featuring Otterbein student musicians; and personalized tutorial assistance to connect with old friends through the Alumni Online Directory.

Hurry! Deadline for registration is May 30. Register online at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click "events/registration." Or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

Saturday, June 9, is designed to bring the whole family to the Otterbein campus to show them where you went to classes, ate on campus, studied in the library and cheered the Otterbein Cardinals. The weekend is made up of various faces and we want your smiling face to join us.



All alumni are invited to return to campus along with the reunion years for the Classes of '47, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82

Cardinal Migration 2007 Savannah, GA



On February 15th through the 18th,

over 100 alumni and friends traveled to Savannah, Georgia to be charmed with her tree-filled squares, perfectly preserved old buildings and Otterbein hospitality in the warm south. This thirteenth Cardinal Migration featured a historic downtown trolley tour exploring the city's architectural gems and historic landmarks. The tour concluded at Savannah's most celebrated restaurant, The Lady & Sons. The travelers stepped aboard the 'Spirit of Harbor' boat and cruised down the Savannah River. During the pre-migration some travelers visited the Mercer House and Bonaventure Cemetery Tour with a delightful lunch at Mrs. Wilke's Boarding House, a Savannah tradition. Following the migration, travelers toured the Low Country and Tybee Island with private lunch at the Thompson Beach House, owned by the granddaughter of Mrs. Wilke.

A special feature of the trip was the book discussion of "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Hosted by a local tour guide who knew many of the characters personally, the group was intrigued with the issues in the book which were fact and fiction.

1. Tybee Island Lighthouse 2. Bonaventure Cemetery 3. Historic Savannah Tour 4. Becky Smith '81 and Alicia Caudill Colburn '95 5. Emily Crose Moore '63, Connie Myers Mentzer '60, Jean Davidson Berry '63 and Dick Berry '63 enjoy a southern lunch at Mrs. Wilke's Boarding House. 6. Don Unger '55 enjoys a southern slice of pecan pie. 7. Brent '61 and Nancy Martin 8. Cruising down the Savannah River on a sunny Saturday morning.



Alaska's State Flower is the Forget-Me-Not. Come Discover Why.

August 2-9, 2008 Alaskan Cruise

*Reservations due by July 31, 2007**

Join Otterbein alumni as we get a close-up look at our unspoiled, scenic 49th state aboard the Royal Caribbean International's *Serenade of the Seas*. Take in breathtaking views, spectacular wilderness and abundant wildlife. Cruise through the Inside Passage, Icy Strait Point and Hubbard Glacier and explore the Alaskan cities of Juneau and Skagway.

Included Features of the Alaskan Cruise:

- Transfer to and from the cruise ship
- 7-night, 8 day-cruise
- Accommodations, including T.V., telephone, private bathroom with shower
- Most around-the-clock dining options, including 24-hour complimentary room service
- Government taxes and fees are included
- Plus other cruise amenities

**Alaskan Cruise Price Only*

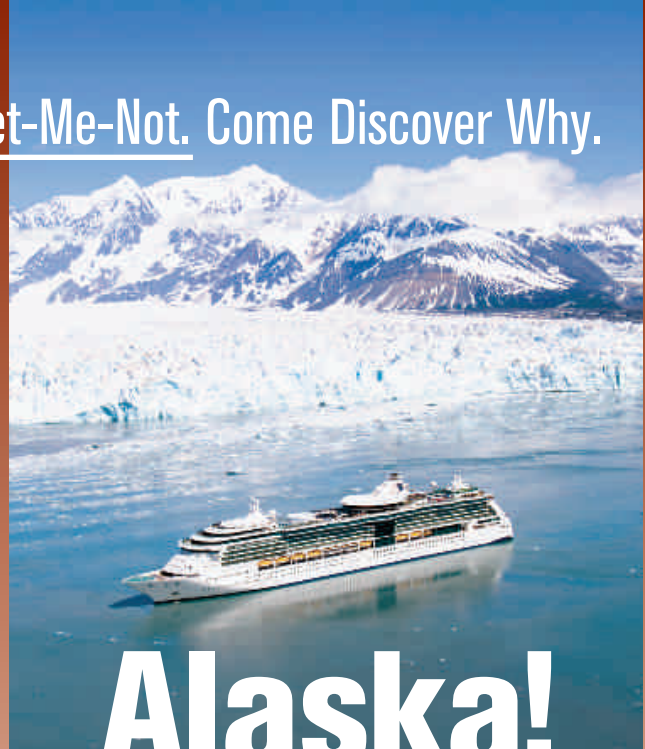
Cabin Prices (Based on double occupancy)

Interior Cabin: \$1,299 • Oceanview Cabin: \$1,699

Balcony Cabin: \$1,959 • 3rd and 4th Passenger Pricing: \$989

Plus roundtrip airfare from Columbus International: \$799
Air prices from other cities available upon request.

Check www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click 'travel' for details.
***We encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible because there is limited space.** A deposit to secure



your place on the cruise is \$250 per person fully refundable until 71 days prior to departure. Deposits and reservations must be received by July 31, 2007. **Contact Becky Smith '81 at 614-823-1650/ 1-888-614-2600 or rsmith@otterbein.edu.**

Extend Your Vacation- Optional Addition Before the Cruise-(July 29 – Aug. 2, 2008) The five day Canadian Rockies land tour will take you to some of Canada's most unforgettable sights, including such destinations as Banff and Yoho National Parks. Board a deluxe motorcoach or glass-domed train to transport you to the cities of Vancouver, Calgary and Kamloops. Once you've enjoyed the grandness of land, head to the sea to start your cruise.

Otterbein Alumni to travel to "Enchanting Ireland"

Sept. 15 – 23, 2007



In the land where legends live large, lucky moments are tucked into every beautiful day. Ireland is a country unlike anywhere else in the world. Join us as we experience the colorful Camelot-like town of Killarney, and Kilkenny, one of Ireland's loveliest medieval cities. Optional excursions include Dingle Peninsula, Blarney Castle, Dublin, and the Waterford Crystal Factory. Visit www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click 'travel' for details.

Included Features

- Round-trip air transportation from Columbus, OH to Shannon, Ireland

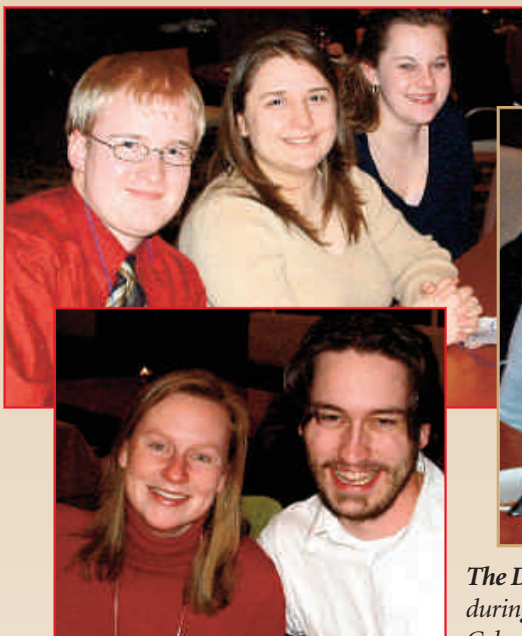
- Three nights first-class accommodations in Kilkenny and four nights in Killarney
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout the trip with an experienced Irish guide
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Local government and hotel taxes

Price: \$1969 (includes airfare from Columbus)
Plus \$279 government taxes, security charges, and airline fuel charge.
Reservations due by July 1, 2007.



Recent Alumni Gatherings

OMEA Alumni Reception



*The Department of Music hosted an alumni reception on Feb. 9 during the Ohio Music Educators Association annual meeting in Columbus, OH. **Top Left:** Matt Vitartas '04, Heather Deem '04 and Tracy Marsh Cinereski '05. **Left:** Claire Brock, Dept. of Music program and operations manager, with her husband, Tony Brock. **Above:** Alison Brown Bates '04, Kelly Sazima '03 and Cindy King '03.*

Otterbein Alumni Club of Southwest Florida



*March was a big month for the **Otterbein Alumni Club of Southwest Florida**. On March 18 the group hosted the annual Ft. Myers Alumni Brunch at the Colonial Country Club. Guest speaker, Dr. Jeff Lehman, professor of Life Sciences, shared plans for the renovation of the Schear-McFadden Science Building. The Southwest Florida Club also hosted a barbecue for the Otterbein baseball team and their parents on March 18 in Port Charlotte, FL. If you are interested in participating in the Alumni Club of Southwest Florida's future events, please contact Jim Wagner '56, Club Coordinator at wagnerjk@juno.com. **Top Left:** Don Tallentire '56, Carole Bullis '56 and Janet Hladek '97 volunteering in Port Charlotte. **Middle Left:** Carolyn Shafer '57, Marie Shively, Ken Shively '50 in Ft. Myers. **Bottom Left:** Coach George Powell, Eric Heminger '06 and Chelbe Heminger in Port Charlotte. **Above:** Barbara Davis '54, Mary Wagner Myers '56 and Don Myers '52 in Ft. Myers. **Above Right:** Sue Billhardt, mother of #22 Bret Billhardt and Katie Wright, sister of #33 Bobby Wright, in Port Charlotte.*

Recent Alumni Gatherings (continued)

Classes of '79, '80, '81

Alumni from the **Classes of '79, '80 and '81** gathered for pizza at Pasquales in Westerville before the Cap-Otter basketball game on Feb. 17. **Right:** Ralph Scurry '81, Kyle Yoest '80 and Jeri Yoest. **Far Right:** Wayne Cummerlander '80 with Skip Ford '80.



MBA Alumni Corporate Reception



Otterbein's MBA Program recently sponsored receptions for Otterbein alumni employed with **Huntington National Bank, JP Morgan Chase and** Columbus non-profit agencies. The event was hosted by Katherine Visconti Hagemann '97. **Left:** Executive Assistant to the President Mary Kerr MBA '07, Melody Riggs MBA '05 and Erin Stewart Miller '97 enjoy the reception for non-profit agencies. **Above:** Naveen Garg MBA '00 and Steve Hizak MBA '00 at the Huntington National Bank event.

Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

June 4 Zero Year Reunion for Class of 2007

June 5 Reception for Graduate Students Class of 2007

June 8 - 10 Alumni Weekend

June 23 Dayton Area Alumni, Annual June Bug Jamboree in Waynesville, OH

Aug. 5 - 9 Alumni host Summer Send-Offs for new students/parents

Aug. 24 Alumni Council Retreat, Otterbein Campus

Aug. 31 Cross Country Alumni Meet

Sept. 15-23 Otterbein Ireland Alumni Trip

Oct. 13 Homecoming '07

Oct. 20 Otterbein - Circleville Alumni Gathering, Circleville, OH



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Institutional Mission

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

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