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## Leaving their mark.

Within this edition of the *Magazine*, we're focusing on Women and Philanthropy—OWU alumnae, to be more precise. And yes, the ladies about whom you'll read (starting on page 4), have most definitely left their marks on this University, their communities, and the world.

Our intention in selecting our storymakers is to recognize their accomplishments and generosity, while also asking you, our readers, to notice something else: the spirit, stewardship, and special bond among these ladies. Across vocations, avocations, and generations.

Equally powerful is an OWU student-athlete's tale of awe and appreciation concerning the recent dedication of Ohio Wesleyan's Margaret Sagan Field. As Miranda Simmons '08 writes, (page 28)... "It took four years, the charity of an amazing woman, Margaret Pickett Sagan '48, and countless hours devoted by OWU's athletic department, for this field to come to fruition." Miranda is a very grateful former catcher for Ohio Wesleyan's softball team.

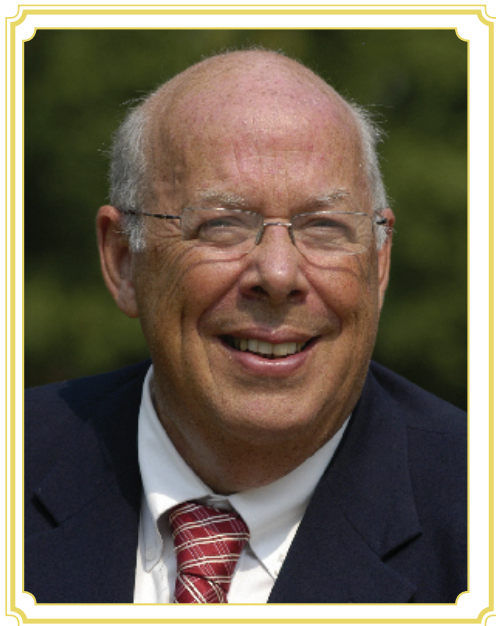
We hope you enjoy this edition of the *Magazine*, and have a terrific summer.

**Pamela Besel**  
**Editor**

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# Noble Achievements and Contributions of OWU Alumnae



David O. Robbins

It seems particularly apropos for me, as your outgoing interim president, to recognize the role that women have played in philanthropy and the life of the University. After all, this year has been a year during which the various constituents of the University united in recognition of a common goal to hire a new president and enhance the mission of the University. It is a mission that, from the very start, was inclusive, recognizing the unique and important contributions provided by all members of our society—and important contributions provided by all members of our community, men and women alike. Whether that gift be through working with our admission office, identifying and recruiting the next generation of alumni, spreading the word about the great opportunities available to our students, or providing for the financial welfare of the

University so critical in today's competitive marketplace, women have played and continue to play a significant role in all of these important areas.

From the early days of the founding of Ohio Wesleyan's Female College and the first \$10,000 gift in 1855 from Mary Monnett Bain (1859) for construction of the college's first and only dorm and classroom building, to its merger with the men's college in 1877, women have made their mark, not only on the University, but also on the world. Alumnae like Lucy Ware Webb Hayes (1850), wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes, brought fame to the college as the first presidential wife to have a college education. Coined "Lemonade Lucy," she set a moral standard for the country, and became the first wife of a president to be called "The First Lady of the Land." Fast forward to more recent times: To the first chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, Helen Crider Smith '56, who along with her husband Gordon '54, added to their extensive support for OWU with a multi-million-dollar contribution to support the University's initiative for enhancing planned giving; to trustee Patricia "Patsy" Belt Conrades '63, first co-chairwoman of a capital campaign and who along with her husband George '61 recently added to their generous gifts to the University by donating \$6.3 million to the *Remembering Mr. Rickey* Campaign in honor of Patsy's father, Arthur A. Belt '34. Other alumnae have represented the University in different ways. Trustee Nancy Reynolds Schneider '63, noted cancer expert, for example, has contributed not only to medical science but also financially, to our Summer Science Program. Shirin R.

Tahir-Kheli '61, the senior advisor to the U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and a director for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations, has represented the University in the political arena, while Mary King '62 who worked alongside the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the U.S. civil rights movement, has represented the University's humanitarian emphasis. These are but a few of the many women who have provided the leadership and compassionate citizenship that symbolize the core of our educational mission.

Another academic year may have passed, but our job is not done. A new generation of students is eagerly awaiting their turn to become members of our community. The success of the University depends upon our individual and collective continued support. It has been my pleasure and honor to represent you and this great University as president during the past 12 months. Thank you for this opportunity, and as I reassume my role as Provost, I will never forget the joy I felt meeting and reuniting with you, our loyal alumni group. Experiencing the passion that you demonstrate for Ohio Wesleyan, and observing the impact your educational experience at Ohio Wesleyan has had in transforming your life, have been extremely gratifying.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Robbins".

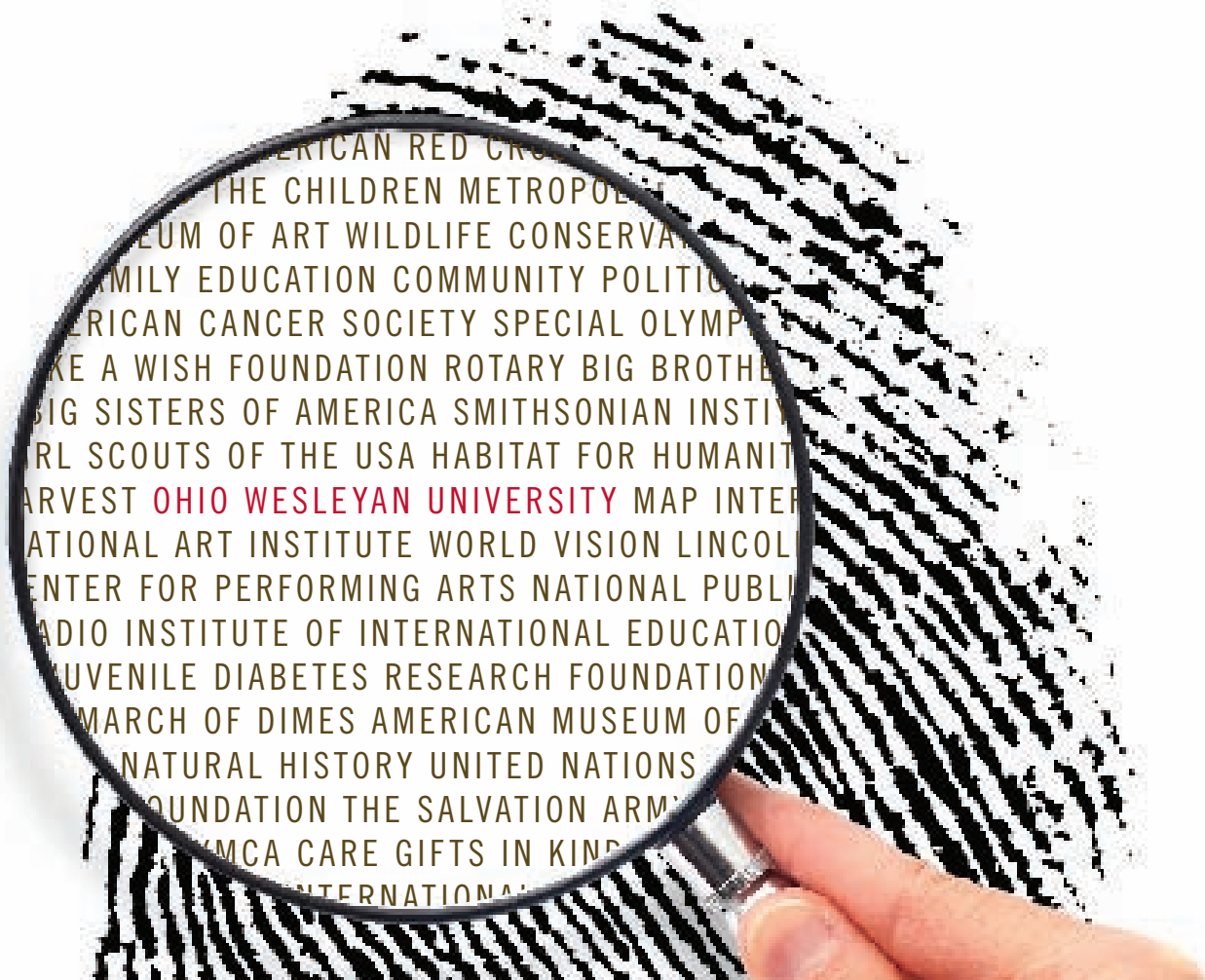
David O. Robbins  
Interim President and Provost

# WHO WE ARE & WHY WE GIVE

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WOMEN AND PHILANTHROPY

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Long before women had voting rights, they supported movements such as abolitionism and myriad other social justice issues. No longer tied absolutely to their husbands' wealth, women today own close to 50 percent of the investment wealth in the United States. And the philanthropic mindset transcends generations, as our microcosm of the following Ohio Wesleyan alumnae represents. Their eyes are focused sharply on the 'prize': leading fulfilling lives and careers and helping to sustain and enhance their beloved alma mater.

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# Not Your Father's

When you think of the world's philanthropists, the image that pops into your mind is probably male. Warren Buffett. Bill Gates. Ted Turner. Bill Cosby.

But the landscape of philanthropy is changing. Although women always have contributed their time and talent to community causes, they often had to persuade their fathers and husbands to donate the "treasure" part of the equation.

Now, however, women who have earned their own money and gained some degree of economic parity with their male counterparts are flexing their philanthropic muscles. They are giving in their own names to organizations that reflect their personal values and beliefs. And groups who don't recognize the need to foster ties to this new breed of philanthropist do so at their own risk.

The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University cites some eye-popping statistics:

- In 2005, the IRS reported for 2001 that more than 46 percent of the nation's top wealth holders (those with gross assets of more than \$675,000) were women. These 3.4 million women had a combined net worth of \$6.2 trillion.
- Because of their longer life expectancy, women will control much of the projected \$41 trillion that Baby Boomers are beginning to pass on in the largest intergenerational wealth transfer in history.

Women philanthropists usually see themselves differently from male contributors. According to a 2007 study

released by the Women's Funding Network, the word "philanthropist" doesn't resonate with female donors. Women see themselves as "giving back."

Megan Morey '89, chief advancement officer at Amherst College, agrees. "I believe every person is a campaign unto him or herself," she says. "We can never make assumptions about any donor, but generally I'd say that while men may be competitive in their giving, women tend to be moved by purpose. They want to know how their gift will make a difference. To most women, the act of giving is more important than the size of the gift."

The stewardship of their donation is vital to women. They want to know where and how their money is being spent. "The stewardship conversation should be ongoing," Morey says. "That way, if institutional priorities shift [and gifts must be diverted to other programs], donors will understand the reasons for the change and be less inclined to withdraw their support."

Studies show that women prefer to invest in institutions they trust, and trust is built by personal relationships within the organization. "It's important to allow women a meaningful place at the



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# Philanthropy

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

table as soon as possible, not just when they amass a fortune,” Morey says. “A woman who has had the opportunity to be involved with an institution in a substantive way will be much more likely to give.

“The group also has to represent outwardly what it says its beliefs are,” she continues. “For example, if an organization says it’s diverse but has no women in positions of authority or on its board, the women who are potential donors are quick to pick up on that.”

Ohio Wesleyan has a good track record regarding women. They have served on the board and in other leadership posts for many years. Patsy Conrades '63, co-chair of Ohio Wesleyan's capital campaign, says she'll be making a special outreach to alumnae. “Women often have no plan for giving,” she explains. “They tie their giving to their husbands’. But if the husband went to another university, there’s no reason the family’s donations should go only to his school. Her alma mater also should be part of the family giving plan. And women who have made their own money may now



Patricia (Patsy) Belt Conrades '63 and grandchildren: . . .  
“It’s a new world and women’s contributions are becoming more and more important to fundraising.”

be ready to give back to the University that helped them succeed. It’s a new world, and women’s contributions are becoming more and more important to fundraising.”

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# Business Matters



Rachel Diehl '91: . . . "I want to keep giving to OWU, and to students."

*RACHEL DIEHL '91, is an attorney who now teaches law classes at Seton Hall University Law School. She and eight of her best buddies who met as OWU students make it their business to get together annually at the Jersey shore to remember and be thankful for their Ohio Wesleyan heritage.*

To say that Ohio Wesleyan has been a family affair for the Diehl clan is an understatement.

Brother Brian '87, Father Robert '50, aunt Martha Burns '54, and Grandmother Margaret Deselm Diehl '20 all share the 'Red and Black' spirit. And that same spirit has been a motivating force in Rachel Diehl's life, each year when she and husband, Christopher Baker, make decisions about their charitable giving.

"I was a financial aid student at OWU and a scholarship recipient, and it always amazed me that I could do and be involved in everything that other students did," she says. "I worked [to make extra money] and even had an opportunity to study abroad, but never felt denied of anything." While studying in London, Diehl, a politics and government/philosophy major, even met her future husband.

After graduating from OWU, Diehl, a Cambridge, Massachusetts native, moved to Connecticut with friends and worked as a fundraiser for public television and radio stations before starting law school at Seton Hall. After clerking for the chief of a banking company, she decided to join a prestigious law firm in New Jersey as a commercial litigator, working for such clients as Sprint and Lucent Technology.

"After my two baby girls were born, I decided to leave work for a while to be with them, but made good on my word to return to work—and also kept in touch with the dean of Seton Hall law school," she says. Diehl eventually accepted his offer to teach law classes at that school.

"It is nice that I have a piece of me as a lawyer who can also teach future lawyers—and have some family time." And, as it has turned out, also more time for Ohio Wesleyan, having accepted an invitation to join OWU's Board of Trustees in 2004.

"I have learned so much by being on the board," says Diehl, who also finds time to help raise money for such organizations as the Newcomers' Club of New Canaan (CT) and the Young Women's League.

"I'll never forget my years at Ohio Wesleyan—they were the best four years of my life—and how others gave to me so that I could be there," says Diehl. "I want to keep keep giving to OWU, and to students."





Jean Carper '53 with niece Ashley '05: . . .  
**"Women today are more liberated and in control of monetary matters in later years of life."**

By *Pam Besel*

*JEAN CARPER '53, is a best-selling author, columnist, and leading authority on health and nutrition and—and since the age of five—a self-directed and energetic entrepreneur.*

Growing up in a small town in Ohio, Jean Carper remembers the fluctuating financial dependence on the unpredictability of crops, making her an entrepreneur at an early age.

"As a child, I was out selling seeds door-to-door, or mowing lawns," recalls Carper, then, a budding artist who always made enough money to buy her precious paint and brushes. Fast-forward several decades.

Today, Jean Carper's name is associated with research-inspired books and newspaper columns (including Carper's monthly "Eat Smart" column for Gannett's supplement, *USA WEEKEND*) about health, nutrition, and well-researched advice on how each of us has the opportunity to proactively make good food, vitamin, and dietary supplement choices. A former senior medical correspondent for CNN, Carper received the cable industry's ACE

award for her series on brain cancer, and has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Dateline*, and *Extra*.

Author of 23 books, including *Your Miracle Brain*, *Miracle Cures*, and the award-winning *Stop Aging Now!*, Carper also founded the *Stop Aging Now!* line of supplements, a 12-year business venture she started in order to formulate and market anti-aging supplements. Carper sold the company in 2007, licensing the use of her name and image for five years on the supplements she formulated, with the stipulation that the formula not be changed without her consent.

"I call the success of this business accidental, in that making money was not my objective," says Carper. "I did what I loved to do." That realization, along with her self-discipline (Jean is up each morning by 6 a.m., and, as she says, "instantly awake"), focus, and innate perceptiveness — and knack for writing informative, sought-after books — has been the secret to Jean Carper's success and happiness.

"Writing takes a lot of effort, tough thinking, re-writing, changing, and polishing," says Carper, crediting former OWU speech professor Roy Diem's observation that to write clearly, one must

think clearly. Her college memories (she was a speech major with focus on debate) are fond ones. Winning a debate team championship and participating in student government remain highlights of her college years.

"I love OWU," says Carper, who received the Distinguished Alumni Citation award in 1998. "I believe it is essential to pay back for help you have received along the way, and women today are more liberated and in control of monetary matters in later years of life."

Carper, who lives in Key West, Florida, and chairs the Sculpture Key West group, is known for her dance parties these days, and also has honored the memory of her mother, Natella Carper '26, a music major, by naming a movie house auditorium for her.

"My best advice to everyone is to follow your own vision, and if success and money follow, say 'hooray!'"

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# Helping Hands

By *Cole Hatcher*

When it comes to helping others, Virginia Pearsall Kirkwood '64 has a simple philosophy. "If you have a chance to do something good," Kirkwood says, "just do it."

Carolyn Alexander Hobson '58 echoes that mantra. "That's how things get done," Hobson says, "by people coming together as volunteers."

Both women are selfless examples of service. And for both, their journeys to becoming caring, involved citizens were nurtured by their years at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Hobson, wife of U.S. Rep. David Hobson '58, says she recalls an "overall atmosphere of participation" at the University, including service projects related to her involvement in Kappa Kappa Gamma and Panhellenic Council. "It provided wonderful training in leadership and organization," she says of her OWU education.

Kirkwood, a 2004 recipient of OWU's Distinguished Achievement Citation, too, remembers Ohio Wesleyan providing "a strong message of giving back." She also knew that she wanted to join the Peace Corps "from the time I heard President Kennedy talk about it." Kirkwood was accepted into the Peace Corps during her junior year and served two years in

Turkey, where she cared for and raised funds for orphaned children.

While there, she met Charles Kirkwood, a Harvard-educated lawyer passing through Istanbul. After a weeklong romance, he proposed. Though "Ginny" Pearsall didn't say yes immediately, she did agree to follow him to his next stop in life.

For that stop, Charles Kirkwood chose to "hang out his shingle" and open a law office in Bangkok. Ginny and her mother

Ginny Kirkwood '64, pictured here with street kids in Indonesia. She helped to evaluate their organic farm for World Education, Inc. in February.

made the trip from Turkey to Thailand soon after, with Charles arranging for their journey to conclude on a boat overflowing with flowers and champagne. The couple married soon after.

After seven years in Thailand, the couple spent time in Washington, D.C., and Singapore, before purchasing a resort in



Shawnee on Delaware, Pa., where they still live. After getting their five children settled in their new home, Ginny Kirkwood became involved in the Pennsylvania Special Olympics. Because of her experience in Asia, she later helped create Special Olympics programs in Thailand, Pakistan, Nepal, China, the Philippines, and Singapore.

She maintained Peace Corps ties during this period, and in 1990 became director of the Peace Corps in Thailand, the second largest Peace Corps contingent in the world. Kirkwood served in that role until 1993, and remains on its advisory board.

She also remains active as a member of the board of trustees of Boston-based World Education, Inc., which seeks to aid educationally disadvantaged children in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as the United States. She serves on the board of the Bangkok-based Kenan Institute Asia, which works to build sustainable competitiveness in Thailand and the Greater Mekong Sub-region. Additionally, she and her husband operate Shawnee Academy and The Beacon School in Pennsylvania. Both schools work with troubled youths no longer able to attend their home school districts.

"There's just endless need," Kirkwood says of her busy social-service calendar. "And it's all really important."

Carolyn Hobson also sees the profound need of people struggling with a multitude of complex issues.

The Springfield, Ohio, resident and mother of three served as president of the Congressional Club in 1997-98 and remains a member of the bipartisan



**Carolyn Hobson '58: . . . "[OWU] provided wonderful training in leadership and organization."**

service organization comprised of spouses of U.S House and Senate members. "One advantage of going to Washington as a spouse is it provides an opportunity to learn about different issues and to have a little platform at home to share information," Hobson says.

A key issue during Hobson's term as Congressional Club president was breast cancer awareness, which the group later broadened to include education and awareness about skin and lung cancer.

In 2002, Hobson served as co-chair for the March of Dimes campaign in Washington, D.C. The drive raised nearly \$1 million to

help prevent birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. The campaign was successful, even at a time when much of the nation's giving was focused on the 9-11 terrorist attacks and their aftermath.

Hobson also has participated in a volunteer reading and tutoring program at schools around Capital Hill. Additionally, both she and Dave have worked to raise money to research autoimmune diseases in children and Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Carolyn Hobson's primary involvement today is with the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, which aids young victims of sexual and/or extreme physical abuse. The organization is a chapter of the National Children's Alliance based in Washington, D.C.

"We're growing by leaps and bounds," Hobson says of the state and national advocacy efforts, which she thinks have helped to break the silence about child abuse. "Now it's getting on the front page, or at least in the paper," she says.

To prepare for Ohio Wesleyan's recent Alumni Weekend, Hobson also served on the Class of 1958's 50th Class Reunion committee. The group raised a record-breaking class total of \$620,000 for the University's Annual Fund.

Asked why she considers service so important, Hobson has a ready answer: "It's part of being a human being and loving your neighbor and your community."

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## Giving Artfully

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

**Alums Nancy LaPorte Meek '59 and Elizabeth "Zibby" Tozer '64** share a passion both for the arts and Ohio Wesleyan. Both the discipline and the University, they say, have given them so much joy and inspiration that they have felt compelled to give back. Fortunately, the University has been a grateful recipient.

Both Nancy and Zibby have given generously of their money and time to the University's transformation of Humphreys Art Hall the old U.S. Post Office for Delaware, Ohio into the Richard M. Ross Art Museum, which opened five years ago. In addition to state-of-the-art exhibition facilities, the building now houses storage facilities integral to the fine arts program at OWU.

Nancy serves as chair of the museum's National Board of Advisors, and she and her husband, Phil Meek '59, former OWU Board of Trustees chairperson, have generously provided a \$500,000 endowment to fund the museum's director position and have helped secure art for the museum. Zibby serves on the museum's board and through its nominating committee has been instrumental in finding new members. She also has hosted board events at her beautiful home in New York City and has provided financial support to the museum.



Nancy LaPorte Meeks '59: . . . "My whole motivation is due to my amazing experiences at Ohio Wesleyan."

"Their love of the arts is a special spark that adds enthusiasm that every one of us picks up on," says Mark H. Shipp's '70, vice president of University Relations. "They are a great stimulus to all of us."

For Nancy and Zibby, supporting the arts has been a lifelong love. Both were introduced to the world of art at a very young age through art classes. Their love for art grew at Ohio Wesleyan where they both studied fine arts. As an adult, Nancy became an art collector and amassed a sizable collection of western art. In recent years, her love for getting her hands dirty has translated from sculpting into farming, and today she owns an 80-acre cherry tree farm, Stratton Hill Farm, in Michigan. "Ohio Wesleyan has always been Number One to us," Nancy says of both herself and her husband. "It seems



"Zibby" Tozer '64: . . . "I had the greatest fine arts education at OWU."

like a natural to us to give. My whole motivation is due to my amazing experiences at Ohio Wesleyan. That's why we do it. We give with a grateful heart and hope that other people pick up on that."

Zibby has spent decades supporting the arts as a member of various boards of directors, including the School of American Ballet and the Museum of the City of New York. It has been a way, she said, of supporting the arts through raising and contributing money. "My passion is the arts," she says. "The arts are

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## Across Generations

By Pam Besel

near and dear to my heart. The fact that Ohio Wesleyan is a liberal arts school is one of the reasons it's such a great place. It's just an exceptional institution and I think I had the greatest fine arts education at OWU. The arts cannot exist without our participation. It takes a lot of time. It's a lot of work."

Ross Museum Director Justin Kronewetter, professor of fine arts at Ohio Wesleyan, commended both women for their "infectious enthusiasm," which has helped guide and direct other members of the museum's board.

"Each of them has been a very enthusiastic supporter of what it is we are doing at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum," says Kronewetter. "They have provided assistance in terms of time commitment, generous financial contributions on an annual basis, and also gifts of artwork. Their involvement has been instrumental in helping formulate the policies and procedures that are associated with the operation of the museum. Certainly we would be in desperate straits without their financial support."

Nancy says she is comfortable with her role of giving to the University and seeking support. "The first rule of fundraising is put your money where your mouth is. 'I'm never embarrassed to ask people for money because I've made the first move myself. You don't get it if you don't ask for it.'"

**Ms. Strle is a professional journalist living in Columbus, Ohio**

**Helen Crider Smith '56**, a Life Trustee at Ohio Wesleyan, has more than thankful nostalgia and gratitude for her alma mater. An enduring belief in OWU's teaching excellence and institutional strength encourage her ongoing involvement and support.

"Growing up in Chicago with both parents who graduated from Ohio Wesleyan, we didn't know there *was* anyplace else," recalls Smith, whose mother, Helen, and father, Nihl, were in the Class of 1929. And her sister, Betty, was a '58 graduate.

Smith's father was intent on saving the necessary funds for his children's OWU education. Her parents made sure of something else of importance. They instilled in young Helen and her sister a responsibility to give to others.

"It started with church-related causes, and then educational institutions," says Smith. For her and husband Gordon '54, a member of OWU's endowments committee of the Board of Trustees, Ohio Wesleyan was the first charitable organization with which they became involved.

"We both had such good experiences at OWU, and the people we met really have made a difference in our lives." People, for example, like each other. Helen and Gordon met through her roommate, who sat next to him in chapel services. And the rest was... "theirstory." Helen Crider Smith's story, however, conveys the growing involvement of women today as concerned and caring individuals who



**Helen Crider Smith '56: . . . "It is important for women to find ways to participate on boards of institutions."**

increasingly are looking for opportunities to offer their time, ideas, and financial support in meaningful ways to carefully chosen organizations and causes.

"As a college student, I never would have thought about chairing a board of university trustees," says Smith. But chair one she did, as OWU's board chair for four years. Smith also headed the presidential search committee that chose Tom Courtice to be the University's 14th president. While acknowledging the many philanthropy-oriented men and women who give generously to charitable groups, Smith detects a slight gender-specific tendency.

"I think that women may look for opportunities for giving that can make a difference [in the lives of people] and

also provide growth and opportunity for women,” she notes. Smith’s endowed OWU Scholarships for Women as Leaders provide a perfect springboard for those women who have outstanding leadership potential.

“I think it is really important for women to find ways to participate on boards of institutions, and as I have done at OWU, get to know those organizations and how they operate,” says Smith. “We try to become involved personally with those to which we make contributions. Those personal connections these days also extend to the School of St. Jude, a school for very poor and bright children in Arusha, Tanzania, and to Opportunity International, a large microfinance organization that makes small loans to entrepreneurs in third world countries.

“We have been supporting some outstanding students whose parents received Opportunity loans while they have been attending colleges in Manila. We are excited that this fall, three of those students will be coming to Ohio Wesleyan to finish their college degrees and will add additional diversity to that which distinguishes Ohio Wesleyan.”

It’s no wonder at all that Helen Crider Smith’s granddaughter Katherine announced that she would donate some of her college graduation gift money to what else? A charitable group that she’d been supporting during her college years!

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**Linda Radigan '02** was an economics management major at Ohio Wesleyan. Her “business partners” these days have four legs, prance and jump with grace and precision, and weigh in at about 1,500 pounds.

Pun notwithstanding, you might say that OWU alumna Linda Radigan jumps for joy.



**Linda Radigan '02: . . .**  
“My time at OWU was amazing, and I now want to give back to others.”

Radigan trains, rides, and competes with and against horse show jumpers.

“I have four horses, and we ride and compete—a lot,” she says. In fact, Radigan and her trusty steeds are spending the summer on the show circuit, at such locales as Kentucky and New York, and she hopes eventually to reach the highest level of competition, the Grand Prix ranking. She and her horse Chevy (Chevalier, in the professional jumping world) and 14-year-old Spray Paint are ready to take it to the next level.

“Jumping is in my blood,” admits Radigan, who is from the Cleveland area. She started riding at the age of four, and by the time she was 15, there was no turning back from competitive urges, as Radigan started premiere campaigning. Her training regimen includes working with her trainer, (He’s like a team coach and helps me stay focused,” she explains), riding six to seven days each week, and making sure her horses are groomed and fit. But beyond the excitement of ring competition is Radigan’s growing interest in management, and perhaps, even in course(ring) design. As a first step, she acquired a judging card, enabling Radigan to judge events. To actually learn more about designing a jumping course, she’ll try to assist current designers with their work.

“The sales and marketing education I received at OWU is perfect for me,” she says, joking about her unorthodox career. But what has remained constant and quite understandable is her affinity for Ohio Wesleyan. With encouragement from OWU Trustee and alumnus Jack McKinnie '54, she began co-chairing the annual Snowball event in Cleveland.

“I’ve made as many great friends as an OWU alumna as when I was a student on campus,” she says. Drawing together younger alumni in northeast Ohio is one of the goals, both for Radigan and members of OWU’s alumni staff. And her work also extends to the admission office, involving such programs as the recent large college fair for prospective students, held at Cleveland State University.

“People I have met as fellow alumni and staff members are generous and kind, across the generations. These are people you really want to know. And I especially want our younger alumni to understand that there is an alumni network of people who can help with career advice and with helping to fund new friends. My time at OWU was amazing, and I now want to give back to others.”

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*This OWU alumna has taught Shakespeare—and more—to thousands of central Ohio elementary students*

# Lady Dusky and the Bard

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

Jeannie “Dusky” Johnson Reider ’51 is a force of nature wrapped in a delicate frame and a great force in the lives of her students. For nearly 40 years, Reider has been bringing her intensive “World of Shakespeare” residencies to fifth and sixth graders throughout Franklin County. “That’s just the age where they’re still ready to be enchanted,” Reider says. And enchant them she does. Armed with several vanloads of teaching tools—costumes, props, scrapbooks, backdrops, banners, and pictures—and bolstered by her own encyclopedic knowledge, inexhaustible energy, and irrepressible enthusiasm for Shakespeare, Reider whirls into a school and immerses students in the literature and history of the Elizabethan age.

It was at Ohio Wesleyan, as both a fine arts and theatre major, that Reider found her calling. “I realized that I wanted to teach young people to speak so that others would listen to their voices. Shakespeare is a great vehicle for making young people into powerful, effective speakers. When they perform scenes from Shakespeare’s works with their classmates, I demand several things of them—that they project their voices, enunciate beginnings and endings of words, support their fellow actors, hold character no matter what, and be enthusiastic about their performance.” When students have memorized a Shakespearean speech such as “This England” or “Tatiana’s Bower” and can



perform it flawlessly in front of others, their confidence zooms. “It doesn’t matter if they’re rich or poor,” Reider says. “When they learn to present themselves without fear, the world opens up for them.”

While Reider’s students enjoy the cultural advantage of learning about English literature, they also come to appreciate one another. “No one is ever permitted to make fun of another student in these classes. It’s a safe place for them to learn. It’s not unusual for students to become good friends with children they might never have noticed before.”

Along with the literature comes a hefty dose of Reider’s own philosophy of life. Learn as much as you can about everything. Make every day count. Do your best. Have no regrets.

To illustrate the last point, Reider often tells the story of one of her students, a young man named Sean. “When he was in the sixth grade, he went to each of his teachers and told them he was not going to waste a single day of that year.

“His scout troop was going on an overnight to the Hocking Hills, but he delayed going so he could run the lights for one of my productions,” Reider continues. “I’ll never forget that as he left the building to join the rest of the troop, he turned back and gave me a wave and a big smile.

“The next day,” Reider says, “he fell to his death from a cliff. It was such an awful thing, but what I remember is that he lived with no regrets, always doing his best, until the last moment of his life.” Students tell Reider that she should continue to share Sean’s story. In a letter, one said, “... [it] changed my life and I know it will change every other kid’s life, too. It has taught me to make the most of every day and never to take anything for granted.”

The letter writer then concluded, “All I can say is ... ‘when first your eye, I eyed, such seems your kindness still.’” More than 25,000 other students concur and echo, “Thank you, Lady Dusky.”

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# Family Ties

By *Ericka Kurtz*

Martha Lou Diem '47 always knew she would attend Ohio Wesleyan. "There was never any question in my mind," she recalls.

Growing up in Athens, Ohio, Diem could have easily gone to Ohio University. Yet, it was Ohio Wesleyan that beckoned to her. But why? Perhaps it was the fond memories she had of visiting Delaware as a child. Or could it be that the visit she received as a teenager from Rusty Shipp's '13 confirmed OWU as her school of choice?



Aveline Thomas Dowler '21

Pictured left to right:  
Jennifer Diem Kirsop '08,  
Jim Diem '74, Pricilla Sue  
Diem '78, John C. Diem '70,  
and seated, Martha Lou  
Dowler Diem '47.



Martha Lou Dowler Diem '47



Pricilla Diem '78



Martha Lucretia Kirk, 1892



Eliza Allan Thomas 1864

Whatever influences Diem may have been under, it was her family legacy of attending Ohio Wesleyan—a legacy of which she’s very proud—that sealed the deal.

Diem’s Ohio Wesleyan heritage began in 1864 when her great-grandmother, Eliza Allen, graduated from the Scientific Department of the Ohio Wesleyan Female College. Allen married Benjamin Franklin Thomas, who graduated from OWU in 1863. “One of Eliza’s best friends was Mary Monnett, so she named her first daughter, Mary Monnett Thomas,” Diem notes.

The Thomas’s oldest son, Charles Allen, was Diem’s grandfather. “He attended Ohio Wesleyan as University Hall was being built,” she says. “When we lived in Marion, Ohio, in the 1950s, we took my grandfather to Delaware to see the finished result.”

Charles Thomas married Martha Lucretia Kirk, who also was a student at OWU. The couple moved to Baltimore, Ohio, where Charles built a bakery. The Thomas’s daughter Aveline, Diem’s mother, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1921. Diem’s uncle, Kirk Thomas, also graduated from OWU in 1921. “He was very fond of mother,” Diem says of her uncle, “and he worked for two years in the bakery until she was old enough to go with him to Ohio Wesleyan.” Aveline married her high school sweetheart, John Wilford Dowler, who graduated from The Ohio State University in 1923.

When Diem arrived at Ohio Wesleyan in 1943, she was no stranger to the University. But like the three generations before her, Diem would make her own memories at OWU. “As long as the war was on, we lived three in a double room in Austin and Monnett Halls, and sailors lived in Stuyvesant Hall as well as in fraternity houses,” she says. “In 1945, I danced on High Street with thousands of others on VE and VJ Days.”

Diem remembers attending chapel, dressing for dinner every night, editing the *Transcript* and *Le Bijou*, and always ordering chicken salad at Bun’s. She’s also proud of studying pre-engineering at Ohio Wesleyan. “That was not a common major for women back in those days,” she says.

But her most treasured memory of all was meeting William Roy Diem, Jr. ’45 “I knew that Bill was the one for me,” she says. After the couple married, Bill worked for newspapers in Marion, Canton, and Cleveland. Martha Lou later earned a teaching certificate from Malone College and taught mathematics in Canton and Cleveland.

While the Ohio Wesleyan legacy is important to Diem’s family, they’re not unreasonable about it. She says her father was never considered a “black sheep,” for not attending OWU, but she doesn’t deny trying to persuade her own children to attend Ohio Wesleyan. “We told them they could go to any college they wanted, after they graduated from OWU,” laughs Diem. “All of our children graduated from Ohio Wesleyan, Bill in 1969, John in 1970, Jim in 1974, and Priscilla in 1978.”

Diem’s devotion to Ohio Wesleyan goes beyond legacy bragging rights. Throughout the years, she has remained connected with her beloved Alma Mater serving two terms on the Alumni Board and also as a member of the Board of Trustees, of which she was elected to be a life trustee.

Today, Diem is proud that her family’s Ohio Wesleyan legacy is continuing with her grandchildren. “John’s daughter, Sarah was at OWU in the late 90s,” she says. “And I’m very pleased to have two of my other grandchildren currently attending Ohio Wesleyan, Priscilla’s children, Jennifer Diem Kirsop ’08 and Johnathan Douglas Diem Kirsop ’10.”

Jen Kirsop is also very proud of her family’s Ohio Wesleyan legacy. And like her grandmother, she’s made her OWU experience her own. Unlike her grandmother, Kirsop didn’t always plan on attending Ohio Wesleyan.

“Honestly, I didn’t think about it much until high school,” says Kirsop. “Obviously I was aware that my mom, uncles, and grandmother all attended OWU, but I wasn’t that familiar with the University. My Mom was really great about telling me to choose where I wanted to go, but I felt like I should at least apply to Ohio Wesleyan.”

When Kirsop visited OWU’s campus, she was immediately impressed with the Small Living Units and began to seriously consider Ohio Wesleyan. The rest is history and today Kirsop is moderator for the Women’s House, one of the University’s SLUs. “I love the concept of the SLUs,” she says. “They provide an opportunity to give back to campus in a different way as well as an opportunity to grow and explore topics with other people on campus.”

Kirsop enjoys comparing her OWU experience with her mother’s, but says it’s much more of a drastic change to compare with grandmother. “There are so many things that Gram did that just aren’t part of my college life at all, things like going to chapel or having to dress for dinner,” she says. “My grandmother lived in Monnett, and today it’s a garden.”

However, granddaughter and grandmother did get to share one Ohio Wesleyan experience. On Mother’s Day, Diem presented Kirsop with her degree. “That was very special for both of us,” says Kirsop. “Ohio Wesleyan means a lot to my grandmother.”

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The bleachers and floor-level seats in Branch Rickey Arena were filled with family members and friends who celebrated with their graduating seniors at OWU's 164th Commencement on Mother's Day. As Mother Nature unleashed buckets of rain and swirling winds, spirits remained high, as 399 OWU graduates marched proudly to the podium and received their diplomas. Complementing the day were teaching awards which were given to two outstanding professors, OWU honorary degree presentations, a salute to six professors who retired from teaching at the end of this year—with a combined 222 years of service to OWU—and a thought-inspiring Commencement address. For a more complete account of the day, please visit our Web site at [commencement.owu.edu](http://commencement.owu.edu)





## Tributes and Triumphs

# Hats Off to Dr. David Robbins

**Editor's Note:** Since joining OWU's teaching and research ranks in 1973, Interim President and Provost David Robbins has epitomized the ethos and essence of Ohio Wesleyan teachers and mentors who always place at the center of their efforts the University's best interests. Dr. Robbins, the Homer C. Lucas University Professor, chaired the psychology department for more than 20 years, and served as director of the Neuroscience Program, coordinator of the OWU Early Childhood Center, and still directs OWU's prestigious Summer Science Research Program. He and his wife, Jan, have opened their home and their hearts to students over the years, etching within their memories the meaningful words within the University Seal,

*"In Your Light, We See the Light."*

In 1995, Dr. Robbins was appointed Interim Provost and later became Provost following a national search. As such, Dr. Robbins leads the OWU faculty, and oversees academic affairs, registration, athletics, student affairs, libraries and information systems, and the Upward Bound program. In 2007, OWU again beckoned, and he accepted the responsibility of the interim presidency, paving the path so smoothly and well for OWU's next president, Dr. Rock Jones, who joins the community on July 1.

In recognition of Dr. Robbins' continuing commitment and dedication to the Ohio Wesleyan family, he was designated an honorary alumnus of OWU during the recent Alumni Weekend festivities. Quoted within a recent *Connect2OWU* article, Robbins says, "I've come to really love OWU as it it were my Alma Mater. Ohio Wesleyan is an integral part of my life, it is my home, and I want to do all that is in my power to see it succeed."

The following are a few thoughts from those who have worked closely with David Robbins, over the years, and especially during the past 12 months of his interim presidency.



**Kathe Rhinesmith '64, Chairperson, Board of Trustees**

"This academic year has been an extraordinary time of transition for Ohio Wesleyan as we prepared for the arrival of our next president. The Trustees owe a great debt of gratitude to David Robbins for graciously agreeing to serve in the role of interim president, while retaining the title of Provost. As David assumed his responsibilities upon the departure of Mark Huddleston, I expected that he would keep the ship afloat and steer a course that would smoothly take us through the academic year. What I did not anticipate was the depth of caring and leadership that we were all fortunate to experience while David was at the helm.

David's energy and vision for this year of transition was always focused on what we needed to do in the best interests of Ohio Wesleyan. He enjoyed the support of the faculty and staff, his colleagues for the past 34 years, and garnered the admiration of alumni through the country as he went on the road to alumni events. I don't believe he got more than a few hours of sleep at night, judging from the amount of late night e-mail I would receive on a myriad of issues. His deep love for Ohio Wesleyan and the breadth of his understanding of campus life at all levels, played out in a year of significant

accomplishment for the University. He was not just a gate keeper; he helped to move the University forward during an extremely busy and critical time in our history. His extraordinary gift of institutional memory was invaluable during this year in which the University operated with two interim officers in the senior management staff. During this year of David's oversight, Ohio Wesleyan set a record in the early date at which the Admission goals were realized, and met its Annual Fund goal (counting cash and pledges) almost two months ahead of schedule. Extraordinary philanthropic gifts were realized and major goals also were realized in plans for a new natatorium.

Probably the greatest contribution of David's interim presidency was his eye on the future and his determination that the campus adequately prepare for Rock Jones' arrival on campus as OWU's 16th President. Among the joys of working with David this year, it has been my extreme pleasure to come to know him as a person of uncompromising integrity, and an extremely considerate gentleman. Ohio Wesleyan could not have made a better choice than David Robbins to entrust the presidency to during this transition year. Thank you, David."





**Lisa Jackson, Assistant to the President**

"It has been an extreme pleasure working with David Robbins this past year. I have appreciated his positive attitude and his ability to handle multiple responsibilities while accomplishing each of them with great integrity. His dedication and passion for Ohio Wesleyan has been contagious."

**Margaret Drugovich, Vice President of Strategic Communications and University Enrollment**

"There is really no way to "finish" the work day of a college president. Yet, few people I know would have embraced the position of interim president with the level of energy, enthusiasm, and dedication demonstrated by David. His willingness to make himself available to those who have needed his counsel, attention, or direction has been remarkable. Whether virtually or actually, he would appear where he needed to be, when he was needed, and has provided the steady guidance that is so important during a period of leadership transition. Ohio Wesleyan has always been fortunate to have David Robbins as a member of this community, and never more fortunate than now."

**Jan Robbins (David's wife)**

"David recently has said that he will miss some of his duties over the past year. He has become used to the busy life. Most of all, I think he will miss the many kind people he has met, and all of the very kind words of encouragement, which have lifted David when things seemed overwhelming. As we sometimes reflect on his Irish mother, Anna, who never wanted anyone to have a swelled head, no matter how much they achieved, we can hear her saying, "David, who do you think you are?" I know she and his father would be very proud of him and of his hard work this year (both are deceased). The girls and I are proud too. We know his easy style and friendly manner have carried him a long way. I like to think that David's friendly manner has helped him to move the University along in a nice way, and pave the way for Rock Jones."

**Mark Shipps '70, Vice President of University Relations**

"Instead of being a caretaker president, David has been proactive and involved. He could easily have just continued the status quo, but instead, he chose to take on important issues and nagging problems to move OWU forward. He is "on duty" all the time, and has been a great boss. He is patient yet focused on solutions, and a consensus-builder among campus groups, partially because he has such strong credibility and experience in working with all members of the community."

**Evan Corns '59, Trustee**

"If Ohio Wesleyan has its own currency, it would say: 'In David Robbins We Trust.'"

"Trust" in David is what brought the Ohio Wesleyan community together in the wake of Mark Huddleston's departure. "Trust" in David brought the entire OWU community together. His vision and leadership created the ideal atmosphere for the presidential search which resulted in Rock Jones coming to Delaware, Ohio."



**Joey Yost '08**

"Dr. Robbins is so well respected by everyone on campus. We all look up to him. He has done a terrific job as interim president and has accomplished a lot in such a short and hectic time. He has never forgotten the students during this time. Working with him this year has been an honor. He never pursued his own agenda; he listens carefully to different perspectives before arriving at a decision. Dr. Robbins does what is in the best interest of OWU."

**Rock Jones, President-Elect, Ohio Wesleyan**

"I join the community in saluting David Robbins for his leadership as interim president this year. David entered the year with the full trust and confidence of everyone at OWU, and he completes the year in even higher regard than he began. He has offered tremendous personal support to me in preparation for my transition to OWU. Melissa and I look forward to becoming even better acquainted with David and Jan and I look forward to working together with David in the future. I am grateful for David's exemplary leadership and most importantly, for his integrity and genuine goodness."



# Legacies of Excellence

*Editor's Note: The following legacy photographs were taken during Commencement weekend. Due to inclement weather, photos took place in the Mowry Alumni Center.*

**1 Standing left to right:** Jennifer Diem Kirsop '08, Jim Diem '74, Pricilla Sue Diem '78, John C. Diem '70, Jim Beard '76, Samantha Beard '08, Kathleen Rockwell Beard '76, Daniel Whalen '08, Brian Whalen '61. **Seated left to right:** Martha Lou Dowler Diem '47, Andrew Hicks '08, Elizabeth Kirk Hicks '71, Shelby Larson '05, Bryce Larson '08.



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**2 Standing left to right:** Charles Narwicz '77, Lee Glaws Narwicz '78, Jeannette Narwicz '08, John P. Narwicz '77, Adam Schultz '08, David W. Schultz M.D. '50, Suzanne Reindall '08, Robert Reindall '75, John Rosino '74, Michael Rosino '08.

**Seated left to right:** Charles Frederick Myers '73, Marion Cownan Myers '77, Chris J. Myers '08, Sylvia Myers Willoughby '69, Paul T. Myers '74.



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**3 Standing left to right:** Elisabeth Calhoon '08, Ken Farrar '71, Jan Miller Foy '77, Katie Foy '08, Steven Mitchell '78, Christopher Martin '75, Kimberly Marie Martin '08, Carol Martin (Kim's mother), Carol Martin (Kim's sister), Robert and Barbara Martin, '47, '48 (Kimberly is their granddaughter).

**Seated left to right:** Milton Robinson '50, Whitney Mitchell '08, Annie Mitchell '12, Erica Robinson Mitchell '78.

**4 Standing left to right:** Justin Kalinowski '08, Patricia Meggison Kalinowski '83, Ivan Owen '71, Benjamin W. Owen '08, Janet Roth Eldredge '74, Barbara R. Eldredge '08, Bruce Beard Eldredge '74, Rita Boham '00, Garrett Boham '08.

**Seated left to right:** Brent Warren Wilkins '08, Linda Griffio '76, Michael Rissell '79, Annie Rissell '79, Matt Rissell '08.



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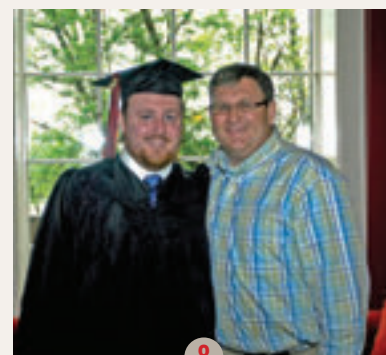
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**5 Standing left to right:** Brent Perrin '07, Gray Perrin '74, Jim Fowler '78, Steve Fowler '08, Eve Bleeker Fowler '78, Paul Janowicz '08, Hilary Sadler Janowicz '73, Alison Hooper-Korkuch '84, Tracey Hooper Abby '74. **Seated left to right:** Jim Schroeder '60, Stephanie Schroeder '08, Lorraine Tunny Kilburn '71, Chelsea Catherine Kilburn '08, Ashton Allison Abby '08.

**6 Standing left to right:** George C. Chimples '08, Nancy Nott Shannon '73, Kate Shannon '08, Thom Shannon '73, Charles Murphy '79, Paula Finical Murphy '79, Matthew Enright Murphy '08, Steve Finical '84, Paul Finical '51. **Seated left to right:** Kathleen Nott Chimples '70, Dean Chimples '70, Craig Urmston '69, Elizabeth Urmston '08.



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**7 Standing left to right:** David M. Fouts '73, Julia H. Fouts '08, Binney B. Fouts '73, Jeffrey J. Hering '08, Elizabeth Cunningham-Hering '76. **Seated left to right:** David R. Kennedy '58, Sean A. Kennedy '08, Sara Elizabeth Bobbitt '08, Geoffrey Bobbitt '71.

**8** Matt Jackson '08 and Rick Jackson '83.



# Football History Revisited

By Kathy Baird





Near the Sulphur Spring, beside the creek known as Delaware Run, football history was made on the Ohio Wesleyan campus on May 3, 1890, when Ohio State and Ohio Wesleyan faced off in what was to become both teams' first sanctioned college football game.

One hundred eighteen years later, at that same site, fans and representatives from the two schools joined forces again as part of the Delaware Bicentennial celebration. This time, they gathered to erect a historic plaque at the site and to celebrate the historic launch of two great football legacies.

A crowd of several hundred gathered to hear an all-star list of speakers. Representing Ohio State were: Archie Griffin, two-time Heisman Trophy winner and current president and CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association; Jim Tressel, head coach of the Buckeye football team; Gordon Gee, university president; and Gene Smith, assistant vice president and director of athletics.

Ohio Wesleyan speakers included: Rock Jones, the university's newly-appointed president; David Robbins, interim president; Mike Hollway, football coach; and Dick Gordin, former coach, alumnus, and professor emeritus. Athletic Director Roger Ingles served as emcee. Historians Brent Carson, president of the Delaware Historical Society and member of the Delaware Bicentennial Commission, and Jack Park of WBNS Radio were on hand to recount the 1890 game and its historic impact.

The Battling Bishops football players, both universities' pep bands and cheerleaders, and mascots Brutus Buckeye and the Battling Bishop all joined the fun.

The site of the historic game was described in a letter discovered last year in the Ohio Wesleyan archives. The letter was written by Ohio Wesleyan alumnus C. Rollins Jones, class of 1892, who played in that game.

The Bishops lost the 1890 game to Ohio State by a score of 20-14. Over time, Ohio Wesleyan faced Ohio State a total of 29 times—more than any other Ohio school in history—winning two games and tying one.

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- ① OWU's 16th president, Rock Jones. ② Gordon Gee, president of The Ohio State University. ③ Buckeye football legend and head of OSU's Alumni Association, Archie Griffin. ④ Brutus and Bishop ham it up. ⑤ The OWU and OSU pep bands livened things up. ⑥ OSU head football coach, Jim Tressel. ⑦ Group photo in front of plaque commemorating the site of the historic OSU-OWU game. ⑧ "Woody" and friends.

# OWU Receives Multi-Million Dollar Alumni Gifts

By *Cole Hatcher*

Ohio Wesleyan has received two alumni gifts totaling more than \$12.25 million to expand and support its sports facilities, including long-term plans to build a new Branch Rickey Athletics complex. Beginning this project is the construction of a new aquatics and recreation center. Also included in the alumni gifts is help with endowing the directorship of OWU's Richard M. Ross Art Museum as well as other campus initiatives.

The gifts were made by two couples who met while attending Ohio Wesleyan. George H. '61 and Patricia "Patsy" Belt Conrades '63 of Boston, Massachusetts, graduated in 1961 and 1963 respectively. They have given a \$6.25 million gift to provide seed money for the University to create and execute a long-term plan for the Branch Rickey Athletics Complex on the southeastern edge of campus. Phillip J. '59 and Nancy LaPorte Meek '59 of Greenwich, Connecticut, both graduated in 1959. They have given a multiyear gift of more than \$6 million, including \$3.5 million to support construction of the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center. When completed, the Meek Center will contain a 25-yard, eight-lane pool and a diving well, as well as classrooms and offices. It also will be available for public use, and currently is in the design and permit stage. The Meek's gift also includes funds to support OWU's Annual Fund and the creation of a new campus entranceway along South Sandusky Street. The contribution includes a \$2 million estate gift.

"I am impressed that Ohio Wesleyan's alumni remain so loyal and committed to



ensuring that the University continued to move forward with such purpose and vision," says Rock Jones, Ohio Wesleyan's incoming president, who collaborated with both couples in their gift giving. "The generosity of George and Patsy, and of Phil and Nancy, will help us to meet the needs of our students for years to come."

A portion of the Conrades' gift is being used to fund design and engineering work for the Branch Rickey Athletics Complex. The Collaborative, a Toledo-based architectural firm, is completing this work in conjunction with creating a facilities master plan that examines Ohio Wesleyan's overall academic, residential, and infrastructure needs. (You can read more about the first work phase of the Branch Rickey Athletics Complex on page 25 of this magazine). Another key component of the Branch Rickey Complex will be construction of a new pedestrian walkway (the Arthur A. Belt Memorial Walkway) to connect OWU's sports facilities—named in honor of Arthur A. Belt '34, a Battling Bishop football player and father of Patricia Belt Conrades.

"My father knew and admired Branch Rickey," says Conrades, co-chairperson of OWU's current capital campaign and a physical education major at Ohio Wesleyan. "George and I are pleased to be able to honor both men and to support Ohio Wesleyan athletics with this gift. We consider this seed money to help grow an important dream." Others of the Conrades' multiple OWU projects and initiatives include the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center and creation of the Arthur A. Belt Fitness Center.

The Meeks also are longtime supporters of Ohio Wesleyan, with their past gifts including creation of the Phillip and Nancy LaPorte Meek Community Leadership and Service Grant Program, as well as endowed chairs in both the departments of economics and fine arts.

"Phil and I are excited to be able to support Ohio Wesleyan at such a vital time in history," she says. "We credit the University with creating a strong foundation for our lives, and we want to ensure that other students enjoy the same transformational experience." Phil agrees.

"We are pleased to help Ohio Wesleyan continue to move forward with our current gift and our planned future gift," he says. "These are investments that we believe will benefit the institution today, tomorrow, and forever."

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## Rickey “Phase One” Planning Well Underway

*Editor’s Note: In an ongoing effort to keep our readers updated and aware of exciting developments pertaining to the Remembering Mr. Rickey campaign, we are including the following roundup of top priority items within Phase One of this multi-phased endeavor of Ohio Wesleyan’s athletic master facilities plan, a critical part of the larger campus master planning work underway at OWU. Recent significant gifts have pushed the Rickey campaign to over \$14,000,000 in gifts and pledges, approaching its \$22 million-dollar goal, with more than \$10,000,000 in cash already received.*

“Phase One of OWU’s Remembering Mr. Rickey comprehensive athletics and recreation campaign, and a focal point of our athletics facility work and planning, is a rebirth of the campaign we launched several years ago,” says Darrel Gibson, director of major gifts at OWU. “We’ve had an opportunity to go back and revisit the most immediate needs of the University.” And while prioritizing those needs is rarely easy, it is important to blend those larger “big picture” needs with reality-based budgetary analysis.

As Gibson explains, the first phase of the project will be completed within a 12 to 18-month time period. “We are looking at a total cost for Phase 1 in the neighborhood of \$22,000,000, slightly less than the original Campaign budget approved by the Trustees,” he says. And those “line items” include the following: Selby Field, Branch Rickey Arena, Edwards Gymnasium, Gordon Field House, a walkway plaza, and new natatorium.

The summer work is continuing on many of our facilities, as Roger Ingles, director of athletics, explains. “Selby will get a new aluminum fencing on the south end. The concrete walls will be taken out, but the masonry pillars will be renovated and will remain, with the links between each pillar to be replaced.” Additional summer

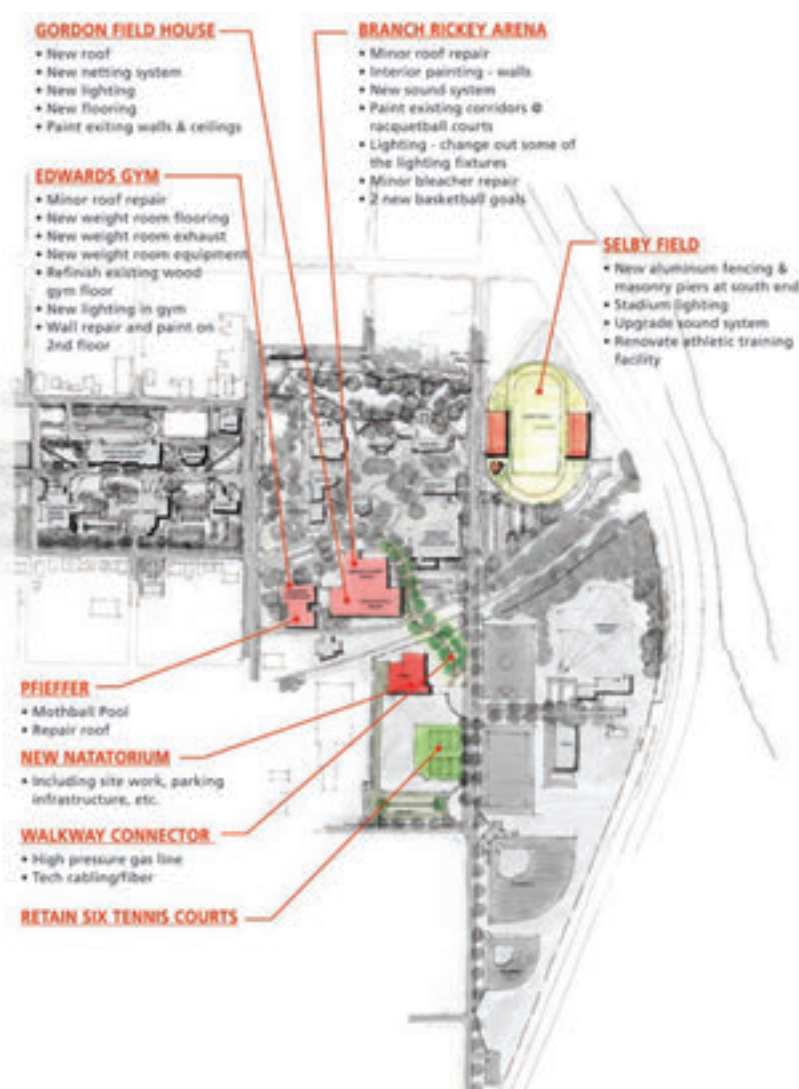
projects call for the covering of the new concrete weight room floor in Edwards Gym with a rubberized matting, and the roof of Gordon Field House will be replaced, completing the project on the Rickey/Gordon roof that started last summer.

Future plans also call for some much needed work on Branch Rickey arena where the facility is in need of interior painting, lighting improvements, bleacher repair, and an upgraded sound system. Edwards Gym will receive additional improvements on the interior skylights, a resurfaced gym floor, and a new lighting system for the gym. Gordon Field House will eventually see new netting, interior paint, improved lighting, and a new synthetic floor surface installed on the tennis courts and track.

A new Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center is, as Gibson says, an exciting component of these enhancements. (See story on page 24 of this Magazine, for more about this center, and OWU’s recent multi-million gift from the Conrades and Meek families). This facility will be the first building in the new Branch Rickey Athletics Complex that will eventually include a new arena and field house.

“Another important component of Phase 1 is the construction of a new pedestrian walkway that will connect OWU’s sports facilities,” says Gibson. Named in honor of Arthur A. Belt ’34, father of Patricia “Patsy” Belt Conrades ’63, the walkway will be known as the “BELTway.”

While future facilities development is, as always, contingent on fundraising success, the end is in sight for Phase 1 of the Rickey Campaign. The longer term vision for OWU’s athletics facilities is now being developed as Phase 2 of the campaign. But more about that in a future edition of this magazine.







## A Special Wedding Gift... For OWU

Kde Edgar Mayes '96 and Steve Mayes (Morehead State University), who were married in October, 2007, approached me with a very unique and selfless request during their engagement. The couple wanted set up a way for their family and friends to donate toward the new natatorium project at Ohio Wesleyan as an alternative to giving them a wedding gift.

I was really excited to help facilitate this generous and creative fundraising opportunity for my friend and sorority sister. When I asked her why they thought of offering charitable contributions as an option for a wedding gift, Kde said, "We felt we already had everything we needed since we each owned a house full of "stuff" and wanted our wedding to have a lasting legacy. I love Ohio Wesleyan and the swim team was an important part of my college career. Needless to say, OWU's pool is less than desirable, so we thought it would be neat to help OWU build a new pool for the next generation of students."

Working with the university communications office, we designed a contribution card that the couple included with their wedding invitations. The results of this special effort were significant. Eighteen individuals contributed a total of \$1,800 toward the natatorium in honor of Kde and Steve. Kde responded by saying, "We were thrilled that so many people donated! It was a great feeling to know that these gifts will go to good use in a way that is very meaningful."

Mark Shipp, Vice President for University Relations, said, "We are extremely grateful for Kde and Steve's thoughtfulness and generosity in choosing the natatorium project in conjunction with their wedding. I look forward to celebrating with them when the new pool is built and dedicated!" Thank you, Kde and Steve.

For information on how to set up a similar giving opportunity, please contact Darrel Gibson, Director of Major Gifts, at 740-368-3324 or [dbgibson@owu.edu](mailto:dbgibson@owu.edu).

—Lindsey Gale '98

### Inspire a Student.....

Memorable professors, classes, and life-long OWU friends have inspired *you*. Why not pass on these enriching experiences by encouraging a talented student to explore all that OWU has to offer? By presenting the application fee waiver below to a prospective student, you are expressing just how much OWU means to you! You also can tell the Admission Office why this student is special by completing the online student referral form at [http://alumni.owu.edu/apart\\_studentref.html](http://alumni.owu.edu/apart_studentref.html)

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### Reeds Establish Endowed Scholarship

*In keeping with their ever-generous spirit of giving back to the community they love, John H. Reed and Libuse L. Reed establish this Endowed Scholarship Fund through their thoughtful estate planning.*

John and Libby Reed, two of the most respected members of OWU's family, recently have finalized plans to establish this endowed scholarship with a bequest of \$600,000, to be provided through their estate.

Honorary OWU alumni John and Libby Reed joined the Ohio Wesleyan faculty in 1952, Libby as an instructor in the English department, and John as assistant professor and Special Collections librarian. He also was curator of the United Methodist Archives beginning in 1965. During Dr. Reed's 32-year tenure on the faculty, she taught many OWU students about the art of good writing. Her Report Writing course is well remembered by thousands of OWU alumni! Dr. Reed also initiated the first course on women's literature, and she was the recipient of OWU's Bishop Herbert Welch teaching award. Under husband John's leadership, the library's archives and Special Collections areas became rich sources of information and history for members of the Ohio Wesleyan family. Mr. Reed has been a determined advocate for preserving knowledge and rare artifacts, has served as a mentor and counselor to many students, a faculty advisor and mentor to the Ohio Delta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In 2007, the brothers of SAE dedicated their houses' new patio to Mr. Reed for his commitment and support.

Retiring from OWU in 1984, the Reeds have continued to be vitally involved with and interested in Ohio Wesleyan.

## Alumni Football Captains to Rally in September

by John Kercher '63

The OWU Alumni Football Captain Program was started in 1997 to bring back some of our great football players from the past and honor them by serving as Alumni Captains at a home football game. Each year we invite five to six star players essentially one from each past decade.

This year the weekend will be Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27. Our alumni football captains for this year will be Barry Livingston '59, Richard Faulkner '67, Dr. Art Molzan '74, Kevin Connell '86, Dave Livingston '94 and Jon Robinson '04. Our opponent is Wittenberg.

Typically the program starts with a group meeting to watch Friday afternoon practice at Selby followed by a group dinner with Coach Hollway, some current year players, Athletic Director Roger Ingles, and spouses/guests at which time we hear about the current year team and strategies for the game next day.

Saturday starts with the Alumni coaches meeting with Coach Hollway and the team at which time each Alumni Captain is introduced to the team. Coach Hollway says this is a very motivating event for the team because it enables the players to see the great OWU football heritage and tie themselves to it.

Following the group meeting, the Alumni Captains have their pre-game meal with the current team at which they can join any group's table for the meal, e.g. offensive line, quarterbacks, defensive backs, etc.

At 11 a.m., the Alumni Captains join Coach Hollway and the team in their "Unity Walk" from Ham Williams to Selby. The Alumni Captains are invited to be with the team in the locker room both pre- and post-game to experience first-hand college football as it is today.

At halftime of the game, the Alumni Captains are introduced to the crowd at Selby and presented a nice token of OWU's appreciation. The program concludes with the post game locker room visits.

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John Kercher is President of the OWU Alumni "W" Association.

**"The Honorary Coach Game Day experience helps link current OWU football student-athletes with the outstanding people and players of the past who established the OWU tradition of excellence," says Mike Hollway, OWU's head football coach.**

## OWU Wins All-Sports Trophy

Ohio Wesleyan has won its second consecutive North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy championship.

Ohio Wesleyan compiled 77½ points during the spring 2008 season, posting top-three finishes in seven of the nine spring sports, including championships in baseball, golf, women's lacrosse, and men's outdoor track & field, second-place finishes in softball and women's outdoor track & field, and a second-place tie in men's lacrosse. The 77½ points hiked Ohio Wesleyan's total to 169½ for the 2007-08 academic year, giving the Bishops a 16-point final margin over Denison and an 22½-point margin over third-place Allegheny.

During the 2007-08 academic year, Ohio Wesleyan won 6 NCAC championships, adding men's and women's indoor track & field to the four spring titles, and added six second-place finishes. The Bishops finished in the top five in 19 of the 22 sports in which the NCAC offers championships.

The All-Sports Trophy is given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 22 sports. Ten points are awarded for a first-place finish, nine for a second, eight for a third, and so on. Men's and women's performances are combined, exemplifying the NCAC's commitment to equity and balance among programs. Wooster won three of the first four all-sports championships, interrupted once by Denison. Ohio Wesleyan followed with a six-year run leading to titles by Wooster (twice), Wittenberg (once), Denison (nine), and Ohio Wesleyan (twice). This is Ohio Wesleyan's eighth all-sports championship.

Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 112 team championships in the NCAC's 24th playing season. Allegheny is next with 102 titles, followed by Denison (96), Kenyon (92), Wooster (64) and Wittenberg (61).



Margaret Pickett Sagan '48, surrounded by OWU's softball team members.



## *A Home Run for OWU*

By *Miranda Simmons '08*

As a college athlete, I've been trained to dream big and set goals for myself that provide a means of achieving those dreams. However, on Thursday, March 17 and Saturday, April 19, two of my biggest dreams—two completely beyond my control—came true: I hit the first home run on the Margaret Sagan softball field (April 17) and I caught the first pitch as part of the field's dedication ceremony on the 19th.

I always daydreamed about hitting a first-pitch home run and having my friends around to see it. That day I did, but the

whole event was a blur. Before I knew it, I had rounded the bases and was clipping on my shin guards when Catrice Mayweather launched one out of the park in nearly the same spot I did. It was the first time two people on our team hit back-to-back home runs since 2006. Not a bad way to break in Margaret Sagan Field.

Catching the first pitch was another story altogether. I was under the impression that Margaret herself would be tossing me the ball—in front of my friends, family, and half of Delaware. I must preface this by saying I am neither graceful nor coord-

inated, so I was nervous to the point of shaking. I was having nightmares about having to block the ball only to have it roll right between my legs. I could imagine the *Transcript* headlines: Senior Catcher Muffs Field Dedication. All was successful, though, as Margaret's daughter, Linda Sagan Harrier '75, actually gave me the toss and with the close of my mitt, the ceremony was complete.

Later that night, I was given the opportunity to speak to the Sagan family, my team, and the Ohio Wesleyan development staff about what the experience



meant to me. I'm not an emotionally open person by nature, so standing before my team trying to explain what they mean to me (while trying not to cry) was perhaps the hardest thing I've ever done. To say those three days were surreal would be both an injustice and an understatement. I struggled with the concept of finally finding a home and just as quickly having to say goodbye.

It took four years, the charity of an amazing woman, and countless hours devoted by the athletic department for this field to come to fruition. To all those involved in the effort, my gratitude is beyond expression.

Even in high school, the appreciation for a home field eluded me. My first two years, we played at a community park. A new high school and athletic facilities were finished for my junior and senior years, but a lack of pride in my team translated into a lack of pride in my field. I would rather have stayed at the community park.

But here at OWU, pride in my team is not something I have ever lacked—it's something I've had the privilege of exuding for four years. That pride has come to a head this year. In my time here, I've had the opportunity to play alongside two all-Americans and a number of all-region players, yet I've never been so honored as I am to play with the 2007-2008 Battling Bishops. This team—comprised of eight sophomores, four freshmen, and me, the lone senior—has been through a lot; we've battled injury, illness, and personal struggle off the field, yet we've emerged a stronger team and better people. I've never seen a group of individuals work so hard toward a common goal and I've never wanted to see each one succeed so badly. I've never had a relationship with both my pitchers where they know what pitch I'm going to call before I actually do it; nor have I been able to share a glance with my first baseman whereupon she knows I'm

thinking about a pick-off. I hosted three of them as recruits and have watched them grow into funny, quirky, intelligent young women. I've never laughed so hard or smiled so much as with them. This team, over the two years I've known them, has become my family.

If there is one feeling—one single idea I take from Ohio Wesleyan—after graduation, it is family. All aspects of this school – professors, Greek life, and especially my team – have fostered my appreciation for being good to people and loving what you do.

So what the Sagan family, and all the others who made this field possible, gave us isn't just a mound, plate and three bases; it's a home—a place where this concept of family can grow and develop into a program that attracts players, not only because we know how to win, but because we become better people in the process. Ohio Wesleyan softball is young, but it's got amazing people and talent behind it. They'll go far not only in this game, but in the game of life. I'm just glad I got to be part of the process.



## C. PETER HAUCK PRESS BOX DEDICATION

Preceding the dedication of the Margaret Sagan Field on April 19, was the dedication of the new C. Peter Hauck Press Box at Littick Field. The two-story press box was named in honor of Hauck '52, a Toledo, Ohio resident. The University received an anonymous \$100,000 gift to honor Hauck and support upgrades at Littick Field. In addition to the press box, the project also involved relocating bleachers to the sides of the field. Hauck (number 7) threw out the first pitch that afternoon, as the Bishops took on the Kenyon Lords.



Peter Hauck prepares to throw the first pitch.

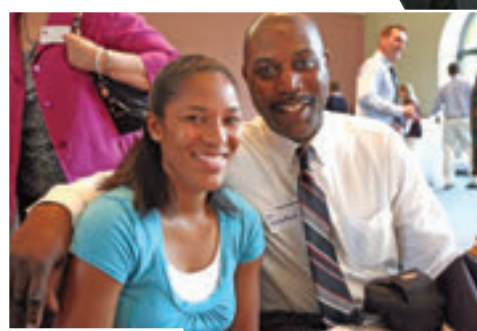


OWU's men's baseball team.



## Scenes from the Dale Bruce Scholar Athletes Dinner

Editors note: Members of the OWU family celebrated Dale Bruce's 55 years of continuous service to Ohio Wesleyan at the April 24 Scholar-Athletes banquet. A special endowment has been established in his honor.



## OWU's 2008 Distinguished Achievement Citation Award Winners

The Distinguished Citation (DAC) is the highest honor awarded to a select group of OWU alumni each year during Alumni Weekend. Recognized this year were:



**Jay L. Ankeney '43**, renowned heart surgeon and educator. He is a specialist in thoracic surgery at University Hospitals of Cleveland, and is

best known for his pioneering work in off-pump open-heart procedures, which he began to perform in the 1960s. Dr. Ankeney also developed the "Ankeney retractor," a surgical tool he developed to conform to the shape of the sternum during heart surgery.



**Carol Hamilton Scott '53**, is a community volunteer and advocate. Her most significant work has taken place in Springfield, Ohio, where she founded the

Clark County Opportunities Industrialization Center, an affiliate of a nationally recognized community-based organization providing job training for the unemployed or underemployed. Mrs. Scott also is the first woman elected to the Board of Directors of Wilberforce University, and the first African American woman to serve on the Board of BancOhio National Bank and later, National City Bank. She also has served on OWU's Board of Trustees.



**David Hobson '58**, is a member of Congress who has served the citizens of Ohio's 7th Congressional District since 1990. He has served as Chairman of the

Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee and Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. Congressman Hobson is the ranking minority member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee and senior member of the Defense Appropriation Subcommittee.



**Richard North Patterson '68**, is a novelist and attorney. While working for a Birmingham law firm, he took a fiction writing course and found himself moving

toward a new career. His first novel, *The Lasko Tangent*, was published in 1979 and won the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allen Poe Award for best first novel in that year. Since then, he has written 15 novels, including 11 consecutive international bestselling novels. He is past chairman of the National Governing Board for Common Cause, and has served on such numerous boards as the Family Violence Prevention Fund, National Partnership for Women and Families, and Ohio Wesleyan.

All citations at: <http://alumni.owu.edu/awards.html>

## Alumni Weekend 2008: Stats and Facts

*Numbers of:*

Alumni attending Alumni Weekend 2008 **993**

Class members from 1938 **2**

People at the '57 reunion dinner **187**

Student workers **18**

Reunion class volunteers **130**

Bags of chips at the All-Alumni Luncheon **648**

Alumni at the All-Alumni Dance **381**

Pounds of prime rib served **156**

Alumni College sessions **5**

Distinguished Achievement Citation Award winners **4**

Huge Success! **\$1,114,245** (as of June 5, 2008) was raised by all reunion years for the OWU Annual Fund!

## WANTED Reunion Planning Committee Members

Enthusiastic OWU alumni are needed to assist in the planning and communication of their class reunion. Share great times with alumni and keep the OWU spirit alive. Volunteers will inform classmates about Alumni Weekend 2009 class activities. Contact Brenda DeWitt at (740) 368-3329 or [bedewitt@owu.edu](mailto:bedewitt@owu.edu) in the Alumni Relations Office to get involved. The names listed for committee members for Alumni Weekend 2009 is not an all-inclusive list. If you have previously volunteered to help with your reunion and we have inadvertently left your name off of the list, please contact our office to let us know that you want to help plan your reunion.





# ALUMNI WEEKEND



By *Brenda DeWitt*

More than 900 alumni and guests returned to campus to celebrate their class reunions and reconnect with one another and their alma mater. The weekend began Friday, May 16, with the Golden Key Class of 1958 enjoying lunch together. Hosting the event were Interim President David Robbins and Skip Auch '68, president of the Alumni Association. As the weather improved Friday afternoon, many alumni enjoyed wandering around campus to enjoy the beautiful grounds and to socialize with one another. Others took time to exercise their minds during two alumni college sessions. Robert Moyers '63 discussed his theological outlook on "Unconditional Love," and then Distinguished

Achievement Citation recipient, Congressman David Hobson '58 spoke to a packed house on his career "Inside the Beltway."

The Friday-night Blues and Barbeque kick-off event has quickly become an Alumni Weekend favorite. Alumni gathered along the JAY Walk and in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center to enjoy a barbeque feast and live music provided by professor, Sean Kay and his acoustic trio. Many alumni lingered in the beautiful May evening. As the sun went down along the JAY Walk, many alumni met their classmates for some late-night socializing either on-campus or downtown at a favorite local watering hole.

As alumni arose to chilly breezes on Saturday, a group of 14 early-birds drove

just north of campus to take in a bird walk at the Bohannon Nature Preserve. Upon returning to campus, they found a day filled with activities ranging from open houses, more Alumni College sessions, a recognition breakfast for past and present award recipients, and the Golden Key Diploma ceremony. The Recognition Ceremony, honoring outstanding Ohio Wesleyan alumni, featured Dr. Jay Ankeney '43, Carol Hamilton Scott '53, David Hobson '58, and Richard North Patterson '68 as they received Distinguished Achievement Citations, the Alumni Association's highest honor. The Alumni Award, presented to an alumnus/a who exhibits outstanding service to their Alma Mater was presented to Gay Johnson Grossman '88 and Honorary Alumni Status was bestowed upon Dr. John "Jay" Martin, OWU Professor of Physical Education, Soccer Coach and former athletic director.



# 2008



The traditional Parade of Classes to the All-Alumni Luncheon was led by Lillian Flickenger Bernhagen and Clara Sesler Genther from the Class of 1938, who were on campus to celebrate their 70th class reunion. The All-Alumni Luncheon in Branch Rickey Arena provided a festive atmosphere where several major announcements were made including the largest-ever reunion class gift from the Class of 1958 (\$620,000 as of June 5, 2008), the announcement of two gifts from George '61 and Patsy Belt '63 Conrades and Phil '59 and Nancy LaPorte '59 Meek, and the big announcement of Interim President and Provost as an Honorary Alumnus! Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64, Chair of the Board of Trustees, gave a "State of the University" address and then formally introduced Dr. Rock Jones as Ohio Wesleyan's 16th



Gay Johnson Grossman '88



Dr. John "Jay" Martin

Receiving OWU's Alumni Award during Alumni Weekend was Gay Johnson Grossman '88, who has been active as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1994-2004. She also has participated in regional alumni committees, the Monnett Club, the Friends of Andy, and as an alumni admission representative. Dr. Jay Martin, OWU's men's soccer coach and former athletics director, was named honorary alumnus. He has been active in OWU's alumni association program and a featured speaker at many alumni events, and coordinated the 50th year of men's soccer reunion in 2007.





President. Dr. Jones spoke to the attentive audience and noted the progress the University has made in the past year and challenged alumni to continue to propel Ohio Wesleyan toward our common goals.

The events of the weekend culminated at the reunion class dinners on Saturday evening. After the class dinners, many alumni congregated back in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center for an All-Alumni Social under the Stars, where alumni danced well into the night.

The Sunday morning Alumni Weekend Convocation featured Aaron Granger '93 who gave an inspiring and thought provoking message on "An Average Day at OWU." The All-Alumni choir provided two enjoyable anthems, under the direction of Mary Kay Hall Easty '58. Other participants in the Convocation were the Reverend Kim Keethler Ball '83, Bill Kantonen '58 and Betty Crider Henderson '58. Many thanks go to Connie Rayner Lacey '58 who played the organ for Convocation.

It was a wonderful weekend of seeing old friends, making new ones and rekindling relationships with this special institution, and celebrating each other's lives and achievements.

*Brenda Dewitt is the Interim Director of Alumni Relations at Ohio Wesleyan.*

## Time of Challenges, Opportunities for the OWU Greek Community

"Creating a roadmap for excellence within the Greek community at Ohio Wesleyan will be the charge of a study group being formed to explore areas for positive change, such as membership recruitment, risk management and accountability, leadership development, alumni and national fraternity and sorority relations," says David Robbins, Ohio Wesleyan's interim president and provost. Endorsed by OWU's Board of Trustees during their recent meeting, the study also will focus on fraternity and sorority facilities, campus community relations, alumni relations and support, and ways to strengthen within each organization, an appreciation of fraternity and sorority history and ritual. The study group will represent broadly our students, alumni, parents, faculty, administrators, and members of OWU's Board of Trustees.

The importance of this study and its resulting recommendations, which will be completed in the near future is that we then can, as Robbins explains, "develop mechanisms to enhance and strengthen the Greek community and all out-of-the-classroom experiences" for OWU students. This has been a topic of discussion for the past several years as it relates to the overall student life and retention issues.

"The current situation with Greek Life nation wide, and here at OWU, indicates that we are clearly in a time of change and challenge," says Don Omahan, interim dean of students. "But we now also have an opportunity to do some careful assessments and prepare ourselves for a stronger future."

"The University is committed to a strong Greek community and it is my prediction that OWU's rich tradition of a valued and vibrant Greek community will continue well into the future as we dedicate ourselves to that goal, and contribute wherever and whenever we can to that positive outcome," says Allison Bressler,

assistant director of student involvement for Greek Life. Bressler, who arrived at OWU during the last year after doing similar work at Lycoming College, is excited about moving OWU's Greek community forward.

For many years, one of the most significant challenges facing fraternities and sororities across the country has been membership recruitment. Overall, OWU's fraternity and sorority population has decreased over time. This decline in membership and resulting financial challenges affected OWU's Greek community recently. This past semester, the charters of the Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) chapters were suspended. The charter of Phi Gamma Delta was suspended by the Board of Graduate Trustees of the Chapter in cooperation with their national council. The charter of the SAE chapter was suspended for a number of reasons, including low membership, through a recommendation from the House Corporation to the SAE national council who also voted to support the suspension.

Ohio Wesleyan looks forward to working with the respective alumni and national organizations to develop long-range plans to return these chapters to campus as vibrant and healthy organizations.

The future of OWU's Greek community will require the re-dedication of support from the University and alumni. The comprehensive study endorsed by the Board of Trustees provides a great opportunity to explore the issues involving Greek images and stereotypes, the optimal number of campus Greek organizations, and how to support the Greek community successfully both financially and structurally. "All of those involved are committed to having a Greek community that offers the most positive and rewarding experiences possible for students" commented Bressler.

# OFF CAMPUS

March 15, 2008

OWU Men's Lacrosse alumni event... at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Pictured here, left to right: Chuck Narwicz '77 (father of Chaz '10, lacrosse team member); Garry Switala '75, and George Sternad '48.



## Correction

Our apologies for an error in the caption we ran with this photo in the Spring Magazine. It should read, Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon enjoy lunch at the alumni gathering in Naples.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

**July 24 — Cleveland, OH**

Cleveland Young Alumni Beer School at the Great Lakes Brewing Co.

### AUGUST

**August 3 — Potomac, MD**

New Student and Alumni Picnic

**August 5 — in Cincinnati, OH**

Annual Summer picnic to welcome the incoming class of students to Ohio Wesleyan.

**Sunday, August 31 — Cincinnati, Ohio**

Join alumni, families, and friends for a train ride and view the WEBN End of the Summer Fireworks in a very special way. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats today.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 14 — Cleveland, OH**

Sunday Service and Brunch with Dr. Rock Jones

**September 19 — Sunbury, OH**

6th Annual Alumni "W" Association Golf Outing benefiting Team OWU, NorthStar Golf Resort

**September 21 — in Cincinnati, OH**

Sunday Service and Brunch with Dr. Rock Jones

### OCTOBER

**October 8 — in Akron, OH**

Meet the President event

**October 10 — Delaware, OH**

The Inauguration of Dr. Rock Jones, 16th President of Ohio Wesleyan University.

**October 10-12 — Delaware, OH**

Homecoming 2008

If you are interested in coordinating an event in your city, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (740) 368-3325 or e-mail [alumni@owu.edu](mailto:alumni@owu.edu)

April 19

## Cleveland Monnett Club

Several members of the Cleveland Monnett Club gathered for lunch on Saturday, April 19, to share news and remembrances of OWU.

Pictured here (left to right): Martha Lou Dowler Diem '47; Louise Morton Bedford '46; Eileen Duckwitz Malek '52; Carol Klamm Meermans '51; and Florence Martineau Long '47.





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