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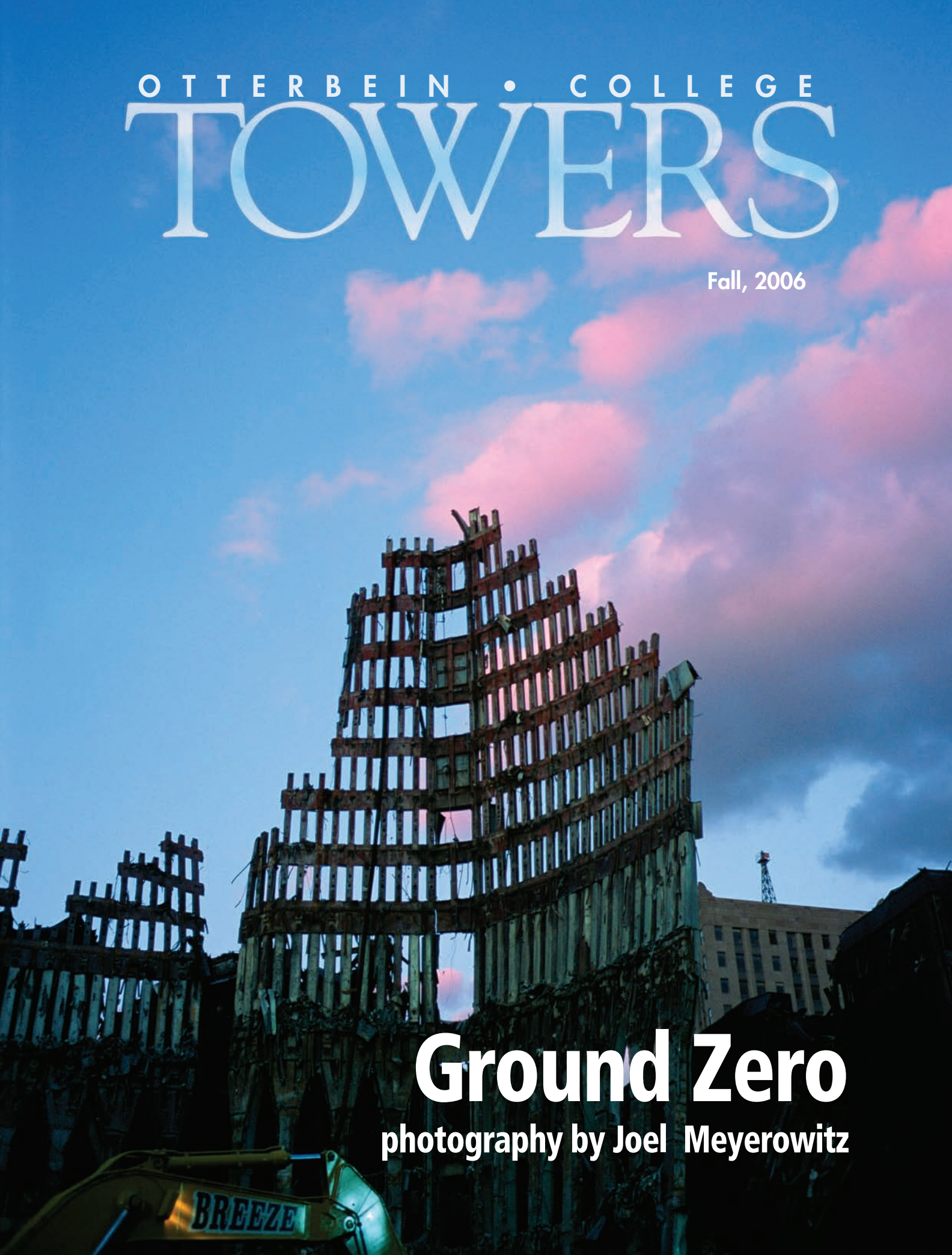

Ground Zero

photography by Joel Meyerowitz

"When I made my way home to New York several days later (after 9/11), the first thing I did was go downtown. Standing in the crowds at the perimeter five blocks north of the zone, I raised my camera simply to see what could be seen and was reminded by a police officer that I was standing in a crime scene and no photographs were allowed, so I left. Yet, within a few blocks the echo of that reminder turned into consciousness and I saw what I had to do. To me, no photographs meant no history. I decided at that moment that I would find my way in and make an archive for the City of New York."

~ Joel Meyerowitz (story on page 12)

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College News

compiled by Jenny Hill

On Sept. 14, the ribbon was cut on the new Leslie H. and Ethyl Rose Miller Gallery, located at 33 Collegeview Rd., which now houses the College's Department of Art.

Open House Features Ribbon Cutting of New Miller Gallery

Department of Art Has New Home

The Otterbein College Department of Art has officially moved into its new home at 33 Collegeview Rd. in Westerville. An open house was held on Sept. 14 to introduce the new facilities to the public and present The Leslie H. and Ethyl Rose Miller Gallery.

Approximately 115 art majors now use 19,500 square feet of the building. Renovations cost $1.1 million for the Department of Art, and additional space in the building is still under renovation which will be used by the Department of Communication beginning in fall 2007.

In addition to the art majors, education majors are taking art methods courses in the new building, and many non-art students also are enrolled in art history and studio courses offered by the department. The Leslie H. and Ethyl Rose Miller Gallery, located in the building, will feature exhibitions throughout the year for the entire campus to experience, including *Inside the Forbidden City*, an exhibition of Ground Zero by photographer Joel Meyerowitz (see page 12).

The Miller Gallery provides a superb exhibition space for nationally and regionally known professional artists. In addition, senior art majors present two-person exhibitions in the gallery throughout the spring term. A sophisticated lighting grid and large windows will help light the exhibitions.

In addition to the new gallery, the building features numerous specialized classrooms and studios.

The printmaking studio is designed for intaglio and relief printmaking process. The studio includes two intaglio presses including a new press with a large bed of 30 x 50 inches. A separate work room allows for the etching of copper and zinc plates.

Photos from top left: *Guests at the dedication of Miller Gallery examine some of the works from Nicholas Hill's exhibit,* The Tokyo & Kyoto Portfolios. *Department Chair Nicholas Hill, center, greets guests at the Art Department's open house. Helen Spears, Art Department Professor Joanne Stichweh '67 and Kelly McAdams Reichert '92 assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Miller Gallery.*

The art history classroom has the standard technology including slide projectors, VCR, DVD, Internet and projection capabilities.

The expansive drawing studio has flexible spaces for large scale drawings. The drawing course sequence offers fundamental observational drawing, figure drawing and contemporary drawing options.

Visual Communications I and Package Design will be taught in studio 126. The facility includes individual drawing stations for composing hand typography, a large flat surface that doubles as a construction and assembly area for packaging concepts and a conference table to discuss creative strategies and critique concepts.

Studio 122 will provide space for teaching 2-D design. This facility includes movable work stations, critique area and storage for student projects.

Macintosh computer graphics labs, located in adjoining rooms A103 and A104, primarily serve the areas of computer art, photography and visual communications. Each smart technology equipped lab has Internet access and includes a computerized digital projection instructor station, 16 individual computer stations, drawing tablets and two computer stations dedicated to scanning and printing. Both labs include wide format inkjet printers allowing students to create large pieces of art work. These spacious labs also include track lighting along critique walls.

The photography area offers course work in traditional film-based processes, 19th century non-silver processes and digital photography. The new large darkroom facility includes two separate film processing rooms and an alternative process lab that can also be used for advanced studio or independent study hours by individual students. This lab is equipped with one enlarger station, UV light source vacuum table for old processes and a large stainless steel sink. The spacious main darkroom includes eight individual enlarging stations and a long stainless steel photographic print developing sink in the center of the lab, allowing students efficient access from either side.

The lecture component of photography course work is taught primarily in the critique/clean space, located directly across from the darkroom facility. This multi-function space is equipped with folding chairs, work tables, large projection screen and two track-lighted critique walls. In addition, three Macintosh computers outfitted with inkjet printers and film scanners will be used by students in the beginning digital, advanced color and black and white photography classes, and will also serve those students engaged in independent study or advanced studio hours in photography.

A 3-D studio enables art education laboratory activities and classes in three dimensional design and sculpture.

The ceramics studio offers a wide variety of opportunities in the field of ceramic art. The glaze and clay kitchen features a professional series solder mixer as well as the materials and equipment to create a wide variety of clays and glazes. Electric and down-draft gas kilns, as well as a natural gas raku kiln, give students the opportunity to explore a range of kiln-firing environments and techniques. The open, spacious classroom studio provides sufficient space to create sculptural and vessel-form ceramic

pieces using both hand-building and wheel-thrown techniques.

A painting studio is subdivided into 15 semi-private work spaces. A unique feature is that each student has his or her individual studio for the entire term; this feature, while common in graduate schools, is unusual at the undergraduate level.

Art education courses are offered for both education majors who will become classroom teachers and for art majors who plan to teach art in an experimental laboratory. Students can develop their own art making skills as they put together teaching samples they will use in student teaching.

This experimental laboratory is designed for work in three dimensions, which is work that exists 'in the round' or stands on its own and can be seen from several points of view. Here students will be able to explore forming art in sculpture materials like wood, wire, and plaster. In the spring term sculpture students will cast work in resin, rubber and glass.

In all, the new space promises to promote creative and exciting work by Otterbein students.

New Residence Hall Designed for Sophomores

Otterbein College has added a new home for students to campus this fall. Known as The Suites, the new residence hall is located in the heart of the campus north of the Campus Center and east of Memorial Stadium.

The new residence hall is a $9.7 million, three-story, suite-style building that houses 174 students. The residence hall features kitchen facilities, a computer lab and a laundry room. The entire building is air-conditioned. Students have semi-private bathrooms, with a maximum of four students to a bathroom. There are also 12 single rooms in the building with private bathrooms. The building features a modern floor plan for the needs of today's students.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Gatti, "This is the first residence hall specifically designed for sophomore students. It gives us the opportunity to focus on the sophomore experience and provides an outstanding option for second year students," he said, adding, "The addition of 174 beds gets the college closer to our strategic goal for housing at least 60 percent of our students on campus."

photos by Amy Feller '07

The Suites, the new residence hall opened this fall, features semi-private bathrooms, with a maximum of four students to a bathroom.

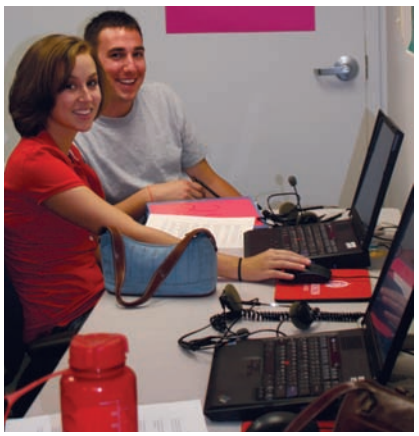
Phonathon Students Get a Room of their Own

Otterbein's student Phonathon callers began work Sept. 17 in a room completely renovated to accommodate a modern call center.

The room, which is in the basement of the Campus Center, features 10 calling stations.

"The great thing about the space is that it is a permanent home for the program" said Annie Boehm, assistant director of the Annual Fund. "Before, we had to set up shop in a meeting room in Roush Hall, putting up all the equipment, and three hours later we'd be tearing it down."

The new space ties in with the overall atmosphere of the Campus Center. The room features a large table for meetings or homework; students feel welcome even when they are not calling for the Annual Fund. "It's great to finally have a place the student callers can settle into and be productive," Boehm said.



Above**: Returning phonathon caller Trevor Fruth '06 works with new caller Ashley Gregg '10.* ***Right: *Student phonaton callers pose on the Towers plaza.*

Good News about Your IRA

Congress passed the Pension Protection Act in August that will allow, for the first time, donors to roll over funds in their IRAs directly to charity. The law expires December 31, 2007, so this is a great time to take advantage of this temporary measure, passed to encourage charitable giving. Some basic rules to qualify:

- The donor must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time of the gift.
- Rollovers of up to $100,000 per year are allowed, without tax penalty, and any gift amount will count toward your mandatory distribution for the year.
- The rollover cannot be used to purchase charitable gift annuities, be placed in an income generating trust, or otherwise generate income for you, the donor. It must be available to the charity immediately.
- Gifts to foundations or donor-advised funds are not allowed. As with any gift to Otterbein College, you may designate your IRA gift for a specific purpose.

Any amount rolled over to charity will NOT be added to your income for the year, so your tax bracket for social security payments will not be affected, and you do not have to worry about itemizing deductions. A rollover to charity will count toward your mandatory annual distribution as well.

The custodian of your account can supply you with the necessary paperwork. For more information, contact Carolyn Williams in Planned Giving toll-free at 888-614-2600 or 614-823-1400.

As always, thank you for supporting your alma mater.

Every Donation Helps!

For your convenience we have included an Annual Fund reply envelope in this issue of Towers. Please use this envelope to mail in your Annual Fund gift and/or pledge payment. The Annual Fund provides necessary dollars to help Otterbein:

- renovate buildings
- finance student activities
- buy and upgrade technology
- provide faculty development opportunities
- purchase library books
- provide student scholarships

To learn more about the Annual Fund visit our website at www.otterbein.edu/giving/annual_fund.asp or call Jennifer Westbrook '01, director of Annual Giving, at (614) 823-1948 or jwestbrook@otterbein.edu for additional information or to learn how you can help.

U. S. News and World Report's 2007 Guide to America's Best Colleges

Once Again, Otterbein Highly Ranked

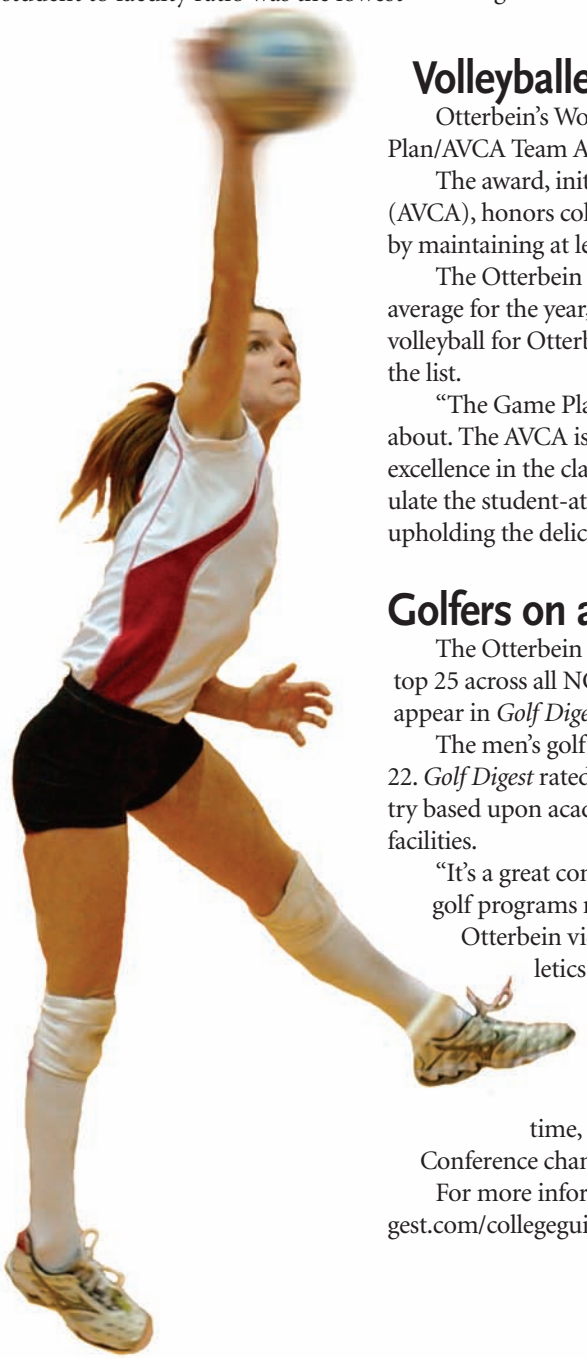
In the *U.S. News and World Report's 2007 Guide to America's Best Colleges*, Otterbein College is ranked seventh among the Midwest's 107 Comprehensive Colleges.

This year, Otterbein ranked first in its assessment by peer colleges among the 15 Ohio colleges in its category and second in the Midwest.

In addition, Otterbein had the second highest average graduation rate among Ohio colleges in its category and eighth in the Midwest. Its student to faculty ratio was the lowest in Ohio, reflecting Otterbein's reputation for providing personal attention to its students.

According to the guide, Comprehensive Colleges are "institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education."

Otterbein competed with 107 colleges from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri for this honor. The rankings are based on 15 measures of "academic excellence," which fall into seven categories, with peer assessment being the most important. Other categories include retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performances and alumni giving rates. For a more detailed report, visit www.usnews.com.



Volleyballers Net Team Academic Award

Otterbein's Women's Volleyball Team, for the sixth straight year, earned the Game Plan/AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2005-06 academic year.

The award, initiated in 1993 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), honors college and high school teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Otterbein team, under eighth-year head coach Sharon Sexton, achieved a 3.659 average for the year, including a 3.637 while in season last fall. Thirteen women played volleyball for Otterbein in 2005-06. Forty-four teams from NCAA Division III made the list.

"The Game Plan/AVCA Team Academic Award is what being a student-athlete is all about. The AVCA is privileged to once again be able to award these schools for their excellence in the classroom," AVCA Executive Director Kathy DeBoer said. "We congratulate the student-athletes, coaches and school personnel for achieving this honor and upholding the delicate balance between academics and athletics."

Golfers on a Roll in the Classroom

The Otterbein College men's and women's golf programs have been ranked in the top 25 across all NCAA divisions by Golf Digest in its "Academic First" rankings, which appear in *Golf Digest*'s September 2006 issue.

The men's golf program was ranked 14th while the women's program checked in at 22. *Golf Digest* rated 772 men's and 500 women's college golf programs across the country based upon academics, player growth, scoring average, climate and coaches and facilities.

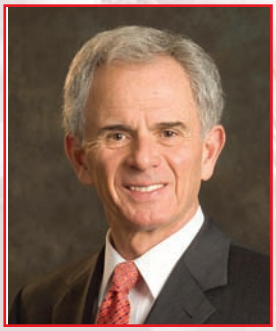
"It's a great compliment to Otterbein College to have both our men's and women's golf programs recognized for their academic achievement," said Thomas Stein, Otterbein vice president for enrollment. "We strive as an institution to blend athletics and extra-curricular activities into the academic program."

The academics section received a 58 percent weight and was based on the figures from *U.S. News and World Report's Guide to America's Best Colleges*. The team-adjusted scoring average weighted 14 percent and included the last four seasons. In that time, the Cardinal men's and women's teams each won four Ohio Athletic Conference championships.

For more information about the ranking and to see the survey, visit www.golfdigest.com/collegeguide/.

A Look Back and a Look Ahead: 2005-2006 Report

Message from the President



Each fall, I look back at our accomplishments and look ahead to our future. Recently I have been reflecting on the "health" of Otterbein as we move through the 2006-07 academic year, and I've concluded that our "health" is very good to excellent. Let me cite five reasons:

1. OUR LOCATION

A few years ago I happened upon a history of the College written in the 1870's that stated "Otterbein is located in Westerville, 12 miles from the known sins of Columbus." Those "sins" may or may not have arrived, but Columbus came knocking two or more decades ago. No one could have predicted that 159 years after our founding, central Ohio would become an education destination for students. While the competition for students will increase, I am confident that we will meet the challenges by capitalizing on new program opportunities to meet our goals for incremental, qualitative growth in both full and part time undergraduate and graduate student enrollments.

2. OUR HISTORY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Otterbein has operated with balanced budgets for 55 consecutive years while at the same time adding academic and co-curricular programs, funding additional faculty and staff positions and renovating and constructing new facilities across the campus. This commitment to financial responsibility will be tested over the next few years as we work to meet the funding challenges of several new projects, most important of which is a much needed, long anticipated multimillion dollar addition and renovation to the science facility.

3. AN ONGOING COMMITMENT TO STRATEGIC PLANNING

Our last official strategic plan was entitled Vision 2005. It has served us well and this is the year to lay the groundwork for developing a new multi-year strategic plan involving all constituencies of the College. As we look to new opportunities, I encourage us to: (1) continue our commitment to diversity across the College in the broadest definition of that term and (2) increase our focus on global learning across the curriculum. A required quarter abroad experience for all students may be impractical, but there are variations on that theme that can work for Otterbein. Personal interaction with those from other cultures hastens understanding and acceptance, and understanding and acceptance of others is something our world needs greatly. Let us begin with our students.

4. A STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM GROUNDED IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

The strength of our academic program continues to be validated including recent reviews by the North Central Association, the Ohio Board of Regents, the University Senate of the United Methodist Church, discipline specific accrediting teams and national surveys. The most recent acknowledgment of the excellence was our number one ranking in Ohio and number two ranking overall of 107 comparable colleges in the peer assessment/academic excellence category of the *US News and World Report* annual survey. The excellence of the academic program is the first mark of a substantive educational institution and our dedication to that is unwavering.

5. THE QUALITY AND COMMITMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE OTTERBEIN COMMUNITY (TRUSTEES, ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS) TO OUR MISSION

While we do not and should not march lockstep agreeing on all issues, there is no doubt in my mind that we all share a common foundational goal–to provide the best possible environment for substantive teaching and learning to occur. During the coming year we need to find more opportunities for both formal and informal conversations about the future of the College. I personally look forward to those conversations and welcome your thoughts on the appropriate formats.

Thanks for all you do to make Otterbein a great place. Your continuing support is vital to our future success.

Cordially,
C. Brent DeVore

Academic Year in Review

The academic year of 2005-2006 was a year of progress, change and growth. New facilities were purchased and erected; new staff came on board while others retired; and accolades about the College poured in by the dozens. Professors taught; students learned; and many graduated to follow their passions and make their mark. Included is a synopsis of events and news items that were shared in the *Tan and Cardinal, @Otterbein* (the on campus e-newsletter), reported in the news media, and highlighted in *Towers* magazine.

September '05

17th – Otterbein's Memorial Football Stadium is rededicated.

26th – Dr. Alan Lightman, physicist and MIT professor, keynotes for the Science Lecture Series.

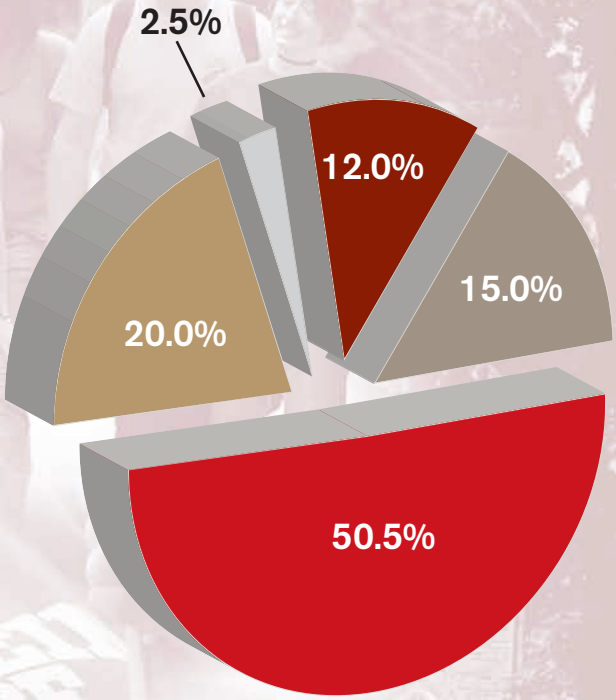
29th – The College is selected out of a pool of 100 applicants to be one of 14 institutions nationally to take part in the Association of

Fiscal Year 2006: July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006

Enrollment

Freshmen	630
Transfer students	77
Masters program	370
Continuing Studies	457
Returning upperclassmen and special admissions	1560

Total Enrollment: 3,094



Cost of an Otterbein Education	$28, 986
Tuition	$22,518
Room	$2,994
Board	$3,474

Traditional students	
# students from Ohio	2068
# of students out of state	190
# of international students	38

** 91% of our full-time students receive some type of financial aid*

American Colleges and Universities project, "Shared Futures: General Education and Global Learning."

Robert "Moe" Agler, who coached the Otterbein football team from 1955 to 1965 and then again from 1970-1974, passes away at the age of 81.

Otterbein College Associate Professor of Psychology, Noam Shpancer, receives the second place Rockower Award for excellence in opinion writing from the American Jewish Press Association.

Olympic Equestrian Bruce Mandeville joins the Department of Equine Science.

Otterbein College's Support Staff Council raises over $3,256 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, and the Cardinals football team presents a check for $1,534 to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund toward Katrina relief efforts, the proceeds from the College's opening football game against Defiance on Sept. 3.

October '05

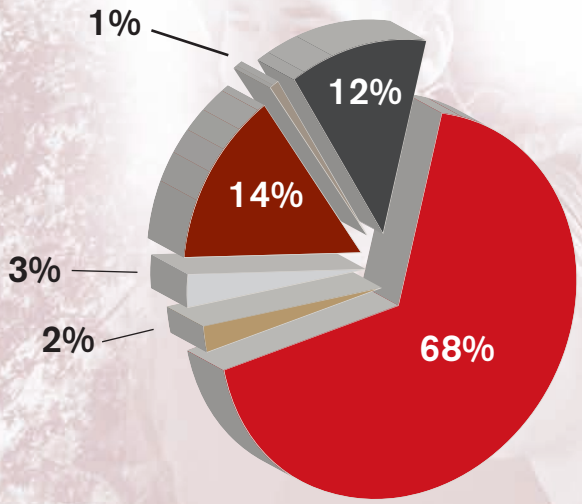
22nd – The "O" Club celebrates its 50th anniversary.

An investigation about the status of a distance learning program

Operating Revenue

Tuition & Fees	$36,394,335
Private Gifts & Grants	$967,559
Government Grants	$1,502,093
Auxiliary Expenses	$7,573,314
Organized Activities Related to Instruction	$470,565
Other	$6,466,234

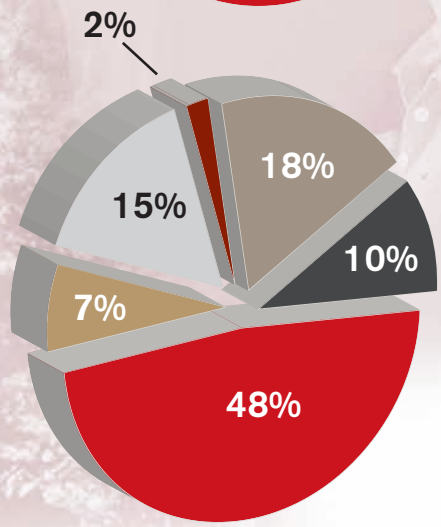
Total Unrestricted Revenues: $53,374,100



Operating Expenses

Instruction	$22,810,171
Academic Support	$3,155,692
Student Services	$6,892,759
Public Service	$940,210
Institutional Support	$8,466,244
Auxiliary Enterprises	$4,843,278

Total Unrestricted Expenses: $47,108,354



Endowment & Similar Funds: $75,490,000
Endowed funds may be restricted for specific purposes. Endowment Earnings support scholarships, awards, program funding, research, faculty development and capital projects.

that took place between 1996 to 2002 in the state of Florida concludes with a written report and action steps. New policy and procedures, as well as staff adjustments, are advised by the investigators and implemented by the College Board and Administrators.

November '05

2nd – The College Senate approves a new College logo.

5th – The Otterbein women's soccer team wins its second-straight OAC Tournament.

9th – Otterbein receives continuing accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, good through 2015. The college has received this accreditation since 1913.

10th – Sleeping in tents on the north lawn of Towers Hall, 11 students raise awareness and $1,300 for the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless during the Sleep Out for the Homeless, sponsored by Otterbein College as part of Homelessness Awareness Week.

12th – The Otterbein football team, finishing at 7-3, posts its first winning season since 1999, and only second since 1982.

The Otterbein women's soccer team advances into the Round of 16 of the NCAA Division III Tournament and concludes its season with a school record of 20-1-1.

Dr. Susan Millsap, Chair of the Communications Department, is awarded the Ohio Forensic Association's Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. Glenna Jackson, professor of religion and philosophy, and Dr. Simon Lawrance, who specializes in studying wild mountain gorillas, take nine Senior Year Experience students to Rwanda for three weeks in November-December, culminating in a four-day sight seeing safari in Kenya. While there, students go gorilla trekking; work in orphanages with children left homeless by the genocide, as well as in churches, and schools; and participate in projects dealing with environmental issues, HIV/AIDS, education, women's rights and more.

December '05

1st – Otterbein receives a grant of $193,000 from the National Science Foundation to fund a project titled NUE: Nanotechnology Education. Also receives a grant of $92,897 from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the second year of TQE: Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership. The College receives another grant of $65,000 from the Ohio Department of Education to support Reading First - Ohio. Columbus Public Schools enters into the second year of collaboration with Otterbein and Big Brothers Big Sisters with a $12,000 grant.

January '06

12th – The Tan & Cardinal goes online.

19th – Otterbein College celebrates the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. with presentations from students, the Otterbein College Gospel Choir and this year's key note speaker, Dr. Kristal Brent Zooks.

February '06

16th – Otterbein College Board of Trustees unanimously approves the proposal of building a new equine science facility on the former Kilgore property site.

Director of Residence Life Tracy Benner receives a Distinguished Service Award.

Junior music major Kyle Williams receives the Undergraduate Student Leader Award at the Ohio Association of Student Personnel Administrators/Ohio College Personnel Association.

March '06

2-6 – A Senior Year Experience class raises $600 to bring to Courtright Memorial Library three large panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Founded in 1987, The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest ongoing community arts project in the world.

Spring *Towers* announces the purchase of a building on 33 Collegeview Road intended to house the departments of Art and Communication.

The College receives a grant of $113,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for its Integrative Studies Sophomore Science Initiative. Also receives $114,621 from the Ohio Board of Regents to fund year two of a program titled Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI). The college receives another $10,000 from the Ohio Department of Education for year two of the Teacher Candidate and Unit Assess project.

Kate, Otterbein's first feminist 'zine is created by students with support from the Women's Studies Program.

Otterbein Alumna and Trustee **Peggy M. Ruhlin '79** is chosen to be inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence.

Otterbein President, C. Brent DeVore is elected Vice Chair for Investment on the Board of Directors for the Council of Independent Colleges.

April '06

13th – Otterbein ranks in the Top 10 of Comprehensive Colleges in the Midwest according to *U.S. News and World Report*. Ranks number one in peer assessment.

23rd – The Otterbein women's golf team wins fourth-straight OAC championship.

28th – The Otterbein men's golf team wins ninth-straight OAC championship.

Professor of Music Gary Tirey retires after 38 years of service. His enthusiasm and vision had a tremendous impact on the Department of Music.

Otterbein College Starving Artists hosts the first Reject Show, an off-campus exhibition for artwork rejected by the College's Ninth Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition.

May '06

11th – The Otterbein men's golf team finishes in a tie for sixth place at the NCAA Division III Championship.

18th – Department of Theatre and Dance debuts *42nd Street* in The Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall.

23rd – Three students are named receipients of the Vernon L. Pack Fellowship. Awards are made to students pursuing community service programs and projects.

25th – Center for Community Engagement hosts 2nd Annual Poetry Reading through the Creative Literacy Alliance among Otterbein, JPMorgan Chase and Genoa Middle School.

25th – Nursing Department earns accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through 2016 for both its bachelor's and master's degree programs.

The Otterbein baseball team wins its second-straight OAC Tournament and finishes second at the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional.

June '06

11th – Otterbein College celebrates the successful completion of 653 degrees – 538 undergraduate and 115 graduate.

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"To me, no photographs meant no history."

Inside the Forbidden City

Joel Meyerowitz was the only photographer allowed unimpeded access to Ground Zero. Now his exhibit is coming to Otterbein.

by Jenny Hill

Otterbein College is memorializing the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, with its 2006-07 Signature Series.

As part of the Series, Otterbein is honored to bring renowned photographer Joel Meyerowitz and his exhibition of art from Ground Zero to its Westerville campus in January. For nearly nine months after Sept. 11, 2001, Meyerowitz, the only photographer permitted unimpeded access after the event, documented the site that became known as Ground Zero and now presents his work as a stunning exhibition of the momentous and moving tragedy in recent American history, *Inside the Forbidden City*.

The exhibition will run Jan. 2-Feb. 16, 2007, in the Leslie H. and Ethyl Rose Miller Gallery of the Otterbein College Art and Communication Building, 33 Collegeview Rd., Westerville. The gallery will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F, and 1p.m. - 4 p.m. on the weekends. Admission is free. In addition, Meyerowitz will hold a public lecture about his work at 8 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2007, in The Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville. A reception and gallery walk will follow in the Miller Gallery. For information, contact 614-823-1792.

Joel Meyerowitz is an award-winning photographer whose work has appeared in over 350 exhibitions in museums and galleries around the world. He was born in New York in 1938. He began photographing in 1962.

As an early advocate of color photography (mid-60s), Meyerowitz was instrumental in changing the attitude toward the use of color photography from one of resistance to nearly universal acceptance. His first book, *Cape Light*, is considered a classic work of color photography and has sold more than 100,000 copies during its 25-year life. He is the author of 14 other books, including *Bystander: The History of Street Photography* and *Tuscany: Inside the Light*.

Within a few days of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, Meyerowitz began to create an archive of the destruction and recovery at Ground Zero and the immediate neighborhood. The World Trade Center Archive now numbers more than 8,000 images and will be available for research, exhibition, and publication at museums in New York and Washington, DC.

Being the only photographer who was granted unimpeded access to Ground Zero after Sept. 13, 2001, The Ohio State University graduate Meyerowitz reflects meditatively on the work and workers there, systematically documenting the painful rescue, recovery, demolition and excavation.

His color photos, presented in a 30 inch x 40 inch format, succinctly convey the magnitude of the destruction and loss and the heroic nature of the response. The exhibit serves as a stunning reminder to audiences of the true dimensions of the attack and the response – to visually relate the catastrophic destruction of the 9/11 attacks and the physical and human dimensions of the recovery effort.

Meyerowitz was invited to represent the United States at the 8th Venice Biennale for Architecture with his photographs from the World Trade

Nov. 8, 2001. Smoke Rising Through Sunlight

All photos © Joel Meyerowitz /Courtesy of Edwynn Houk Gallery/NY.

Oct. 8, 2001. A Memorial

Oct. 24, 2001. Welder Wounded by Exploded Bullets

Oct. 28, 2001. Injured Fireman at Memorial Service

Center Archives. In September 2002, he exhibited 73 images – some as large as 22 feet – in lower Manhattan. The show that was exhibited in Venice is currently touring the United States.

Meyerowitz is a Guggenheim fellow and a recipient of both the NEA and NEH awards. His work is in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art and many others.

In Meyerowitz's own words: "In the moments after the collapse of the Twin Towers I was overcome by a deep impulse to help, to save, to soothe, but, being far away, there was nothing I could do. When I made my way home to New York several days later the first thing I did was go downtown. Standing in the crowds at the perimeter five blocks north of the zone, I raised my camera simply to see what could be seen and was reminded by a police officer that I was standing in a crime scene and no photographs were allowed, so I left. Yet, within a few blocks the echo of that reminder turned into consciousness and I saw what I had to do. To me, no photographs meant no history. I decided at that moment that I would find my way in and make an archive for the City of New York.

"It is a privilege to work at Ground Zero. Everyone who works there has been transformed by the spirituality of the place. The camaraderie among the workers in the zone reminds me of the stories we've heard about the World Wars, where men and women are thrown together by a common cause, share tragedies and victories, and are forever bound to one another by their effort. My task is to make a photographic record of the aftermath: the awesome spectacle of destruction; the reverence for the dead; the steadfast, painstaking effort

"It is a privilege to work at Ground Zero. Everyone who works there has been transformed by the spirituality of the place."

Oct. 7, 2001. An Autumn Afternoon

of recovery; the life of those whose act of salvation has embedded itself deeply into the consciousness of all of us in America and around the world."

The Signature Series will also feature a presentation of the musical piece *On the Transmigration of Souls* by John Adams at 8 p.m. on Feb. 6, 2007, in The Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville.

On the Transmigration of Souls, for orchestra, chorus, children's choir and pre-recorded tape is a composition by composer John Adams commissioned by The New York Philharmonic and Lincoln Center's Great Performers and an anonymous New York family shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It is notable for containing texts from the countless missing person signs that became such a heart-wrenching symbol of the events, which are both narrated and sung. Adams received the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in music for the piece.

John Adams describes his work, written for the New York Philharmonic in commemoration of those who died in the tragedy of Sept. 11 as "a musical space for reflection and remembrance, of meditation on an unanswerable question. …*On the Transmigration of Souls* is a memorial to a great city."

Discussions regarding the photography and music will be integrated into the classrooms throughout the year. The Signature Series was created to bring national and international talent to Otterbein to share their experiences with Otterbein students, faculty and staff and the general public. The last Series featured a visit to campus by critically acclaimed independent film director Gus Van Sant, who directed *Finding Forrester* and *Good Will Hunting* among many others.

For more info about...

The exhibit: http://911exhibit.com/
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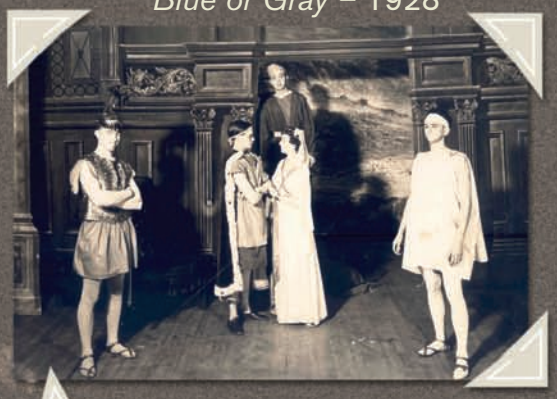
Oct. 26, 2001. The North Wall

As You Like It – 1907

Otterbein Theatre turns 100

Blue or Gray – 1928



The Prodigal Son – 1937

The Rainmaker – 1958

See photos of Alumni Theatre Gatherings, page 39

Otterbein Theatre: 1906-2006

Otterbein College's 100-year-old Department of Theatre and Dance began as the Otterbein College Department of Public Speaking as approved by the Board of Trustees in the fall of 1906. That spring the Class of 1907 produced the first fully staged play at Otterbein, Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Seven years later the first theatre classes, Dramatic Technique and Dramatic Presentation, were added to the course catalogue.

Dr. John Franklin Smith '1910 took charge of the department in the fall of 1927. Over the course of the next 23 years he directed 83 plays. Plays were staged in several locations across Westerville, including the Alum Creek Park band shell, the Otterbein Alumni Gymnasium and the Westerville High School auditorium. In 1951 Cowan Hall was built and Moliere's *The Miser* became the first production staged there.

In 1958, Dr. Charles Dodrill was hired to supervise the theatre side of the Speech and Theatre Department. Over the course of the next 33 years he molded the department into a world-class theatre training program. In 1962, Dr. Dodrill established the guest artist program. This program has included such well-known talent as Hans Conreid, Ed Begley, Brock Peters, Kim Hunter, Arnold Moss and Pat Hingle. The first Children's Theatre production was also in 1962, an adaptation of *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

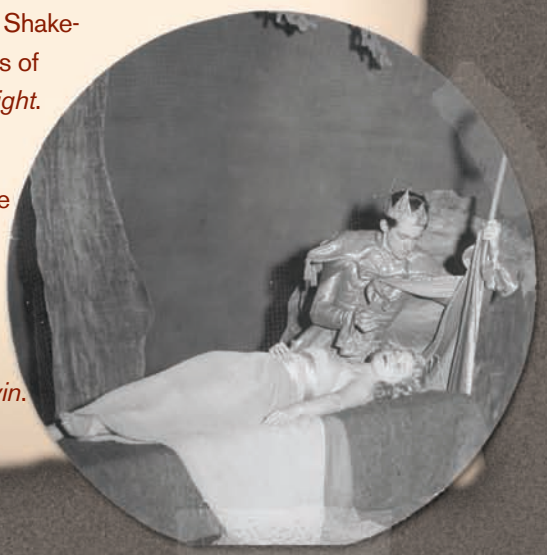
Another innovation, now in its 40th year, was the addition of a Summer Theatre series in 1967. In 1973, the senior internship program was created to give students first-hand experience in the professional world of theatre.

Today, under the direction of Dr. John Stefano, the Department of Theatre and Dance continues to innovate and equip students with the skills to succeed in the competitive world of acting and design.

Once a year, senior students have the opportunity to audition for a place with the Otterbein College Senior Showcase. They travel to New York City to audition for more than 150 casting directors and agents, including those from ABC, Johnson-Liff Casting, and Fox TV. Following the audition, the students have the opportunity to schedule personal interviews and follow-up auditions with the various agencies or to submit their headshots and résumés for future consideration.

Because of this venue for seniors to showcase their talents, many have obtained work with agencies, companies and tours such as The National Shakespeare Company, The Denver Theatre Center, the national tours of *Cats*, *Oliver* and *Cabaret*, and with the soap opera, *Guiding Light*.

Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance has graduated such noted actors as Broadway favorite **Dee Hoty '74** and the late movie actor **David Graf '72**. Recently, **Mandy Bruno '04** was nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award for her role in *Guiding Light*, **Billoah Greene '01** received top billing in the independent film *Preaching to the Choir* and **Sam Jaeger '99** appeared in the gripping opening scene of *Lucky Number Slevin*.



Midsummer's Night Dream – 1948

Pajama Game – 1962

My Fair Lady – 1970

The Boyfriend – 1965

J.B. – 1963

Alice in Wonderland – 1980

Wizard of Oz – 1974

Nunsense – 1992
(Otterbein Summer Theatre)

West Side Story – 1985

Six Degrees of Separation – 1995

Big River – 1993

Pippin – 1994

Kiss Me Kate – 2003

Ginger – 2000

Jesus Christ, Superstar – 2005

2004 Showcase

42nd Street – 2006

Class Notes

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1928

Frances Hinds Titus celebrated her 100th birthday on Aug. 7, 2006.

1942

Paul Shartle is a retired music teacher and principal with Kettering Local Schools where he served for 35 years. He is also retired after 44 years as a band director for the Kettering Civic Band in Kettering, OH.

1943

Warren "Ernie" Ernsberger was interviewed for the article entitled "Parents Once Petitioned to Ban 'Violent' Football" which ran in the *Westerville News and Public Opinion*. In the article, he described what it was like to play high school sports in the 1930s.

1944

Allen Bartlett received the M. King Hubbert Award from the Association for the Study of Peak Oil - USA at the group's annual meeting in Denver, CO, in Nov. 2005. He received the award for his lecture on the arithmetic of steady growth and its effects on petroleum consumption and reserves. Allen then traveled to New Zealand where he spoke at a solar energy conference at Otaga University in Dunedin, and then in Canberra and Adelaide in Australia. In May 2006, he gave the commencement address at the International School in Basel, Switzerland.

Mabel Sizer Rose gave the invocation at the Bellville Alumni Dinner held in Bellville, OH. She was a music teacher at Bellville High School.

1952

Donald Myers competed in the Ohio Senior Olympics held in Canton, OH this summer. He competed in the 75-79 year old age group and won in the race categories of 400 meters, 800 meters, and 1500 meters. He placed 2nd in the triple jump and pole vault events.

1955

Bob Arledge competed in the Ohio Senior Olympics held in Canton, OH this summer. He competed in the 70-74 year old age group and won the pole vault event.

Shirley Corkwell Beam was named "Senior Citizen of the Year" by the Johnstown American Legion Post 254 in Johnstown, OH. Shirley manages the Mary E. Babcock Library and has been employed for over 30 years in the Newark Public Library system.

Nita Shannon Leland presented "Choose to be Creative" at Book & Co. in Kettering, OH. She also autographed her book, *The New Creative Artist*. Nita is the author of four best-selling books of art instruction and teaches watercolor classes at Hithergreen Center in Kettering. She also presents workshops on painting, collage, color and creativity throughout the United States and Canada.

1956

John Bullis and his wife, **Carole Kreider Bullis '56**, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10, 2006. Celebrating with them will be children, Doug Bullis '81, Craig Bullis '83 and his wife Paula Raymond Bullis '83, and Tim Bullis '90 and his wife Kelly Bullis. They will also be joined by their seven grandchildren.

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1957

Bob Henn is the author of *Wildflowers of Ohio*, which is a full-color 200-page field guide. He recently presented a slide show and hike highlighting the season's wildflowers in April 2006 at Darke County Parks' Shawnee Prairie Preserve Nature Center. Bob is a professor emeritus in the biology department of Sinclair Community College

Oops...

In the last issue of *Towers,* in the artwork displayed from the Class of 1956's Otterbein Reverberations exhibit at Alumni Weekend, we erroneously attributed the wooden nativity figures to "Irving" Bence. **John Wells '48** was the creator of the carved nativity figures. **Irvin Bence '56** is also a woodworker and carver, and the cross shown at right, which hangs in the United Methodist Church of the Master, is an example of his work. Sorry for the mixup!

Profile

This '75 Alumnus has been "Digital" for a Long Time

by Amy Feller '07

As a holder of 20 patents for Texas Instruments products and methods, you might say **Bruce Flinchbaugh '75** knows his gadgets. In the past 25 years, he has distinguished himself in the field of higher technology, particularly in digital video and image processing.

He graduated with honors in 1975 from Otterbein College and received a bachelor's degree in mathematics. During the summer of 1974, he worked for Argonne National Laboratory in the suburbs of Chicago. This experience gave him the support to continue on and receive his OSU-CSE Ph.D. in 1980.

Bruce is now a TI (Texas Instruments) Fellow, and manages the Video and Image Processing Branch of the DSP R&D Center at Texas Instruments in Dallas. As a research manager, some of his responsibilities include video and image processing projects for TI businesses with programmable digital signal processor (DSP) products for digital cameras, cellular phones and other digital imaging and video systems.

Since joining TI in 1982, Bruce and his research teams have enabled TI products for diverse digital signal processing applications. His early contributions were methods for the automatic interpretation of three-dimensional seismic data for oil exploration. This led to the development of a TI geophysical workstation and a method that split the concrete complexity of geophysical data processing in production.

"It's good to work with very smart people…I learn something new everyday," he said.

After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Bruce began directing his research toward automatic target recognition technology projects for defense applications concerning problems in independent video surveillance for security purposes.

In the early 1990s, his team prepared the development of a real-time autonomous video-monitoring prototype that could track people and map out their positions. By the mid-90s, this system had come to be recognized and earned TI a sole-source award for autonomous video surveillance research. In 1998, his area office developed a stand alone network camera prototype of the system, with software employed entirely on a single Digital Signal Processor (DSP), which contributed to the structure of the TI business unit for digital camera processors that are in production today.

Bruce has published or presented in over 50 technical forums including journals, industry trade magazines and conferences. Currently, he represents TI on an external advisory board at OSU, and on the Industrial Liaison Committee of the International Association for Pattern Recognition. More than a dozen of TI employees have been recruited and mentored by Bruce. This includes the supervision of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and the University of Illinois master's thesis projects at TI, as well as over 25 other graduate students working as TI R&D summer interns over the past 24 years. He has progressively been promoted within the TI company for many years now, climbing the ladder of success by working hard and functioning well with others.

Bruce said that his liberal arts background from Otterbein has really helped him keep a broad perspective on things at work. It is especially helpful, he said, because most of the people that he works with were engineer majors at state schools. Also, his study abroad to England while he was at Otterbein helped him establish more of a worldly perspective.

Bruce was an active member in Lambda Gamma Epsilon, also known as Kings fraternity. In his free time, Bruce liked to play the guitar and write songs. He was also in the traveling campus group called Semblance that went to church camps and other student groups to sing and perform. He said he had some of his best times in college playing his guitar and hanging out with his fraternity brothers.

Many have recognized Bruce for his achievements throughout the years. Some awards and honors include: Distinguished Alumnus, The Ohio State University College of Engineering, 2003; TI Fellow, Texas Instruments, 2002; Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Texas Instruments, 1998; ACM Recognition of Service Award, 1993; Senior Member of Technical Staff, Texas Instruments, 1986; University Fellow, The Ohio State University, 1975; Otterbein Scholar, Otterbein College, 1971.

Since this will be his 25th year working with TI, it's a good thing that Bruce enjoys what he does. He said, "I always followed my nose," and it has led him to find something that truly interests him and never gets old. With the constant changes in technology he said he is glad that he is able to touch so many lives with the products that he and his company produce.

and a full-time volunteer at Aullwood Audubon Nature Center and Farm in Dayton, OH.

1961

Allen Gress is currently marketing his novel, *Duel in the Parking Deck*, and has scheduled numerous book signings around northeast Ohio in the summer. He is starting his second term as president of the Louisville Rotary Club while still writing part-time for the *Louisville Herald* in Louisville, OH.

Alice Heft Hoover is using the music training she acquired at Otterbein in her current position as associate organist for The Presbyterian Church of Coshocton, OH. The church has a wonderful Taylor and Boody Tracker pipe organ in the sanctuary and a Bunn Minich pipe organ in the chapel. Since retiring from teaching in 2001, Alice has developed first person portrayals of 23 historical and Biblical women. She does her own research, develops the stories, and makes the costumes. She has performed for many schools, church groups, and social clubs.

Rev. Richard Hoover was in parish ministry for 31 years. For the past 11 years, he has worked at Historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton, OH where he serves as historic interpreter, printer, and portrays Dr. Maro Johnson in the first person. He performs many first person portrayals with his wife, **Alice Heft Hoover '61**.

Shirley Hamilton Ludmann taught high school for many years in Cincinnati, OH. She is currently working part-time for the EPA's Emergency Response Team. Shirley has been married for 42 years, has five children and four grandchildren with a fifth on its way.

Beth Hanning Sherman received a liver transplant in February 2006 after suffering from congenital polycystic liver disease. She is feeling extremely well and back to enjoying activities such as playing the hammered dulcimer, folkharp, and related instruments. She and her husband, **Lynn '62**, also enjoy biking and gardening.

Rev. Duane Slade has returned to pastor one of the churches he once served after retiring as a United Methodist minister. After a 10-year absence, he returned to Centennial United Methodist Church in Johnstown, PA. Previously, he had served as band director in Windham, OH, and Bedford, OH, as executive director of Camp Allegheny Camping and Retreat Center and as a minister in residence for 21 years.

Myra Kilgore Wetzel has a wonderful new son-in-law, Dave Volz, who is an engineer with Disney World in Florida. He and her daughter, Jan, were married last year in his hometown of Sacramento, CA.

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1962

Lynn Sherman retired from Celina Insurance Group in Clarksburg, West Virginia after more than 42 years of service.

1966

Stephen Bretz was hit by a car in December 2005 while working for the Forest Park Fire Department in Forest Park, OH. He has undergone four surgeries and should be walking by early fall of 2006.

Rev. Rebecca Clark was received and confirmed into the Fellowship of the Episcopal Church on April 8, 2006 by Bishop Kenneth L. Price, Jr. of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. She is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Dayton, OH.

Rev. Edward Clarke and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2006.

David Holl's future plans after retirement from Otterbein College include travel, volunteer work, and beekeeping.

Lt. Col. John Robert "Bob" Wardle retired from Piscataway High School in New Jersey after teaching Air Force Junior ROTC for 20 years. This is his second retirement. Previously, he retired from the Air Force in 1986 after 20 years of service. Bob plans to enjoy his long awaited retirement on the golf course and helping with the Habitat for Humanity Foundation.

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1967

Tina McCune Watman held a solo art show benefitting area animal rescue organizations at David Myers Gallery in Westerville, OH. She took up painting after retiring as an administrator at UCLA's School of Medicine in 2004.

1968

Fred Wolfe received the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Claymont Foundation in Uhrichsville, OH. The award honors a person who has dedicated his life or career to the service of humanity. Fred is retired as superintendent of the Franklin County Educational Service Center in

Bill Watts '68 received the Dinsmore Award for his employment with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, OH. This is the company's most prestigious technical award. He is recognized in Goodyear and throughout the industry as one of the world's foremost experts on rubber mixing. He has also received 15 patents, six trade secrets and was the recipient of the Goodyear Spirit Award in 1988 and 2002.

Columbus, OH after 36 years in public education.

1970

Ray Mowery retired from Canal Winchester Schools in 2005 after 35 years in education. This past year, he taught at St. Mary school in Lancaster, OH.

1971

Gerald Lang is actively enjoying his Model A Fords. He also plays the theater organ for tours at a restored theater in Mansfield, OH.

Polly Talbott finally opened her cooking school, A La Carte Culinary Services. She is the proud owner of a recreational cooking school and culinary service center in Lynbrook, NY.

Rev. Walter Weaver has returned to pastor at East Rochester/Bayard United Methodist Churches in East Rochester, OH.

Jerry West teaches media technology and Spanish at Wynford High School in Bucyrus, OH. He has been teaching school for 32 years and also coaches swimming. He has taken over 500 students to Spain and Mexico in more than 17 trips.

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1974

Dee Hoty starred as Lady Emma Fairfax in *Dr. Dolittle*, which played at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland, OH. Cleveland was the ninth stop of the tour.

Stan Hughes retired after 30 years in education. Most recently, he served as athletic director at Avon High School in Avon, OH. Prior to that, he was the athletic director at Midview High School. Stan has been named Lorain County Athletic Director of the Year twice, and Lorain County Conference Track Coach of the Year. He has also received the State Contributor Award from the Ohio Track Officials Association, and was inducted into this year's Lorain County Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He and his wife, **Gayle Bixler Hughes '75**, have five sons.

1976

Rev. Jamison Brunk is beginning his 19th year serving three United Methodist Churches in Owsley County, KY, with the Red Bird Missionary Conference. He has been the head cross country coach at a local high school for the past 14 years where he also started a track program and has served as the head coach for 11 years.

Deborah Venable Duncan was elected Fellow by the the American Academy of Family Practice in 2006. She is a primary care physician at the Fenton Medical Center in Fenton, MI.

Tom McKelvey is the president of McKelvey & Associates, Inc. in Louisville, KY. He is a sales manufacturing representative for several packaging related manufacturers.

Leslie Roraback Ray is a reading specialist for the East Syracuse Minoa School District in East Syracuse, NY.

Cynthia Spriggs will be traveling with her church group to teach English to Hungarian children. The group will be staying at a camp outside of Budapest. This will be her second trip to Budapest.

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1977

Daniel Hawk is a professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH. He was recently a guest speaker at Ashland First United Methodist Church.

1979

Gary Hoyle is the president and chief executive of Peach's Rise & Dine Restaurants based in Bradenton, FL. The company is expanding into Columbus, OH. It will be the first location outside of Florida for the small breakfast-and-lunch dining chain but the company has awarded a development agreement for at least 50 more restaurants across Ohio.

1981

Cathy Walker Allison has accepted a new position at Pickerington Local Schools teaching work and family life at Pickerington Central High School in Pickerington, OH.

Mary Eschbach Cunnyngham and her husband/partner, Russ Meeker, have recently established a two-part business that includes residential energy alternatives consulting and environmentally appropriate decorating services.

Julie Johnson recently completed 22 years of teaching physical education. For the past three years, she has also been the athletic director for one of the Columbus Diocese schools where she teaches. Julie received the Buckeye Best Award - Gold Level which is given by the American Cancer Society.

Rev. Elaine Clinger Sturtz will be publishing her third devotional book entitled *The Final Dance of Life*. It will be available at local Christian bookstores later this year.

'82 *Reunion Year! Alumni Wkd. June 8-10, 2007*

1982

Janet Tressler Davis is the president of the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce in Westerville, OH. She recently received her second re-certification as an accredited professional at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Kathy Butts Urban has a five year old daughter, Laurel Rose, who is 18 months in remission (no evidence of disease) of Wilms Tumor. Laurel's left kidney and cancerous tumor were

removed six days after her third birthday.

1983

Les Epstein was appointed executive director for Opera Roanoke in Virginia. This follows seven years as executive director for the Children's Theatre of Winston-Salem. Working as a director and writer, he recently staged productions of *The Miracle Worker* and *Seussical* for the Paramount Theatre in North Carolina. He has also published poetry in journals such as the *Nisqually Delta Review* and *Blind Man's Rainbow*. He resides in the Blue Ridge Mountains with his wife, Nancy; daughter, Sarah; and their two cats.

David Graham is the communications manager at the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund in Columbus, OH.

1984

Rick Goodrich was the Ohio coach for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC (Ohio Valley Athletic Conference) All-Star Charity Football Classic on July 23, 2006. He is a teacher and football coach at Cambridge High School in Cambridge, OH.

1987

Robert Fritz is a computer help desk specialist with Management Science Associates in Pittsburgh, PA. He is also the webmaster for Western Pennsylvania Mensa

1988

Jolene Thompson is the executive director of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association and vice president of government and member relations for American Municipal Power-Ohio in Columbus, OH. She was the featured speaker at the first "Women in Business...Stories of Success" quarterly luncheon, sponsored by Meigs County Chamber of Commerce.

1989

Christopher Clapp won a Midwestern Regional Emmy in July 2006 for the set design of Guardian Studios production of the children's television show *Taylor's Attic*. The Emmy recognizes outstanding work in the field of television and is awarded by the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Christopher is the president and owner of C & C Scene Shop which operates out of the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus, OH.

Kelly Eikleberry is the director of residence life at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA. She has been in the higher education field for over 15 years working with greek life, residence life, educational programming, health services, and student conduct. Kelly is just 30 minutes south of Pittsburgh and is thrilled to be closer to her family and hometown of Shadyside, OH.

1991

Aisling "Ash" Reynolds Babbitt and her husband, Geoff, reside in Galloway, OH. She is the publications editor of *OhioHealth* and her husband is a chemist with Roxanne Labs in Columbus, OH.

Ben Hodges has co-edited *The Commercial Theater Institute Guide to Producing Plays & Musicals*, including contributions from 27 industry professionals who have combined Tonys numbering in the hundreds. Ben continues to edit the annual *Theatre World* publication, executive produces the annual *Theatre World Awards* for Broadway and Off-Broadway debuts, and serves as executive director of The Learning Theatre which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to incorporating theatre into the development and lives of autistic and learning disabled children.

1992

Mary Randle performs for the Shadowbox Cabaret at Easton Town Center in Columbus, OH. Most recently, she played "Judge Judy" in *Freak Show 2006*.

1993

Scott Buchwalter was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal. He is an Air National Guard Master Sergeant assigned to the 121st Air Refueling Wing in Columbus, OH. The medal is awarded to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguishes themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States in noncombat situations.

1994

Larry Gifford is program director for 710 ESPN radio station in Los Angeles, CA. He was a 2005 inductee into the Westerville North Alumni Hall of Fame that was recognized in May 2006.

Tacci Smith was promoted to assistant dean of students/director of student activities at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH.

Jennifer Morgan Flory '95 has been appointed artistic director and conductor of the Choral Society of Middle Georgia as well as director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville, GA. Jennifer also continues to serve as director of choral activities and is an assistant professor of music at Georgia College & State University in Millegeville, GA.

1996

Jennifer Mancz Seaman is a clinical counselor at Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. She and her husband, Eric, reside in Washington Court House, OH.

1997

Corey Brill played Father Flynn in Seattle Rep's production of *Doubt*. It ran Aug. 23 - Oct. 21, 2006, in Seattle, WA.

Jennifer Collins earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is employed as an intensive therapist for University Behavioral Health Services in Columbia, MO, where she focuses on the treatment of children's mental health disorders.

Amy Lubker Mignogna has been promoted to senior manager of governmental affairs at the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants in Columbus, OH.

Ann Hatfield Moore recently earned her Disability Income Associate (DIA) designation. She has also been promoted to senior account consultant with UnumProvident Corporation in Columbus, OH, where she has been working for the past six years.

Bryan Worra is the communications director for the Hawthorne Area Community Council in Minneapolis, MN. He is also writing science fiction, poetry and short stories. His work has appeared in a few dozen print and online publications. He has lectured and led writing workshops at a number of area universities and arts institutions. Bryan also promotes writing and reading through the Hmong American Institute for Learning and the Satjadham Lao Literary Project. He is currently working on a collection of short stories steeped in Hmong and Lao culture.

1998

Lindsay Deringer Adams is a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Gahanna, OH.

Andy Fisher is the new head golf professional at the Dayton Country Club in Dayton, OH.

Alexandrea Wright Green has been promoted to vice president of national initiatives for Real Living, Inc. in Columbus, OH.

Rebecca Devaney Stapleton received her MBA degree from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH on May 13, 2006.

1999

Kimberly Aikens received the Alumni Appreciation Award at the African American Student Union's Black Baccalaureate Ceremony held May 19, 2006. This award recognizes Otterbein alumni who have contributed, assisted and supported the African American Student Union (AASU) and the Office of Ethnic Diversity through means of networking and communication.

Scott Davis will serve as the men's assistant basketball coach for Otterbein College. He earned three varisity letters in basketball while a student at Otterbein. He was a two-time All-Ohio Athletic conference performer, team captain and led the team in scoring his junior and senior seasons. Previously, Scott was the men's basketball coach at Jonathan Alder High School in Plain City, OH.

Lisa Caudle Tullos has been named math, science, social studies and spelling marketing manager for SRA/McGraw-Hill in Columbus, OH.

Shantel Weinsheimer completed her Ph.D. in molecular biology and genetics on Aug. 11, 2006, at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detriot, MI. Her Ph.D. work involved the identification of positional and functional candidate genes in intracranial aneurysms. She plans to continue genetic research in the field of human birth defects.

2000

Brian Carter was promoted to assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Columbus, OH.

Brad Hermen is a credit analyst for JPMorgan in Columbus, OH. He is also in his fourth year as an umpire for the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Allison Sattinger was a backup singer for Will Ferrell at the ESPY awards that aired Sunday, July 16, 2006. She also can be heard singing on the new "triple loaded" Pizza Hut commercials.

Suzanne Twitty Swanson joined the Columbus office of the law firm of Jones Day to lead its marketing, public relations and business development efforts. She also serves as president of the board of the Columbus Metropolitan Club.

Megan Theis received her master's of fine arts in design practice from the Department of Industrial, Interior and Visual Communication Design from The Ohio State University.

2001

Trisha Freeman was named director of membership and marketing at the National Ground Water Association in Westerville, OH.

Danielle Miller graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina earning her master's in healthcare administration. She has been chosen to participate in a CEO training program with Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC.

Teresa Hamilton Wagner was named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. She is a first grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School in Westerville, OH. Teresa recently returned to Otterbein to pursue her master's degree.

2002

Daniel Brownstein is a municipal/general assignment reporter for *The Island Packet* which is a daily newspaper in Hilton Head, SC. Previously, he

worked as a city reporter for *The Delaware Gazette* in Delaware, OH and as a producer/co-host for 610 WTVN radio station in Columbus, OH.

Crystal Humphrey Dougherty received her associate degree from Columbus State Community College in American sign language education. She is working for the Hilliard City Schools as an interpreter for a fourth grade student in Hilliard, OH. She is also a Tastefully Simple Independent Consultant. Crystal began pursuing her master's degree in deaf education at The Ohio State University this past summer.

Emily Stout Fitzer received her doctor of optometry degree from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in June 2006. She is currently practicing in the Columbus, OH area.

Jeff Gibbs is playing basketball for the Columbus Cyclones which is in the IBL (International Basketball League) East Division located in Columbus, OH.

2003

Emily Harris Besser was recently awarded a license to practice as a certified public accountant (CPA). She works at CPA Group in Columbus, OH.

Katherine Schell Corchinski is a first grade teacher in the Westerville City School District and is working toward her master's degree in literacy.

Lisa Minken is the new director of marketing and public relations for Opera Columbus in Columbus, OH.

Brett Peterman is an information technology computer specialist for the Sidney Public School System in Sidney, OH.

Kelli Weiland Rex is a graduate student at Central Michigan University where she is also employed as a constituent relations writer.

John Steeves is vice president of operations for Forever Green Inc. in Mt. Pleasant, SC. It is the largest commercial landscaping firm in South Carolina.

2004

Sarah Armstrong Baker was recently promoted to agency field specialist for the Newark Agency Field Office of State Farm Insurance. In her new role with the company, she will lead 28 State Farm agents from five Central Ohio counties. She and her husband, Eric, also purchased a new home in Newark, OH which they share with their beloved Bichon Frise named Martini.

Daisy Huston is a speaker/event coordinator for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, OH.

Whitney Hendershot Iles is a second grade teacher and soccer coach in Melbourne, FL.

Heather Channel Lee is a lab technician for Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH.

Nicole "Niki" Mayer was working as a case manager for Dublin Counseling but has been accepted into the master's of social work program at The Ohio State University which she began this fall. It is a full-time program that will take two years to complete.

Kristen Coffman Messenheimer is an admission counselor at Otterbein College in Westerville, OH.

Brian Potts is the vocal music teacher for grades 5 through 12 in the Wyoming City School District in Cincinnati, OH.

Sara Yund Potts is the music teacher for grades K through 8 at Miami Valley Christian Academy in Cincinnati, OH.

Rebecca Rossiter was selected to participate in a national songwriting workshop funded by the Mercer Foundation at Northwestern University. She was one of 16 emerging lyricists/composers between the ages of 18 and 30 who worked with leading sonwriters/guest faculty including Alan Bergman ("The Way We Were"), John Bucchino ("Grateful"), and Amanda McBroom ("The Rose"). She is currently pursuing her master of arts in poetry from Ohio University where she is also a teaching associate in the English Department.

Teresa Moore Saxton received a degree from the University of Tennessee in English Literature and will be pursuing her doctorate in the Fall of 2006.

Adrian Schaar was serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army. He returned in Sept. 2006 and was promoted to Sergeant in October, 2006.

Heather Smith is a dance instructor for Dance Unlimited at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, OH. The dance school recently presented *Watch Us Dance...Hear Our Hearts Speak* at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin.

Valerie Accetta Thalassinos was a workshop leader on learning to audition for musical theater productions for the Columbus Children's Choir held at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, OH. Valerie resides in Athens, Greece.

2005

Nance Brown Curtis has accepted a teaching position at the Delaware Career Center in the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Adult Education Program in Delaware, OH.

Tom Feusse was named CEO of The Wallick Companies which is a real estate management and development company in Columbus, OH.

Jeremy Fryman has accepted the position of director of technology with the Ridgedale Local School System in Marion County, OH.

Becca Zapor '05 had two of her poems, "Undercurrents" and "Indigo," published in the 2006 edition of *Spring Street* which is the annual publication at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, OH.

Dawniela Halischak is teaching first grade at the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis, IN.

Megan Karr Magoon is the community resource coordinator for the Environmental Management Branch of the Directorate of Public Works at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Justin Milam is a city planner for the City of Upper Arlington in Ohio.

Kaitlin Ringer Peterman is a voice and piano instuctor for 88 Keys Music Studio in Sidney, OH.

Zach Reat received the Citizen Alumni Award from the Center for Community Engagement department at Otterbein.

Chantil Stull is an environmental scientist for Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. (EMH&T) in Columbus, OH.

2006

Holly Fenner is a reporter for Suburban News Publications in Columbus, OH.

Trent Kugler has accepted a position as master carpenter at the Studio Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Emily Ling is a pricing analyst for Grange Insurance in Columbus, OH.

Kari Parker is a history teacher at Reynoldsburg High School in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Tim Pheister passed his state nursing board test (NCLEX) and is working at Mount Carmel East in the Vascular Intermediate Care Unit in Columbus, OH.

Jennifer Ernst Sprang is an elementary art teacher for Olentangy Local Schools in Delaware, OH.

Amy Welsh is a member of the nursing faculty at North Central State College in Mansfield, OH. She was also inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International which is the honor society of nursing.

Letters

Alumnus Has Insight on Common Book

I was interested to read in the Summer 2006 *Towers* that the 2006-2007 Common Book is *The Inextinguishable Symphony* by Martin Goldsmith.

I have owned this book for several years, ever since I heard Martin Goldsmith talking about his parents' experiences in Nazi Germany. I am certain that the Otterbein students will find it an inspiring story.

Of particular interest to me was the story on pages 44-45 concerning violinist Ernst Drucker. During many of my seasons with the Chautauqua Opera, Mr. Drucker was the concertmaster of the opera orchestra and a member of the Chautauqua Symphony. As a member of the Metropolitan Opera orchestra in New York City, Mr. Drucker had a vast experience playing operatic scores, and was an invaluable leader in the pit. He played the many violin solos beautifully and we all counted ourselves lucky to work with him.

The Drucker family lived in a house quite near the opera rehearsal building, and I can remember hearing his young son, Eugene, hard at work practicing the violin. Eugene became one of the youngest violinists in the Student Symphony. He is now the principal violinist with the famous Emerson String Quartet, which has appeared on TV and made many CD recordings.

Just wanted to pass this information along...

John Lloyd '60 (Chautauqua Opera, 1956-67)

It was an Otterbein Love Story...

James Coppock Brown '48, son of **Thomas B. Brown '18** and **Cleo Coppock Brown '19**, started at Otterbein in 1940, but in 1942 enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served for three years in the South Pacific before returning to Otterbein. While playing bridge at meal time in Cochran Hall he met **Mary Jo Wood '48**, daughter of **Genevieve Mullin Wood '23** and **Stanton B. Wood '17**. It was love at first sight! And for two years they studied, went to Pi Beta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Tau activities, held hands, walked for miles, and kissed in the dark doorways of Cochran Hall. Jim's frat even performed a sweetheart serenade, directed by Bob (Bing) Crosby, on the fire escape of Cochran when they became engaged.

They had a big wedding and honeymoon and in a couple of years moved to Jim's family farm in western PA, when his dad retired. Jim worked as a chemist but also farmed the 125-acre farm in the evenings and on weekends. They had four sons. Jim died Sept. 1, 2006. Jim loved his family, the land, playing golf, and his wife very much.

Mary Jo Brown '48

(Editor's Note: For more information, see Milestones, page 33.)

Milestones

Compiled by Mary Kay Riemenschneider Beougher '85

Marriages

1966

Jean Fuller Timberlake to Wayne Singree, Oct. 19, 2004.

1970

Ray Mowery to Karrie Bishel, June 23, 2006.

1983

David Graham to Keri Seaman, May 6, 2006.

1987

Robert Fritz to Jamie Longstreth, June 4, 2005.

1991

Aisling "Ash" Reynolds to Geoff Babbitt, April 15, 2006. Bridesmaids included **Wendy Pietila Watson '92** and **Synda Sparks Bernicke '91**.

1996

Traci Sillick to Mike Kirk, Sept. 3, 2005.

Jennifer Mancz to Eric Seaman, Feb. 6, 2006.

1998

Lindsay Deringer to Shaun Adams, June 27, 2006.

Mark Mayers to **Laurie Thomas '98**, Oct. 29, 2005.

1999

Christopher Harr to **Molly Bowen '00**, July 1, 2006.

Molly Barnard to Kyle Mossman, May 20, 2006.

Phillip Schneider to Kathryn Deinlein, July 8, 2006. Kathryn is a current graduate student at Otterbein.

Kelly Reeves to Andrew Uhlenhopp, July 9, 2006.

Shantel Weinsheimer to Grant Blouse, May 2005.

2000

Brad Hermen to **Kelli Mueller '01**, Dec. 11, 2004.

Sarah James to Christopher Koriath, April 8, 2006.

2001

Tony Troiano to Stephanie Elsea, July 22, 2006.

2002

Crystal Humphrey to Matt Dougherty, May 14, 2005.

D. Evan Thomas to **Christina Trigg '05**, July 15, 2006.

Melanie Kingery to Doug White, July 9, 2005.

2003

Katherine Schell to Brandon Corchinski, June 17, 2006.

Ryan Flack to **Amber Oldaker '03**, Aug. 30, 2003.

Brett Peterman to **Kaitlin Ringer '05**, June 17, 2006.

Scott Rex to **Kelli Weiland '03**, July 8, 2006.

Mark Valot to **Brooke Burton '04**, June 10, 2006.

2004

Patrick Desgrange to **Emily Myers '04**, Dec. 3, 2005.

Whitney Hendershot to **Jeremy Iles '05**, July 29, 2006.

Heather Channel to P. Allen Lee Jr., May 20, 2006.

Kristen Coffman to Robert Messenheimer, July 29, 2006.

"Ash" Reynolds Babbit '91 with husband Geoff.

Amanda Helmrich Julca '06 with husband Jonathon.

Jeremy Iles '05 with Whitney Hendershot Iles '04.

Profile

Alumna is Walking "On Air" with Dream Job

by Amy Feller '07

With a passion for broadcast reporting, **Karen Kasler '89** has been busy making her mark in the news world since she graduated from Otterbein. A native of Lancaster, Ohio, Karen is now a reporter for the Statehouse News Bureau and Ohio's public radio and television stations.

In 1990, Karen joined the staff of WCBE-FM in Columbus. As news director, she channeled WCBE's coverage to a variety of events. Some events that were covered include the local impact of the Gulf War, the financial problems of the Columbus Public Schools and the trouble-ridden Ameriflora exhibition in 1992. She also filed for National Public Radio (NPR) and National Native News during her time at WCBE.

In 1994, Karen was selected as a Fellow in the Kiplinger Master's Program for Mid-Career Journalists at The Ohio State University. After receiving her master's degree, she moved to Cleveland and became the afternoon drive anchor and assignment editor for WTAM-AM.

"There were some dark days for me in the beginning…But because I love being a broadcaster, I was able to hang in there 'til I got the breaks I needed," she said.

Karen frequently reported for ABC Radio News and also co-produced a nationally distributed documentary on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, featuring her interview with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge from the West Wing of the White House.

In March 2004, Karen joined the Statehouse News Bureau. She's reported for NPR, Marketplace and the Great Lakes Radio Consortium, and is a frequent guest on ONN's *Capitol Square* , WVIZ's *Ideas* and WOSU-TV's *Columbus on the Record*. Karen recently became a mom with the birth of her son, Jack, late last year. Karen and her family live on Columbus' northeast side.

Karen has been honored by the Cleveland Press Club/Society of Professional Journalists, the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Commission, and holds a National Headliner Award. She's won several awards from the Ohio AP, and is a four-time winner of the AP's Best Broadcast Writing award.

While at Otterbein, Karen was involved mostly with the student radio station, WOBN. She was the WOBN news director in 1988, wrote for the *Tan & Cardinal* and hosted a show on WOCC called *Theatre in Westerville*.

She has won awards such as: Best Use of Sound – 2006, The Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters, Use of Sound, Second Place – 2005, and the Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters.

This year, Karen was the "Less-Than-Grand Marshal" for the 23rd Annual Doo Dah Parade, which took place on July 4. The Doo Dah Parade is, she explained, "a celebration of the right to controversial and politically incorrect free speech and a desecration of the standard old 'parade' at the same time." The parade sometimes features such entries as the Marching Fidels (people dress like Fidel Castro), Beer Belly Brigade, Ghandi on Roller Skates, and plenty of kazoos and bad taste political satire.

About her profession, Karen says it is important above all to strive to be a good writer. She says that one can practice their performance if not confident in front of a camera, but if you can't write then it is difficult to present information to your audience.

"I read a lot, and write every day. And I take note of writing that I think is great, and try to learn from those writers."

Karen said that the two things that have gotten her to this, her dream job, are hard work and networking, which go hand in hand. By networking and meeting as many people as possible, come more opportunities that can land a job and/or good contacts in the future.

"Once I discovered radio, there was nothing else I wanted to do," she stated. "There are plenty of great jobs outside of broadcasting, most of which pay more and have better hours. But of course they don't have the thrill of performing."

Chad Olinger to **Lindsey Peddicord '05**, July 2, 2005.

Jami Jones to Ryan Patton, July 8, 2006.

Brian Potts to **Sara Yund '04**, Aug. 5, 2006.

Kelley Humphries to Boone Sabine, July 22, 2006.

Teresa Moore to Matthew Saxton, Jan. 7, 2006.

David See to **Ashley Carver '05**, May 6, 2006.

2005

Eric Evans to **Julie Shaw '05**, July 22, 2006.

John Lintz to **Susanne Lynch '05**, July 28, 2006.

Shelley Hlavacek to John Robinson, May 6, 2006.

Erin Robinson to Pablo Russo, July 29, 2006.

2006

Lindsey Griffin to Brent Halsey, July 14, 2006.

Amanda Helmrich to Jonathan Eduardo Julca, July 2, 2006.

Mike Mosier to Michelle Moore, Aug. 19, 2006.

Jennifer Ernst to Rick Sprang, July 1, 2006.

Jessica Whitley to Ryan Starns, June 24, 2006.

Additions

1983

Kim Collier and partner Ellen Begley, a son, Owen Ramsey, Apr. 20, 2005. He joins big sister, Emma, age 3.

1990

Tim Bullis and wife Kelly, a son, Keegan Bradley, May 12, 2006. He joins brothers Jackson, 7, Carter, 5, and Mitchell, 2.

1993

Carrie McDonald Cook and husband Brant, a son, Wesley Michael, Nov. 20, 2005.

Lisa Postiy Muller and husband Ed, a son, Braden Matthew, Feb. 17, 2006. He joins big brothers Ryan, 6, and Eddie, 4.

1995

Alyce Douce Elbert and husband Cyril, a daughter, Kelsey Lauryn, Jan. 27, 2006. She joins big brother Collin Joseph, 3.

Katherine Smart Hughes and husband **Dan '95**, a daughter, Amelia Mae, Aug. 18, 2005.

1996

Meg Gutches Miller and husband **Roy "Tri" '96**, a son, Reid Alexander Gutches, June 28, 2006. He joins big sister Claire, age 4.

Amy Wagner Wilford and husband Scott, a son, Thomas Scott, Aug. 11, 2006.

Submit a "class note" about your little bundle of joy and receieve an Otterbein bib. Write to Classnotes at classnotes@otterbein.edu. Pictured is Brantley Seymour, son of Aminda Banning Seymour '98.

1997

Christy Borin Budreau and husband, **Brad '97**, a daughter, Carley Louise, Nov. 29, 2005. She joins big brother Parker, age 3.

Ted Busch and wife Karen, a son, Theodore Cameron, June 21, 2006.

Ann Hatfield Moore and husband **Allan '98**, a daughter, Addison Marguerite, Aug. 25, 2005. She joins big brother Aidan, age 5.

Heather Harris Smith and husband **Brant '95**, a son, Broderick William, Nov. 18, 2005. He joins big brother Gavyn, age 3.

1998

Elizabeth Carder Caton and husband Josh, a son, Andrew "Drew" Douglas, March 7, 2006. He joins proud big sister, Violet, age 18 months.

Alexandrea Wright Green and husband **Jason '97**, a daughter, Sophie London, April 26, 2006.

Emily Cotton Riepenhoff and husband **David '99**, a son, Ethan Andrew, June 12, 2006.

Rebecca Devaney Stapleton and husband **Preston '98**, a daughter, Kaiya Elizabeth, May 7, 2006.

Kerry Kimmet Wartel and husband Rich, a son, Asher David, March 19, 2006.

Jeni Keeler Wheeler and husband Jeff, a daughter, Jamie Elaine Grace, Jan. 16, 2006. She joins older brother Jackson, age 3.

1999

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

Molly Barnard Mossman and husband **Kyle' 99**, a son, George Pinkerton, Aug. 1, 2006.

Lisa Hermon Theis and husband **Shawn '01**, a daughter, Rachel Kay, April 10, 2006. She joins big brother Bradley, age 2.

Kimberly Thomas-Berry and husband Kurt, a son, Xavier Nicolas, June 29, 2006.

Amy Voellmecke Treboni and husband Max, a daughter, Evangeline "Evie" June, April 11, 2006.

2000

Holly Fulton Hicks and husband Ralph, a daughter, Scarlett Lillian-Marie, July 13, 2006.

Anne Mills Powers and husband Chad, a daughter, Emalee Isabelle, Sept. 25, 2005.

Rusty Richards and wife Heidi, a son, Reiston Michael, Feb. 23, 2006. His twin, Raylinn Michele, passed away on March 5, 2006.

Janna Wells Stanford and husband **Jeff '98**, a son, Carson Jeffrey, Aug. 1, 2006.

2001

Kelli Mueller Hermen and husband **Brad '00**, a son, Dylan Robert, June 7, 2006.

Lisa Church Wengerd and husband Tim, a son, Robert Scott, Sept. 26, 2004.

2003

Tiffany Jensen Von Almen and husband **Scott '02**, a son, Matthew Dean, Mar. 31, 2006.

2004

Jennifer Doddy Henry and husband Stephen, a son, Connor James, July 21, 2006.

Deaths

1929

Lloyd Plummer passed away June 21, 2005.

1933

Tennie Wilson Pieper passed away July 1, 2006.

1934

Raymond Schick passed away May 16, 2006. He is survived by his wife, **Dorothy DeWitt Schick '38**; two children; and several grandchildren. He was a former Newark football coach in Newark, OH. He was also a member of the Newark High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

1935

Rev. Robert "Bob" Airhart passed away May 29, 2006. He was preceded in death by two infant sons. He is survived by his wife, **Wahnita Strahm Airhart '36**; son, **Robert (Judy) Airhart II '66**; daughter, **Carol (Carl) Airhart Anderson '69**; 4 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was a United Methodist minister. During his working life, Bob was active on many community boards and agencies, including trustee of Otterbein College, Red Cross, Salvation Army and Community Services. He was a Rotarian, a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Knights Templar and Shrine.

1938

Vincent Arnold passed away Aug. 22, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Blake and Varie Arnold; sister, Geraldine Arnold; and brother, Virgil Arnold. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Arnold; children, **Lois Arnold '62**, **Carol (Terry) Arnold Mickey '64**, **Jane (Jeffrey '67) Arnold Olson '67**, **Terry (Deborah) Arnold '70**, **Matthew Arnold '76**, Rick and Randy Noxon, Rhonda (John) Schulte, and Jim (Paulette) Noxon; sister, **Lois (Marvin '48) Arnold Wagner '42**; 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; close friend and former basketball player, Leland "Junior" Norris; and many extended family members. Vincent served the Kettering school community in Ohio with distinction for 33 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

1940

Marjorie Fox French passed away Aug. 2006.

1945

Wilma Bennett Potter passed away May 27, 2006.

1947

Oren McClain passed away Mar. 28, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Shirley McClain; sons, Dana, Todd, and Mark McClain; daughter, Beverly Kellum; and eight grandchildren. He was a retired attorney who enjoyed tennis, reading and writing novels. While at Otterbein, he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

1948

James Brown (see letter on page 29) passed away Sept. 1, 2006. He was a research chemist with Pittsburgh Consolidation, Westinghouse, B.F. Drakenfield, and Climax Molybdenum. He was a life member of Cross Creek, PA Presbyterian Church and was a second generation farmer on his land in Cross Creek, serving on the Cross Creek village Grange for over 50 years. He enjoyed playing golf and greatly loved his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents **Thomas B. Brown '18** and **Cleo Coppock Brown '19** and brother Robert Brown. He is survived by wife, **Mary Jo Wood Brown '48**; sons, James, Thomas (Tammy), Peter (Stacie), and Jeffrey (Christina); sister, Barbara Castrodale (Nelson); brothers, Charles (Jean) and David (Ruth); and five grandchildren.

Sanders Frye passed away May 5, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Janet France Frye '48**; mother, Florence Frye; and father, **Sanders Frye Sr. H'61**. He is survived by his son, Sanders (Katherine) Frye; son, Steve (Nancy) Frye; daughter, Mary Anne (Tom) Frye Lagerstrom; sister, **Jean Frye Elliott '44**; sister Ann Howe; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; along with many extended family members. He was a general practice physician for six years and an anesthesiolo-

gist for 25 years. His father, Sanders Frye Sr., was the business manager for Otterbein from 1947 until 1965.

1949

Ernestine Jones Hammond passed away May 4, 2006. She is survived by her husband, **Dr. John Hammond '48**; son, **Dwight Hammond '73**; daughter, Heather Hammond VanFossen; 3 granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. She was a retired teacher from Upper Arlington City Schools in Upper Arlington, OH.

James Huelf passed away Mar. 29, 2006.

Maybelle Hudson Tierney passed away Feb. 4, 2006.

1950

Ethel Mutchler passed away Nov. 24, 2005.

C. Donald Rhoads passed away Sept. 3, 2006.

1951

Wayne Wallace passed away in June 2006. He had been a member of Sigma Delta Phi (Sphinx) fraternity while at Otterbein.

Marilyn McGervey Watkins passed away May 28, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Esther McGervey; and husband, J.M. Watkins. She is survived by her brother, Walter McGervey; and a niece and several nephews.

1952

Marjorie "Margie" Abbott Denham passed away Aug. 29, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Lloyd '22** and Aline Abbott; and infant grandchildren Luke and Emma Denham. She is survived by her husband, Robbins Hampton Denham; sons, Alan "Tad" (LuLu) Denham and Robert "Bob" Denham; sister, **Lois (Jim '51) Abbott Yost '52**; 3 grandchildren; and many extended family members.

1954

Carol Knobloch passed away Dec. 26, 2005 at her home in Stephentown, NY. While at Otterbein, Carol was an active member of Epsilon Kappa Tau (Arbutus)sorority and the Art Club under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Frank with whom she worked with very closely. Her working career was at the Conde' Nast Publications in New York City where she worked with several titles. She worked as art editor of *Vogue* under the famous Alexander Liberman and then did work with the *House & Garden* magazines and the *House & Garden Guide* issues. Later in her career, she was put in charge of color correction of the major magazines of Condé Nast Publications before they went to print. In this capacity, she did much traveling for the company. Carol loved African wildlife and made many trips to Africa to do photographic safaris and worked with the African Society for Animal Protection of which she served as secretary. Upon her retirement she moved full-time to her one hundred acre farm in the Berkshires. She kept very active with her gardens, the local historical society, theatre groups, the library, and church to which she gave much of her time and resources. She leaves behind her brother, Kenneth Knobloch, nephews, nieces, and many good friends.

1956

Josephine Laub Pomeroy passed away May 6, 2006.

1958

Judith Lovejoy Foote passed away Aug. 21, 2006. She is survived by her husband, **Wendell Foote '60**; daughter, Lauren Foote Christensen; son, David Foote; and many extended family members.

1960

Dennis Gustin passed away July 6, 2006. He is survived by his sons, Edward and Anthony; daughters, Angela and Denise; stepchildren, April, Donna and Brandon; four grandchildren; and brother, Larry Gustin. While at Otterbein, Dennis was active in musical productions, played baseball and was a very active member of Zeta Phi fraternity.

1962

Raymond "Ray" Ross passed away Aug. 17, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Millie Chase Ross. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ross; sons, Scott, Sam, and David Ross; sister, Donna Canan; and five grandchildren. He was a speech and drama teacher as well as an athletic coach in Cleveland and Springfield, OH. He had been an actor and was the former co-owner and director of the Down Right Theater in Duluth, GA. Prior to his retirement in 1998, he served as the director of the Evening Program for the Art Institute in Atlanta, GA.

Drusie Scott passed away May 7, 2006.

M. Susan Whitaker passed away July 31, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Ella Marie Whitaker; and sister, Wilberta Ann "Bill" Chamberlain. She is survived by sister, Barbara (Bill) Young; and many extended family members including niece, **Christine Whitaker Warner '91**. Susan had been a teacher in the Fremont Public Schools in Ohio and was the head counselor for the Girl Scouts at Stoneybrook. She received her master's degree from George Williams College in social work and retired from DuPage County Hospital in Illinois.

1963

Gordon Gregg passed away July 11, 2006. He is survived by his children, Gregory, David and Heather; and granddaughter, Estelle Naomi Gregg. He had been active in the entertainment industry most of his life and most

recently was the producer and director for the Tanglefoot Troupe in Columbus, OH.

Linda McVay Will passed away June 30, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Richard Will; daughter, Christina Koppin; daughter, Allison Antolik; and 4 grandchildren. She was retired from a teaching career in California and Ohio.

1966

Rev. Larry Motz passed away April 9, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Evelyn Motz; and his great-nephew, Brian O'Shell. He is survived by his brother, Ronald (Edna) Motz; and many extended family members. He was the rector of St. James Church in Zanesville, OH. From 1966 to 1992, he was an English teacher.

1967

Linda Budde Shreve passed away June 9, 2006. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Budde. She is survived by her mother, Josephine Budde; son, Brian Shreve; and brother, Jay Budde.

1968

Thomas Crane passed away May 23, 2006 after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. He is survived by his parents, **Herman "Tom" (Mina Marie) Crane '64**; his wife, Karla Brum Crane; son, Ben (Leah) Crane; daughter, Eve (Bob) Kruger; son, Nathan Crane; sister, **Susan (Bill '68) Crane Pasters '71**; two grandchildren; and many extended family members. Tom was a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM. He was an avid bicyclist and enjoyed hiking, camping, photography and travel.

1969

Nancy Lorenz Fisher passed away Sept. 30, 2005.

1973

Deborah McKinniss Stedman passed away July 8, 2005, after an 8-year battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Lindsay Stedman '73**.

1978

Michael "Mickey" Burns passed away Aug. 17, 2006. He is survived by his fiancé, Cynthia Parisi; children, Kelly and Charley Burns; brother, Patrick (Mary Ellen) Burns; brother, Martin (Donna)Burns; sister, Peggy Skinder; sister **Mary Kay (Frank) Burns Incandela '79**; brother, Ed Burns; and many extended family members.

1988

Jan Erickson Trimble passed away July 15, 2006.

1992

Daniel Olien passed away July 13, 2006. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Olien. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Pullin Olien; son, Jon Olien; mother, Ellen Churness Olien; sister, Elisa (Rob) Thomas; sister, Jenna (Ted) Harris; and many extended family members. Prior to 1996, he coached track and cross country at Granville High School in Granville, OH. From 1996 until 2006, he taught and coached at New London High School in New London, OH.

1996

Annemarie McGovern Whisler passed away June 12, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Allan Whisler; children, Aran and Ellie Whisler; mother, Ellen Priess; sister, Coleen (Priscilla) McGovern; brother, **Jim (Maureen) McGovern '86;** brother, Joe Priess; and brother Mike (Lisa) Priess. ●

Haven't seen old Otterbein friends for awhile? Catch up with your fellow alumni at www.otterbein.edu/alumni.

Investing in Otterbein

compiled by Lori E. Green

Class Gift Enables Nursing Trip to Alaska

Summer ended for eight senior nursing students, along with three faculty members, with a mission trip to Alaska. They began their journey in Anchorage, visiting the Alaskan Heritage Center, before heading to Glenallen in the interior of Alaska. The trip was made possible by a gift from the Class of 2006.

Six students remained at the Cross Roads Medical Center, a mission-based clinic in Glenallen that serves about 3,000 residents in an area roughly the size of Ohio. Cross Roads provides services for a clinic, urgent care, emergency room and overnight hospital. It also offers outpatient services including hospice and oncology care, home care visits and a community educational program. Students routinely saw 20 clinic patients daily in addition to patients seen in the urgent and emergency room visits.

Two students traveled from Glenallen to Valdez, a fishing town in Prince William Sound. There, they worked with the public health nurse in an outpatient clinic providing public health services to the school, hospital and clinic employees. Some days more than 100 school employees were examined by nursing students, and approximately 30 patients were seen during the five-day period.

Senior nursing student Sara Brehm gives a TB test to a member of the Valdez community. She enjoyed her experience, noting "They were so warm, and eager to share stories of the people who live in town. We got to talking about how different the culture is, especially from a public health standpoint. I just could not have asked for the people to be more warm and caring towards me. I feel like I really made a difference!"

We'd like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Class of 2006 for their support of the medical mission programs, specifically to our Summer 2006 trip to Alaska. A team of eight undergraduate nursing students and three faculty members had the opportunity to help provide healthcare to the native American/Alaskan communities serviced by Crossroads Medical Center in Glenallen and the healthcare system in Valdez. Students worked at the primary care clinics, the hospital, accompanied community healthcare providers into the homes and administered required immunizations in the schools. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

As you know, the Nursing Department of Otterbein College is committed to service learning through the medical mission immersion experience. Through your support, we were able to donate these services to the Alaskan communities. Thank you for your financial support. We look forward to hearing from each of you as you embark on your nursing careers.

Sincerely,

Barbara Schaffner, Chair
Marjorie Vogt, Associate Professor

The 10-day trip provided five days for immersion in the Glenallen and Valdez clinics. The objectives of the trip were to enhance understanding of culture and its impact on health care practice, to provide an opportunity for students to deliver culturally competent health care, and to promote an understanding of remote health care as a comparison with similar services in Ohio.

These kinds of opportunities help provide nursing students with life-long learning, methods of incorporating diversity into health care delivery, and the development of a sense of service within a professional career.

Other trips scheduled this year include the Nightingale trip to England in December and a medical mission immersion experience to Nuevo Progresso, Mexico in January 2007. The Nursing faculty hope to organize a return trip to Red Bird Mission located in the hills of Appalachia in Kentucky in the summer of 2007. A return trip to Alaska is being considered for summer 2007.

Recent Grant Awards to Otterbein College

The National Science Foundation awarded $57,641 to Chemistry Professor Dr. Dean Johnston for his project *Visual-Spatial Learning*. This project features web-based materials to help students and faculty visualize and teach 3-dimensional molecular symmetry. The software will display and animate symmetry elements and operations in ways that cannot be achieved with physical models. Otterbein will collaborate with seven other institutions of higher learning that also will implement the web-based materials in their coursework and assess results.

John Kengla of the Center for Community Engagement was awarded $35,500 by **The Columbus Foundation**, through the Neva J. Collins, and J. Ray and Lillian W. Waller funds, for the *Ubuntu Mentoring Program*. This multi-tiered mentoring initiative will help to develop urban middle school students' capacity to improve their academic potential. Throughout the 2006-2007 academic year, Otterbein and Linden-McKinley High School students will mentor students participating in 8th Grade College Clubs, 6th Grade Apprentice College Clubs and a mentoring course.

The Revaluation of the Mussels of the Little Miami River System project received $15,746 from the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources** and $2500 from **Little Miami Incorporated**. Through these awards, Dr. Michael Hoggarth of the Department of Life Sciences will study the mussel fauna of the Little Miami River system in areas that represent the most diverse species of mussels in terms of species richness and number of individuals.

The **Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges** awarded $10,000 to Education Professor Dr. Patti Albaugh for *Building the Momentum: Expanding Smartboard Mentor Groups and Refining the Research*. This project will strategically deploy electronic Smartboard technology across campus and within diverse departments. Smartboard Mentor Groups will train and support faculty new to the technology, and help to development and implement classroom lessons in multiple courses of study. Dual research analysis will assess the experience of implementing the technology for the first time and study the impact of sustained use of Smartboard technology.

Increasing their support, the **Ohio Campus Compact** awarded $10,000 for the Center for Community Engagement's program *Otterbein Club Fellows 2006: A Service Learning Initiative*, under the direction of Director Melissa Gilbert. This continuing initiative, a collaborative among Otterbein College, Columbus Public Schools (CPS), Project GRAD, I Know I Can and Westerville City Schools, will enable 10 Otterbein students to be involved in a variety of service programs with a focus on urban youth mentoring. Six Otterbein students will serve as college club coordinators in three urban CPS middle schools. Four Otterbein students who are community service scholars (TEAM members), will participate in youth mentoring service programs in both CPS and Westerville City schools. Fellows will serve as capacity-builders for each site: recruiting volunteers, designing program activities, and mentoring elementary and young middle school students contemplating a future in higher education.

The Presser Foundation has awarded $4,200 to Music Professor Dr. Craig Johnson and Otterbein's Department of Music. This award provides funding for scholarships for students majoring in music and is awarded based on artistic potential.

The Nationwide Foundation has given $4,000 for *The George H. Dunlap Scholarship*. This scholarship was established by Nationwide in honor of Mr. Dunlap H'91, who served as chairman of Nationwide Insurance and was President of the Otterbein Board of Trustees for 15 years. Scholarships are awarded to students majoring in Business Administration and/or Social Sciences.

Dr. Karen Robinson of the Department of Education received $3,500 from **The Institute for Library & Information Literacy Education** for *Learning More about Our Constitution: An Information Literacy Collaboration between Pre-Service Teachers and Fourth and Fifth Graders*. This project will enable Otterbein College students enrolled in the Middle Childhood Teacher Education Program to become more aware of information literacy efforts in the K-12 arena, and to experience first-hand the value of collaboration between teachers and school library media specialists.

The **Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation** awarded English Professor Dr. Susan Ashworth $500 for the *GLBT Awareness Workshop*. This project will develop workshops for Otterbein faculty to help address issues and obstacles that GLBT students face on campus, nurture respect and dialogue across borders of sexual difference in the classroom, and respond more effectively to sexually prejudicial comments in the classroom.

Alumni Notes

compiled by Becky Smith and Bonnie Robinson

Alumni Online Directory is Live!

A *new* way to connect with old friends...

Otterbein's new Alumni Online Directory is now fully functional and at your fingertips! The Directory is a great way for you to:

- update your personal information
- search for and connect with old friends
- connect with other Otterbein alumni in your area (or around the world for that matter), and
- share information about your life.

And it's a great way to stay connected with your alma mater.

To access the Directory, go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni and click on "online directory." Log on by entering your username and password, printed on your mailing address on this *Towers* magazine.

If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650, or by email at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu.

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Alumni E-Newsletter Gets New Name

The Otterbein College Alumni e-Newsletter has a new name, thanks to **Nancy Everett Hafer '75**. She submitted the winning entry to the newsletter naming contest. Her entry, *Cardinal Connection*, was chosen by the Alumni Council members and debuted in the September edition of the newsletter. Cardinal Connection is e-mailed bimonthly to all alumni. It provides timely information about the College, photos from recent alumni events, information on upcoming events and links to other Otterbein publications.

Alumni who do not currently receive the *Cardinal Connection* are encouraged to update their e-mail addresses on the online directory or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650, 1-888-614-2600 or at ldraper@otterbein.edu. Archived editions of *Cardinal Connection* as well as *Towers* can be accessed on the "Publications" page of the alumni website at www.otterbein.edu/alumni.

Theatre Alumni Kick Off Centennial Year....

Theatre alumni kicked off their celebratory centennial year with a number of get-togethers over Labor Day weekend. ***Clockwise from top left:*** *Dee Hoty '74, Beth Sharp '77, Shelley Russell '73, and Becky Holford '73 at a party hosted by Pam Hill '75. Alumni gather in front of Cowan; the group had a tour of the renovated Cowan and saw a concert rehearsal of* Company. *John Cain '76 and Sue Ann Kocks Cunliffe '76 at Pam Hill's gathering. Carter Lewis '73, Pamela Erb Melville '73 and Kent Blocher '79 apparently are not taking their golf game very seriously. Petie Dodrill, Dean Van Sant 'H70, and Fred Thayer give an historical perspective in the Campus Center Theatre.*

Save the Date for AlumMatters

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

Nov 18 Otterbein Alumni Club of Atlanta gathering for the OSU/Michigan Game, American Pie, 5840 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs GA, north of I-285 (404) 255-7571; contact **Alicia Caudill Colburn '95** at acaudill@gsc.edu

Dec 3 Japan alumni gathering during **Lyle '64** and **Meg '68 Barkhymer**'s visit to Japan. Email **Hiro '93** and **Akiki Suzuki '95** at kiraurawa5@yahoo.co.jp for more information

2007

Jan 19 Alumni Council Meeting
Jan 26 Cardinal Career Network Luncheon

Feb 9 OMEA Alumni Reception, Columbus, OH
Feb 15 – 18 Cardinal Migration '07 – Savannah, GA

March 3 Ft. Myers Alumni Gathering
March 21 Backpacking Basics, Otterbein Campus Center (see page 42)

March 28 Backpacking Basics, Dayton, OH (see page 42)

April 13/14 Intro to Backpacking – Overnight
April 20 Alumni Council Meeting

May 20 Spring Musical Brunch – *Hello Dolly*

June 4 Zero Year Reunion for the Class of 2007
June 9 – 11 Alumni Weekend
June 21 – 24 New York City Alumni Trip
June 24 June Bug Jamboree

Aug 5 – 9 Summer Send Offs
Aug 31 Cross Country Alumni Meet

Sept 14 – 21 Otterbein/Ireland Alumni Trip

Oct 13 Homecoming '07
Oct 20 Otterbein – Circleville Alumni Gathering, Circleville, OH

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Amy Feller '07, Roger Routson & Ed Syguda contributed photos to these pages.

Above left: Grand Marshal Joel Riley '86 with his son, Justin, gets ready to lead the Homecoming parade. Above: The band, Morning Round, consisting of Otterbein alumni and current students, performs outside the Rike near the entrance to the Clements Recreation Center.

*** For more Homecoming photos, go to www.otterbein.edu/alumni**

06 HOMECOMING

They've been to see the balloon man! All of these girls are daughters of 1996 graduates. Photo submitted by Stacie Kish Collins '96.

Homecoming King Dominic DePompei and Queen Lacey Speck presided over the festivities.

Though the day was a brilliantly beautiful fall day, many activities took place in the Clements Center, "under the big top," such as the very popular balloon man (right) and the zoo animals (above) such as this armadillo. Many dance teams also performed.

Otterbein Alumni Headed to Alaska!

Tour the Canadian Rockies for the first five days of this Arctic Adventure to Calgary, Lake Louise, Banff, Kamloops and Vancouver. We'll travel by motor coach from Calgary International Airport to Banff to see views of Bow Falls, Surprise Corner, the Hoodoos, and Sulphur Mountain. We will depart Banff by train car to Kamloops, the gateway to British Columbia's interior, seeing Yoho National Park and Glacier National Park. Heading to Vancouver we will travel along the Thompson River to Fraser Canyon. After a day in Vancouver, our luxurious cruise will depart for eight days to get a close-up look at our gorgeous 49th state. See massive glaciers, eagles, wildlife and marine animals. Even if you've cruised Alaska in the past, this itinerary includes visiting the new, exciting Icy Strait Point. You'll also cruise the Inside Passage, Hubbard Glacier, and visit Skagway and Juneau. Optional activities include flying in a helicopter to a glacier, riding a train over White Horse Pass in Skagway, salmon fishing, visiting a totem pole park, and much more.

Price has yet to be set by the cruise company along with the exact travel dates. There will be a three to five month window to sign-up in early spring '07. A deposit to secure your place on the tour and cruise or cruise only is $250 per person which is fully refundable until 71 days prior to departure.

Are you interested in learning more? Contact Becky Smith '81 at 614-823-1650/ 1-888-614-2600 at rsmith@otterbein.edu or Juanita Rusk '60 at 614-882-1864 at juanitarusk@aol.com

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Get outside and appreciate nature while connecting with Otterbein alumni and friends. Partnering with Brent Anslinger '98 and Five Rivers Outdoors, the outdoor adventure initiative of Five Rivers MetroParks, we are creating outdoor excitement to attract the novice and the thrill-seeking expert. Five Rivers Outdoors teaches the skills you need while providing the necessary equipment to get you started. You'll meet new people and be able to check out the region's great outdoor resources. Reservations required. Register online at www.otterbein.edu/alumni, click 'events/ registration' or call 1-888-614-2600 or 614-823-1650.

Backpacking Basics • Weds., March 28, 6 pm, $5, Otterbein College Campus Center - or - Weds., March 21, 6 pm, $5, Cox Arboretum & Gardens MetroPark, Dayton, OH

Introduction to Backpacking • Overnight (Children ages 14 and older are welcome), Fri./Sat., April 13 &14, 6 pm Friday-Noon Saturday, $10, Germantown MetroPark (in Montgomery Co., SW of Dayton)

Kayaking Quickstart • (Children ages 14 and older are welcome), Tues., May 29, 5:30-8:30 pm, $50, Whitewater Warehouse, Dayton, OH

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Recent Alumni Gatherings

From Cow to Cone

On September 2 Central Ohio alumni and their children attended Moo School in Centerburg, OH to learn about life on the farm at Hatfield 7, the dairy farm owned by Lee Hatfield '93. The day concluded with an ice cream social at Velvet Ice Cream.

The Buddy Holly Story

Akron alumni enjoyed an evening at the Carousel Dinner Theatre on August 19. Pat McRoberts '88 starred as Buddy Holly in Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story. *Pictured are Polly Moore '88, Pat McRoberts '88, Dennis Moore '88, and John Gadd '89.*

Picnic with the Pops

Columbus alumni relaxed under the stars and listened to "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy" on July 15 at Picnic with the Pops. ***Front Row:*** *Bonnie Robinson, Jean Weixel Reynolds '77, Kimberly Mae Lowe '02, James Lowe, Becky Fickle Smith '81.* ***Middle Row:*** *Bud Yoest '53, Anne Decker, Alison Schmidt '06, Blanche Geho Conarroe '65, Judy James Weaver '67, Tina Lilly Villanueva '93, Mario Villanueva-Garcia, Megan Bosh Cawley '99.* ***Last Row:*** *Paul Davis '06, Carl Weaver '67, LeAnn Unverzagt Conard '80, and Steven Cawley '98.*

Atlanta Gathering

Atlanta area alumni gathered at the home of Chuck and Lisa Castle '83 on Aug. 26. Pictured are Lisa Trochelman Castle '83, Gary Bonneau '84, Tiffany Collins '05, Mei-Li Thomas '05, Chuck Castle '83, Jason Ahrens '96, Jennifer Morgan Flory '95, Alicia Caudill Colburn '95, and Andrea Kesterke '00

Want More?

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’96 Alumni Come Together

Old friends from the class of ’96 got together recently on Homecoming night. The friends gathered at Bar Louie in Easton. ***Left:*** *Stacie Kish Collins, Renee DeLozier Jordan, Tina Ciampa, Diane Martin McGuire, Amanda Gischler and Tania Krachmaloch Smiley.* ***Right:*** *Phil Steele, Mark Buckingham, Kris Gossett, Chris Smiley and Russ Beitzel.*

Nominate an Alumna(us)for the Otterbein Awards!

Otterbein Alumnni Awards Nominations for 2007 deadline: December 4, 2006

Time is running out to send in your nominations for next year’s Otterbein Alumni Awards. Deadline is December 4, so hurry and send in your nomination!

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award represents the most prestigious award presented by the Otterbein College Alumni Association. This award honors graduates who have achieved prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession and community.

Special Achievement Award

The Special Achievement Award recognizes excellence and high professional achievement by an individual in his or her field of endeavor and have significantly enhanced their profession and/or the organization.

Service to Otterbein Award

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have freely and unselfishly given their time, talents, and services for the betterment of Otterbein College.

Alumni Community Service Award

This new award honors an alumna/us who has exemplified the College’s philosophy of concern and responsible commitment to society.

Honorary Alumni Award

The Honorary Alumni honors those individuals, who, though not graduates of Otterbein College, have demonstrated outstanding interest, commitment and involvement in its life and activities.

Mail nomination and materials to: Office of Alumni Relations • Laurie Draper • Otterbein College • One Otterbein College • Westerville, OH 43081 • 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600

2007 Alumni Award Nomination Form

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Class year (if known): _____

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City:_____St:____ Zip:_____

Phone: ( )_____

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Award you think is most appropriate for nominee:

- ❑ Distinguished Alumni
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- ❑ Service to Otterbein
- ❑ Alumni Community Service
- ❑ Honorary Alumni

Nominated by: _____

Class year: _____

Phone: ( )_____

Email: _____

** Don’t forget to send a statement of 50 words or more listing the reasons this individual should be considered for the award along with a vita and/or resume. Specific examples of service or achievement for the specific award are highly recommended. Nomination forms are also available at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/awards/index/asp.*

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