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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

Night of Treasures

On Saturday April 8, 2006 the Freshmen Musical Theatre students under the direction of Dr. Dennis Davenport, presented an evening of entertainment. In addition, the Friends of the Library sponsored a silent auction of many different types of treasures. Guests arrived at 7:00 PM to start bidding on the donated silent auction items. The musical presentation, titled *Ha-Ha*, consisted of many humorous songs from musicals such as *Anything Goes*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Candide*, and *Honk!* The freshmen musical theatre class once again provided a great evening of entertainment and had the audience laughing throughout. More bidding on the silent auction and a reception followed. After the bell rang and all prizes were claimed, the auction raised \$2,576 for the Friends of the Library to benefit the Otterbein College Archives. A short business meeting to elect officers was held at the conclusion of the event. Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the event next year!



Kari Ringer and Steve Czarnecki perform "Friendship" from *Anything Goes*.



Items of all shapes and sizes were donated and bid upon by guests. All proceeds will go to the Otterbein Archives.

Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space

"Erin touched my soul and helped me to see differently."
- a friend of Erin's (PEAK Parent Center, Winter, 2004)



Erin McKenzie (August 9, 1984—August 24, 2004) may have lived a short life, but it was filled with activities and friends, whom she touched in many ways with her outstanding spirit. She attended Westerville South high school where she enjoyed attending general education classes with her friends as well as being involved in all the traditional high school activities, such as senior prom and graduation. She was very involved with the theater department at Westerville South and regularly assisted the Otterbein College Theatre department by serving as an usher for both summer and main stage productions.

In honor of Erin McKenzie, the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library has created a virtual welcoming space on the Library homepage (<http://library.otterbein.edu>). The Virtual Welcoming Space is a website to promote learning, discovery, and to confirm and challenge old notions with new ones. It pulls together materials in a variety of formats, on a variety of subjects, that can be easily located and used. Links to materials purchased in Erin's memory are included. Erin McKenzie's life mirrored the lofty goals of this virtual space. She, like the diverse literature and media surrounding us, was a source of learning. She confirmed the best of what we hope is present in the human spirit and challenged old notions by establishing new ones.

The official grand opening was commemorated by an art exhibit, reception and presentation by Candee Basford on April 3, 2006. Basford's journey with this project began approximately 26 years ago when her daughter, Katie, was diagnosed with a disability, similar to Erin's. As Basford experienced her life through her daughter's, she gained a new perspective about how to see the world and how the world views and treats those with disabilities. Through these experiences, Basford reflected on her knowledge and emotions with her daughter Katie. Basford created twelve paintings, which were placed together in her book, titled *We Dance Together: A Painted Essay About My Education with Katie*. These pieces were on display in the library during National Library Week in April. (Copies of her book have been added to the Otterbein Courtright Memorial Library collection). Those in attendance heard Candee Basford discuss the process she used to create some of the pieces and the thoughts, emotions, and concepts behind them. It was the perfect way to honor Katie and Erin, and serve as the grand opening to the Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space.



Lois Szudy, Barb McKenzie, and Candee Basford.



Samples of Candee Basford's art, including her book.

Otterbein Reverberations, 1956 - 2006



A ribbon cutting ceremony kicked-off the occasion!

More than 18 months ago a group of dedicated individuals from the class of 1956 began working on a novel way to demonstrate the significance of an Otterbein education. The subcommittee formed by the Golden Reunion Planning Committee, included Sonya Evans, Irvin Bence, Barbara Forman, Bill Replogle, Curt Tong, Annbeth Wilkinson & Sarah Rose Gorsuch (deceased). Their idea



Bert Horn's baskets.

became reality during Alumni Weekend on June 9 and 10, 2006, when a exhibition of the creative talents and interests of twenty-six classmates, faculty, and staff from the 1952-56 Otterbein family was displayed in the Courtright Memorial Library. Over 200 items were on display, ranging from paintings to baskets, canned food to jewelry, wood carvings to airplanes. There were also books written by members of the Otterbein community.



John Wells with his wooden toys.

As part of the exhibit, Bill Replogle, displayed twenty-four of his visual images from the last fifty years. The exhibit titled "Historic Twins" will remain on display at the Courtright Memorial Library until August 20, 2006. We encourage you to come to the library to experience this visually exciting display of artwork.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Reverberations exhibit on Friday June 9, Sonya Evans, Lewis Rose (Sarah's brother), and Lois Szudy spoke about Sarah's Corner. For more information about Sarah's Corner, see the article on the next page. During the ceremony, Lewis Rose, donated a book, titled, *Owen and Mzee: The True story of a remarkable friendship* to be added to our children's collection in memory of Sarah Rose Gorsuch.



Bill Replogle and his exhibit, "Historic Twins."

The Otterbein Reverberations exhibit was a wonderful way to highlight the Class of 1956 and to encourage alumni from all class years to visit the library during alumni weekend. Everyone really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all who helped! A special thanks to Bill & Sonya Evans and to Stephen Grinch!



Sarah Rose Gorsuch

Sarah's Corner

The 1956 50th Reunion Committee at Otterbein College has established a fund in memory of Sarah Rose Gorsuch. Through the generosity of many people over \$7,000 has been raised thus far.

During the summer, the lower level of the library is being transformed into Sarah's Corner, the new name for the Courtright Memorial Library's children's collection. Money raised is being used to improve the collection, including purchasing new books and materials, comfortable furniture, and specialized shelving. The concept of Sarah's Corner was dedicated at the opening ceremony for Otterbein Reverberations during Alumni Weekend. Plans are currently underway to have a dedication ceremony for the completed Sarah's Corner (hopefully) during Homecoming in October 2006.



Lewis Rose, Sarah's brother

Donations for Sarah's Corner can be mailed to Lois Szudy, Courtright Memorial Library, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. Please make checks payable to Otterbein College and write Sarah's Corner in the memo section of your check.



Treasurer's Report

As of June 20, 2006 the Friends of the Library have a total of \$7,725.17 in our account. In addition, the library recently received a donation of \$5,883.15 from a member of the Friends that was deposited into a separate library gift account.

Don't forget to renew your membership! The mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter indicates when your annual membership expires.

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It was my pleasure over the past three years to help with the publishing of the Friends of the Library Newsletter. Many of you have never seen me, but you have seen my work! I am Alison Schmidt, and I am now, officially, an Otterbein Alumna. I have worked for Lois and the Library for the past three years of college and loved every minute of it, especially piecing together information about the Friends events for publications such as this one. On June 11th, 2006, I received my Bachelors in Music Education. In August, I will be teaching general music at St. Pius X elementary school in Reynoldsburg, OH, to all the students there, from kindergarten to eighth grade. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of many friends event and I look forward to becoming a friend of the Courtright Memorial Library along with you!

Sincerely,

Alison M. Schmidt



Lois and Alison at graduation!

Friends Bookmark

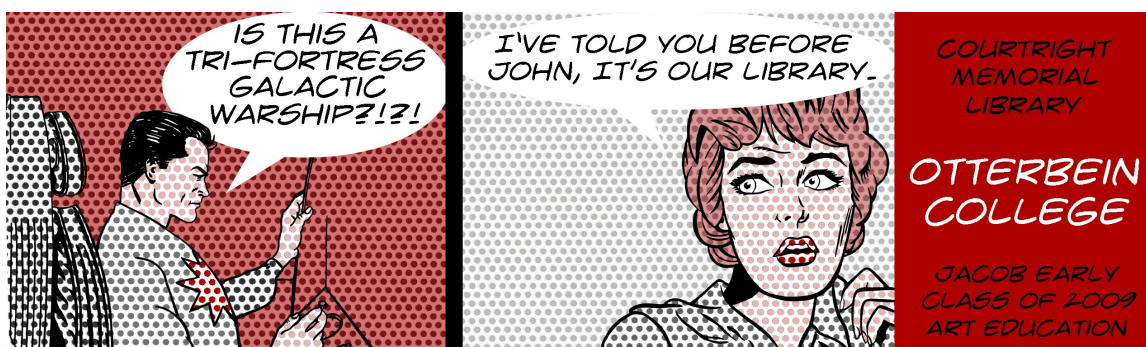
Every year, the Courtright Memorial Library has held a contest for a design for its annual bookmark, which consists of students from Professor Don Austin's Design 2D class (ART 110). The winning bookmark is chosen by the library staff and distributed throughout the year. This year's winner was Sarah Gray, a senior art major with a concentration in visual communication. Her design, shown at the right, can be found on the bookmarks provided to members of the Friends of the Library.

An excerpt from Sarah Gray's artist statement:

When I think of the library I do not just think about studying and reading, but I think about getting lost in a world of stories, history, and ideas. To me reading is curling up with a good book, in a comfortable chair and leaving the world and its cares behind. It is a peaceful and timeless moment just for you.

When it came to designing a bookmark for the library, I wanted to evoke a sense of that peacefulness and timelessness into my design. I wanted to create a marker that would allow the reader to return to that moment of imagination and serenity.

Usually, the runners up just get a small recognition, but this year, the runner up has a different destination: the hands of incoming Otterbein students! Freshman art education major, Jacob Early's entry seemed to fit the concept of how to hook the incoming freshmen. His bookmark, shown below, will be given to the new students in their folders when they arrive at Otterbein in the fall.



An excerpt from Jacob Early's artist statement:

When a person walks through Courtright Memorial Library, they will notice that it is more than just a library. The building holds many classrooms, a coffee shop, a conference room, technology labs, counseling centers, and much more. So for my bookmark, I wanted to create a sense of pride in our library. "We know our library is a technology center, and a coffee shop, and has an art gallery... that's **our** library." The first character, John, is shown repeatedly confusing our library for a "tri-fortress galactic warship" (or something really sweet), and our girl character has to keep letting him know that it's not a space ship... "it's our library."

A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

Robert Daniel Webster, 83, passed away on December 31, 2005 at his residence after a long battle with cancer. Webster was a graduate of Akron Central High School and the University of Michigan with an economics degree. He was active as a volunteer for many years at the historical Hanby House in Westerville, as well as a member of the Westerville Historical Society and the Sertoma Club. Webster was employed by Dun and Bradstreet for 35 years and served as a medic in the Navy during WWII. Robert was survived by his wife Norma of 60 years, his children, Tom, Jim, Jeanne, and John, as well as 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Friends may make contributions in his memory to the Church of the Master Building fund or Mt. Carmel Hospice.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch,
January 2, 2006

Albert V. "Bert" Horn, 78, passed away on February 2, 2006 at Riverside Hospital. A resident of Westerville, Horn was the Treasurer Emeritus of Otterbein College as well 1949 graduate of Otterbein College. He was a devoted United Methodist member of the Church of the Master for over 50 years. Horn also served his country in the Navy during World War II. Bert was an active member of the Friends of the Library and helped the library in many ways. Bert is survived by his loving wife, Jane, sons, Thomas Edwards, John Mitchell, and William Whitman, 8 grandchildren, and his two brothers, Fate and Leon. In memory of Bert, friends can contribute to the Bert and Jane Horn endowment fund at Otterbein College.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch,
February 3, 2006

Rebecca Bowman, Ph. D., 57, passed away on March 15, 2006, after a nine month battle with lung cancer. Bowman received her bachelor of arts in 1977, her masters in 1981, and her doctorate in 1988 from the Ohio State University. She began her teaching at Otterbein in 1994 and recently was named full professor. Friends and fellow professors described her as totally dedicated to Otterbein and always wanting students to gain a meaningful experience while they were here. A celebration of her life was held on April 1, 2006 in Riley Auditorium where those in attendance shared poetry and memorials. Rebecca is survived by her parents, Harold and Mary, and her brother, Robert. Friends can make contributions in her memory to the Capital Area Humane Society. Many of Rebecca's books were donated in her memory to the Otterbein College library.

Source: Tan and Cardinal, Otterbein College
March 30, 2006

Martha Troop Miles, passed away on April 16, 2006, at Mount Carmel St. Ann's. Miles was a graduate of Otterbein College and the Ohio State University. She taught at Marion Harding High School, Eagle Grove Iowa Community College, and Columbus Business University. Miles was a lifelong member of Church of the Master United Methodist, Concord Senior Center Discussion, the local and state chapters of the Ohio Child Conservation League, and the Otterbein Women's Club. She assisted the college and the library during the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1997. She has been a member of the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library since 2000. Martha was survived by her husband, Joseph, children, Davison, Martha, and Melanie, grandchildren, Brian, Emily, and Matthew, and her brother, H. William.

Source: Westerville News and Public Opinion
April 26, 2006



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