Weaving Together Spirituality and Learning
Otterbein College has a diverse collection of art with particular strengths in works from West Africa, New Guinea and Japan. The collection also includes contemporary American prints and drawings. *Towers Magazine* will regularly illustrate examples of works in the College collection. Donors to the collection include College alumni, faculty, administrators and friends.

A Mboom helmet mask of the Kuba people, donated to Otterbein College by Professor Emeritus Albert Germanson. The Kuba kingdom is located in the central Congo. The Mboom mask is one of three “royal” masks and represents the “people.”
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New Home for Art, Communication

Otterbein College recently purchased a building west of Alum Creek as a new home for the Departments of Art and Communication.

The purchase of the property, located at 33 Collegeview Rd., was in the planning stages for months before it was purchased in November 2005 for $2.25 million. The Department of Art will move there by fall of 2006, while the Department of Communication, including the Tan & Cardinal, WOCC-TV, WOBN-FM, classrooms and faculty offices, will move to the new building by fall of 2007.

The new facility is 35,000 square feet and will, for the first time, consolidate all the Department of Communication’s programs under one roof. It will also free space in their current locations for the expansion of other programs.

The new facility, which includes 185 parking spaces, is currently undergoing renovations and as yet has not been named.

Funding for renovations to the Communications portion of the building is being sought through private donations.
Germanson Strengthens College Art Exhibitions

By Amy Feller ‘07

Retired Otterbein Professor Albert Germanson stays in contact with the College and provides additional forms of cultural learning for students. As curator of Otterbein’s Frank Museum since it opened in 2004, he has coordinated all the shows, including the current West African Art exhibition. Germanson also gave an artistic talk on the exhibit during this year’s International Festival that took place in February.

Born in the Columbus area, Germanson served in the Air Force in Europe before earning his undergraduate and graduate degrees from The Ohio State University and joining the faculty of Otterbein’s Art Department in 1965. After retiring in 1997, he lived in Columbus until 2001 when he moved to northern Indiana where he now resides.

Since he retired from teaching, Germanson has kept himself busy. He just finished building his new house on a lake in northern Indiana, and has been enjoying sailing and jet skiing activities. Writing and sculpting are two of his favorite hobbies along with his passionate interest in collecting African art, some of which he has donated to Otterbein’s collection. Pieces from his personal collection are now on display in the Frank Museum of Art (see inside cover).

West Africa is made up of many diverse cultural entities or tribes. The exhibition provides a few examples of art from each culture in West Africa. Taken from Germanson’s own collection of artifacts, the African half-animal, half-human masks are said to teach proper social behavior by doing what the civilized human shouldn’t do.

“The carver is not interested in just realism, but for spiritual reasons creates an abstract [of a] non-visible world, a world of the spirits,” Germanson said.

Although there are many differences in the styles among the cultural masks, there also are consistencies that display the similarities in the overall form of tribal artwork. Artistic form is a means of expression to manage the use of power according to the Bamana people of Mali as well as most African cultures.

“They’re art is usually quite complex, and, in many ways much richer, more meaningful and more vital than...”
Consultants Find “The Otterbein Way”

Last August, I wrote to the Otterbein community to advise of the College’s unfortunate involvement in two south Florida distance learning programs and the corrective measures the Board of Trustees had undertaken in response to that matter. I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on developments since August.

On the Florida front, William McCoggle – the individual who operated the two Florida programs – was prosecuted by local Florida authorities. In November, McCoggle pled guilty to fraud and was sentenced to two years in prison. The prosecutors have advised us that they view Otterbein as a “victim” of McCoggle’s fraud. Meanwhile, in September, Otterbein revoked the credits of all the “students” (largely teachers in the Miami-Dade public school system) involved in the program. We are in the process of setting up a meeting with Florida officials to discuss how Otterbein might utilize the revenue it received from these programs to assist in minority education efforts.

On the campus front, the faculty pulled together wonderfully to help us move forward with the new academic year. In December, the Board received reports from two sets of consultants who were asked to investigate the College’s administrative policies and procedures. The first report was from the College’s new auditors, BKD LLP, an Indianapolis accounting firm. They have verified the amount of revenue Otterbein received from the two Florida programs and they have also proposed a series of recommendations regarding how the Business Office handles miscellaneous income.

The second report was from our educational consultants, Dr. Stanley Ikenberry and Mr. Richard Fuller. Dr. Ikenberry, the former President of the University of Illinois, is a highly-regarded expert and consultant in the field of higher education. Their report goes on to praise the Otterbein culture: “Humane, non-confrontational, forgiving, supportive, compassionate, trusting, modest – the Otterbein Way is the College’s most precious asset...” Their report goes on to praise the Otterbein culture: “Humane, non-confrontational, forgiving, supportive, compassionate, trusting, modest – the Otterbein Way is the College’s most precious asset...” They observe in their report: “Otterbein College is a national treasure...On visiting the Otterbein campus one is struck by a sense of ‘academic authenticity,’ a coherent academic philosophy grounded in the liberal arts.”

The Frank Museum of Art is located at 39 S. Vine St. in Westerville, and it is open to the public free of charge from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday during Otterbein’s academic year. The West African exhibit will run through June 2. For more information on upcoming events and programs in Otterbein’s Art Department, visit Otterbein’s web site at www.otterbein.edu/dept/art/index.html.

From the Chairman’s Desk

The Frank Museum of Art is the College to be used as a museum.

The administration, the faculty and the Board of Trustees are working to address the recommendations set forth in these two reports. This process will make us a stronger institution and will allow Otterbein to continue to grow and prosper. In the meantime, we are moving ahead on various fronts. For example, we recently completed the purchase of a building in a small business park located on Collegeview Road just west of Alum Creek (see page 2). After refurbishing, this building will house our Art Department and our Communications Department. These departments are extremely excited to be moving into this wonderful new facility. This acquisition marks the College’s first expansion west of Alum Creek, and has been well received by the Westerville community. Other exciting opportunities involving land, buildings and programs are under study by the Administration and the Board and will be announced as they come to fruition.

I can assure you that everyone connected with the College, including the trustees, the faculty and the administration, are deeply committed to Otterbein’s continued growth and success. Although we regret this unfortunate incident, we have taken action to ensure that our excellent academic reputation remains the hallmark of an Otterbein education.

Thomas C. Morrison ’63
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Otterbein held its annual International Festival from Feb. 13-21. Presentations included topics and speakers from many different cultures to reinforce student awareness of international programs on campus.

This festival really "highlights the international connections that Otterbein College has," said Chuck Vedder, director of the international student programs.

Many students, faculty and guest speakers were eager to educate the campus on their experiences abroad.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, lecturer Thomas Ahrens talked about Frau Angela Merkel, the first female German Chancellor.

Professor Allen Prindle suggested that students interested in business should consider the possibility of studying in Maastricht in the Netherlands. This is the sixth year that Otterbein and Maastricht have worked together through the exchange program.

Professor Jeff Lehman gave an interesting lecture on his studies in Costa Rica on plants in the rainforest and how the Bribri people live. The Reverend Samuel Dzobo from Mutare, Zimbabwe, gave presentations to three religion classes on Thursday, Feb. 16. An art exhibition at Otterbein’s Frank Museum was featured all week for its West African art.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Global Village Dinner and Show was held in the Campus Center. Co-sponsored by International Studies Association, African American Student Union, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Sisters United, the event included a dinner as well as a talent and fashion show featuring many cultures around the world. International and American students provided recipes for the dinner to make the dishes more authentic.

“There was wide participation of students and faculty,” Vedder said. The Global Village Dinner and Show alone had about 135 people in attendance.

In 2005-2006, approximately 45 international students representing about 25 countries across the globe are attending Otterbein. Some students who have studied abroad through Otterbein’s programs are: Maria Finkeldel (Germany); Johan Gustafsson, Linda Sander and Camilla Kagarp (Sweden); Carla Haelermans and Maret van der Wees (Netherlands); Izabela Jundzill (Poland); Deborah Moore (Northern Ireland); and Danushka Nanayakkara (Sri Lanka). Otterbein students who presented and recently returned from studies abroad include: Stephanie Ahern, Ben Bradley, Adam Koehl, Jayme Kondziela, Mike Kulig and Michelle Yost.

Vedder said that the speakers must have stirred a lot of interest in studying abroad, because quite a few students had already come to talk to him about it. Senior theater major Stephanie Ahern studied abroad in Uganda and Rwanda during the fall of 2005. She said that after studying abroad, “You won’t be satisfied with just staying at home.”

For more information on Otterbein’s study abroad programs, contact Director of International Student Programs Chuck Vedder at (614) 823-1312 or cvedder@otterbein.edu.
Complete with various presentations from students, the Otterbein Gospel Choir and this year’s keynote speaker, Dr. Kristal Brent Zook, Otterbein College celebrated the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19.

In addition to students and faculty in attendance, students from Brice Christian Academy filled the lower seating area of Cowan Hall.

The ceremony started off with Nick Kiger’s invocation followed by Ohio Wesleyan University student and Delta Sigma Theta member Qiana McNary’s singing of the National Black Anthem.

President DeVore then gave a short welcome speech and was followed by sophomore Jordan Long, who shared with the audience the reason for having the convocation.

Long spoke about Martin Luther King Jr. saying, “Today does not have to be like yesterday.”

Sophomore Chris Wyse was introduced to give the Rosa Parks Acknowledgement. Parks died on Oct. 24, 2005, at the age of 92 and is the first woman to lie in state at the Capitol, an honor usually reserved for presidents.

After the acknowledgement, reflections by sophomore Khalida Sims and junior Richard Dwyer were given.

Dwyer, a member of the Otterbein R.O.T.C. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (the same fraternity of which King was a member) talked about being a Caucasian in an African-American fraternity, stating “we have to not be afraid to step outside our comfort zones.”

Dwyer reflected on King’s overall goal to defeat racism and said Americans are fighting a quiet racism of cultural ignorance.

The theme of this year’s keynote speech was Moving Beyond Self: Revitalizing Activism in Today’s Otterbein Student. Zook touched on the Iraq war and shared her opinion regarding King’s possible stance on the war if he were alive today.

The convocation continued with the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Awards for Peace and Justice. This year’s recipients were junior Mark Haynes and Professor Denise Hatter-Fischer.

Haynes was recognized for his involvement in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring program at Indianola Elementary School. Hatter-Fischer, a psychology professor at Otterbein, received the award for her introduction of multicultural psychology to the school and her activity in various groups here at Otterbein and in the psychology field.

The convocation concluded with a performance by the Otterbein Gospel Choir and students from Brice Christian Academy.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee worked for a year to organize this event and will begin work (for next year’s event) starting spring quarter of this year.

“Today does NOT have to be like yesterday.”

The Otterbein College Gospel Choir joins voices with students from Brice Christian Academy at this year’s MLK convocation.
Otterbein College had the pleasure of celebrating Black History Month with a performance by the world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir on Feb. 11. Their performance was part of the Enrichment Series offered to the Otterbein Community.

With a core of 14 highly talented singers and musicians from the many black churches of Harlem, the Harlem Gospel Choir is one of the pre-eminent gospel choirs in the world. It travels the globe, sharing its joy of faith through its music and raising funds for children’s charities. The Choir was founded in 1986 by Allen Bailey, who got the idea for the Choir while attending a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the renowned Cotton Club in Harlem.

Coordinator of Ethnic Diversity Angela Harris described the performance as “very energetic, soulful, spiritual, uplifting, motivating... A great Saturday night concert.”

“The Choir was very engaging, urging the audience to participate and even bringing them on stage,” she added.

The Choir performed such gospel songs as Oh Happy Day, I Believe I Can Fly and Amazing Grace, among others. The audience nearly filled The Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall, with many members of the community in attendance.

In addition to performing with U2 in the video Rattle and Hum and being christened the “Angels of Harlem” by the band, the Choir has performed for Pope John Paul II in Central Park, Nelson Mandela in Yankee Stadium and for Paul McCartney at re-release of the album Yellow Submarine. The Choir had the honor of a private audience with Pope John Paul II at The Vatican. They have performed with Lyle Lovett, Diana Ross, Harry Belafonte, Jimmy Cliff, and many others, and performed and toured with The Chieftains.

The Choir’s many tours have taken its members to Martinique, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Channel Islands, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Thailand, Malta, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, the Balkans, Uruguay, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.
Students Launch New Magazine

Sharon Hayden '07

Kate, Otterbein College’s first feminist ‘zine created by students with support from the Women’s Studies Program, was released to the public on Monday, Jan. 30, at a party held in the Otter Bean Café.

According to the publication, a ‘zine is an alternative do-it-yourself publication, which since the 1970s has been used by feminists to explore women’s issues and to challenge mainstream information. Kate is the first such publication at Otterbein.

Kate is named after Kate Winter Hanby, who became Otterbein’s first female graduate in 1858. Otterbein is also known for being the first college to allow women to study at all levels, the first to hire women faculty and one of the first colleges to admit students of color.

Jennifer Roberts, a junior majoring in creative writing and women’s studies, created Kate to add energy to the Women’s Studies Program.

Kate includes stories, poems, articles and trivia by students and professors at Otterbein, as well as a calendar of upcoming events and information on how to get involved.

“The goal is to print it once a quarter,” said Roberts. Her original goal was to publish once a year but she realized how much content there was and thought it would be better to publish it more often.

According to Roberts, Kate is supposed to begin a “dialogue to get people to talk about feminist women in a positive light.”

Roberts printed about 250 copies of the ‘zine that can be found in the various academic buildings on campus. Kate is currently accepting submissions about Take Back the Night, Earth Day, women’s issues, and writings of any kind. The next issue is due to come out in April.

Hill Coordinates Dresden Exhibition

Department of Art Chair Nicholas Hill is coordinating an exhibition with the City of Dresden, Germany, to celebrate the city’s 800th anniversary. The exhibition, entitled Foreign Affairs: the Ohio and Dresden Residency Exchange, opened March 27, 2006 in the Staendehaus in Dresden.

It is a part of an ongoing cultural-artistic link between the sister cities of Columbus and Dresden.

Foreign Affairs is a retrospective print exhibition that celebrates eight years of artistic collaboration and cultural dialogue between Zygote Press, Inc. in Cleveland and Die Grafikwerkstatt of Dresden. The two organizations exchange and host two guest artists each year. During their stay, the artists are expected to engage with the workshop environment by creating a body of work, exploring new techniques and interacting with their host colleagues. Each artist is required to donate one finished print to the archives of the Grafikwerkstatt, Zygote Press and the Ohio Arts Council. This exhibition has largely been made possible through loans from these collections.

The images in the exhibition are reflective of the spirit of the experiences, locations and artistic growth that each participant gained during his or her residency. The artists have served as ambassadors for the State of Ohio and the City of Dresden and have helped build bridges with other cultures and communities.

The annual program, organized by the Ohio Arts Council, with additional funding from the United States Department of Education and the Dresden Cultural Office, began in 1998.

Hill participated as an exchange artist in 2003. He received his B.F.A at Michigan State University and his M.A. and M.F.A. at the University of Iowa with an emphasis on drawing and a minor in painting and printmaking.

Zygote Press was founded by a group of artists in November 1995.
The studio houses etching, relief and lithography presses and screen printing and letterpress facilities. Zygote also provides technical expertise to artists and apprentices who desire further skills in print production and classes, exhibitions, lectures and demonstrations to community centers, schools and institutions throughout the Cleveland area.

The Dresden Graphic Workshop was founded in 1958 to preserve original printing techniques and encourage experimentation in printmaking. Artists and typographers work hand-in-hand at the facility to explore the possibilities of printmaking. The goal is to make original prints of graphic art that have developed from the printing process. The facility has equipment for letterpress printing, hand impression, etching, lithography, photography and bookbinding.

Two images from the original print exhibition displayed in the Fisher Gallery at Otterbein in 2004. Image at left is by Nicholas Hill; image at right is by Angela Hampel.
The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges inducted Peggy M. Ruhlin '79 into their Hall of Excellence at a ceremony on March 29.

The induction honored the career of Peggy Ruhlin, a principal with Budros, Ruhlin & Roe, Inc., a career appropriately deemed as “accomplished.” When Peggy enrolled at Otterbein College in 1979 as a continuing studies student, she was a single mom working in accounting without her certification. She graduated from Otterbein magna cum laude with her bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1983 and became a certified public accountant (accredited as a personal financial specialist) and a Certified Financial Planner™ certificant. In 1987, she joined her partner, Jim Budros, to form the fee-only financial planning firm of Budros & Ruhlin.

It didn’t take long for her peers in the financial planning community to recognize Peggy as a promising and gifted advisor. Locally, Peggy appeared as a personal finance columnist in Business First of Columbus in 1983 and became a credit public accountant (accredited as a personal financial specialist) and a Certified Financial Planner™ certificant. In 1987, she joined her partner, Jim Budros, to form the fee-only financial planning firm of Budros & Ruhlin.

Peggy’s first national recognition came in 1988, when she was named “Financial Planner of the Year” by the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. She was the featured money manager in the Dec. 28, 1992, edition of The Wall Street Transcript. In 1996, she was elected president of the International Association for Financial Planning, the largest association of financial planners in the world. She was instrumental in that organization’s merger with the Institute of Certified Financial Planners to form today’s Financial Planning Association. Today, Peggy continues this professional work as a trustee of the Foundation for Financial Planning.

One of her greatest thrills was when she appeared as Peter Jennings’ featured guest on the ABC-TV News special, Tremors on Wall Street, in October 1997.

In 1998, 2000 and 2004, she was included as one of the “120 Best Financial Advisors for Doctors” on Medical Economics’ exclusive list. She was also included as one of “100 Great Financial Planners” by Mutual Funds magazine in 2001. Following six consecutive years (1997-2002) on Worth magazine’s list of “Best Financial Advisors in the U.S.,” Peggy was named one of the “The Nation’s 100 Most Exclusive Wealth Advisors” by the Robb Report in 2004.

She has been a prominent speaker at national conferences and has been quoted in publications such as USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Money, Fortune and Forbes. Her company, now called Budros, Ruhlin & Roe, Inc., manages nearly one billion dollars for its 350 clients, employs 30 people, and is one of the largest independent wealth management firms in the country.

Peggy has been a trustee of Otterbein College since 2001 and currently chairs the Investment Committee and serves on the Audit Committee. Otterbein President Brent DeVore, at Peggy’s induction ceremony, said of her, “She represents the very best of Ohio independent higher education. Under challenging circumstances she persevered to attain her degree, built a career which is now nationally visible, and embraced the value of service to her profession, her community and her Alma Mater. These accomplishments reflect the very mission of Otterbein College.”
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From the burgeoning membership in the Otterbein Christian Fellowship group, to the new Jewish Cultural Club, the new Religion and Philosophy Club, the Spiritual Growth House, and the Otterbein Gospel Choir, spirituality is alive and well on today’s Otterbein campus.
Otterbein College was founded in a Christian tradition over 150 years ago. Today, a growing number of students are finding faith at Otterbein, part of a resurgence of spirituality that is sweeping colleges across the country.

According to campus Chaplain Monty Bradley, “spirituality” and “religion” are in a state of flux with this generation, perhaps becoming something new. “There is a liveliness that comes with this change,” he said, “but it’s not your mother’s or father’s ‘religion.’”

Monty’s job is to serve the spiritual and personal counseling needs of students and offer many opportunities to become involved with religious activities. Through the years, Monty has taken more of an advisory role with programming as student leadership has grown.

He categorized today’s college students into three basic groups. “Sophomore atheists” are those students who, once on their own, prefer to shun religion. The “conservative religious” students practice a certain way whether or not there are campus groups that serve as outlets. These students are not often open to questioning their own beliefs or accepting the beliefs of others. The final group is the largest group, and the one that is experiencing a resurgence—the religious/spiritual students.” These students put a lot of thought into spiritual questions that sometimes have a connection to religion. A student in this group might start with pondering what his or her major should be and eventually wonder what is his or her role in the world.

Monty has been chaplain at Otterbein for 23 years, and is noticing an upswing in spirituality on campus. In any given week, he said approximately 200 students are involved in campus ministry. “That growth could be from the recent classes being larger, but there is also strong student leadership.”

Another change Monty has seen in recent years is service taking a larger role in spiritual life on campus, through College-sponsored activities and organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

The Chaplain’s Office works with the Student Affairs Office and the student organization Leadership in Volunteer Experiences (L.I.V.E.) to provide a number of opportunities for service to others. These opportunities range from working a shift in a Columbus soup kitchen to building homes for low-income families. Thus, the campus ministry offers students the chance to not only talk about faith, but to put that faith into practice through concern and service for others.

The Religious Life Council (RLC) is the supervisory supporting and coordinating body for all religious activities and programs at Otterbein. It operates as a subcommittee under the Student Life Committee. RLC’s membership consists of representa-
tives from each of the religious organizations on campus and members-at-large. RLC sponsors a variety of experiences and events throughout the year including special worship services, weekend retreats, participation in the Franklin County Crop Walk, Campus Sharing Day, and several opportunities for discussion, Bible study and spiritual enrichment.

RLC currently oversees and supports the following organizations: Otterbein Christian Fellowship, the Spiritual Growth House, Gospel Choir, Habitat for Humanity and new groups, including the Religion and Philosophy Club and the Jewish Cultural Club. In addition, RLC oversees church related vocations, Chapel services, service projects, volunteer opportunities and social concerns.

Some of the more recent activities sponsored by RLC and the groups it oversees include a Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil, a spiritual journaling workshop, a centering prayer workshop, spiritual music concerts, an Ash Wednesday service, and presentations on Judaism 101, Islam and Mohammed, and spirituality and sexuality.

The largest student spirituality group is the Otterbein Christian Fellowship (OCF). OCF is an evangelical, non-denominational, Christian organization whose purpose is to meet for fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and general enrichment of the spiritual life of its members. It is open to anyone in the Otterbein community.

With 160 members, the organization outgrew its traditional meeting space in the Chapel and began holding meetings in the Campus Center Lounge winter quarter. Each Thursday, OCF hosts a praise service that incorporates music from a student band, words and images projected onto the walls and student participation.

Some members of OCF live in the Spiritual Growth House, a theme house that provides a unique living environment for students interested in learning more about themselves on a spiritual and more personal level. The house hosts various events regarding prayer and religion that are open to the campus community. Its goal is to promote spirituality, unity, religious acceptance and spiritual relaxation on campus.

The Otterbein College Gospel Choir provides an opportunity for students to express their spirituality through music. The choir is a non-denominational, voluntary group open to all students, faculty, alumni and staff. Members do not need prior experience or the ability to read music. The choir performs annually for the Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, Family Appreciation Day and Chapel services, as well as performances at area churches, schools and other organizations. The choir sings a variety of Gospel music including standard, traditional and contemporary. Director LaJoyce Cain calls it “an excellent release of tension in a community of praise, sharing and positive motivation.”

Habitat for Humanity International has a campus chapter at Otterbein for spiritual-centered service. A Christian organization, the purpose of Habitat’s campus chapters is to enable and encourage students to help eliminate poverty housing. Students work with one another and in partnership with local Habitat affiliates and homeowners, creating rewarding opportunities for fellowship, empowerment and leadership.

Some functions of campus chapters include construction participation, education outreach and raising funds.

Two new organizations established in 2005 are the Jewish Cultural Club and the Religion and Philosophy Club. The Jewish Cultural Club is a small organization just starting out that provides support for those of the Jewish faith and education for those of other faiths. This year, the club celebrated a Passover Seder Dinner.

The Religion and Philosophy Club was established in fall of 2005 with the purpose of exploring Western philosophical thought in a manner that promoted rational debate, to foster an appreciation for the entire spectrum of religious beliefs and practices and to create an environment of thought, knowledge and expression.

As has been the tradition at Otterbein since its establishment, there are many opportunities for faith-based activities and education inside the classroom, too. A wealth of classes are offered through the Integrative Studies program, such as Music and Human Nature, Theatre and Human Nature, Our Place in the Universe, and Human Nature in World Religions and Philosophies, among others. Many Senior Year Experience courses also deal with faith-based topics.

But the most obvious source of faith-based learning at Otterbein is the Department of Religion and Philosophy. With five full-time faculty and three part-time faculty members, the department’s mission is “to uphold the College’s historic and continuing commitment to liberal arts education by introducing students to the academic study of religion; acquainting students with the fundamental texts, basic
tenets, development, cultural contexts, and diversity of beliefs and practices of key figures and movement of Western and non-Western religious and philosophical traditions; helping students learn about, and become more appreciative of and tolerant toward, the rich diversity of religious and philosophical perspectives in the world; enabling students to understand religious and philosophical viewpoints as bases upon which to make sound value judgments relating to personal, social, and global matters; and assisting students majoring or minoring in religion and philosophy toward a deeper and more consistent experience of the four purposes expressed above.”

The department offers majors and minors in both religion and philosophy. Classes cover a wide variety of world religions, as well as philosophic thought on environment, symbolism, language, reality and many other topics.

Two students have taken what they have learned—at Otterbein and through their churches—and preached the word of God themselves. These students, sophomore Christopher Johns and senior Nick Kiger, epitomize the Christian roots of Otterbein.

Christopher delivered a three-part sermon series on three consecutive Sundays at Heath United Methodist Church in summer 2005. On each Sunday, he made his presentation at two services. A dean’s list student, Christopher has served as a delegate to the annual gathering of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has been delivering sermons since high school. He plans to become a minister.

Nick is a senior religion major who recently traveled to Rwanda with his Senior Year Experience class. While there, he preached to the congregation of a local United Methodist Church.

Christopher, Nick and the many other students involved in spirituality and faith-based activities at Otterbein are carrying the tradition of the College to new heights.
Students use the Senior Year Experience to broaden their horizons and travel abroad.

Below: Two women in Rwanda discuss the day’s events together. Otterbein students recently traveled there as part of an SYE course.

The Senior Year Experience (SYE) courses at Otterbein are designed to help students bring together the knowledge that they have gained during their college careers and apply it to something new: a contemporary issue, a thorny problem, a present struggle affected by the past, a complicated situation. Students choose something in which they are interested in, concerned about or curious about. Recently, more students have taken the international options offered by the SYE program to broaden their horizons on a global level. During winter break, 66 students enrolled in four SYE courses and traveled abroad.

In December, nine students explored Africa with Professors Glenna Jackson and Simon Lawrance. Glenna, a professor of religion and philosophy, and Simon, a professor of life and earth sciences who specializes in studying wild mountain gorilla DNA, led the three-week trip to Rwanda, which culminated in a visit to the Karisoke Research Centre in the mountains of the Parc National des Volcans. While in Rwanda, the Otterbein group was hosted by a United Methodist Church in Kigali. Students majoring in nursing, religion, business, communication and education participated in the journey.
Africa, the birthplace of humanity, is a continent rich with beauty and resources but wracked with conflict and disaster. The course sought to help students understand how the various threads of culture, religion, wildlife, politics, economics, war and disease fit or don’t fit together in Africa. Specific topics included the country’s AIDS epidemic and its impact, the recent genocide between the Hutus and Tutsis that killed 800,000 people in 1994, animal conservation, women’s rights, poverty and other issues. Ninety-four percent of Rwanda’s 8.8 million citizens live in poverty.

While there, the students helped build a school, met HIV and AIDS patients and genocide survivors, viewed endangered mountain gorillas and visited churches, orphanages, two genocide museums and the Hotel Des Mille Collines, where some students met former manager Paul Rusesabagina, both made famous by the movie Hotel Rwanda, which told their story of the 1994 genocide. Prior to their trip, the class collected $700, clothes and over the counter medications for the orphans. The orphanages housed children up to age 7, many of whom were orphaned by the country’s genocide. Older children have to fend for themselves.

One student, Misty DeMichael, told The Newark Advocate that the orphans slept on mats on the floor, used a hole in the floor as their toilet and wanted nothing more than a hug from the Otterbein students.

“It is now harder for me to complain about anything, because I have food and a bed,” she said.

With landscapes of flowers and banana trees, the contrast of children walking barefoot with loads of fruit in baskets carried on their heads was shocking to students, who according to Glenna, could never be prepared for what they were to see no matter how long they studied it.

With all the positive feedback from the students’ experiences, Glenna and Simon have already decided to take their class to Egypt next year.

While those students were in Africa, 17 others traveled to the European continent with Professors Lyle Barkhymer and Thomas Ahrens, who taught the SYE course 1900-Vienna-2000: Culture and Conflict in Vienna at the Turn of Two Centuries. An imperial capital exploding with energy, wealth, intellect and power, Vienna’s streets in 1900 teemed with the intriguing sounds of languages from the far reaches of the multinational Habsburg Empire. Coffee house patrons rubbed shoulders with such giants as Freud, Mahler, Klimt, Schnitzler and Wittgenstein.

In 2005, recovered from the devastation of war and the straightjacket of the fallen Iron Curtain, Vienna is again a magnet for bright, striving young people from the new lands of the European Union, from Prague, Budapest and Warsaw. A resident might fear the city’s being overrun by unwanted outsiders, or welcome it as a return to “normal times” when Vienna was the empire’s capital, or both.

In fact, not unlike our own country, Austria is engaged in an intense debate about multi-culturalism. This course examined culture and conflict, the contexts and consequences of being Viennese in these two remarkable historic moments, 1900 and 2005.

The students who spent two weeks there in December explored the riches and poverty, the beauty and ugliness, the opportunities and the daunting challenges faced by Vienna and its people.

Professors David Jones and Bruce Bailey led a class of 26 students to the
United Kingdom for the SYE class
Then and Now: Culture and Conflict in the United Kingdom. The course investigated the dynamics of the relationship among countries in the United Kingdom. The class met one evening per week during autumn quarter and then traveled to London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, for nine days in early December. Living and learning in one of the great cities of the world, students explored the riches, the beauty, the history, the opportunities and the problems that have faced London and its people over the centuries. A similar experience met students in Edinburgh.

Nursing Professor Judy Pryor-McCann took 17 nursing students on the annual trip to the United Kingdom, where they had the opportunity to experience different cultures and diverse health care systems. The course explored culture, health care, and nursing education organized around a two-week tour of England. Students examined the influence of British culture, values, and ethics on health care delivery and nursing education in England. Students also compared how recent changes in health care delivery and nursing education have affected the culture, values and ethics of British society.

While in the UK, the nursing students visited a London health care facility, conducted patient home visits with district nurses in Stratford, toured health care facilities and the Royal Pavilion in Brighton and toured Florence Nightingale’s childhood church, home, and the Nightingale Museum.

In addition to these SYE courses, 14 Spanish students traveled to Chile and Argentina over Winter Break, and business students will be traveling to Germany and the Czech Republic in July.

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Otterbein Student Misty DeMichael who traveled to Rwanda

A view on the road enroute to see the gorillas near Ruhengeri.
SYE Rwanda
1. Fishing boats and children on Lake Kivu. 2. Lily Denton at a seamstress’s workplace. 3. A traditional dancer at the National Museum in Butare. 4. Nick Kiger leaving his bandana with a new friend. 5. A lioness in the Masai Mara in Kenya. 6. Amanda Lindsay, carrying bricks at the Batsinda construction site. 7. Stephanie Delgado at the door of an outhouse. The facilities consisted of a hole in the floor. 8. Students, friends and family members gather together in front of the home of a translator and school administrator in Rwanda.
Alumni who are not living in Westerville might not have heard the latest news - Westerville is no longer a dry town. Voters in the former “dry capital of the world” have chosen to allow alcohol to be served at three restaurants in the historic uptown district.

Officially, the first license to sell alcohol in Westerville was approved in 1998, but the only businesses licensed to sell alcohol were in the Delaware County portion of the growing suburb. In 2004, Michael Purdum planned to bring one of his popular Old Bag of Nails Pub restaurants to uptown Westerville, but only if the voters would allow him to serve alcohol. In November of that year, voters in the precinct of the proposed restaurant did just that with a 79 percent “yes” vote.

In the wake of that outcome, two more uptown restaurants wanted to level the playing field with their own liquor licenses. Both Michael’s Pizza and Pasquale’s Pizza and Pasta House were granted liquor licenses by voters in November 2005 and Michael’s became the first uptown business to serve beer. Michael’s Pizza sold its first beer on Jan. 12 to a local businessman for $150, which went to a local charity. Pasquale’s Pizza and Pasta House began serving beer on Feb. 1, and Old Bag of Nails Pub tapped its kegs on Feb. 21.

But what is now legal in uptown Westerville still is prohibited on Otterbein’s dry campus. According to the Campus Life Handbook, “Otterbein, as a United Methodist related College, recognizes the merit of the United Methodist position that abstinence is a responsible form of Christian love and witness. The College believes that the consumption of alcoholic beverages enhances neither the educational process nor the quality of life. The Otterbein community functions on the basis of mutual trust and responsibility, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is potentially disruptive of this educational environment. Otterbein recognizes the right of choice of individuals to use or refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, but believes that the choice of use is properly exercised elsewhere than on campus grounds, in College buildings, and in fraternity and sorority houses. Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at social events held in buildings on campus, in fraternity or sorority houses, residence halls, theme houses, or campus apartments.”
By Bill Merriman

In 1897, Otterbein University’s 50th year, Professor Henry Garst greeted students with some very sobering words about drying up America. Telling them the University’s mother church, the United Brethren Church, first forbade parishioners back in 1821 from making, selling or drinking liquor, and that Otterbein “bore an honorable and leading part” in Westerville’s “Whiskey Wars” of the 1870s, Garst speculated that “if Otterbein University could do nothing for you except qualify you for real effective service in promoting the temperance reform, it would be well worth your while to enter its halls and complete a course of study in it.”

Otterbein, he said, “hopes to be a potent factor in the temperance reform, through the teachings it imparts and the graduates it sends forth, and expects therefore that all who enter its halls as students will lead lives of strict sobriety.”

Nineteenth century Otterbein indeed had sent forth many anti-liquor crusaders, and many more would follow.

When Westerville started a Women’s Christian Temperance Union only a month after its founding convention in Cleveland in 1874, the first president was Sylvia Carpenter Haywood, onetime head of Otterbein’s Ladies Department and wife of Professor John Haywood, dry Westerville’s first mayor.

Then the one-year-old Anti-Saloon League organized locally in 1894, with retired Methodist minister Russell B. Bennett, an 1852 graduate of Otterbein’s prep school, as president; businessman A.B. Kohr, class of 1870, as vice president; and Otterbein Professor Louis McFadden, class of 1874, as secretary.

Otterbein President Henry Adams Thompson (1872-1886) was nominated by the Prohibition Party, which first convened nationally in Columbus in 1872, for a number of government positions including U.S. House of Representatives in 1872 and 1874; Ohio lieutenant governor in 1875; Ohio governor in 1877; and for vice president of the United States in 1880.

“I am in the fight for Prohibition,” Thompson told a friend, “because I believe God calls me to plead the cause of the down-trodden and broken-hearted. The burden falls on me. I have seldom been with the majority. A man who does his own thinking must be content sometimes to go alone.”
ville councilman. Stoughton, a two-term Westerville mayor in the 1890s and postmaster since 1902, went to Washington to make Westerville's final, winning pitch to the League.

In February 1909, when the League prayed and paraded through Westerville and grandly broke ground for its Lincoln Temperance Memorial Building, former Otterbein President Thomas Jefferson Sanders (1891-1901) was in charge of the celebration.

Presiding at one afternoon program was Otterbein President Lewis Bookwalter (1904-1909). The mayor, William Gantz '1895, officially welcomed the League. Mary Nease Keister, class of 1878, led the WCTU down State Street to the groundbreaking.

As they moved to Westerville, which at that time had a population of 1,900, most of the League leaders settled around Otterbein. Purley Baker, an official with the league, built a house in 1910 at the south edge of the campus, now known as Howard House, current home of Otterbein's Office of Institutional Advancement. League founder Howard Hyde Russell built a bigger one down Grove Street, now the Country Club fraternity house.

Three more houses went up on the west side of South Grove Street, built by Methodist ministers. Grove Street duly became known as Temperance Row. The current Jonda fraternity house was also occupied by temperance leaders, as well as a number of other local houses.

As the Anti-Saloon League's political stock rose nationally and the work force grew in Westerville, many of Otterbein's sons and daughters enlisted in the cause. One of the first and flashiest was George Stoughton '1892, a lawyer and former Westerville mayor.

Stoughton was secretary of the league and a director of the American Issue Publishing Company, the League's holding company. He was a federal Prohibition agent in the 1920s.

Another League mainstay was George Mathews '1870. A United Brethren bishop, Mathews chaired the Illinois Anti-Saloon League and was a National League vice president for at least 13 years.

William Zuck '1878, later head of the Otterbein English Department for 18 years, was an officer in the Erie District of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League. Tom Bradarak '1894, and Homer Kline '15, were League field men. Sunny Jim Cox '11, ran the League's Lincoln Legion office in Springfield, Ohio, for a time.

But no Otterbein alumni would serve the temperance movement longer or more faithfully than the pre-World War I foursome of Vernon Phillips '17, Ila Grindell '14, Lloyd Mignerney '17 and Ed Dailey '15. Phillips was a native of Virginia, who captained the men's debate team, played football and was Ohio secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

Grindell captured the women's debate team in 1914 to a big win over the men from the University of Pittsburgh on the issue of women's suffrage. Her team opposed the vote for women.

Mignerney was a student actor, speaker and writer. The student newspaper said that hearing him swear in his senior class play was worth the price of admission.

Dailey held an office in the "Brewery" (what students called the Anti-Saloon League), directed the Southeast Ohio Christian Endeavor and attended college all at the same time. The yearbook stated that "Cochran Hall (the women's residence hall) seems to have few charms for him." But a Westerville girl named Verda Miles '16 and daughter of an Ohio Anti-Saloon League official, did charm him. They married in Westerville in 1918.

Phillips, Mignerney and Dailey all were Philophronean Literary Society brothers. All became ordained ministers, as did Ila Grindell. Grindell and Dailey worked for the League through college, and Mignerney and Phillips joined them after graduation in 1917, the former as a field man, the latter as a fundraiser for the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.
Temperance fervor perhaps peaked at Otterbein during the 1915-1916 school year. That fall, 20 Otterbein students spoke or provided music at rallies for a dry Ohio. (The state stayed wet for three more years.) In December, Phillips and Mignerey went to the IPA National Convention in Lexington, KY, and in April 1916, Otterbein hosted the state IPA convention and oratorical contest.

When the national Prohibition amendment was ratified in 1919, the Tan and Cardinal was ecstatic: “Many Otterbein alumni have been active workers in the campaigns for the last few years which have made such a notable and unprecedented victory possible. Westerville has the distinction of being the center of the Prohibition movement and all Otterbein students and Westerville residents can take just pride in this achievement.”

Otterbein President Walter Clippinger wrote in 1926 when Prohibition was still in full swing, “There is an indescribable satisfaction in feeling that we are rearing our children and educating hundreds of students at Otterbein College in a town where they never see a saloon, nor smell the fumes of drink, never have the temptation to take the first glass, almost never see a drunken man.”

The Tan and Cardinal thought the country had gone “haywire” when the 21st amendment ended Prohibition in 1933, and the paper panned the idea of pardoning liquor felons.

That summer, when Charles Taylor started selling beer from his pool hall on East Main Street, just two blocks from campus, Howard Hyde Russell and Otterbein Professor Ray Mendenhall wasted no time paying him a visit. And Clippinger, president of both Otterbein and the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, joined their local option campaign that autumn to put the local lid back on beer and whiskey.

“Westerville is still dry in sentiment,” Clippinger wrote in an election-eve newspaper appeal. “The great majority of people prefer absolute freedom from alcoholic beverages in any form. To foist upon our community what it does not want is un-American and unethical and un-Christian. Let us stand by our own rights, preserve our own integrity and vote heartily and promptly the convictions of our hearts. By this means, we can keep Westerville dry and protect the College students...from enticements of popular drinking places.”

Westerville opposed, by a 3-1 margin, a repeal of federal and state prohibition and for keeping the town dry by local option. By then, the Anti-Saloon League of America had gone back to Washington. The first brick never was laid for the Lincoln Temperance Memorial. The office building and the printing plant were turned over to the Temperance Education Foundation. Ed Dailey became president of the foundation and the publishing company in 1950. Ila Grindell devoted her entire life to temperance work and still was on the job with Dailey in 1954 when she died in a traffic accident.

Vernon Phillips married his Otterbein classmate Edna Miller, the granddaughter of Sylvia Carpenter Haywood, Westerville’s first WCTU president. He went on to divinity and graduate school at Yale, the congregational ministry and a college presidency. He remained an officer in the Collegiate Temperance Movement into the late 1930s. Edna died in 1933, Vernon in 1959. Their daughter is Sylvia Phillips Vance ’47.

In 1955, Lloyd Mignerey rejoined his longtime friend Dailey in the old Anti-Saloon League offices they first shared almost 40 years before. Harry Warner moved his old Intercollegiate Prohibition Association in with them in the early 1960s. Mignerey gave up the cause in 1964.

In 1973, Dailey, weary and ailing, the last of the Otterbein and Westerville temperance crusaders, turned over the old Anti-Saloon League property and its massive collection of books, literature and records to the Westerville Public Library. He died in 1978.

Mignerey departed Westerville in 1981 for the Lebanon Otterbein Home near Cincinnati and died there in 1988 at the age of 91. In the Otterbein College archives he left 20 boxes of his writings and records, including his personal journals, which he called Crumbs — From the Table of Life.

This “crumb” from Mignerey came from his senior year: “Went to Friday night party with V.L. Phillips. We had a glorious time. The other fellows brought two quarts — of ice cream. C.H. Merrill brought some — cakes. And I brought three bottles — of ginger ale! We played “Rook,” an amusing interesting game, until 2 o’clock in the morning! That was over-doing it, I must say. But after the tension of the last few weeks and days (end of semester), it did me a wonderful amount of good. The sociability of that crowd was at springtide.”
1949

Carl Becker received the Bjornson Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities. This is an annual award of the Ohio Humanities Council.

1950


1960

John Lloyd had two compositions performed at the St. John's Chamber Orchestra Festival in Stockton, CA, on Jan. 29, 2006.

1964

Sue Drinkhouse Ward has retired from teaching high school math. She and her husband, Ken, are spending their time between Las Cruces, NM and northern Michigan.

1969

Gen. Lance Lord retired as commander of the Air Force Space Command on April 1, 2006. He was the longest-serving Air Force four-star general on active duty.

1970

Col. Barbara Hoppes Chine has retired from the United States Air Force. She started her career as a training officer and rose steadily through the ranks to become a full colonel on March 1, 2002. The Bronze Star is among the many medals she has earned. She and her husband, Joseph, also U SAF retired, reside in South Grand Forks, ND where she currently teaches world history. They have three sons that have followed their parents in education and military careers.

1971

Joanne Anderson Coker will be retiring at the end of this year from the Mary L. Cook Library in Waynesville, OH, where she works as the children's services director. During her 18 years as a library employee, she has been involved with many reading programs including the Take it Apart Workshop, Poetry Coffeehouse for Teens, Family Storytimes and BATS (Bringing Authors to the Schools).

1973

Steven Traylor was inducted into Florida Atlantic University’s Baseball Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was inducted into the Westerville South High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is the head baseball coach at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. He currently ranks as the 37th most successful active coach in Division I baseball.

1974

Robert Cribbs has recently obtained ownership of Jasper Cabinet Company where he had served as president. The company is a 100 year old U.S. furniture manufacturer located in southern Indiana. He has been married for 12 years and has two sons, ages 5 and 9.

1975

Karl Niederer is the director of archives management at the New Jersey Bureau of Archives and Records.

Howard Opdyke has been appointed to the Delaware Valley Regional Board of Education in Holland, DE.
Dr. Michael Leadbetter '69 has a passion for two things in life: plastic surgery and baseball. A nationally-renowned plastic surgeon with The Plastic Surgery Group, based out of Cincinnati, Michael loves to indulge in his first passion, baseball, as a player and owner of the Cincinnati Astros. In 2001, Michael and the Astros were the subject of the book Coming Back to Baseball by Mike Shannon. The book was the second best baseball seller that year.

Michael grew up in a small town outside of Dayton, where baseball was a pick-up sport. "As a kid, my summers consisted of me getting up early, putting my glove on my bike and riding 11 miles to my sandlot-style little league diamond," says Michael. "Back then, there were only two leagues, so you played with everyone in the neighborhood. It created a sense of camaraderie I think kids miss out on today."

In high school, he went on to play with the Lee Miller Pontiac national championship team. He still holds records in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and here at Otterbein College. After graduating in 1969, Michael had a short run in the minor leagues. Then he focused his attention on his medical career at The Ohio State University Medical School.

His interest in plastic surgery surfaced while accepting a rehabilitation fellowship at Stanford in their burn unit. After working among the burn victims for six months, Michael knew what he wanted to do. Upon graduation from OSU in 1974, he did his surgical internship in Dayton and his training at New Mexico University. He returned to Ohio and has been in practice for the past 25 years. He specializes in hand and reconstructive surgery and loves working with his patients.

"I try to keep things in perspective for them," says Michael. "Our goal is to educate them on what is possible with realistic goals versus what they see on television shows."

In 1989, years into his practice, Michael decided to attend the Cincinnati Reds Dream Week, a week long baseball league comprised of all skill levels. It was there he rekindled his passion for the sport. While there, he also got the attention of Dave Parker, coach for the Cincinnati Cobras, an over-30 baseball league and former major league baseball coach. For the next three years, he played for the Cobras and made it to the Dream Week World Series.

In 1992, when Parker returned to major league coaching, Michael decided to form his own 30-and-older team, the Cincinnati Astros. As the players got older, they developed new leagues to fit their age range. These additions have led the Astros to become a multiple team organization. Currently, the Astros manage over seven different leagues from little leagues to 55 and older.

Michael's growing organization got noticed by Mike Shannon, co-founder and current editor-in-chief of Spitball magazine and several baseball books. Shannon wanted to make Michael and his Astros the subject for his book, Coming Back to Baseball, which follows the Astros through their 2001 season all the way to the Roy Hobbs World Series. The book also features many memorable moments and stories from the players about their love for the sport then and now.

Michael seems to have no trouble balancing his passions for baseball and plastic surgery. His patients ask about his team and he often passes out his baseball cards and Astros hats to the kids that come through his office. Coming Back to Baseball is also available for sale in his office. The proceeds mainly go to organizations such as Operation Smiles, the Zeta Phi fraternity at Otterbein and others.

Michael lives with his wife in Cincinnati. He has two daughters and five grandchildren. As a nationally competitive golfer, Michael's wife, Debbie, is not as much of a baseball enthusiast as he is. However, if she ever needs to find him, she knows he is somewhere between first and home.
Gene Paul was honored by the Ohio Art Education Association with the statewide honor of Distinguished Educator for Art Education. In June, he retired as principal from Demmitt Elementary School in Vandalia, OH.

Robert Jacoby is the football coach for St. Francis DeSales High School in Columbus, OH.

Kim Grossl Kessler is the director of marketing and recruitment for the American Red Cross.

Jeff Kessler opened Benchmark Bank in Gahanna, OH where he serves as president and CEO of the new community bank. He resides in Gahanna with his wife, Kim Grossl Kessler ’81, and their three children; Lindsay, 20; Matt, 18; and Drew, 13.

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Jeffrey Hill is a human resources IT consultant for CedarCrestone. He travels around the country and currently lives in Atlanta, GA.

Todd Cordisco has been named operations manager for Jaguar Data Systems in Ft. Myers, FL. The company is a full-service marketing and direct mail company serving businesses in southwest Florida.

Judy Sands Richardson is a 7th grade math teacher at Madison Junior High in Madison, OH.

Julie North Welch has started her own company in Westerville, OH, specializing in small business marketing services.

Erin Meinberg Barrett received her master's degree in education from The Ohio State University in 2004. She is a third-grade teacher at Ridgewood Elementary in the Hilliard School District in OH.

Christian Mattingly has been appointed parks and recreation director for the City of West Carrollton, OH.

Kevin Pate has been named a McCoy Professor at Marietta College, in Ohio, where he is an associate professor of chemistry. This is the most prestigious teaching award given by Marietta College.

Maj. Doug Peterson is a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilot who serves the Office of the President of the United States.

Kevin Troyer is working in Beachwood, OH, at Penske Logistics. He and his family reside in Medina, OH.

Dina Reminick Turner is working as a therapist doing psychiatric evaluations at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, MD. She and her family are living in Washington, DC.

Travis Eby has been elected association secretary/treasurer to the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM). He is the V.P. of manufacturing operations at M.H. Eby, Inc. in Blue Ball, PA.

Shauna Taylor Suder lives in Charleston, SC with her husband, Sam, and children: Kearney, 7 and Sam, 2. She works out of her home.

Chris Troyer is an assistant athletic trainer at Dublin Scioto High School in Dublin, OH. He has been a mentor for the Otterbein College athletic training program for the past two years. He also serves as an advisor for the OC athletic training student club and is a guest lecturer for their monthly education meetings.

Traci Brown-Leopold has been named account executive of GSW Worldwide, a health care advertising agency located in Westerville, OH.

Ingrid Heinrich Gallegos has been living in Costa Rica since graduating from Otterbein. She has been married for six years and has a 4-year-old daughter, Nicole. Ingrid is currently working at Intensa (which is an English teaching school) as a teacher and supervisor.

Anthony Rose is the mortgage regional sales manager for Fifth Third Bank in Columbus, OH.

Mike Rosser has joined First Banc Insurers Agency as an Insurance Agent in Chicago, IL. He is also a volunteer for the Lake Shore Animal Shelter and the Financial Planners Association in Chicago.

Julia Copley Schwendeman completed her masters degree and licensure for elementary school counseling at Kent State University in Ohio. She is an elementary school counselor for Medina City Schools in Ohio.

Tim Schwendeman is the director of operations for Affinity Consultants in Canal Fulton, OH. The company specializes in environmental health and safety.

Rebekah Wolf Doak has been accepted by the American Intercontinental University. She will be earning her masters of education in curriculum and instruction design. She is currently self-employed as an applied behavior analysis therapist for children on the autism spectrum.

Paul Smith earned his 'Wings of Gold' and distinction as a Naval Aviator. He will be flying the HH-65 Dolphin helicopter for the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Traverse City in Michigan. His primary missions will be focusing on search and rescue for the Great Lakes, ice patrols, environmental response and assistance to law enforcement.

Diana Frederick White was named community relations director for the Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry in Columbus, OH.

Rebecca Mott is a real estate agent and attorney who was recently hired by the Robert Weller Co. in Columbus, OH. She will be providing commercial real estate sales, leasing assistance, and legal services to the company’s president along with his clients.

Paul Mucciarone is moving to the Ukraine with the Peace Corps to volunteer for two years as a business educator.

Kerri Davidson is a production editor at Practising Law Institute in New York City, NY.

Geoffrey Martin played “Scrooge” in the Park Play-
house Teen Theatre and Children’s Drama Company’s production of Scrooge. He also was the artistic director of the youth program. The production was performed at the Columbus Performing Arts Center in Columbus, OH.

He is a professional librarian for the Westerville Public Library and resides in Columbus, OH.

Matthew D’Oyly is a residential life coordinator for student development at Hope College in Holland, MI. In addition, he is the new DeVos Fieldhouse production manager. Matthew recently produced an alumni fundraiser involving alumni from around the world, an effort that established an endowment for his high school choir program of over $20,000. He also serves as the assistant producing director for Hope Summer Repertory Theatre and is finishing his masters of education in college student affairs leadership at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

2004

Amanda Bruno has been nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award for her role as Marina Cooper on the CBS show, Guiding Light.

2005

Mark Brumenschenkel has been appointed by Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman as administrator for the Building Services Division of the Department of Development for the City of Columbus, OH.

Reta Hamilton is a staff educator at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, OH. She is a member of the Kappa Sigma chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing.

Ashlee Kavander is the assistant art director at TenUnited Advertising Agency in Columbus, OH.

Tom Loschiavo made his New York stage debut in Hunka Hunka Burnin’ Love at Au Bar. He has also appeared on As the World Turns and in the new Bon Jovi music video.

Justin Milam is pursuing his masters degree in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University and is a planning intern with Franklin County.

Casey Chapman Parsons has joined Cam Taylor Co., Realtors in Columbus, OH.

Josephine Roberts is playing the character “Rumpletseaser” in the national touring company of Cats. She recently completed her 150th performance.

2003

Michael Cassara has opened his own casting office, Michael Cassara Casting/Productions in New York, NY.

David Elseker is serving with the 101st Airborne Division-Air Assault unit in Iraq. This is his second combat tour there.

Meredith Drexler Fraysure is the new softball coach for the Mason County Lady Royal softball team in Maysville, KY. She is also a teacher at Straub Elementary.

Stephanie Miller Hunt played “Eliza Doolittle” in the Zane Trace Players production of My Fair Lady in Zanesville, OH.

Clinton Irvin received his masters of science degree in experimental psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio University.

Jennifer Vitek Waller is an accounting associate at Clear Channel Communications in Columbus, OH.

Katie Crabtree Thomas is the director of communications and education at the Ohio Psychological Association in Columbus, OH.

Matt Wolfe is student teaching at Hilliard Darby High School in Hilliard, OH. He is working with the drama department and directing the school’s first children’s show, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

’01 Reunion Year! Homecoming Oct. 7, 2006

2002

Tara Brinkman received her masters degree in psychology with honors from East Carolina University. She completed an internship at Edgecombe School District in North Carolina in July 2005. In Sept. 2005, she began the doctorate program in psychology at Michigan State University where she is a graduate assistant.

Heather McLeish Finnell is teaching first grade at French Run Elementary in the Reynoldsburg City School district. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Pataskala, OH.

Michelle Fraley has been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international society for educators. She is currently teaching first grade at J.W. Reason Elementary in Hilliard, OH.

Becky Yocom Roehm lives in Newport Beach, CA, with her husband, Victor. She is an assistant manager and regional point manager of training for Red Robin Gourmet Burgers.

Evan Struble received his masters degree of library and information sciences from Kent State University.
From studying theatre at Otterbein to becoming senior vice president for programming and development for NBC Universal Domestic Television Distribution, Linda Finnell ’80 sees stepping into roles as an important key to success.

“Whether you step into a role on stage or to tell a story on a show or to pitch an idea to a client, it’s very important to have that skill set,” said Linda.

A modest woman, Linda doesn’t see her job as anything extraordinary, although she loves her work and says she “understands from the outside” how people might find her job interesting.

Specifically, from her office on the 32nd floor of the NBC/Universal Headquarters in Burbank, CA, Linda oversees all current production and development for first run programming, which is produced for the purpose of syndication, such as Access Hollywood, Blind Date and Starting Over.

A native of Cincinnati, where her parents still live, Linda came to Otterbein for its renowned theatre program. After graduating, she did dinner theatre and summer stock, earning her equity card. But thanks to the advice of a “very wise mother,” Linda began graduate school at Xavier University, hoping to be an on-air personality, but eventually fell in love with the behind-the-scenes work.

“I got an internship at the local NBC affiliate in Cincinnati, but it turned into a full-time job and I decided to just go for it. I’m still 12 hours short of earning my master’s,” she said.

She worked for years at the affiliate producing daytime programming before producing the Sally Jessy Raphael and Montel Williams shows in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Fourteen years ago, she joined NBC News. She became a news producer for the weekend edition of The Today Show before becoming senior producer for The Today Show.

“Producing is about telling the story through guests or tape, in 45 seconds or longer, depending on the show,” Linda said. “It’s about answering the questions ‘What’s the story?’ and ‘How do I tell the story in the most effective way?’ It’s like theatre in that way.”

Linda said that news production is more of a lifestyle than a job. She spent nearly a decade with The Today Show before assuming her current job, which is more conducive to a healthy family life, which Linda enjoys with her 5-year-old daughter, Lydia, and her husband, José Pretlow.

“I have a great husband who is supportive, caring and does his share. I also have great bosses who let me off to do things such as drive to my daughter’s school to serve hot meals, which I will be doing right after this interview,” Linda said with a laugh.

Outside of work, Linda’s favorite activities include “anything with my 5-year-old or husband.” She makes the best of the mountains and scenery of Los Angeles, although she preferred the feeling of community and closeness that Manhattan allowed when she was working for The Today Show. “In Manhattan, you could walk across the street and feel as if you are in a different neighborhood, if not country,” she said. “And in Los Angeles everyone drives. We walked everywhere in Manhattan. It’s hard to get a sense of community when people are in their cars constantly.”

As for her days at Otterbein, Linda has fond memories of the people she met there. “I don’t remember what class I had at 11 a.m. on a Tuesday morning, but I certainly remember the friends I had there.”
Marriages

1948

1985
Susan Bowman to Vincent Guido, June 7, 2003.

1992
Judy Sands to Trent Richardson, Oct. 1, 2005.

1993

1995
Nichole Powell to Jaime Northcraft, Aug. 27, 2005.

1997

1999

Carlye Grissinger to Johnny Smith, June 11, 2005.

2000

Allison Levin to Thomas Broadwater, July 17, 2004.


2001

Bethany Whittington to Bennett Thayer ’02, Sept. 24, 2005.

2002
Michelle Mackenzie to Shawn Foster, Dec. 17, 2005.

Julie Seacrist to Andrew Gaboric, Aug. 6, 2005.


2003
Kellie Lamar to Floyd Reevy, July 23, 2005.

Jennifer Vittek to Adam Waller, Apr. 17, 2004.

2004

Aleisha Morris to David Radford, Aug. 19, 2005.


2005

Amanda Iler to Jacob Thornsberry, June 18, 2005.

Brooke Pearse to Adam Wojcik, Oct. 1, 2005.

Additions

1989
Cheryl Wall Frost and husband, Jack, a son, Jacob Hamilton, Nov. 4, 2005. He joins big sister Carolyn, 3.

1991
Aysu Basaran and husband, David Kaczmarek, a daughter, Ella Grace, Oct. 28, 2005. She joins big sisters Isabel and Olivia.

Tricia Davis Conner and husband, Tim, a daughter, Celia Lyn, Feb. 21, 2006.

1992
Michael Lynch and wife, Celeste, a son, David, June 22, 2005.

1993
Erin Meinberg Barrett and husband, Dean, a daughter, Ella Mullane, Sept. 12, 2005.

Mark McNichols and wife, Lori, a baby boy, Alexander James, May 18, 2005. He joins big brother Ethan Gregory, 2 1/2.
Kevin Troyer and wife, Karen, a daughter, Kaitlyn, Nov. 8, 2005.

Dina Reminick Turner and husband, Kyle, a daughter, Lila Camille, Jan. 10, 2006.

1995

Wendy Peterson Bradshaw and husband, John, a daughter, Madeline Daley, Jan. 21, 2006.

Lynn Dowell Myers and husband, Anthony, a daughter, Brooks, Sept. 14, 2005. She joins big brother Andrew.

1999
Andrew Hagan and wife, Erika, a son, Richard Isaac, Sept. 7, 2005.

Janine Wiley Robinson and husband, Scot, twin girls, Elizabeth and Claire, Jan. 4, 2006. They join an excited big brother, Samuel.

Angel Stewart Valerio and husband, Matt, a son, Henry M. Matthew, Nov. 30, 2005. He joins older sister Maecy Alexandra, 3.

2000
Jennifer Minter Judd and husband, Adam 98, a daughter, Rosalie Elizabeth, Dec. 8, 2005. She joins big brother Andrew.

Matthew Rogers and wife, Melissa, a son, Andrew Louis, Apr. 3, 2005.

2001
Heidi Bardall Scillia and husband, Samuel, a daughter, Serena Matthew, Jan. 13, 2006. She joins big brother Santo.

2002
Anne Clark Abbott and husband, Matthew, a son, Rylen Matthew Brent, Nov. 27, 2005.

2003
Wilma Sproull Chitwood passed away Dec. 11, 2005.

2004
Roy Bowen passed away Jan. 2, 2006. He is survived by his daughter, Ann Bowen Paulie; grandson Bowen Paulie; and two great-grandchildren. He was known as “Mr. Theater” in Columbus, OH. He led Players Theatre Columbus and The Ohio State University’s theater program. In 1997, the Central Ohio Theatre Critics Circle named its Lifetime Achievement Award after him. In 1999, OSU renamed Drake Union’s Stadium II Theatre the “Roy Bowen Theatre.”

2005
Grace Euvard Carnes passed away May 3, 2005.

Mary Moomaw Wells passed away Dec. 29, 2005. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Oma Moomaw Bradley ‘26 and Doris Moomaw Fox ‘45. Her sister, Josephine Moomaw Lahey ‘39 was at her side.

2006
Joseph Ayer passed away Dec. 2, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Ayer, and half sister, Harriet Ayer Whitmore. He was in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Medal and the Bronze Star. Later, he was a teacher and principal in the Cincinnati, OH area. He then joined Miami University of Ohio as coordinator of student affairs.

2007
Lewis Carlock has passed away.

Rev. Paul Jefferis passed away Jan. 1, 2006. He is survived by his brother, William Jefferis ’47. In his ministerial career, he served many churches in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Charles Bridwell passed away Dec. 9, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanna Bridwell. He is survived by daughter, Betsy Bridwell ‘70; stepson Brian Lewie, five grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was a WWII Navy veteran and worked in labors relations for Martin Marietta Corp. before retiring in 1981.


1940
Mary Rauch Esch passed away Dec. 11, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Byron Esch ‘47; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Crowell; son, Robert Esch; daughter, Marion Esch; daughter, Shirley Blarr; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many extended

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family members. She was an integral part of her husband’s ministry and was very active in church and mission work.

Harriet Gilbert Slagle passed away Jan. 4, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Bob Slagle; brothers, Charles Gilbert ’50 and John Gilbert ’50; sister, Janet Gilbert ’50; and other extended family members.


Ellis Legg passed away Dec. 1, 2005.

June Chester Bennett passed away Jan. 30, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Beulah Chester; her husband, Donald Bennett; and two brothers, Norland and Howard Chester. She was survived by children, Brent (Carol) Bennett, Gwyn (Charlie) Price, Todd Bennett, Bruce (Sarah) Bennett, Leslie (Joseph) Bennett Barbacci ’79, Jonathan (Lynda) Bennett, Tim (Rose) Bennett, Kevin (Deborah) Bennett; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.


Robert Berkey passed away Dec. 23, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Berkey; son, Jonathan Berkey; son, Mark Berkey; sister, Betty Berkey Woodall ’50; and many extended family members. He was a pastor in addition to being a college professor of religion. During sabbatical leaves, he often lived and studied overseas.

Phyllis Brockett Smarto passed away May 12, 2005.


John “Jack” Coate passed away Jan. 11, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Penny Coate; son, Scott Coate; son, Chad Coate; daughter, Kristin Wilson; daughter, Amy Hunt; sister, Judy Lehman; and four grandchildren. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked for Hamilton Caster & Mfg. Co. in Hamilton, OH for 30 years.

Rebecca Rucker Berry passed away Sept. 23, 2005.


Herbert Wood passed away Nov. 18, 2005.

Sarah Kathryn Shuck Demchak passed away Dec. 23, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emerson Shuck ’38 and Sarah Beidleman Shuck ’38. She is survived by her son, Eric Demchak; four granddaughters; and many extended family members. For 28 years, she taught English and speech at Marysville schools in Ohio. She was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marysville, OH.

Stephen Ellis passed away May 11, 2005.

Ronald Gerhardt passed away Nov. 14, 2005.

Andrew Raver passed away Mar. 29, 2005.

Rosida Porter passed away Aug. 29, 2005. She is survived by her husband, William To ’81; daughter, Sharon, 14; and son, Aaron, 11. She was the state watershed coordinator with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water.

Eileen Thomas Barnes passed away March 2005. She had once been the housemother of Mayne Hall at Otterbein College.

Rev. Arnold Ettenhofer passed away Nov. 8, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Carol Ettenhofer; daughters, Vicki Ettenhofer ’75, Cara Ettenhofer ’91 and Jannell (Jim) Coffman; sons, Arnold (Sherrie) Ettenhofer ’78, Mark (Lee Ann) Ettenhofer ’95, Roger (Tina) Ettenhofer and John (Lee) Ettenhofer; along with many extended family members. He was a minister for over 40 years.

Pi Beta Sigma Fraternity, founded in the spring of 1908, is making preparations for its Centennial Celebration to be held during Homecoming in 2008.

Pi Beta Sigma Inc., the alumni organization, is asking that all members contact us to confirm and update their current address. Please visit our site (www.pibetasigma.org) and register to join over 200 brothers already registered. You can contact long lost brothers, view meeting notes, previous Annexer issues, pictures, and everything Pi Sig. Besides planning the Centennial event, there are many other projects we have undertaken, including the renovation or our house.
1949 - Bert Horn

Albert V. “Bert” Horn ’49 of Westerville passed away Feb. 2 at age 78 after a brief illness.

Although born in West Palm Beach, FL, Bert graduated from Miami High School in Ohio. He arrived on Otterbein’s campus in the fall of 1944.

While a student, he worked in the dining hall, served on the Student Council and was named the Jump Week King his freshman year. After a brief stint in the Navy during World War II, Bert graduated from Otterbein in 1949. He married his college sweetheart, Jane Morrison Horn ’50 in 1950.

Bert worked for Allied Building Credits in Cincinnati from 1949-1952 before returning to Otterbein in 1953 to serve as assistant treasurer and then treasurer a few months later. He remained in that position until 1989 when he retired with emeritus status. During his long career at Otterbein, he served under five College presidents.

He was a member of the Church of the Master United Methodist for over 50 years and a member of the Westerville Historical Society.

Apart from the facts of his life at Otterbein, those who were close to him will remember him as a kind man and a storyteller always eager to laugh at his own jokes. He was well known for his basket-weaving skills, as well as the infamous assault on him by an attack squirrel. He was a regular fixture at Otterbein events, including Cardinal Migrations, Alumni Weekends and sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; three sons, Thomas, John and William; and eight grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Bert and Jane Horn Endowed Fund, One Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Rebecca Bowman
Professor of English

Rebecca S. Bowman ended her valiant nine-month struggle with lung cancer on March 15 at her home in Clintonville, OH. Rebecca was born in Wauseon, OH, in 1949, and attended school in Swanton, OH. She earned her bachelor’s in 1977, her master’s in 1981 and her doctorate in 1988, all from The Ohio State University. She was a Professor of English, and had been at Otterbein since 1993.

Rebecca loved reading and teaching, and her special academic enthusiasms included detective fiction by women writers, the writings of Henry James and doing research on forgotten American women writers. Rebecca was an animal lover and her pets gave her comfort during her illness.

She is survived by her parents, Harold and Mary Bowman, Sun City West, AZ, and her brother, Robert, Glendale, AZ, and by a wide circle of family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to Homereach Hospice and to the Capital Area Humane Society.

2000 - Jared Jensen

Jared Jensen ’00 was killed in the line of duty in Colorado Springs, CO where he was a plain clothes detective with the city’s Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence unit. He had been on the police force for three and a half years.

There were at least 5,000 people in the funeral procession, including 2,500 police officers, 1,500 police and emergency vehicles, and two helicopters. Thousands more lined the roadways as the procession passed, waving signs and flags, giving salutes, and mouthing thank yous. The procession was 18 miles long.

Jared was active in Otterbein Theatre and loved to act. It was reported that he and wife Natalie Padula Jensen ’01 were considering moving to Chicago for his return to acting. He considered his time on the police force as a “great sabbatical” for an actor. He received two commander commendations in his short time on the force.

Colorado Springs Police Lt. Alan Scott called Jared a “go-getter, a team player, a young guy with a good heart and a sharp mind. He gave 110 percent. He had, for his time on the job, a much more mature perspective than many officers with his tenure. He was always on the go. He didn’t wait for things to happen – he looked for things. He always wanted to be involved.”

Professor Emeritus Young Koo

Professor emeritus Young Koo of New Albany, OH, passed away Oct. 17, 2005. Koo was a professor in the Department of Business, Accounting and Economics from 1963-1992, serving as chair of the department for 15 years.

A native of Seoul, Korea, he earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Georgia, his master’s degree at the University of Alabama and his doctorate degree at The Ohio State University.

He is survived by his wife, Chung, and two children.
Endowed Funds Help Sustain College

Endowed funds are an investment in the future of Otterbein College. With an endowed fund benefactors help ensure that Otterbein will remain competitive with other institutions as we attract the best students and the best faculty. An endowment provides the College with financial flexibility and preserves our financial strength. Endowed funds are created with scholarships, awards and programs.

The Otterbein endowment program began in 1898 with one endowed scholarship. The number of endowed scholarships today totals over 200, and are used by the College to help defray tuition expenses for those students identified as “endowed scholars,” a designation determined at matriculation and based on academic merit. Scholarships typically are awarded to incoming freshmen, and each is a renewable award for up to four years at Otterbein.

Program endowed funds are established in an effort to provide enduring financial support for a particular academic department, research effort, or student opportunity. Current programs include funds for the Common Book, student health and wellness, visiting lecturers, and specific departmental programming or needs.

The endowed award program, started in 1907, currently has more than 100 active awards that are conferred in recognition of outstanding achievement or talent. Award recipients typically are recognized during the annual Honors Convocation (held this year on May 31).

To learn more about establishing an endowed fund, please contact one of our Development Officers by calling toll-free 1-888-614-2600.

Recently Created Endowed Funds

Tatsuo Tsuda ’55 has created The Tatsuo Tsuda Japanese Education Fund to help provide financial support for Otterbein undergraduate students wishing to study an aspect of Japanese life or culture in Japan. Students may apply funds to their travel expenses, tuition or Japanese educational materials that help to fulfill program requirements. Implementation: 2007

The Austin E. Knowlton Scholarship was created by The Austin E. Knowlton Foundation to help students from Delaware County. Mr. Knowlton, known as “Dutch,” was originally from central Ohio and lived in Delaware, Cincinnati and, until his death in 2003, Florida. He was deeply committed to education, which is the focus of his foundation. Implementation: 2007

The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship was established through a gift from Vernon Pack ’50 in order to help provide funding to students who are engaged in a public service program or project and are working in collaboration with the mission of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) at Otterbein College. Students will be selected by committee through an application process. The fund may provide a stipend or support to meet project expenses. Implementation: 2006

The Alumnae Chapter of Epsilon Kappa Tau has voted to change the name of their endowed award to the Epsilon Kappa Tau Alumnae Memorial Award in Honor of Dr. Marilyn E. Day. Recipients are selected by the chapter’s executive board from nominations made based upon service to the sorority, grade point average and service to Otterbein College.

Vernon Pack ’50 (seated) is joined by students Katie Starling (far left) and Joe McDaniels and The Center for Community Engagement Director Melissa Gilbert as he reviews information about The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship.
Winter Annual Fund Phonathon

Investments in Otterbein College through the Annual Fund support a wide variety of programs that touch nearly every facet of a student’s life. It allows the administration to renovate buildings, finance student activities, upgrade technology, and ensures that the professors are the best in their fields.

The following individuals made a donation of $100 or more to the Otterbein College Annual Fund during the winter term phoning. Student callers contacted alumni, parents and friends of the College from January 17 through March 2, 2006.

For additional information on how your investment can help, please contact Jennifer Westbrook, Director of Annual Giving, at (614) 823-1948 or jwestbrook@otterbein.edu.

Robert E. II & Judy Buckle Airhart
Kent & Deborah A. Amey
Ellen J. Andrews
Diane Augustus
Robert E. Bartholomew
Deborah Lord Bennett
Emese Blankenship
J. Trent & Lynne M. Browne
Susan Dial Cadiff
Robert & Cheryl Cappello
Carol Carlson
Thomas A. Chandler
Lora A. Chappelar-Pearson
Terry L. & Karen Dalrymple Curtin
Daniel E. Detrich
Richard A. Dilgard
James E. Dooley
Robert W. Eber
Alyce Douce Elbert
Mary Bowlsu Elder
Deborah Thorn Frame
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Mildred Forwood Garling
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Barbara Billings Hazelbaker
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Scott Hubbard
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Jacqueline Love Katzin
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Diane Daugherty Layman
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M. Kathleen Peace
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Linda Eddy Randazzo
Wendy L. Roush
Susan Sain-Sammataro
Gary A. & Cathy Skillings
Paul E. & Margaret Stuckey
Jack W. Tucker
W. Christopher Wagner
Edward & Renee Walker
James & Laurel Ward
Philip & Sandra Warner
William & Susan Westbrook
Jodi West Woerner
Gary R. Wolf
James C. & Laura Tuck Wood

Recent Grant Awards

A grant of $114,621 was awarded from the Ohio Board of Regents for the CGI Infusion in CPS Project. In its second year, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) is a mathematics program that integrates research findings on how children think about numbers with findings on how teachers use this knowledge to make instructional decisions.

The National Science Foundation awarded $113,522 for the Increasing Scientific Literacy for Non-Science Majors through Team Taught Interdisciplinary Lab Based Courses. This project will reform the science component of Otterbein College’s general education Integrative Studies to create sophomore-level science courses to: 1) enhance our students’ awareness of the principles of scientific inquiry as well as their ability to think scientifically; 2) increase interdisciplinary learning through team-teaching in which we model how scientific disciplines approach related problems from different perspectives; 3) increase active, inquiry-based learning by developing laboratory components to familiarize students with science in action; and 4) to alleviate science anxiety by building courses around topics both students and faculty will find intriguing and relevant.

The Ohio Arts Council awarded $20,000 for the Ohio and Dresden Exchange Project. The Ohio Arts Council, Otterbein College and Zygote Press of Cleveland coordinated an exhibition of prints by German and American artists who have participated in the international printmaking residency exchange in Dresden, Germany and Cleveland Ohio. The exhibition builds upon an earlier exhibition entitled “Foreign Affairs” held in the Fisher Gallery at Otterbein and at Cleveland State University. The exhibition includes an updated illustrated catalogue printed in English and German. It was presented as a gift from the Ohio Arts Council to the city of Dresden in celebration of the city’s 800-year jubilee. The prints are exhibited in a gallery in the “Standehaus,” an historic government building in the center of the city’s Baroque architectural monuments. The exhibition runs from March 31 to May 31, 2006.

For a second year, Otterbein College was awarded $10,000 from the Ohio Department of Education. This project will enable Otterbein to review and streamline the “Teacher Candidate Assessment System” through the purchase of a new server, software, staff assistance and training.

Ohio Campus Compact awarded $2,500 for the Hawthorne Mustang Muscle Mania Project. Otterbein College Health and Physical Education majors will be attending Hawthorne Elementary to work with 3rd grade students on various projects related to math concepts and health and movement activities with a focus on the obesity epidemic.

For additional information and to see pictures of our callers, please visit: www.otterbein.edu/giving/annual_fund.asp
Alumni know that Otterbein College has that “something special” that sets it apart from other colleges. From the first moment you stepped on campus you were welcomed as part of the Otterbein family. Did you leave the family when you graduated? No! You are still part of the family and it extends worldwide.

Development of Otterbein Clubs is underway. Once established, Otterbein Alumni Clubs will connect alumni with each other and will keep those Otterbein family ties alive. Otterbein clubs will provide social, educational and community service opportunities. Additionally, they will support and advance Otterbein so that it remains an academic leader for generations to come.

In 2006, the Club development focus will be on Ohio – Cleveland, Akron/Canton, Central Ohio, Westerville, Dayton and Cincinnati.

If you are interested in participating in the development of an Otterbein Alumni Club in your area, go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni “Get Involved” and fill out the online form. Or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600.

Dayton area alumni are currently planning the 10th annual June Bug Jamboree for June 24th at 4 p.m. at the home of Bill ’48 and Helen ’47 LeMay and will be hosting the seventh annual Summer Send-Off for new students.
The Career Development Center and the Office of Alumni Relations are collaborating on a new benefit for alumni. Accessible via the alumni website or the Career Development Center’s website, alumni at any stage in their career will find the information useful. Self-assessment tools are available. Alumni can learn how to develop a career success plan. The site includes numerous tips on networking, résumé writing, and interviewing, as well as a long list of niche job sites on the internet. Do you need to request a transcript? You can download the request form directly from the website.

“We want to provide resources and services that are responsive to the career management needs of Otterbein alumni and serve as a point of access for those wanting to be a career resource to others,” said Meg Barkhymer, director of the Career Development Center.

For alumni interested in assisting current Otterbein students with their career plans, an online registration form was added so alumni can become part of the Cardinal Career Network. The Cardinal Career Network provides an avenue for students to get first-hand information about career options and internship information, and it provides a useful database for the annual Cardinal Network Luncheon. For over 20 years, the Cardinal Network Luncheon has provided a forum for students to learn more about their intended careers through an informal discussion over lunch with a professional in that field. Evaluations show that the event is a win-win for everyone. Students gain insight on desired occupations and alumni appreciate the chance to share their knowledge and provide advice and encouragement.

Take a moment to check out the information on the website. The Otterbein Career Center is your lifelong connection to career services, www.otterbein.edu/resources “Career Development Center.”

At the Cardinal Network Luncheon, students receive career advice from alumni and alumni reconnect with the College. Top: Ashley Ansley, an accounting major, with Brenna Terrell Bergman ’94. Above: Jason Fletcher, Wendy Pietila Watson ’92, Stacey Royer, Janna Wells Stanford ’00 and Katie Leggett.

**Career Corner**

*by Meg Barkhymer ’68*

**Director of Career Development Services**

**Résumé Tips for the Current Job Market**

- Make sure your design and layout details are consistent: same style headings, bullets, entries.

- Avoid narrow margins—they should be wide enough for thumbs to hold on to and not cover any content.

- Use some flair in your design. Use (but don’t overuse) highlighting effects (boldface, italics, underlines) consistently. Vary type size (and perhaps font) for name and major headings.

- Include a “qualifications summary,” or “summary of accomplishments,” noting three to five accomplishments that make you the right candidate for the job.

- As you describe your work experience, focus on accomplishments, key words, and action verbs. Whenever possible, quantify your accomplishments.

- Your resume should be as long as it needs to be based on your experience. Make sure it is focused on your qualifications that are most relevant to the job in question.
Tampa Bay area alumni gathered for a luncheon on March 5, 2006 at the Bayou Club in Largo, FL.


Otterbein alumni met for the annual Ft. Myers luncheon on March 4, 2006 at the Cypress Club in Ft. Myers, FL.

Food and fun was had at the MBA Organization gathering at Max and Erma’s on January 20, 2006. Pictured are Peter O’Neill ’04, Andrew Franks, Kelly Coates ’06, Samuel Savarirayan, and Ben Ferrell ’06.

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Homecoming, October 7, 2006

Help us reconnect your friends and fellow classmates at Homecoming, Oct. 7! It can be as easy as an e-mail, phone call or postcard. Join us to design the Homecoming schedule, recruit alumni in Greeks, band, athletics, etc. and to get the word out to all our friends! We want to hear from you. You can help strengthen Otterbein Alumni connections through Homecoming ’06. To join us, email Becky Smith ’81, director of Alumni Relations, at rsmith@otterbein.edu.

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Picnic with the Pops... and Otterbein Alumni!

Sunday, July 15
6 p.m. Gates open for picnics (look for the Otterbein banner)
8:15 p.m. Concert begins
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May 18 Otterbein- Mastricht Exchange Reunion Dinner, Otterbein Campus Center, 6 p.m.

May 21 Sunday Brunch and musical theatre performance, 42nd Street, pre-registration required

June 5 Zero Year Reunion for the Class of ’06, Otterbein Rike Center

June 9-11 Alumni Weekend ’06 with reunions for the classes of ’56, ’61, ’66, ’71, ’76 and ’81

June 24 June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, OH for Dayton area alumni, 4 p.m.

July 13 Composing Your Life Career Workshop for Central Ohio area alumni, Roush Hall, 6:30 p.m.

July 15 Picnic and Akron Aeros game for Akron/Canton area alumni, 6 p.m.

July 15 Picnic at the Pops, Big Bag Voodoo Daddy, for Central Ohio area alumni, 6 p.m.

Aug. 7 (week of) Summer Send-Offs in Akron-Canton, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Westerville

Aug. 26 Atlanta area alumni gathering, home of Chuck and Lisa Castle ’83, 6 p.m.

Sept. 2 Cow to Cone: Tour of Hatfield Dairy and Velvet Ice Cream(family fun!) in Utica, OH

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Oct. 13-21 Treasures of Italy/Tuscany Tour

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