A swimmer in a pool, wearing a black swimsuit and goggles, is captured in motion. The water is a vibrant blue, and the swimmer's face is partially visible above the surface. The overall scene is dynamic and energetic.

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Our work at Ohio Wesleyan focuses intentionally on helping students make connections and form relationships.



Together We Rise

OVER THE PAST TWO-AND- A- HALF YEARS AS I HAVE LISTENED TO STUDENTS AND ALUMNI DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCES AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, I have been consistently impressed by how those descriptions invariably begin with stories of relationships established on this campus.

Each spring, I interview groups of graduating seniors. I begin by asking the seniors to share with me what they appreciate most about their time at OWU. Almost without exception, the question produces stories of relationships with particular members of the faculty who have served as teachers, mentors, guides, and friends. The stories include recollections of times when faculty members pointed a student in a direction that ignited a new interest or fueled a longstanding passion, often including an opportunity to dig deeper through an individualized course of

study or an off-campus experience. Other stories include memories of times when a faculty member challenged a student to improve his/her academic performance, to think more broadly, to take more time for interests outside the classroom, or to pursue an opportunity such as presenting research results at a national conference.

When I visit with alumni and ask them to share with me what they value most about their time at OWU, the conversations again invariably turn to recollections of relationships. These stories often include memories of a specific moment when a particular faculty member challenged this alumnus/a in a way that set the student on a course that helped determine the direction of his/her life. These stories also include memories of making acquaintances with fellow students, of the times shared with those students on campus, and of

the lifelong friendships that grew out of the years at Ohio Wesleyan. In many cases, these friendships were solidified by a continuing relationship with Ohio Wesleyan through service to the University, attendance at alumni events, and ongoing philanthropic support.

Our work at Ohio Wesleyan today focuses intentionally on helping students make connections and form relationships. Of course we are interested in the legacy of relationships that develop between students and their teachers and in the friendships that develop among fellow students through life shared together in residence halls, fraternities and sororities, athletic competition, participation in the arts, leadership in student organizations, and more. But equally important today is the challenge to help students understand the relationships that exist within their academic work. Our faculty is intentionally focused on enhancing interdisciplinary programs that involve significant connections across lines that traditionally separate academic departments. Programs in environmental studies; neuroscience; ancient, medieval and renaissance studies; and gender studies are examples of substantial commitments of the OWU faculty to interdisciplinary work.

More recently, the faculty is exploring ways to provide networks of course connections in the general education program. In these networks, students would satisfy a portion of their general education requirements by completing a series of courses in various departments across the divisions that are connected

through an interdisciplinary theme. Examples of themes under consideration and departments with faculty representation include American Landscape (English, Geology/Geography, Fine Arts, Botany/Microbiology, Religion, History); Crime, Responsibility and Punishment (Sociology/Anthropology, Politics/Government, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Botany/Microbiology, Zoology); and Water Rites and Rights (Fine Arts, Zoology, Sociology/Anthropology, Politics/Government, Religion, English, Botany/Microbiology, Journalism, Modern Foreign Languages, Geology/Geography). Each network will provide opportunities for students to connect theory to practice and to understand more fully the relationships that exist among the various traditional disciplines in our increasingly interconnected and interdisciplinary world.

Additionally, our faculty is continuing to develop travel-learning courses, many of which provide substantial opportunities to understand the relationship between theory and practice, and all of which include off-campus experiences that demonstrate the connection between classroom learning and real-world engagement. Ten travel-learning courses will be offered this spring, and 17 courses have been proposed for the spring of 2012. Among those scheduled for the spring of 2011 are an economics course that includes travel to Bangladesh to study microfinance, a humanities course that explores depictions of war in film and literature and includes travel to Japan, and a zoology course that includes travel to Brazil.

Our strategic plan describes a commitment to “a transformational educational experience that prepares a new generation of leaders for an

increasingly complex and interdependent world.” This commitment recognizes the importance of relationships – human relationships, relationships among fields of study, and relationships among cultures and nations in an ever shrinking and interconnected world.

Ohio Wesleyan University has a long history of understanding and embracing the value of relationships. With alumni serving in leadership capacities in every sector of our society, it is worth noting the importance of relationships established on this campus, connecting students with professors, staff members, alumni, and other students. Our alumni benefit greatly today from friendships that were established while at Ohio Wesleyan and tell me that those friendships have nurtured their entire lives. This issue of the *OWU Magazine* tells the stories of a few of those relationships. These stories are exemplary of thousands of others that could be told. As you read through the Magazine, I invite you to think about those at OWU whose impact continues to shape your life. In this holiday season, let us give thanks for the relationships born in the unique atmosphere of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Happy reading, and best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Rock Jones

President of Ohio Wesleyan University



Homecoming and Family Weekend 2010

You came and re-connected with old friends, today's students, and with the spirit that is OWU! Now visit our photo gallery at links.owu.edu/homecomingphotos.
See you next year...or sooner!





**HOMECOMING
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Commissioned Composer

His works have been called “entertaining,” “fresh,” and “spicy.” His compositions have earned him some of music’s most coveted awards. And he’s considered among industry experts to be one of America’s up-and-coming composers.

Meet Clint Needham.

In his first months of teaching at Ohio Wesleyan, the 29-year-old associate professor of music already is making an impression. His work most recently was commissioned by the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and will premiere during its 2011-2012 season at Carnegie Hall in New York City and across the country.

He also was chosen as one of seven young composers nationwide to have a work performed by the Minnesota Orchestra at their Future Classics concert in October 2010, in Minneapolis. Needham considers this honor to be one of the more coveted performance opportunities for a composer. The orchestra selected Needham’s work *The Body Electric*, which was inspired by the great American poet Walt Whitman’s work, “I Sing the Body Electric.”

“I feel extremely humbled and fortunate to have received these awards,” Needham says. “I work very hard and am very serious about what I do, but I know there are several talented composers who will never receive any acknowledgment for their work.

“When I was nominated for the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra commission I did not think I had a chance because of the very deep talent pool from which the committee had to choose,” Needham continues. “When I got the call from Orpheus about being chosen for the commission I was shocked and amazed, to say the least.”



Clint Needham

Needham, who says he began composing in high school, earned a B.Mus. in music composition from Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory, and M.Mus. and D.Mus. degrees in music composition from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He has won numerous national and international composition awards, including the International Frank Ticheli Composition Contest and the ASCAP/Morton Gould Young Composer Award.

But of all his awards, Needham has been most humbled by receiving the American Academy of Arts and Letters Charles Ives Scholarship. “The Academy is the pinnacle of artistic merit in the United States, and to have been recognized by its members was a thrill,” he says. “It also was amazing to very briefly share the stage with the likes of Meryl Streep, Garrison Keillor, and Hal Holbrook at the 2010 ceremony.”

At OWU Needham teaches courses in Music Theory, Applied Composition Instruction, and Electronic Music Composition.

“This path is the ideal one for me to take in

this field,” Needham says. “Some composers do not care to teach in academia and some do not care about receiving any recognition or awards; however, most composers do hope to pursue a similar path. I am also very lucky to have been surrounded by a large network of people who have supported me along the way.”

Find out more about Clint Needham’s work at www.clintneedham.com

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Bishop Newsbytes



Honorary degrees were presented at Ohio Wesleyan during fall semester to two internationally known individuals who have made significant contributions in the areas of science and racial and religious reconciliation efforts. Receiving the Honorary Doctor of Science degree was John E. Moore '53, world-renowned research scientist and hydrologist. Following military service, Moore served with the United States Geological Survey for nearly three decades; he was technical advisor to both the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Congress, especially in matters related to ground water contamination and drinking water.

Moore was elected to the presidency of both the International Association of Hydrogeologists and the American Institute of Hydrology. He is a life member of the former organization and also of the National Groundwater Association.

He has written seven books and 80 scholarly articles and has received the U.S. Department of Interior Meritorious Service Award. For distinguished service to youth, he has been honored with the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award.

Receiving the Honorary Doctor of Divinity was the Rev. Dr. Harold Good, who was recognized for his lifelong commitment to peace, justice, and reconciliation. He is especially

well-known for his work in the Northern Ireland peace process. A major sticking point in the process was the decommissioning of the weapons of the Irish Republican Army. No member of the IRA could be photographed handing in weapons because such an act would be considered treason. Therefore, it was necessary to appoint independent witnesses to the process. Harold Good was one of only two witnesses selected. He and Roman Catholic priest Alec Reid witnessed the disarmament process minute by minute over a period of days in multiple locations and were able to assure both the Irish and British governments that the decommissioning of arms was complete. The sectarian parties throughout Northern Ireland had such faith in the uncompromising honesty of Harold Good and Alec Reid that their simple statement was accepted as the truth.

Among numerous other awards, Good received the World Methodist Peace Award in 2007, joining such other recipients as Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter, and Nelson Mandela. Good spent several days on campus, talking with students in OWU's religion classes.



Happy 30th Birthday, Klais Organ—and many more! OWU's Rexford Keller Memorial Organ, among the largest of twelve pipe organs in the United States designed by Johannes Klais Orgelbau of Bonn, Germany, is 30 years young and was eager to celebrate with the OWU community. Sponsoring a free concert for

students, faculty, staff members, and friends during Homecoming & Family Weekend, Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Music invited acclaimed organist Thomas Brown to perform music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Charles-Marie Widor, Eugene Gigout, and Marcel Dupré.



Heritage Day 2010 was a reminder of tougher times at OWU, when students could be suspended for skipping mandatory Chapel or attending theatre performances (theatres of the time often were referred to as "the Devil's playhouse"). Eventually, theatre was accepted at OWU, with the first public performance of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in 1905. Pictured here during Heritage Day 2010 on November 11, is Will Pierce '13 on stage portraying professional Shakespearean actor Frederick Ward in an re-enactment of the 1885 scandal during which 60 OWU students were suspended from school for attending the performance of *Richard III* at the Delaware Opera House. The mannequin in the background is sporting a female Shakespearean costume.

FROM 1960 TO 1988, DURING SOME OF THE MOST TURBULENT TIMES IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY, JIM LESLIE SERVED AS CHAPLAIN AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY. IN THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK OF OCCASIONAL WRITINGS, PRAYERS, AND PERSONAL REFLECTIONS, THE READER CAN LOOK BACK AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN HISTORY IN A PARTICULAR PLACE IN MID-OHIO AND HEAR A VOICE THAT IS AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS THEN.



Reverend James Leslie and his wife Jean at a campus dinner held in his honor.

Make Us Aware:

THE WRITINGS OF THE Reverend Dr. James Leslie

AS THE NATION BEGAN TO GRAPPLE WITH ISSUES OF RACE, CLASS, SEX, WAR, AND THE RISING TIDE OF VIOLENCE IN OUR CITIES, THE CHAPLAIN'S POSITIONS WERE CLEAR, UNADULTERATED, AND PROPHETIC. In words that were at once welcoming and uncompromising, he brought the world's issues to the campus, and in his pioneering work with student missions, he took the students to the world.

The title of the book is taken from many of the prayers Chaplain Leslie delivered in weekly Chapel, at faculty meetings, and at Convocations and Commencements, during which he asked those present to be mindful of the needs of others, especially when they thought things weren't going so well in their own lives. His prayers were at once eloquent and simple, like this invocation at a faculty meeting in 1985.

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

“When we are timid about showing that we care about being hurt, about meeting people, about rejection,

When we are fearful of losing face if we take an unpopular stand,

When we are so much involved with our minor crises that we ignore Mexican earthquakes and CIA-sponsored infiltration into Nicaragua,

When we are so preoccupied with the denials of human rights in the Communist bloc that we ignore the abuses of power in our own land,

When we think we have it made because we have a retirement program, tenure, two cars, and too much to eat at dinner this evening,

Remind us of the real world, much of which is hungry now, and homeless now, and without the promise of a reasonable future.

Good God, remind us.

Amen.”

The book's foreword was written by Rev. Jon Powers, current University Chaplain, with an introduction by Larry Heinzerling '67, Deputy International Editor at the Associated Press. *Make Us Aware* is available at www.amazon.com.

Jim Leslie changed lives, and those lives have changed other lives. His imprint and influence are indelible, not only at Ohio Wesleyan, but also throughout the globe. Ohio Wesleyan alumni will find it fascinating.

MAKING THE MEEK AQUATICS AND Bricks and mortar?

LONG BEFORE OHIO WESLEYAN'S NEW MEEK AQUATICS AND RECREATION CENTER OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE CAMPUS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY IN OCTOBER, THE CENTER'S GRACIOUS AND VISIONARY DONORS – PHIL AND NANCY LAPORTE MEEK, CLASS OF '59, AND GEORGE '61 AND PATSY BELT CONRADES '63 WALKED THE MANY CAMPUS PATHWAYS TO AND FROM CLASSES DURING THEIR STUDENT DAYS AT OWU. AND YEARS BEFORE THESE ALUMNI CONTINUED THEIR LIFE JOURNEYS, TAKING ON PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGES AND SHOWING THE WORLD THE STAYING POWER OF AN OHIO WESLEYAN EDUCATION, THEY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS, IN A PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS ENDURED AND GROWN OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS. THE *MAGAZINE* RECOGNIZES AND HONORS THE BEAUTY AND STRENGTH OF UNSHAKEABLE OWU FRIENDSHIPS, CONTINUING LOYALTY, AND THE UNDERSTANDING OFFERED IN THE INSIGHTFUL WORDS OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL THAT, "WE SHAPE OUR BUILDINGS; THEREAFTER THEY SHAPE US."

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER.

By Pam Besel



RECREATION CENTER A REALITY

More like heart and soul.



Joining the campus community for the dedication of OWU's Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center and new Arthur A. Belt Walkway are (left to right) Phil Meek '59, Nancy LaPorte Meek '59, Patsy Belt Conrades '63, and George Conrades '61.

It's late afternoon in OWU's newly opened Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center, and freshman sprinter Matt Skowronski is practicing his 100-meter freestyle for an upcoming men's swim team meet against Denison University. Although the sun is beginning to set, the center's huge arched windows are ushering in a good amount of light that bounces off the water in OWU's new 10-lane swimming pool.

Skowronski, a pre-dentistry and economics management double major from Strongsville, Ohio, decided to come to Ohio Wesleyan for three reasons: academics, swimming, and—head swimming and diving coach Dick Hawes.

“When I heard Coach Hawes describe the new Meek Center and race-quality swimming pool and then talked with David Gatz '10, a former OWU All-America swimmer, I knew I belonged at OWU,” says Skowronski. “I liked the emphasis on academics that Coach Hawes described, along with the opportunity to swim [competitively]. The team is my second family.”

Once a competitive swimmer himself at Illinois State University, Hawes came to OWU in 1991 and over the past two decades has been part of discussions that centered on taking the dated six-lane swimming pool in Edwards Gymnasium's Pfeiffer Natatorium to the next level—and creating an aquatics and recreation center for the OWU and surrounding communities. That dream, shared by Hawes, Athletic Director Roger Ingles, President Rock Jones, Phil and Nancy Meek (both from the Class of 1959), George '61 and Patsy Belt Conrades '63, and the rest of the OWU family, past and present, became a reality this fall, as the Meek Center for Aquatics and Recreation and Arthur A. Belt Memorial Walkway (aka the BELTway) were formally dedicated on November 6. But well before that date, OWU's new “green” facility was making waves.



President Rock Jones welcomes members of the OWU and Delaware communities to the Meek Center open house.





A “Belly Flop for Pakistan” fundraiser drew a large crowd of students and staff members to the new Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center in early November.

“We have a total of 39 swimmers on our men’s and women’s teams and the largest freshman group ever,” says Hawes, pointing to the new center and increasingly collaborative relationship between the admission and athletic offices as large contributors to this success. His concern as a coach and as an educator is for his swimmers to remember why they are enrolled in college.

“Their academics come first, followed by swimming and as possible, involvement in other selected campus activities. Balance is a key factor.” While OWU’s new Meek Center is proving to be a swimmer’s (and swim team’s) delight, the facility also is, as OWU President Rock Jones believes, a symbol of community.

“The Meek Center is a venue for varsity athletics, for recreational activities, for individual fitness programs, for academic work through the physical education department, and for use by the greater Delaware community,” says Jones, who also points to the Center’s draw for prospective OWU students considering their college options. “The building also will serve the entire Ohio Wesleyan community—students, faculty, and staff, who will use it for health,

fitness, fun, and refreshment.” Beyond the University parameters, the Delaware Ohio Racing Club, Delaware Hayes High School Pacer boys’ and girls’ swimming teams, and the Bishop Bubbles program that teaches local children how to swim all have found a home at the Meek Center.

Well into his team practice, Skowronski and his teammates tighten their ranks, as members of OWU’s diving team begin their practice on the one-meter and now for the first time, on the newly installed three-meter boards. In years prior, the divers had to practice their “high dives” at Denison University’s natatorium. But now, OWU swimmers and divers swim and dive together in heightened camaraderie and community, perfecting the individual skills that make their collective teams stronger while drawing well-deserved attention to the new facility and its evolving uses. Its curb appeal, for starters, has been receiving high marks.

“Over the past 50 to 75 years, the design of new OWU buildings has been based on architecture of the time with no consistency,” says Phil Meek. Both he and wife Nancy note the importance of President Jones’ suggestion that the tile roof of the new Meek Center match that of Edwards.



OWU students make a big splash!



Members of the campus community enjoy a fun game of water basketball in their new pool.

“Architecture often helps define and shape the culture of the American university campus,” says Jones. “We saw the construction of a new aquatics and recreation center as a perfect opportunity to begin a process that can lead to greater architectural integrity on the OWU campus by connecting designs of new facilities to the classic designs of our most historic buildings. Edwards Gymnasium provided inspiration for much of the architectural design of the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center,” says Jones, adding that while architectural diversity of the campus is valued, we will continue to look for ways to create greater continuity in the future development of the campus.

“That [tile roof] was the beginning of something wonderful and set a precedent at the University,” notes Nancy, who spent a lot of her time as an OWU student in Pfeiffer Natatorium. She belonged to the Dolphin Club, OWU’s synchronized swim team, and served as its president during her senior year.

“While Nancy spent hundreds of hours [practicing] in the pool, I wasn’t too far away, working in *The Transcript* office,” says Phil. Nancy’s vested interest in swimming and both Meeks’ love for OWU provided the impetus for their desire to offer much-needed support for a new aquatics and recreation center. Recalling a major turning

point in moving the Meek Center concept forward, the Meeks describe an unforgettable train ride out of Grand Central Station a few years ago with OWU’s incoming President.

“By dinnertime that day, we made an additional commitment [to Rock] to get everything going,” says Phil, a Life Trustee at OWU and former chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Holding positions at Ford Motor Company for several years, Phil moved on to Capital Cities, where he eventually became senior vice president and president of the publishing group after holding the positions of president and publisher of *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *The Oakland Press*, in Pontiac, Michigan. It was during his work for the latter publication that it received the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished public service. Phil retired from Capital Cities/ABC in 1997. He currently is a member of the Woltemade Center Alumni Advisory Board, and in 2009, received the OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation. Nancy has served as President of the Ohio Wesleyan Monnett Club Detroit Chapter and was the first chairperson of the Richard M. Ross Art Museum Advisory Board. She has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood and the Van Cliburn International Piano competition in Fort Worth, Texas; the Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich, Connecticut; and the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan. Both Meeks received Alumni Awards for service

to Ohio Wesleyan in 1974, and support OWU students through the Phillip J. and Nancy LaPorte Meek Community Leadership and Service Grant Program. And both Meeks have endowed chairs in the economics and fine arts departments.

What preceded the building of the Meek Center was an almost storybook-like example of how longtime Ohio Wesleyan friends and alumni collaborated to contribute more than \$12.25 million, a little more than two years ago, for construction of the Meek Center—the first segment of the plan-- as well as several additional campus enhancements. Future planning includes the design and engineering work for the future Branch Rickey Athletics Complex on the southeastern edge of OWU’s campus.

“Over the past two years, I have been deeply moved by the depth of personal relationships within the Ohio Wesleyan family,” says Jones. “These relationships that form during the student years grow deeper through the decades, partly through shared commitment and service to Ohio Wesleyan, and partly through the web of relationships our alumni share in business, education, and community involvement across the country and around the world. It is especially nice that the BELTway commemorates the friendship between Branch Rickey (’1904) and Arthur Belt (’1934), and that the Meek Aquatics and



Recreation Center is born of the relationship between Phil and Nancy Meek and George and Patsy Conrades. Each of these persons is deeply dedicated to Ohio Wesleyan and to providing the greatest possible opportunity to future generations of students who, with the benefit of an OWU education, will be prepared to make their own significant contributions to society and, in turn, to Ohio Wesleyan.”

“Build It and They Will Come.”

What followed after that momentous New York train ride and for the next 15-plus months was a flurry of activity, including several meetings with The Collaborative architectural firm and Lincoln Construction.

“We began work on the Meek Center in July, 2009,” says Chris Setzer, head of OWU Buildings and Grounds. And true to the production plan, the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center opened its doors to the

public in October 2010, in all its glory, boasting 25,000 square feet—more than double the size of Pfeiffer Natatorium.

Some of the key features of the Meek Center include one-meter and three-meter diving boards; a 10-lane swimming pool holding 336,310 gallons of water; a filtration system including state-of-the-art ultraviolet filters; a 20-person wet classroom;

a closed loop geothermal system; public restrooms and locker rooms; a nicely furnished lobby area; seating for 150 people in bleachers facing the pool; staff offices; outdoor sand volleyball court; storm water retention pond; and landscaping irrigation drawn from the retention pond.

“We still use chlorine in the water, but our new filtration system allows us to run the chlorine at a much lower level,” says Setzer, adding that as the system kills bacteria, it also eliminates harmful chloramines, resulting in a much better environment for swimmers. Overseeing the day-to-day pool operation is Dustin Rudegear '08, a now familiar face at the Meek Center.

Since arriving on campus in August, Rudegear, OWU’s athletic facilities and summer camps director, has worked closely with Setzer. For starters, Rudegear orders additional equipment and office



And the winner is . . . Denise Sayer from Galena received a free membership to the Meek Center during the community open house on October 30. She is pictured with Dustin Rudegear '08.

and storage supplies, oversees staffing and training, and supervises pool manager Barrett Mueller, who, in turn, is responsible for the 35 lifeguards for the Meek Center pool. The “go-to guy” in the Meek Center, Rudegear also oversees staffing in Edwards, as well as operations in that building’s weight room.

“It’s incredible to know that you are part of so much more than just being in a [swimming] pool,” he says. “To look out those arched windows and be able to see the BELTway and our Schimmel/Conrades Science Center, and then to see that huge red and black Bishop painted on the side wall by the pool is amazing,” admits Rudegear, former winner of a Meek Leadership Award during his senior year at OWU. He talks about the importance of having a pool facility for both competition and recreation, and the message that sends to students and members of the surrounding community.

“It shows we care,” he says, while acknowledging the special desire to offer students—athletes and non athletes—a great

[college] experience.

“When we first jumped into the water at the new Meek Center, we were all like little kids on Christmas morning, and it wasn’t only swim team members who were excited,” says Reed Fogle ’12, co-captain of the men’s varsity team. “Our coaches and other students felt the same excitement.” For Marina Metzler ’12, co-captain of the women’s varsity team, it’s the arched windows and better lighting that really stand out.

“The Meek Center keeps OWU new and fresh. I’d remember this facility if I were on a campus tour as a prospective student.” Both students talk about how attention to detail doesn’t go unnoticed by students.

“The starting blocks have a timing system including touchpads in the water and a timeboard screen, and we now have more space and flexibility for our practices,” says Fogle. “While I have fond memories of our experiences in the Pfeiffer pool, we now have a really competitive facility.”

Add to all of these attributes the large screen digital scoreboard (which can come in handy for

future campus “dive-in” movie swim parties); the opportunity to play ‘wild and crazy’ water basketball or sand volleyball or to go for a relaxing swim during the pool’s frequent open hours—and the Meek Center’s multitude of community-related activities are only just beginning to take shape.



OWU Trustee Adrian Corbiere shares remembrances of his son, and former swimteam member Payson Corbiere '95.



State-of-the-art starting blocks feature a timing system, touchpads in the water, and a timeboard screen.



Going Green with Geothermal

More than aesthetically pleasing and impressively functional, OWU's Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center also is good for the environment, thanks to careful planning on the part of the University and sound advice from former U.S. Representative David Hobson '58, also a former chair of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water.

"I wanted to demonstrate this technology on a commercial building, so the public could see [the use of] alternate energy rather than using fossil fuels," says Hobson, who assisted OWU by securing grant funding for the installation of the closed loop geothermal system in the Meek Center. If the projection is on target, the University will realize an energy savings of \$57,500 per year because of this system, which encompasses 90 wells, each measuring a depth of 245 feet.

"Summarizing, we circulate the water from these wells out to 10 heat pumps located throughout the building," explains Setzer. Those pumps heat and cool the locker rooms, offices, lobby space; provide 100 percent of

the cooling for the pool area; and supplement the heating of that area.

"We no longer are burning as much natural gas for heating and cooling, and we also are reducing electrical consumption for cooling," says Setzer. He projects an 870,000 kilowatt hour reduction in electrical consumption in a year's time. That combined with a 615,000 BTU reduction in natural gas consumption per year could result in OWU's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified building on campus.

Looking Ahead

As planning continues for what will be the Branch Rickey Athletics Complex, a key feature—a pedestrian walkway connecting the University's sports facilities—has been constructed, with additional buildings being discussed for the future. The Arthur A. Belt Memorial Walkway (BELTway), named to honor Arthur A. Belt, a Battling Bishop football player and father of Patsy Belt Conrades, also connects to the Branch Rickey Plaza area in front of the Meek Center.

"My father knew and admired Branch Rickey," says Patsy Conrades. "George and I are pleased to be able to honor both men and to support Ohio Wesleyan athletics with this gift."

The lobby area of the new Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center is named in honor of Payson Corbiere '95, a talented member of the men's swim team who passed away in 2000. As his father, Adrian, a Trustee at Ohio Wesleyan, spoke about his son during the Center's dedication, he recalled Payson's observations about OWU. The way the coaches, professors and students bring out the best in each other. The camaraderie and *esprit de corps* permeating the campus, leading to the realization most graduates have sooner or later—that those invaluable college relationships can and often do last for a lifetime.

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Legend, Icon, Mentor, Friend ... Professor Emerita Libby Reed



By Andrea Misko Strle '99

**SHE DEMANDED QUALITY.
SHE TAUGHT WITH DISCIPLINE.
SHE VALUED HARD WORK. BUT
MOST IMPORTANTLY, SHE MADE
A LASTING IMPRESSION ON
HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS WHO
WERE FORTUNATE TO SIT IN
HER CLASSROOM.**

Inset on opposite page: Professor Emerita of English Libby Reed reunites with Ray Slabaugh '63 during the recent dedication of the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center.

NOW MORE THAN 25 YEARS AFTER RETIRING FROM OHIO WESLEYAN'S ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, LIBUSE "LIBBY" REED IS STILL A FORCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY. They consider Reed family, have invited her to take part in the biggest moments of their lives, and, even in their 50s and 60s, talk with her regularly.

The 86-year-old Reed is so beloved by her students that they have established scholarships in both the English and geology departments in her name, and they solicited fellow alums for the funds to support a chair in her honor, the Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship, which was established in 2003.

"Libby is a great teacher," says Kirk Cruikshank '77, a retired software executive who established the English scholarship. "I wanted to do something in her name that would recognize and reward excellence. I am so grateful to have been a student of hers. I hope others will remember to thank their teachers. I hope through this scholarship Libby knows how special I think she is."

But the principles that Reed instilled in her students were values that were impressed upon her at a young age: "Always do your best work." "Be on time." "Expect more for yourself." Abide by these, she believes, and you will be successful in life and in livelihood.

"She always had a broad perspective on life," says Rand Griffin '66, who helped fund the chair in Libby's name. "She, of all my professors, is the one who stands out as the most memorable. She is a very genuine person. The education you got wasn't just report writing; it was about life, about having the right attitude and work ethic, and how to care for people."

As a high school student, Reed says she learned the importance of discipline and

quality from a woman who advised the award-winning school newspaper. In college, she was taught "you don't just learn a little bit ... you learn a great deal, more than you thought you could, and you go beyond that."

"That's the ideal I've held all along for my students and for myself," she says. And Reed wasted no time setting expectations in her classes.

"From the first day they walked in, I told them college isn't just glorified high school; it's the beginning of mature adulthood," she says. "They knew it was going to be a learning experience. They are going to work hard. Anything they can try that is academically sound will serve them in their lives forever."

This was most true in her infamous report writing class. It was here that she 'bled' on many a student's papers as she reviewed them with an eye for detail and desire to make them better.

"I used red ink," Reed says with a chuckle. "I used two big bottles of red ink during my 38 years. And at the end of those years, my red ink had come to the very bottom. It was foretold. And I haven't used any since."

Allison J. Batchelor '81, a physician and associate professor at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, has known Reed since Batchelor was a 17-year-old OWU freshman. Today, at age 51, Batchelor chats almost weekly with those she endearingly calls "Aunt Libby" and "Uncle John." Libby's husband, John Reed, is a former OWU archivist and Sigma Alpha Epsilon advisor, and the couple still lives in Delaware, Ohio.

Having taken many courses from Reed, including report writing, Batchelor says with confidence that she uses what Reed taught her every day in her job. "She was a real taskmaster. You learned a lot. And I knew when I got an A- that I worked very hard for that A-."

But Reed also knew how to have fun. Batchelor recalls one day when she arrived at class and informed Reed that she had been accepted into medical school. Reed promptly cancelled class for the day and corralled the group for a trip to Friendly's restaurant and an ice cream celebration.

"We did crazy things like that. I like to eat, so I used it as an excuse," Libby says, a smile in her voice. "If you are serious all the time, then it kind of wears on people."

For all these reasons, students by the hundreds remember Reed with fondness, admiration and gratitude. And while many consider her a mentor, she says coyly that she'd rather be an "idol."

"I never considered myself a mentor," Reed says. "I just did what I would have done if someone needed help; they got it. If they needed understanding; they got it. If people want me to be a mentor, okay, but I don't see myself as one."

Batchelor says Reed has been a lifelong mentor to her. She was there when Batchelor graduated from medical school and has shared many holidays and other milestones along the way.

"With Libby, you always did your best job every time," Batchelor says. "Over the years, I have talked with Libby about the large decisions in my life. She always encouraged me and held me to a high standard."

Griffin agrees. "What makes a college experience memorable are people like Libby," he says.

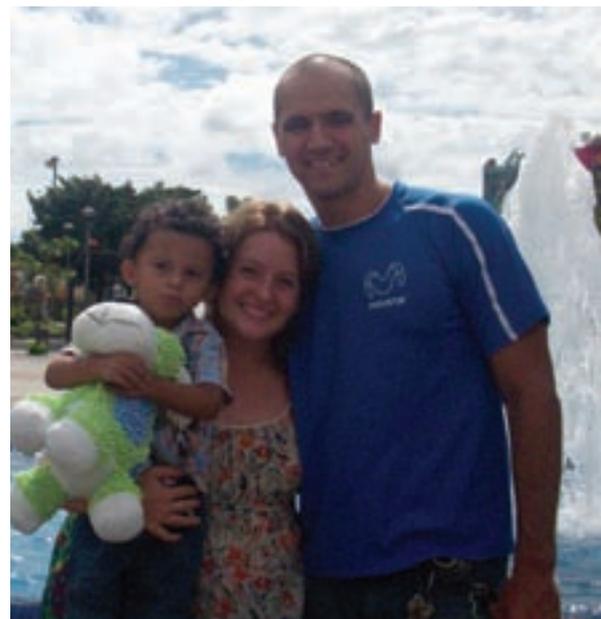
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Bringing Love and Hope to El Salvador

By Amanda Zechiel '09

WHEN BEN MALECKI '08 PICKED UP THE APPLICATION FOR A SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP DURING HIS JUNIOR YEAR OF COLLEGE AT OWU, HE NEVER COULD HAVE GUESSED THE IMPACT THAT PIECE OF PAPER WOULD HAVE ON HIM. That it would lead him to a two-year-old boy he would love and treat as his own son. That it would inspire him to jump out of bed at 4 a.m. every day for a year. That it would shape his first year of married life. That it would change his life forever.

An active member of the Ohio Wesleyan service community, Malecki particularly enjoyed participating in OWU's spring break mission teams during his undergraduate years. After filling out that application and being selected to join a mission team traveling to the Love and Hope Orphanage in El Salvador for spring break 2007, his leadership in the service community expanded. The following year, his senior year at Ohio Wesleyan, Malecki served as a team leader for the second annual El Salvador spring break mission team. In fact, it was his love of service that led him to meet his future wife, Shelly Hartman '06, when a friend from the New Orleans mission trip introduced the two in 2007. It was only about two years later that the two would be a married couple living together at a children's home in poverty-ridden Nejepa, El Salvador.



Above: Ben and Eliseo at Love and Hope Children's Home.

Upper Right: Ben and Shelly with Eliseo, who loves the big fountain at La Grand Via in San Salvador.

MAKING A CONNECTION

Love and Hope Orphanage was founded in 2003 by Rachel Sanson, a Cleveland native, across the street from a garbage dump in Nejepa, where some of the home's future children were living.

"Some of our children were found abandoned, others given up by parents who could not take care of them, but most of the kids have come through ISNA (El Salvador's Family Services)," Malecki says. "These children were taken by the police from parents who abused or abandoned them." Currently, 26 children reside at Love and Hope, which put it at capacity until a recent move to a larger location opened the doors for expansion.

After traveling to Love and Hope through OWU, Malecki wanted to do more. Since both he and Shelly are natives of Cleveland, they were able to further connect with the orphanage as a couple by attending Cuyahoga Valley Church in Cleveland, the church that sponsors the orphanage. Although Shelly had never visited the orphanage, Ben was able to share his passion through their local

relationship with the church.

"I really found my relationship with God through missions, and I wanted to continue serving in this way," he explains. "We started sponsoring a child, Jacobo, and stayed involved with Love and Hope fundraising."

Shelly shares Ben's love for international service. Having done previous service work in Uganda, she invited Ben to join her there during the summer of 2008 to continue her mission there. It was through this work that the couple made a connection with Rachel Sanson's mother, Kathy, and when Love and Hope needed additional staff in late 2009, Kathy approached the couple to see if they would help. Having just been married in March, 2008, Ben and Shelly agreed, embarking on what was intended to be a three-month service in El Salvador. They have now been living at Love and Hope for almost a year.

A DAY AT LOVE AND HOPE

A 4 a.m. wake-up call begins each school day for the couple at the orphanage, where for most of their service they have lived with seven



Day out with the children at Parque Zoológico, San Salvador Zoo.

children (called their Family Group) in an upstairs apartment over the main facility. “We are responsible for getting them ready in the morning, which involves devotions, breakfast, and getting them on their way to school,” says Ben. “From there, we have a 7 a.m. staff meeting with Rachel and the home’s administrative director, Kelly.” The four serve as the Board of Directors for the children’s home, with Ben as the Director of Operations and Shelly as the Director of Finance. Among the other 18 employees at the home are 10 child care takers, three guards, two cooks, one social worker, one psychologist, and a community outreach pastor/driver.

While the children are at school, Ben and Shelly spend their days fulfilling separate duties for the home. Ben manages operational details such as driver schedules, outreach ministries, maintenance, managing tutors and study tables for the children, and development improvements for the home. For Shelly, the focus is on accounting, budgeting, financial reports, managing the staff, and working with the Love and Hope International Board in the United States.

Recently, Ben and Shelly helped to move the orphanage to a new location about 45 minutes away from Nejapa.

“The new home has 10 bedrooms, a large kitchen, a terrace, a small yard for the kids to play in, and an awesome nearby park. It is on a mountainside, and has a much cooler climate than in Nejapa,” Shelly explains. Being this hands-on with business and child-care in El Salvador has opened the couple’s eyes to the challenges of living and working outside of their comfort zone. While their first challenge was adjusting to fast and informal Spanish, the couple says gangs are

the hardest part of living in El Salvador. “There has to be a strange balance between living a normal life yet being extremely cautious of your every move,” Shelly says. “There were 29 murders last weekend, the bloodiest weekend of the year. The gangs have horrific tactics, and have even begun targeting children. If you read the paper today, you will see that gang threats have shut down almost half of the buses in the country, saying they will shoot any buses running their regular routes.”

At the same time, they battle the “painstakingly slow pace” at which El Salvadorian society moves.

“Americans work at a very fast pace, are results driven, and are self-motivated,” Shelly mentions. “This is not the case in El Salvador. There is always government red tape. For example, simply making a deposit at the bank can take three or more hours because online banking and direct deposit are just beginning to be introduced here.” Still, despite challenges such as these, the rewards of being a part of the children’s home are deep and gratifying.

“Honestly, every day we have little moments with the kids that are just lovely. Moments that just make you step back from all of the busyness and smile,” they say. Most of the couple’s stories involve Eliseo, a two-year-old child who lived with them before Love and Hope moved to its new location. Ben and Shelly treated Eliseo as their son, and they hoped to adopt him. However, the El Salvadorian government makes it “almost impossible for Americans to adopt,” they explain.

Shelly speaks with deep love for Eliseo, saying, “Eliseo has curly hair, so in Spanish he is called ‘Colocho.’ He has had English-speaking caretakers since he came to Love and Hope in 2008. We have continued to speak English with

him this past year and just the other day he looked at me and said, ‘I love you.’ This was my favorite moment!”

Some of Ben’s fondest memories are of taking the kids to Los Churros, an underground waterfall in the middle of the jungle.

“We took the 10 oldest kids on a hike one weekend and stumbled upon these amazing waterfalls that flow out of the side of the mountain and into a pool below. The look on the kids’ faces was indescribable when we first saw it. It was like they had never seen anything so beautiful in their entire lives! They were so happy and we swam there all day,” Ben recalls.

After almost a year of building memories like these, the Maleckis are working to transition El Salvadorian staff members into their roles at Love and Hope’s new location, with the goal of returning to the United States by Christmas. With plans to go to graduate school, the couple knows it’s time to come home, but their service certainly will not end. Beyond plans to continue working with Love and Hope International in the USA when they return, the couple knows that their lives will be completely dedicated to the service of others, and they thank Ohio Wesleyan for its role in leading them to this calling in their lives.

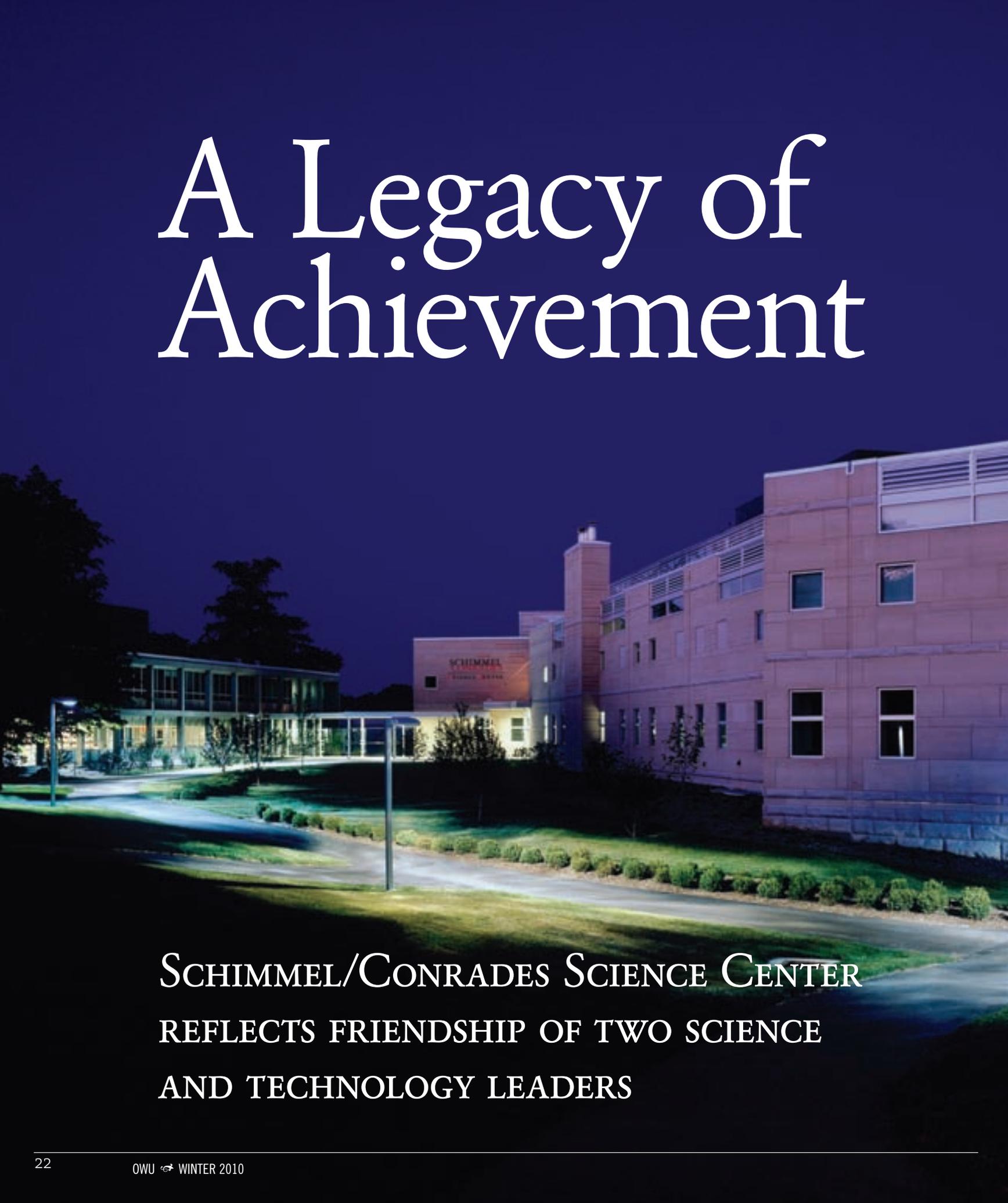
“We feel overjoyed, not only that OWU gave us a link to each other but also to this incredible step on our life’s path. We truly believe in higher education and this is something that we have championed while being in El Salvador,” they say. “We are currently working to start a college fund for the kids at Love and Hope and are personally beginning to support one of the staff in her dream to begin university education to become a nurse. For most people in El Salvador, university education is not even a dream, but we really feel that OWU has inspired us to make this dream possible for others.”

And with a lifetime of service ahead, we can be sure that they will.

For more information, see <http://www.loveandhopechildrenshome.com>.

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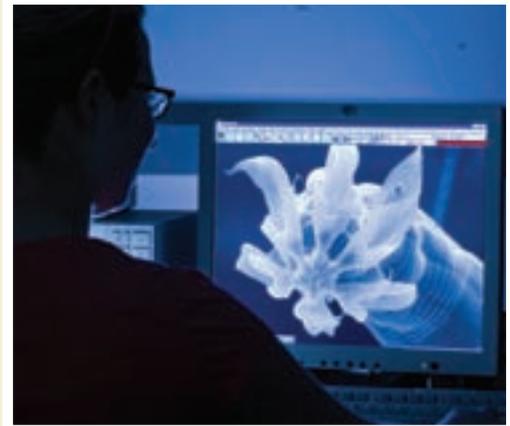
A Legacy of Achievement



SCHIMMEL/CONRADES SCIENCE CENTER
REFLECTS FRIENDSHIP OF TWO SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

Science and technology meet as zoology major Caillee Smith '12 conducts research using OWU's scanning electron microscope.



Ohio Wesleyan's state-of-the-art science building has been christened the Schimmel/Conrades Science Center. "This name is a wonderful way to recognize two graduates and close friends who both majored in the sciences, took divergent paths after graduation—and now stand at the pinnacles of their respective fields," says Ohio Wesleyan President Rock Jones. "It's appropriate that the names of these two families be united on a building in which such exceptional teaching and learning take place."

George Conrades shows his enthusiasm for the open road.

Opposite page: Paul Schimmel, far from the laboratory.

GEORGE CONRADES '61, A PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS MAJOR AT OHIO WESLEYAN WITH AN MBA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, IS CHAIRMAN OF AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, WHILE PAUL SCHIMMEL '62, WHO MAJORED IN PRE-MEDICINE AT OWU AND EARNED A PH.D. AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HEADS THE SCHIMMEL-YANG LABORATORY AT THE SKAGGS INSTITUTE FOR CHEMICAL BIOLOGY AT THE SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE ALSO IS THE ERNEST AND JEAN HAHN PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. FORMERLY, HE WAS JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS AT MIT. Schimmel's major research has concentrated on examining the origin and early evolution of the genetic code. In a separate line of research published more than two decades ago, Schimmel is credited with developing one of the four key concepts that launched the human genome project.

According to the National Foundation for Cancer Research, "[Schimmel's] laboratory was one of the first to identify the 'operational RNA code'—another code in an RNA molecule that is different from the usual 'genetic code' for protein building. It is widely regarded that the operational RNA code possibly was the original code of life."

Schimmel is also the author or co-author of more than 450 scientific papers and a



three-volume textbook on biophysical chemistry. He holds a variety of patents and is a cofounder or founding director of several biotechnology companies, six of which became publicly traded. Others were sold in private transactions. These companies are developing new therapies for human diseases and disorders.

Schimmel has been recognized with the American Chemical Society's Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry and the Stein and Moore Award, the highest honor of the Protein Society. He is a co-recipient of the Biophysical Society's Emily M. Gray Award for significant contributions to education in biophysics and recipient of the Chinese Biopharmaceutical Society's Brilliant Achievement Award. He also was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National

Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Institute of Medicine. He is an OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation-winner and holds an OWU Honorary Doctor of Science. Conrades is a director or former director or trustee of 20 corporate boards, including Harley Davidson, Inc., Oracle Corporation, and Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Like Schimmel, he is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Conrades and Schimmel became friends almost immediately after Schimmel arrived on campus a year after Conrades. "I believe I met George during pledge-recruitment week in September 1958 at the Beta Theta Pi house at 54 West Lincoln Avenue," Schimmel says. "George was a sophomore and I was an



entering freshman; he was actively surveying the freshman class for potential pledges.

George went on to become president of the fraternity and later of the OWU student body.

“My main impression was that he was physically vigorous and very smart and very interested in coeds. So was I, but he was more efficient in his studies than I was, so he had more time to date. The main thing I remember is that he studied a little and I studied a lot, but the outcomes were about the same on the exams. Today, George is a brilliant business leader—perhaps the best I have ever known.”

Although Conrades concurs on how the two and their wives met, he has a different view of Schimmel’s intellectual horsepower. “Paul, Cleo, Patsy and I all knew one another from fraternity and sorority events,” he says.

“I’ve always admired Paul because he’s so much smarter than I am. I’m really interested in what he’s doing, even though I have to say I don’t quite understand all of it.”

As students, both Conrades and Schimmel were extensively mentored by the professors whose names have become legend at Ohio Wesleyan. “Howard Maxwell was the chairman of the physics department. I spent many hours with him discussing physics,” Schimmel says. “His influence was life-changing. He strongly encouraged me to pursue a career in research. My father was a German immigrant who had no higher education, and the idea of his son’s being a doctor was paramount in his mind. I enrolled in medical school in Boston, but after a while knew that my heart was in pure research, so I dropped out and entered graduate school. When I [made

that decision], I called Dr. Maxwell, and he reaffirmed his encouragement.

“I was also deeply impressed with Libby Reed. She clobbered me in Report Writing. But it was tough love, and I never forgot her and her rigor. I often wished I could spend a lot of time with her and get to know her better. She is a deep woman who has a profound sense of purpose and values. Maxwell and Reed alone were worth far more than four years of tuition.”

Conrades adds, “Dr. Wilson, the head of the math department, and Dr. Maxwell both cornered me one day. They said that since I loved Dr. Wilson’s computer course so much, I should interview a list of emerging computer companies in technical sales.

George Conrades (l) and Paul Schimmel (r) in earlier days.



“They also gave me this advice because I had not distinguished myself in the physics lab, and they were very concerned about my desire to become a rock drummer,” he says with a smile.

Taking his mentors’ advice, Conrades went to work for IBM. “None of the others on the list—Burroughs, Univac, NCR, Control Data, and Honeywell—are around today as standalone computer companies per se,” he says. “I was delighted to pick and be accepted by IBM. The company was just shipping its first transistorized business computer in 1961, so I was very fortunate to get into computers at the beginning of widespread adoption, the ‘next big thing’—after the sweep of rock and roll across the country in the ’50s—and to remain in the industry essentially more than 50 years, the last 15 of which have been spent running Internet companies—the most recent big thing.”

After time apart pursuing their different careers, Schimmel and Conrades and their families reconnected in the Boston area. “[Cleo and I] were living in an apartment condominium near my laboratories at MIT,” Schimmel says. “We ran an event for OWU at our apartment, and George and Patsy showed up. We were overjoyed to see each other, and after the event went out and drank a lot of beer and reunited.

“Then George and Patsy moved to Cambridge, and we spent a great deal of time

with them and met many of their colleagues and friends at dinners at their beautiful home. When we left MIT for California, they—and Kathe and Steve Rhinesmith—hosted a huge farewell party at their home, inviting many MIT professors and their spouses. My colleagues at MIT were very impressed with the generosity and hospitality of the Conrades family.”

Today the families are closer than ever. “George and I both enjoyed boating, and while we have not done a lot of it together, we discuss and share our ‘boat-thoughts’. We have both kept boats in Boston Harbor and at our homes, which are on the same street on Jupiter Island in Florida. We also love old-time rock and roll music and Bob Seger, among other singers and musicians.”

Both men mention their wives and families as the most important parts of their lives. “Family is always number one, and the rest flows from there,” Schimmel says. Conrades adds, “Patsy and I were being interviewed once, and I was asked if I had any heroes. I told the interviewer that he was looking at her.” Patsy Belt Conrades ’63 is an operating room nurse at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Cleo Ritz Schimmel ’62 is a former teacher.

The families’ friendship and shared interests in various aspects of science led to the decision to co-name the building. “Paul is a modest man,” Conrades says, “not given to putting his name on things, but I think it’s both inspirational and aspirational for students who work in the building to know that the facility bears the name of one of the world’s foremost scientists and that he got his

start at Ohio Wesleyan.

“My interests have been in technology, which, of course, is a huge part of life today, but it’s only part,” Conrades continues. “The building is, after all, a science center, and no one represents scientific research better than Paul Schimmel. It gives students in chemistry, biology, biochemistry, microbiology—all the sciences, really—someone very notable to identify with. Besides, it’s great to do things together, especially for Ohio Wesleyan.”

In thinking about his days at Ohio Wesleyan, Schimmel says, “I recall one day standing alone in the rain outside Edgar Hall, reflecting on society. My main thought was that many people who reached middle age, or older, had lost their zest and seemed bored and somewhat aimless. I figured that if I went into scientific research, to create and teach the knowledge I created, I would never be bored or aimless, and hopefully could retain a sense of fulfillment and purpose until I died.”

Conrades would, no doubt, agree that his life and career also have maintained their zest, as he has participated in the growth of virtually every phase of the computer industry. “Looking back,” he says, “who would have thought it? Just two guys sitting around a fraternity house talking—and look what’s happened to us.”

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A Fifty-Year Friendship: OWU Mentor and Mentee Compare Notes



Receiving the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws during Commencement 2010, Mr. Ira Lipman (far left) is pictured with President Rock Jones, Commencement speaker Senator John McCain, and Dr. Charles Weis.

We hear so often from Ohio Wesleyan alumni about what—and who—it was that especially enriched their lives as students. Besides the incredible lifelong friendships that develop among students, the one remembrance we hear about most often focuses on those unforgettable professors who turned ordinary days into extraordinary learning moments and experiences. The *Magazine* wants to share just one story about a fifty-year friendship that began in a classroom at Ohio Wesleyan when an OWU student and professor met in an English course called Freshman Comp. Meet Mr. Ira Lipman, Founder and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Guardsmark, and OWU Professor Emeritus of English

Charles Weis.

Ira Lipman: “I first met Professor Charles Weis when I was assigned to his class for Freshman English in the fall of September 1958. My impression of Dr. Weis was that he was a tweedy, well-informed, exceptional teacher with an impeccable educational background from Yale.

“He was a great teacher because he explained carefully. More importantly, however, he used other means than a textbook to teach. He introduced us to the words written in *The New Yorker* magazine, what the words meant, and how careful one must be in reading, understanding, and using words.

“The most memorable moment that I remember in his class was *The New Yorker*

magazine incident, but we became fast friends, going to Columbus together and socializing in a manner unusual to Delaware in 1958.

Dr. Weis has an exceptional wit, mind, and love of the arts. He probably has never been fully appreciated for his greatness. He was the most favorable teacher that I had at Ohio Wesleyan.

I will always remember him to the end of my days with great admiration and respect and will be grateful for his kindnesses to me.”

Professor Charles Weis: “Ira Lipman and I were ‘freshpersons’ at OWU in the fall of 1958—both from the south, though from different directions. The shift from one cultural and geographical milieu to another isn’t always easy; I had it easier than Ira because my shortly-to-be life companion was a southerner. In any event, Ira and I adapted together in Freshman Comp. This was the beginning of what was to prove a friendship of 50 years, which quickly transcended the initial teacher/student relationship.

“One of the luxuries of teaching at a small liberal arts college is class size; it allows for close relationship between student and teacher by means of Q. and A. A successful class depends upon at least one ‘quick responder.’ Ira’s hand—in answer to a question or to clear up a point—was invariably the first to go up. His energetic curiosity, his intelligence, and his willingness to learn from correction and instruction were unique. He professes to have been impressed by my using *The New Yorker* magazine as a teaching instrument, so I really wasn’t much surprised when I located the headquarters of the large company of which he is the CEO in Rockefeller Center. The distance from the third floor of University Hall to Manhattan really isn’t so great after all!”

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Extraordinary FRIENDSHIPS

... begin at OWU, and end up in ... business ventures in California; missionary work for the street children of Kolkata, India; swimming in international waters to promote peace; and bringing hope and inspiration to others through the Haiti/OWU Initiative. Most always, OWU friends are OWU's friends for life.



Faith-driven students Danielle Bonner '11, Addie Hemmen '12, and Perrie Bonner '11 on the streets of Kolkata. The Bonners are from Monrovia, California, and Hemmen is from Seaford, Delaware.

Bonds of Faith, Love, Draw Students to Kolkata

A MISSION TRIP TO VISIT AND PRAY FOR LEPERS IN KOLKATA INSPIRED ADDIE HEMMEN. She longed to return and provide faith-based support for the street people of Kolkata. So she joined forces with two OWU sisters in Christianity and mission, Danielle “Dani” and Perrie Bonner, and applied for and received a Theory-to-Practice grant to return for a month-long trip to India last summer.

They worked for The Good News Children’s Education Mission, which operates 10 schools (two of which are mobile operations). The street children of Kolkata are gathered daily by buses and taken to the mobile schools. Hemmen and the Bonners assisted toddlers and young children with various tasks ranging from bathing, dressing them in uniforms, and providing breakfast to working with translators to help them learn colors, numbers, and simple math and writing. They also taught them songs

in the English language and learned to sing Bengali songs with the children.

“It was an eye-opening experience to witness the strength and faith of the street people,” Dani says. “This experience was all about our faith—and witnessing how great God is,” Perrie adds.

When you meet these young women, their strong bonds of love and faith are obvious. “We’re three peas in a pod,” Perrie says. The Bonners are identical twins, but Hemmen says, “I never feel like I’m on the outside. We have our faith in common.”

Hemmen and Perrie bonded quickly during first-year orientation. She roomed with Dani last year, and they lead a daily morning prayer group together. Perrie and Addie are also active in OWU Campus Crusade for Christ.

“We help each other memorize scripture,” Perrie says. And Addie adds: “Our faith activities are a huge part of our friendship. We spur each

other on.”

After graduation, Dani and Perrie hope to do mission work—possibly in Africa. Dani is majoring in psychology and Black World Studies. Perrie is majoring in sociology/ anthropology and environmental studies. Addie, a pre-med and neuroscience major, hopes eventually to return to India. She visited the Institute of Neurosciences there and witnessed the great need for assistance in this area.

But even though they eventually will be separated geographically, their bonds of faith and friendship will remain strong. “We love each other,” Dani says. “Perrie and I will be friends with Addie for life.”

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International Friendship for an International Cause

Usman Javaid and David Gatz trained in the chilly waters of Alum Creek Reservoir near Delaware to prepare for swimming the English Channel.

“FRIENDSHIP IS THE ONLY CEMENT THAT WILL EVER HOLD THE WORLD TOGETHER.” This quote by former President Woodrow Wilson describes the powerful bond that still remains between Class of 2010 graduates David Gatz and Usman Javaid, although they are now geographically separated.

“Social media helps us easily keep tabs on one another,” Gatz says. And they reunited in October at Harvard University, where Javaid is attending the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Gatz was interviewing at Harvard Medical School.

Gatz and Javaid met as first-year students on the OWU Men’s Swim Team. They quickly bonded as best friends—two high achievers who excelled in swimming competition, in academics, and as active campus leaders.

“Meeting Usman was certainly something I never expected when I first came to Ohio Wesleyan,” Gatz recalls.

“David is more than a friend to me,” Javaid says. “He is a constant source of inspiration.”

They grew up in diverse places with differing faiths: Gatz is a Christian from Delaware, Ohio, and Javaid of Lahore, Pakistan, practices the Muslim faith.

As a testament to their international friendship and to help an international need, they formed the Channeling Peace Initiative and trained to swim the English Channel in Summer 2009.

When it came time for them to travel to England for the swim, the British government denied Javaid’s request for a visa to enter the country. Gatz ended up joining an international relay team and swimming the channel. But Javaid kept up his end of the agreement, and swam simultaneously in a pool in Pakistan—in a bittersweet show of support.

“Becoming friends with Usman has certainly opened my world in so many ways—mainly because he and I come from such different backgrounds,” Gatz explains. “But, at the same time, that allowed us each to bring very different skill sets to the table when we were collaborating—which goes to show how much people can benefit from working in teams or groups when trying to accomplish a goal.”

“My journey with David continues to shape me as a person and my career as a professional in so many positive ways,” Javaid says. “It gives me hope and courage to keep the spirit of Channeling Peace alive.”

To date, Channeling Peace has raised more

than \$10,000 to support the work of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

At Ohio Wesleyan, Javaid majored in economics and international studies. After he earns his master’s degree in public policy at Harvard, he hopes to work to improve private investments in the developing world.

Gatz, a biochemistry and pre-medical student at OWU, has been accepted at one medical school and is interviewing at others. He plans to be a physician and work in clinical research. He is busy working as an assistant swim coach at Ohio Wesleyan, teaching activity courses for the physical education department, interning in epidemiology for the Delaware General Health District, and starting clinical research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

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Juniors Anna Spencer and Marina Metzler have a 'special chemistry' that has bonded them as they work as lab partners for challenging courses in the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Chemistry.

Lab Partners with 'Special Chemistry'

For the past two years, Anna Spencer and Marina Metzler have been lab partners in organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, biochemistry, and physics classes—and their partnership has grown into such a strong symbiotic friendship that when interviewed they even finished each other's sentences.

Spencer: "We are compatible because we work at the same pace –"

Metzler: "We get along, we are relaxed in lab –"

Spencer: "It's less stressful working on challenging projects together."

Metzler: "If one of us does not understand what we need to do –"

Spencer: "– the other usually does, so it works out well!"

Spencer and Metzler are in three classes together this semester, and both carry a challenging course load. Spencer is a double major in biochemistry and pre-professional zoology. Metzler is a double major in biochemistry and is in the pre-professional medicine program.

Spencer: "With our difficult majors, you need to partner with someone who will help you out –"

Metzler: "It's not competitive between us. We back each other up."

The two still find time to hang out together when not in the lab or involved with their other pursuits. Both are glad they have each other this semester during what they say is their hardest class to date—Biochemistry I.

They also are active in other organizations. Metzler is a member of the OWU Women's

Swim Team, coordinator of the "Bishop Bubbles" swimming program for area children, treasurer of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, co-chair of the student board for the chemistry department, a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Council, and a member of the Pre-Health Club. She is from Columbia, Maryland.

Spencer, who is from Delaware, Ohio, is treasurer of the OWU Women In Science (WinS) organization, a member of Delta Zeta sorority, and board secretary for the Del-Mor Dwellings Corporation, an area nonprofit that provides housing for individuals and families with mental disabilities.

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Making a Difference in Haiti

When WCSA (Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs) members were asked to recommend two students to participate on a collaborative team to help needy people in Haiti, Will Condit '11 and Gretchen Curry '12 were at the top of their list of student activists.

As residents of the Peace and Justice House, Curry and Condit have initiated various projects to educate the campus community about social justice issues. And they have reached out to other small living units, the Greek life community, and other organizations in a comprehensive manner to involve a wide spectrum of students in various causes.

They give each other peer support on the HaitiOWU Initiative, which includes OWU Vice President for Student Affairs Craig Ullom, Director of International and Off-Campus Programs Darrell Albon, Director of Alumni Relations Brenda DeWitt, and Columbus Initiative Director Sally Leber.

Through this newly formed effort, Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty, and alumni will periodically travel to Haiti and use their educational and professional skills to help impoverished people through the Project Hope Orphanage/Village project, in which Doug Dittrick '55 has played an integral role. Dittrick is the former chairman of the board for Free the Kids, a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support the project.

"When we went to Haiti, it was extremely helpful to have Will there with me," Curry says. "It was an emotionally tough experience driving through the devastation in Port au Prince. And it was great to work with him at the orphanage.

"We work well as a team because we have



HaitiOWU Initiative team members Will Condit and Gretchen Curry interact with children in Haiti during August 2010. Condit '11 is a zoology major from St. Louis, Missouri. Curry '12 is a Women's and Gender Studies major and Spanish minor from West Hartford, Connecticut.

Snapshot is of a classroom they visited in Haiti.



different styles," Curry continues. "I take things more seriously and tend to get stressed, so we really counterbalance each other."

"Gretchen does a good job keeping me in line," Condit says. "I tend to joke around, and she gives me the 'death glare' and I simmer down and get back to work."

Curry and Condit recently applied for a Theory-to-Practice grant from Ohio Wesleyan that would allow them and two other students to return to Haiti in January to research how the extended OWU community can help the people,

complete a service project, and spend more time with the children they met last summer. They also plan to apply for a second Theory-to-Practice grant that would enable 15 students and alumni to visit Haiti in May to provide more hands-on assistance based on their areas of expertise or study.

This project "allows us to express our inner peace and 'justiceness,'" Curry says.

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YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS GIVING BACK THROUGH 'GREEN' BUSINESS

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

Four recent OWU graduates go into business together selling solar window shutters

One window at a time, four Ohio Wesleyan alums are working together to make the world a better place.

Using the knowledge and skills they say they obtained at Ohio Wesleyan, Dan Conroy '10, Dave Curran '09, Bennet Newman '09, and Todd Ufferman '09 are breaking ground in the "green" energy market with their company, Plug 'n Save Energy Products.

The company recently has launched its debut product, the patent-pending PV Solar Shutter, a custom power-producing window shutter. The solar panel-covered window shutter allows everyday consumers to produce their own power simply by installing the product in their home or business.

The solar shutter was born from a brainstorm that Dave and his father, Dan Curran, had more than a year ago when they were researching ways to incorporate solar power into their own home. They discovered

solar panels sold in 3-by-6-inch segments.

"We were trying to figure out how we could apply that size solar panel," Dave says. "One day we were walking through Home Depot and came across the shutter stand and something just clicked. We started developing and working out the kinks."

GETTING STARTED

They filed for a patent in November 2009 and have been trying to make the product market ready ever since, says Dave, who oversees the company's product development and manufacturing. In September 2010, Dan, Bennet, and Todd packed up their cars and drove to San Diego, California, to help their friend get the company off the ground.

"Dave got hold of us about the idea and said he wanted our help to try to get the product going," Dan Conroy says. "We have been really busy. Dave and his parents had the groundwork laid, and we just took the next steps."

Now all the men hold positions with the company, with Bennet as director of the national sales team, Dan managing quality control, and Todd as director of operations.

Right now, the company is attending trade shows, trying to tap into the right market and drum up business. The product is geared toward the environmentally conscience consumer who is looking to make a difference one small step at a time.

Dave's parents, who have been using the solar shutters in their home for several months,



have seen a 25 percent reduction in their electric bills.

HOW IT WORKS

Looking at one side of the beautiful bamboo shutter, one would have no idea that the other side was internally wired and embedded with solar panels. The shutter is capable of capturing the sun's energy on its solar panels, and, using Plug 'n Save's "grid-tied inverter," convert that energy from DC to AC power.

"From the inverter, the energy goes out the power plug into the outlet of your wall, using your house as a sort of battery bank," Dave says.

Plug 'n Save is using bamboo shutters now, but is researching recycled and reclaimed wood products and retrofitting opportunities.

"We are trying to not make any impact on the environment," Dan says. "The stuff we put in this product is responsible to our surroundings and to our environment. Stains are all plant-based. We use bamboo because it is rapidly renewable and responsibly forested for us."

GIVING BACK

The company also is committed to giving back to the community and is a participating member of the growing global movement "1 % for the Planet," through which 1

Finding Time for Philanthropy and Friends



Four OWU friends—now alumni—display their Plug 'n Save solar shutters.

percent of the company's profits are donated to a network of environmental organizations worldwide.

"We are trying to make our world a better place," Dan says. "That's part of our company mission statement, something that we really try to focus on."

The men credit Ohio Wesleyan in large part for laying a strong foundation within each of them, giving them opportunities to be leaders, solve problems, and give back.

"Dave and I, both being members of Sigma Chi, served in leadership roles in our house, which led to us in our junior and senior years being vice president and president of the house," Bennet says. "It gave us the practice and training we needed to be leaders. We also learned about working together to swiftly identify and solve a problem and keep moving."

Dave credits his liberal arts education for helping him to see things from many different angles. "I feel that our education helps us to better understand other people's perspectives," he says.

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Find out more: <http://www.plugsaveenergyproducts.com/>



ELLEN SIMPSON '77 describes her persona and the way she lives her life as "what you see is what you get."

"I'm a very honest and straightforward person, and enthusiastic about what I love," she says. And one very large object of Ellen's affection for more than three decades is her alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan.

Ellen joined the Tower Society in 1990 and talks easily about being honed by a family history of philanthropy. Both of her parents, now gone, attended independent colleges.

"When I graduated from OWU, my mom said I needed to give Ohio Wesleyan ten dollars right away after graduating, and add one dollar every year after that," remembers Ellen, smiling. Family encouragement, combined with her extensive professional career, which has been devoted to college and independent school admission and fundraising work, have made Ellen even more aware of the importance of a university's revenue-producing areas. Her work portfolio includes schools such as Defiance College, the University of Denver, Millbrook School, Lancaster Country Day

School, Elizabethtown College, and most recently, Ohio Wesleyan. At OWU, Ellen has either volunteered—on the Alumni Board of Directors, for alumni admissions, or annual giving—or most recently, held a staff position in the major gifts office for two years.

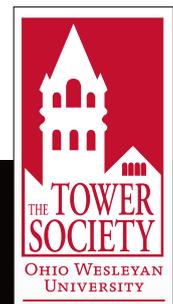
These days, from her home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Ellen cherishes even more her OWU classmates and other OWU friends made through her alumni years, her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters, and special professors.

"I feel like I've never left, between my long-lasting friendships, being a perpetual volunteer, and working as a development officer," says Ellen, who majored in politics and government at OWU and minored in history. One of her history professors, Richard Smith, remains a source of support and inspiration for Ellen to this day.

"He suggests good books, encouraging me never to be too busy to think about things. I treasure my friendship with Dick and Betty Smith." And Ellen has taken Dick Smith's advice to heart, as she remembers her alma mater.

"OWU did so much for so many of us, so it's important for us to take care of OWU and provide opportunities for students—for years to come."

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Best of Both Worlds at... The Bigelow-



By Pam Besel

Clockwise starting at the top; Exterior photo of the new Bigelow-Reed House; John Reed Hon. '04; L-R, Lloyd Ferguson '61, Professor Libby Reed, H. Yale Gutnick '64 and Gerry, and Dan Forrer '62 at the recent SAE reunion in Columbus, Ohio.



Bigelow-Reed House



WHAT EVAN CORNS '59 HAS DESCRIBED AS A "BEST OF BOTH WORLDS" LIVING ENVIRONMENT, THE BIGELOW-REED HOUSE AT 23 WILLIAMS DRIVE—FORMERLY THE HOME OF OHIO DELTA OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON (SAE) FRATERNITY AT OWU—IS SET TO OPEN IN THE FALL OF 2011. With the recent departure of three fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Phi Gamma Delta, came the decision on the part of SAE members and motivators, Corns, Richard Alexander '82, and Lloyd Ferguson '61, to think creatively with OWU faculty members, administrators, and students about how to incorporate in a new living unit the strong commitment and loyalty shared by hundreds of SAE alumni for both their fraternity and their alma mater. The result—a "living and learning" environment similar to Ohio Wesleyan's Small Living Units and upperclass housing opportunities—that will take the OWU living and learning experience to a new level.

Launching the new residential living opportunity recently at an SAE reunion held in Columbus, Ohio, Corns and his committee members described to members the future house's dedication to excellence in business, economics, and entrepreneurial leadership. In addition, the Bigelow-Reed House will be a place to call home for many OWU alumni.

The house will be named in honor of William F. Bigelow, a 1905 OWU graduate, former editor of *Good Housekeeping*, and one of SAE's most famous members; and John Reed Hon. '04, the former University Archival Librarian. John and his wife, English professor emerita Libby Reed Hon. '91, were SAE Chapter Advisors for many years. Bigelow-Reed will house 35 of Ohio Wesleyan's finest students studying economics, economics management, accounting, or international business. The students will be selected through close coordination with economics faculty members, the Woltemade Center, and OWU's Residential Life Office.

Through OWU's Economics Management Fellows program, campus lecture opportunities, and internships, many students are realizing the importance of networking with OWU alumni, and welcoming them back to campus.

"There will be an SAE Chapter Room in

the house—dedicated to Fred Myers, former OWU soccer and lacrosse coach and SAE member—including fraternity memorabilia, SAE photographs, chapter trophies, and paraphernalia gathered since its 1888 founding at OWU," says Lloyd Ferguson, emphasizing the alumni outreach and welcoming environment of the house.

There also will be an apartment suite reserved for SAE alumni and the economics department's guest speakers who would like to stay overnight.

"Invited Woltemade Center speakers will be able to stay at the Bigelow-Reed House in an executive suite and interact with students outside of the classroom," explains Mark Shipp's '70, Special Assistant to the President, who is helping to coordinate this new opportunity. He explained the unique nature of the house as revolutionary.

"We have had themed SLUs on campus for many years, and our new Bigelow-Reed House builds upon experiences offered within those small living units, adding a singular academic focus," says Shipp's. Added are the many extras—35 beds arranged in single or double rooms, a triple suite, a "five-pack" suite, and large common areas for get-togethers with guest lecturers, alumni, and other members of OWU's community.

"The house has been totally renovated, including new plumbing and infrastructure, and will serve as a model for future residential life enhancements," says Shipp's, adding that funds raised will benefit not only the Bigelow-Reed House, but also renovations within such other buildings as Stuyvesant Hall.

With help from a large group of friends and alumni, Corns, Ferguson, and Alexander have spearheaded the fundraising efforts for the renovated house, with a total fundraising goal of \$1,430,000 and \$130,000 set aside to endow the perpetual care of the house. To date, almost half of those funds have been raised. As part of this fundraising process, rooms within the Bigelow-Reed House can be named in honor of donors.

For more information about the Bigelow-Reed House, contact Mark Shipp's at mhshipp@owu.edu.

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"I was a sought-after friend during freshman year in Stuy, either because of my winning personality or because I was the only person on the whole third floor who had a TV! It was a nine-inch black and white Sony. There were seven girls crammed into Tanya Zanish's and my room to watch the "Do You Believe in Miracles?" hockey game in the 1980 Olympics. Unforgettable!"

Maryjane Miller Hotaling '83

"I have many fond memories of Stuy. I lived there during my sophomore and junior years at OWU. I was a transfer student, so Stuy was my first "impression." It had such a warm, homey feel to it, with the parlors on each floor, the dining hall, and the "smoker." I remember ringing the carillon during my junior and senior years and the blizzard of '78 (I was an R.A. on the first floor). I watched the weather change from warm with a thunderstorm to snow and blowing wind. Dinner was served by candlelight with warmers for the food. President Wenzlau visited in his parka and big boots, checking on the students. We lost hot water for a few days, and I had to go to Austin Hall to take a warm shower. Stuy was a great dorm—friendly, cozy, old, creepy in places, but always the 'grand dame' on the hill."

Christina Misner Rao '79

"May the restoration of Stuyvesant Hall not cover those happy walls! They must still hum with sounds of laughter, radiate with the warmth of bright personalities, and reflect decades of smiles.

I lived in the "new" hall the first through fourth years and was privileged to be a senior advisor under the incomparable, elegant, and witty Josephine Montgomery. I lived the OWU tradition in finding a wonderful husband with whom I fortunately shared 63 years! May you restore [Stuy] without losing the love."

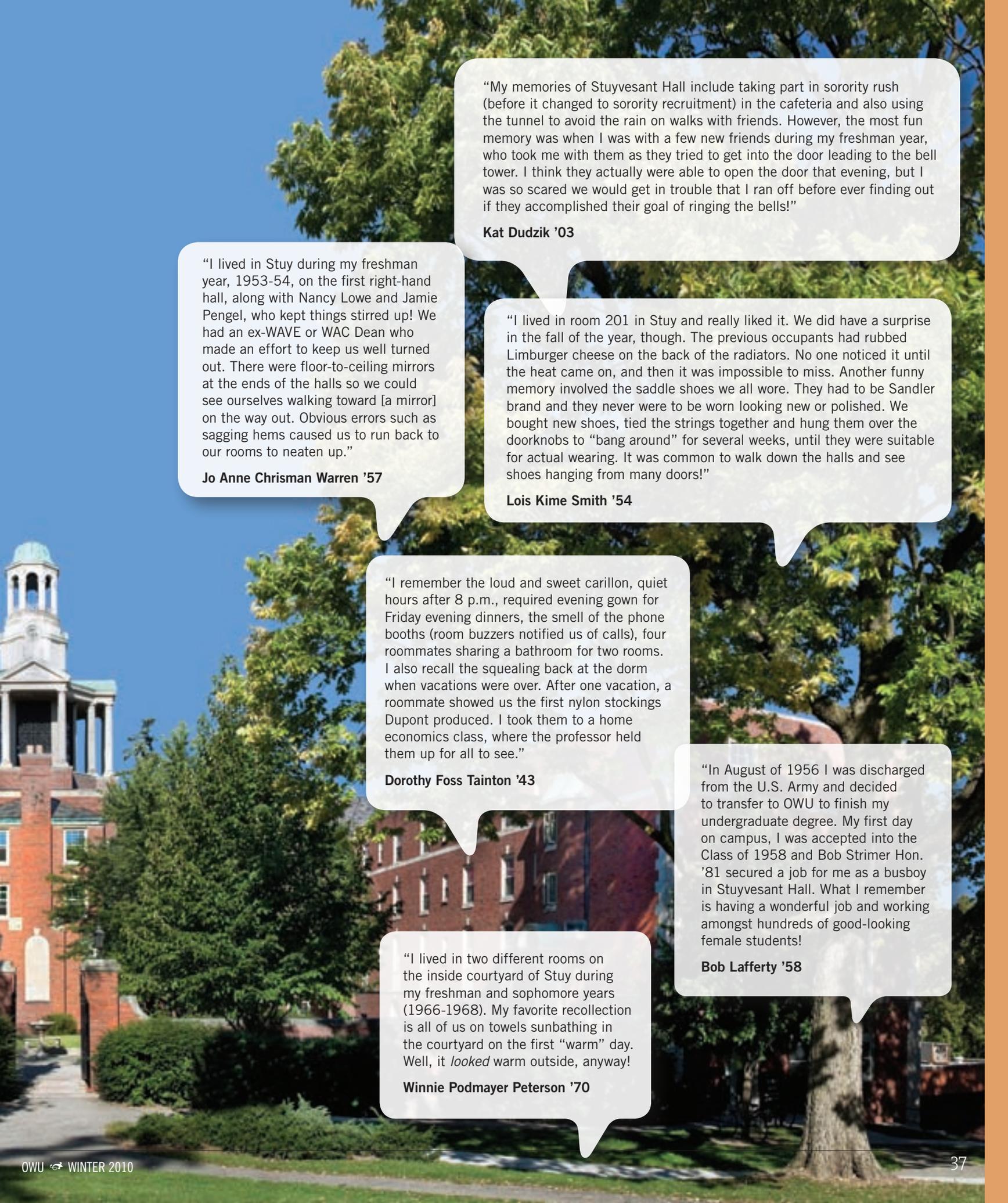
Jane Murphy Hum '42

WE REMEMBER

Stuy!

The *Magazine* asked those Ohio Wesleyan alumni who lived in Stuyvesant Hall during their college years at OWU to share their memories. Here are several of those remembrances.

Compiled by *Pam Besel*



"My memories of Stuyvesant Hall include taking part in sorority rush (before it changed to sorority recruitment) in the cafeteria and also using the tunnel to avoid the rain on walks with friends. However, the most fun memory was when I was with a few new friends during my freshman year, who took me with them as they tried to get into the door leading to the bell tower. I think they actually were able to open the door that evening, but I was so scared we would get in trouble that I ran off before ever finding out if they accomplished their goal of ringing the bells!"

Kat Dudzik '03

"I lived in Stuy during my freshman year, 1953-54, on the first right-hand hall, along with Nancy Lowe and Jamie Pengel, who kept things stirred up! We had an ex-WAVE or WAC Dean who made an effort to keep us well turned out. There were floor-to-ceiling mirrors at the ends of the halls so we could see ourselves walking toward [a mirror] on the way out. Obvious errors such as sagging hems caused us to run back to our rooms to neaten up."

Jo Anne Chrisman Warren '57

"I lived in room 201 in Stuy and really liked it. We did have a surprise in the fall of the year, though. The previous occupants had rubbed Limburger cheese on the back of the radiators. No one noticed it until the heat came on, and then it was impossible to miss. Another funny memory involved the saddle shoes we all wore. They had to be Sandler brand and they never were to be worn looking new or polished. We bought new shoes, tied the strings together and hung them over the doorknobs to "bang around" for several weeks, until they were suitable for actual wearing. It was common to walk down the halls and see shoes hanging from many doors!"

Lois Kime Smith '54

"I remember the loud and sweet carillon, quiet hours after 8 p.m., required evening gown for Friday evening dinners, the smell of the phone booths (room buzzers notified us of calls), four roommates sharing a bathroom for two rooms. I also recall the squealing back at the dorm when vacations were over. After one vacation, a roommate showed us the first nylon stockings Dupont produced. I took them to a home economics class, where the professor held them up for all to see."

Dorothy Foss Tainton '43

"In August of 1956 I was discharged from the U.S. Army and decided to transfer to OWU to finish my undergraduate degree. My first day on campus, I was accepted into the Class of 1958 and Bob Strimer Hon. '81 secured a job for me as a busboy in Stuyvesant Hall. What I remember is having a wonderful job and working amongst hundreds of good-looking female students!"

Bob Lafferty '58

"I lived in two different rooms on the inside courtyard of Stuy during my freshman and sophomore years (1966-1968). My favorite recollection is all of us on towels sunbathing in the courtyard on the first "warm" day. Well, it *looked* warm outside, anyway!"

Winnie Podmayer Peterson '70



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Strategy + Initiative = Success

AMONG THE INITIATIVES AND DEVELOPMENTS AT OHIO WESLEYAN SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT ROCK JONES JUST OVER TWO YEARS AGO IS THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE, A GROUP OF LOYAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OWU THROUGH THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THAT SPECIAL GROUP.

By generously donating a minimum of \$10,000 per year in addition to their regular support, these alumni from five decades, parents of current and former students, and other OWU supporters help to make possible targeted strategic initiatives at OWU under Jones' leadership.

"The President's Circle provides donors an opportunity to invest directly in the most critical strategic initiatives at OWU while providing the University with much-needed resources that have a tremendous impact in enriching the academic experience of our students," Jones says.

Indeed, a large number of specific accomplishments for the Ohio Wesleyan community have been made possible by the generosity of the President's Circle. Theory-to-Practice grants that have opened doors to students and faculty for new research, internships, volunteer opportunities, cultural experiences and study-travel opportunities have been supported by President's Circle giving. At the same time, expansion of the "YearOne" residential life program in two additional residence halls helped OWU to reach record retention results.

In addition to supporting students in ways such as these, the President's Circle offers professional development opportunities for faculty, including workshops that are helping to create the OWU Connection, a "curricular initiative that this year is piloting a first-year seminar, extending development of travel-learning courses that include international travel for students and faculty in nine courses next spring, and the development of a series of course connections that will enhance the general education program," says Jones.

While members of the President's Circle have unique relationships to Ohio Wesleyan, they have one thing in common—a commitment to supporting the President and his University initiatives. President's Circle member Peter Pak '90 describes his involvement in the group by saying, **"I want to see Ohio Wesleyan succeed. The arena of small, liberal arts colleges is a challenging environment, strategically and financially. There is much that Ohio Wesleyan needs to address, but for the first time since I left 20 years ago, I feel like we actually have a plan . . . a direction . . . and most importantly, we have a legitimate big-timer in Rock Jones."**

For Pak, a straightforward path to overcoming the challenges OWU faces and reaching University goals is particularly appealing.

"Our strategic goals will take time and, of

course, a lot of money," he says, "but the President's Circle is a vehicle that moves the needle today and makes a high impact on our long-term goals. It is the purest, most direct way to support our strategic ambition."

Similarly, President's Circle member Ed Miller '64 feels strongly about the impact President Jones is making, and he knows financial support is key to making such results possible. "I think Rock is doing a great job as president, and when you have the ability to support your president financially, I think you should," Miller says. "He has really tackled some important issues and I think he has rejuvenated the school, trying to make it a more vibrant place and better for both students and faculty alike."

As Miller points out, it is not just students who are touched by the efforts of the President's Circle. Jones recalls a note from an OWU faculty member who applauded the "boost" that new curricular initiatives made possible by the President's Circle have given to faculty morale and faculty community. The faculty member noted the valuable conversations the initiatives have fostered among faculty, about ways to connect classes and develop new international- or multicultural-focused projects.

As he looks ahead to all the President's Circle may accomplish in the future, Jones celebrates the way that sentiments like these "reflect the enthusiasm on campus for the initiatives that would not be possible without the generous support of the President's Circle."

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RIGHT ON TRACK

Ohio Wesleyan to Host 2011 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships

By Cole Hatcher

During the week of May 23, 2011, hundreds of athletes, coaches, families, and fans will begin arriving in Delaware for the 2011 NCAA Division III men's and women's outdoor track & field championships. The three-day event will be held at Ohio Wesleyan University's Selby Field and George Gauthier Track from May 26-28.

The event is expected to draw up to 1,000 student-athletes from across the country. More than 430 colleges and universities take part in Division III athletics.

The event will be one of the largest athletics events ever hosted on the Ohio Wesleyan campus, says Kris Boey, OWU's director of track & field and cross country.

"Ohio Wesleyan has a great tradition of hosting events, but this will be unlike anything we've done before," says Boey, who also serves as head coach of the Battling Bishop men's and women's track & field team. "We're proud to be doing it and be a catalyst for OWU and the Delaware community on a national level."

Multiple Delaware City and County municipal and civic groups already are working with Ohio Wesleyan to ensure the community is prepared to handle the large influx of student-athletes and guests. The Greater Columbus Sports Commission also will be collaborating with the University.

"This is truly a community-wide event," Boey says "We want the nation to see how great Delaware is – and we're excited by the willingness of so many people to work with us to make this a premier event."

Boey is working with OWU's Seth McGuffin, assistant men's & women's track & field coach, to oversee planning for the NCAA championships. Ashley Shaffer '08 is serving as the NCAA intern to help ensure the event runs smoothly.

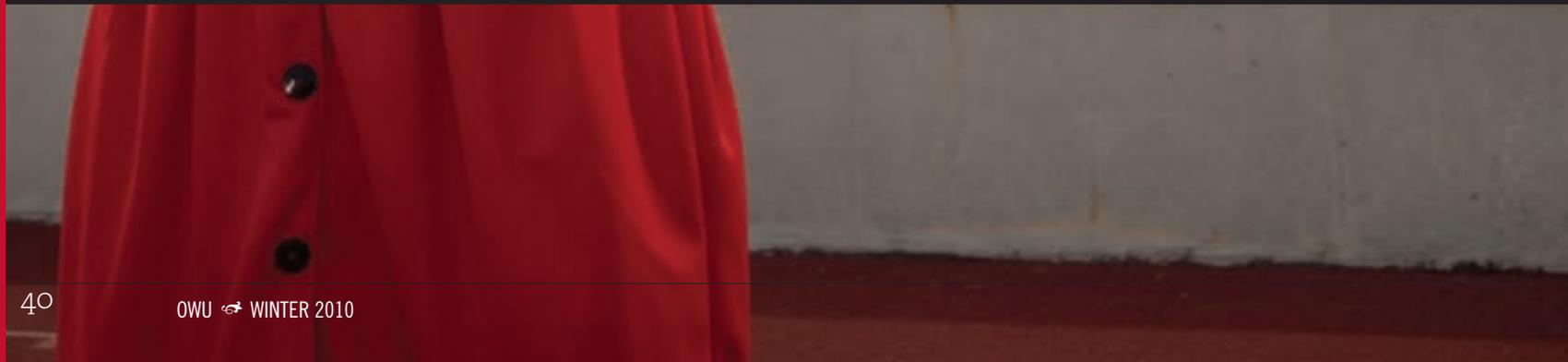
Because OWU's Selby Field now has stadium lighting, the track & field championships will have day and night components. As a result, several downtown restaurants have volunteered to stay open late to ensure fast, fresh food for the hungry athletes and spectators. Other groups have volunteered to help with traffic flow, parking, ticket sales, community relations information, and much more.

"We're also planning a children's play area and other amenities to create a family-friendly environment for the event," Boey says. "We're hoping to fill the stands with spectators, including lots of people from the Delaware community."

Additional information, including a full schedule of events, will be posted on the NCAA website at <http://www.ncaa.com>.



Bishop Battles >>



Ta-da! UNDER THE LIGHTS FOR THE BIG “REVEAL”

New, “more determined” Bishop costume premieres at Selby Field night game

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

THE STANDS WERE PACKED WITH FANS ELBOW TO ELBOW IN ANTICIPATION. THE LIGHTS OF SELBY FIELD FILLED THE NIGHT SKY FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND THE CROWD ROARED TO ITS FEET WHEN HE ARRIVED ON THE FIELD.

The night of September 25 was not only a big moment for OWU athletics when the first night game was played under new stadium lights. It also was the night that OWU’s Battling Bishop mascot proudly ran onto the field unveiling a more dapper and determined look.

“The students and fans were very excited to see the new costume,” the Bishop mascot later recalled, asking that his real identity not be revealed. “I got the feeling that many of the fans at the game hadn’t been to an OWU sporting event in a while. This made them that much more excited to see a new Bishop. The students have always been very supportive of the Bishop and they have a lot of pride in him.”

The search for a new mascot costume began in fall 2009 when OWU’s Athletic Director Roger Ingles determined the existing costume was in deteriorating condition and in serious disrepair. The decision was made to replace it and a committee of representatives from athletics, alumni relations and student affairs was consulted.

“The feedback we received from each area was that the former costume — the “smiling Bishop” — was not universally popular with all audiences,” says Mark Cooper, OWU’s Director

of Marketing and Communication, who is a member of the advisory committee. “The sentiment was expressed that we develop a new costume with more personality and increased ability to engage audiences.”

The new mascot has what’s being called a more “determined, but approachable” expression, which more closely resembles the actual Bishop logo.

The costume was constructed by Costume Specialists in Columbus and utilizes the latest technology giving the wearer of the costume far more comfort and mobility. It features a form-fitting undergarment that provides a little more definition to the frame. The head is mounted to a helmet, which gives the wearer more freedom of movement. And, for the wearer’s comfort, the new head has a battery-powered fan to help keep fresh air blowing across the wearer’s face. For really hot days, the costume includes a pocket vest that can hold frozen cold-packs to keep the wearer cool.

“This is the 21st century and the Bishop has been working out a lot recently so we wanted to show that off,” the Bishop says. “The old costume was falling apart to some degree and the head was very wobbly. I always had to worry about it coming off whenever I would do a somersault or other ground maneuver.”

At halftime, the Bishop took his new look to the stands to give fans a close-up look at the new mascot costume.

“The first night game as the Bishop was very

exciting,” The Bishop says. “It was a very exciting moment coming out to see the entire home side filled with camera lights flashing everywhere and TV cameras recording the game. The first night game under the lights was a very monumental moment for the OWU and Delaware community alike.”

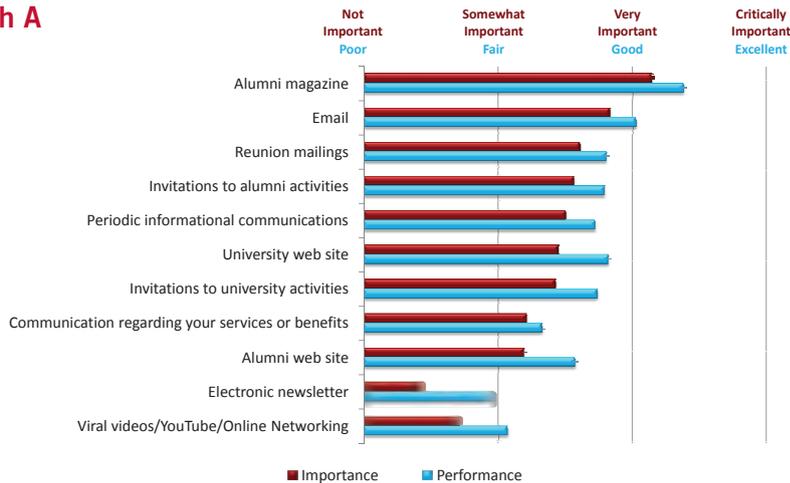
“By the time I got out of the stands, I had probably taken over a hundred photos and spent at least 20 minutes giving high-fives and shaking hands,” he says. “It is surreal being the mascot sometimes because people treat you as a celebrity and you are always receiving attention. The night game was the most attention I received by far at any event. I really enjoyed the experience and I’m blessed to represent OWU in such a way.”

Cooper says the committee did quite a bit of research about how other schools rolled out new mascots or had recently undergone redesigns. Cooper says he was pleased to see what an “instant hit” the new costume was. “The student reaction was very positive, especially since the costume allows the wearer to be much more active,” he says. “I think it’s safe to say the reception exceeded our expectations.”

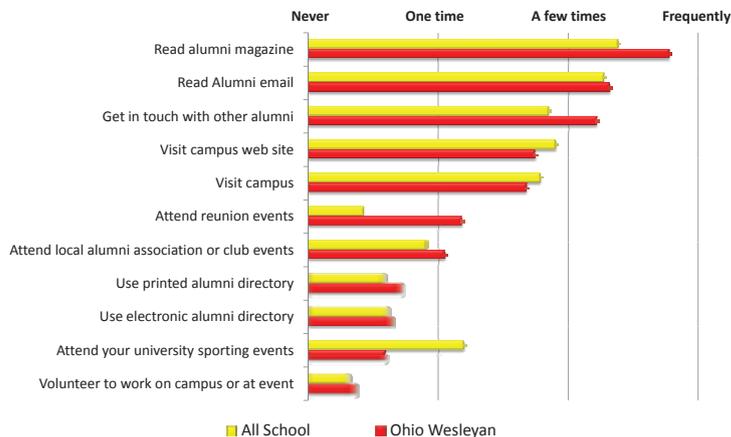
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We Asked, You Answered: Results from the OWU Alumni Attitudes Study

Graph A



Graph B



DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY, 2010, THE OHIO WESLEYAN ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE CONTRACTED WITH PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, LTD. (PEG) TO CONDUCT THE ALUMNI ATTITUDES STUDY. This comprehensive survey is the leading tool used by colleges and universities in the United States. Over the last nine years, more than 200,000 alumni from 140 colleges and universities have participated in the study. The survey instrument was branded to reflect Ohio Wesleyan and those characteristics unique to OWU. The survey questions were divided into four areas: The Student Experience, Overall University Experience, Alumni Experiences, and Demographics. The results were then analyzed to examine three primary areas of emphasis: Communications, Programs, and Alumni Loyalty.



Nearly 2,000 alumni responded to the survey, providing us with solid results! We are confident the size of this response pool supports the survey methodology and provides us with sound data to support our planning efforts. Also, because we participated in this particular survey, our results have been compared to 100 other colleges and universities, providing an interesting perspective when it comes to how our alumni view Ohio Wesleyan alumni programs and services.

The intent of the Alumni Relations Office is to use the results of this study to guide us as we plan and develop programs and services for alumni, students, and their families. Proactive steps have been taken to evaluate what we do and to determine what it is alumni want from their alma mater.

One of the most positive findings we pulled from the study is expressed in Graph A. The question asked was "For each of the communications methods listed, please tell us how important that method is to you and also rate the University's effectiveness in utilizing that method." This graph ranks the various means by which we communicate with alumni and as you can see, the *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine* continues to be the most important communications tool we have as an institution. The graph also shows that the actual product (the *OWU Magazine*), outperforms the expectations of our alumni. This is good news for us as we continue to make upgrades to the *Magazine*. The *OWU Magazine* editorial staff works very hard to increase the relevance of each issue. As we were able to take a closer look at this question the relevance took on greater importance as the results were separated by age groups. It is clear to us that all alumni read the *OWU Magazine*! Even the youngest alumni for whom we thought electronic communications to be more important, read the *Magazine*. That's not to say younger alumni don't value electronic communications. Those alumni who have graduated since the mid-90s place greater importance on *Bishop Banter*, the monthly e-newsletter sent from the Alumni Relations Office, than do other alumni groups.

Conversely, answers to the same question tell us that alumni consider e-mail communications to be important to them (second in the rankings), but younger alumni would like to see a change in the way we send and use e-mails to promote the University to them. We can also gather from the

information that alumni from the mid-80s to current young alumni would like to see enhancements to the Ohio Wesleyan Web site. We are pleased to say that the University is in the early stages of re-designing the entire OWU site. Look for a completely new look by the end of 2011. This is the type of information that will help us improve our overarching communications to alumni.

Graph B compares the affinity of our alumni to other alumni from various colleges and universities as it relates to specific alumni activities. The message we received from this graph is that our alumni are engaged in a variety of ways. The third entry on the list also tells us that our alumni stay in touch with each other more than what is typical for alumni from other institutions and they attend reunions more often.

Graph C shows the opinions of alumni and what affects their overall opinion of the University. Not surprisingly, the most critical component of alumni opinions regarding OWU is expressed as Value and Respect for their degree. Second is the importance in providing scholarships to students to make an Ohio Wesleyan education a viable option for as many students as possible. The Alumni Relations Office will look at ways to add equity to your degree. This may mean we look at resources and how we use them to support the various services and programs in our office.

In the coming months, we will introduce a few of the immediate and most obvious items of importance for Ohio Wesleyan alumni and provide alumni with the supporting data from the study. Keep an eye open for more information in the *Bishop Banter*, the OWU Alumni E-Newsletter.

Graph A provides a look at what types of communications methods alumni find important

(descending order) and rates the University's effectiveness in utilizing that method of communication.

Graph B represents alumni relationships with the University (compared to the All School standard) and how often alumni participate in various activities or University sponsored events.

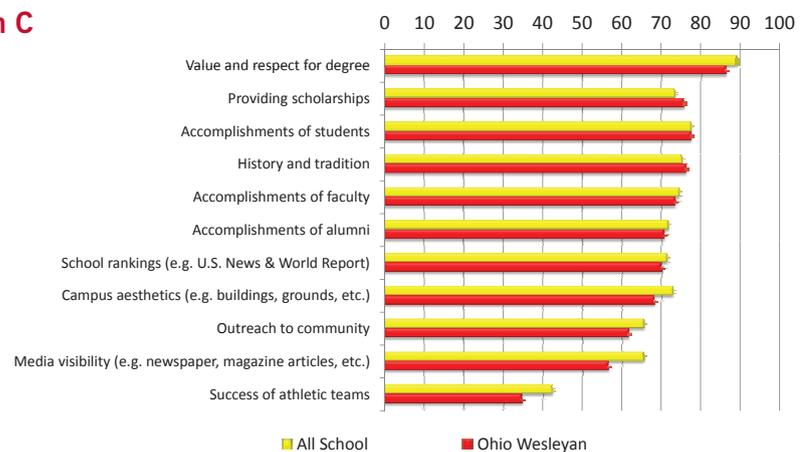
Graph C represents another type of alumni relationship to the University by analyzing how much each standard impacts overall alumni opinions of the University.

From this data, the Alumni Relations Office and other University offices will look at ways to improve our communications with alumni. Of foremost importance is to:

- Communicate to alumni how a diploma from Ohio Wesleyan is increasing in equity
- Develop and execute job and career related activities
- Identify and create ways to communicate differently with "younger" alumni (those 30 and under)
- Brand the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association on campus with current students
- Identify and create ways to engage alumni who are out-of-state

The Alumni Relations Office will focus on these areas as we develop programs and conduct events around the country. Look for more information from the Alumni Attitude Study as we roll out the survey results over the next several months. More information will be provided in future editions of the *OWU Magazine* and via the alumni web site: www.owualumni.com.

Graph C



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown. To RSVP for an event, please visit www.owualumni.com or call (740) 368-3325.

JANUARY

January 6 — Cleveland, OH

Munch and Mingle Career Networking event

January 11 — Grove City, OH

Central OH "Bishops in Service" Event
Mid-Ohio Foodbank

January 24-27 — Delaware, OH

Branch Rickey – Jackie Robinson Week at OWU.
Please visit <http://rickeyrobinson.owu.edu> for all the details!

January 29 — Cleveland, OH

Biennial Cleveland Snowball
The Country Club, Pepper Pike, OH

FEBRUARY

February 4 — Sarasota, FL

Luncheon with Professor Michael Flamm
The Field Club

February 5 — Naples, FL

Luncheon with Professor Michael Flamm
Quail Creek Country Club

February 12 — Delaware, OH

1961-62 Men's Basketball Team Reunion

February 18 — Savannah, GA

Luncheon with President Rock Jones
The Marshall House, 45 Bistro

February 19 — Jacksonville, FL

Luncheon with President Rock Jones
The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

MARCH

March 18-20 — Delaware, OH

FJJI Pig Dinner Weekend

March 22 — Delaware, OH

Columbus Monnett Club Meeting at
Pritchard House

March 25-27 — Delaware, OH

Phi Kappa Psi Sesquicentennial Reunion

APRIL

April 12 — Grove City, OH

Central OH "Bishops in Service" Event
Mid-Ohio Foodbank

April 14-16 — Delaware, OH

Alumni Board Spring Meeting

April 15-17 — Delaware, OH

Phi Union Weekend

April 30 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Monnett Club Lunch

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

MAY

May 13-15 — Delaware, OH

Alumni Weekend featuring special reunions for classes ending in "1" or "6" and 50th Reunion activities for the Class of 1961

May 26-30 — Delaware, OH

NCAA Division III Track & Field National Championships

AUGUST

August 9 — Grove City, OH

Central OH "Bishops in Service" Event Mid-Ohio Foodbank

SEPTEMBER

September 30 to October 2 — Delaware, OH

Homecoming & Family Weekend



The Annual Alumni Football Captains were able to participate in the first night game at Selby Stadium. L-R, David Griffiths '51, Bob Hancher '56, Tom Truesdell '70, Tony Heald '71, President Rock Jones, Steve Bruce '81, Jon Way '95, Joe Kyte '02, and John Kercher '63.

Ten Years Out ...

... *“I remain connected to OWU through a network of wonderful friends ...”*



Lars Mahler '00

TEN YEARS AFTER WALKING THE CAMPUS OF OHIO WESLEYAN AS AN UNDERGRAD, LARS MAHLER '00 LOOKS BACK AT HIS TIME AT OWU AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY. He recalls making friends that would last a lifetime during a Fresh X trip before freshman year, traveling to Spain through the Salamanca study abroad program, and becoming a lifelong member of Alpha Sigma Phi. He recalls these experiences as some that shaped him into the successful young alumnus that he is today.

Though his heart remains close to OWU, Mahler's career journey has led him far from Delaware's welcoming streets. After starting his career as an analyst for Capital One, Mahler embarked on an entrepreneurial venture, designed marketing campaigns for Victoria's Secret, consulted in marketing operations, and now works as independent consultant in the San Francisco area. And though he's thousands

of miles from OWU, Mahler says his deep OWU friendships keep him as connected as ever to campus.

“I remain connected to OWU through a network of wonderful friends,” he explains. “My non-OWU friends have on multiple occasions mentioned how ‘quality’ my OWU friends are—well-rounded, down-to-earth, successful. I think that really speaks to the kind of students that OWU recruits, the academic preparation they receive, and a campus atmosphere that fosters personal growth.”

At the same time, Mahler's generous financial commitment to Ohio Wesleyan reflects his gratitude for the ways that OWU has affected him.

“I continue to support OWU because I think it is an excellent university. It set me up for a great career. It was a place where I grew personally and academically. I received a scholarship, based on support from older alums,

so I feel like it's good karma to help current and future students.”

Mahler encourages OWU students and young alumni to value their OWU experience and the relationships it gives them.

“Across the world—San Francisco, Columbus, London, Mumbai—there are people I care about, doing great things, who were like family during my four years at OWU,” he points out. Through his successful career, close friendships, and strong commitment to OWU, Mahler honors the community that is OWU—both in Delaware and around the world. For Mahler, the past ten years are just the first of many that he'll celebrate the Ohio Wesleyan family across the miles.

Amanda Zechiel '09 is a freelance writer in Columbus, Ohio.

Official Alumni Trustee Ballot 2011

SLATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TERM 2011-2014

UNRESTRICTED CATEGORY

C. Paul Palmer '96 – Findlay, OH (incumbent)
Anand Philip '00 – New York, NY

RESTRICTED CATEGORY (graduated within 20 years):
Christopher Anderson '98 – London, England (incumbent)

Vote with an "X" for or against the slate presented.
Alumni couples may vote twice on the same ballot.
Mail or fax to the Alumni Relations Office,
Attn: Brenda DeWitt, (740) 368-3329.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: MARCH 4, 2011

- I vote for the slate as presented.
 I vote against the slate as presented.

Alumnus/a Signature _____ Class Year _____

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To vote online go to: www.owualumni.com/ALTR2011

To nominate an alum for future consideration, please send
an e-mail to: alumni@owu.edu
(include name, class year, and qualifications.)

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RECEIVE SPECIAL INVITATIONS
TO EVENTS, AND MORE!

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ANAND PHILIP '00
Alumni Trustee Candidate
Term July 2011 – June 2014

Anand graduated magna cum laude from OWU as a Trustee Scholar in 2000 with a degree in economics. He holds an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School and is vice president and principal of Castle Harlan, a leading private equity investment firm with over \$3 billion in assets under management globally. Castle Harlan has raised and invested ten private equity funds domestically and in Australia. Those funds have realized rates of return of over 30 percent compounded. Castle Harlan's portfolio companies currently employ more than 40,000 people.



Prior to joining Castle Harlan, Philip was an investment professional at the Blackstone Group, where he focused on private equity transactions across a wide range of industries. Prior to the Blackstone Group, Philip worked at Wasserstein & Co., where he focused on principal investing. He began his career in the Merchant Banking Group of Wasserstein Perella.

Philip is currently a board member of Pretium Packaging. His former directorships include AmeriCast Technologies, Inc, where he served as Audit Committee Chairman.

His service to Ohio Wesleyan includes serving as a mentor to students in the Economics Management Fellows ("EMF") program when he hosts the new EMF class annually in New York. He helped organize a successful ten-year reunion, serving as the Ohio Wesleyan Fund class chair. Philip enjoys personal investing, physical fitness and culture, volunteering, and music.

While he was a student at OWU, he was President of the Economics Honorary Society and a member of Big Pal / Little Pal. In addition, Philip worked on the student Phonathon fundraising effort and volunteered with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, where he prepared tax returns for low-income workers in Delaware. He was also a student representative to a department of Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs (WCSA) and worked in the Career Services Office and the Buildings & Grounds Department.



C. PAUL PALMER '96
Alumni Trustee Candidate
(renewal for second term)
Term 2011-2014

Paul graduated summa cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan in 1996 with a B.A. in history and a minor in management. He received the Hastings Eells Prize in History and was a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Department Honorary. He received his J.D. from Indiana University in 1999. Paul is Executive Vice-President and Corporate Council of The National Lime and Stone Company in Findlay, Ohio. He has served as an Alumni Trustee at OWU since 2008. He currently serves on the Finance Committee, the University Relations Committee, and is Chairperson of the Facilities Subcommittee.

A member of Sigma Chi, Paul's involvement with Ohio Wesleyan includes the Volunteer Career Assistance Network (VCAN), support of the men's golf team and Team OWU.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Findlay and is on the Board of Directors of the National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association.

Paul and his wife Sarah live in Findlay, Ohio.

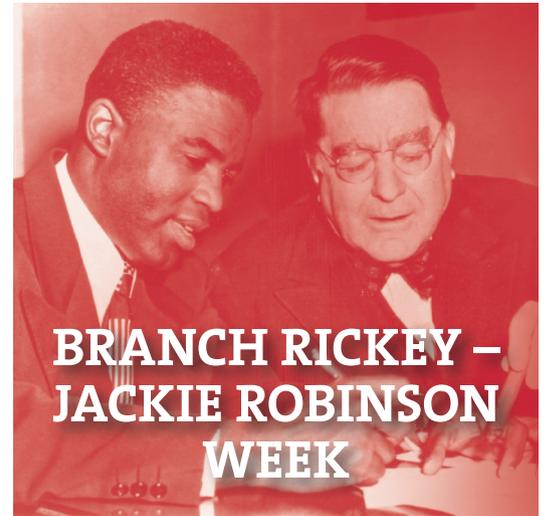


CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON '98
Alumni Trustee Candidate
(renewal for second term)
Term 2011-2014

Chris graduated summa cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan in 1998 with a double major in Music and Philosophy. He received the Dan E. Anderson Memorial Prize and was in both Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Department Honorary) and Theta Alpha Phi (Theatre Department Honorary). He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2002. Chris is an associate attorney with Arnold & Porter LLP. He has served as an Alumni Trustee at OWU since 2008. He currently serves on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee.

As a student Chris participated in the Choral Art Society, Chaplain's Office Mission Trips, and various theater productions. After graduation, he has been involved as a reunion committee member and an Ohio Wesleyan Fund class chair.

Chris currently resides in London, England.



OWU to Celebrate a Legacy That Changed History

Ohio Wesleyan University is planning a special Branch Rickey – Jackie Robinson Week from January 24-27, 2011, to celebrate the extraordinary legacy of these men in integrating Major League Baseball. Their actions to end racial segregation in professional sports preceded and helped to set the stage for the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

Rickey, a 1904 OWU graduate, once wrote: "Ohio Wesleyan has been very largely responsible for whatever good is in me, and is to be credited with whatever good I may have done."

The weeklong Rickey – Robinson celebration will include a night of movies at Delaware's Strand Theatre; a one-man theatre performance by a Rickey character actor; the presentation of OWU's Branch Rickey Award to Robinson's widow, Rachel; and a sports roundtable discussion featuring the Cleveland Indians and alumnus Bob DiBiasio '77.

The week's highlight will be a presentation by Rickey's grandson, Branch B. Rickey '67, president of Minor League Baseball's Pacific Coast League, who will discuss the Rickey – Robinson legacy from his unique perspective. His presentation, this year's Heisler Business Ethics Lecture, will be held at 7:30 p.m. January 27, in Gray Chapel.

For more details, visit
<http://rickeyrobinson.owu.edu>.

Cast Your Vote. You may go to our Web site at www.owualumni.com/ALTR2011 or complete the ballot on the opposite page, cut along the dotted line, and mail to: Ohio Wesleyan University, Alumni Relations Office, 61 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015

Sharing the College 'Ride'

The beauty and blessings of friendships

There is something special about those relationships that begin in college. I believe it is the common experiences of college that brings students together, and it is the lessons learned, memories, and the people we become that make those relationships last forever.

The collegiate experience is an adventure, not unlike an amusement park full of engaged people from all different backgrounds geared up for excitement and opportunities at every turn! At Ohio Wesleyan, there are engaged faculty, staff, and students in every corner of the campus. I continue to be amazed by the number and diversity of student organizations, the unique course offerings, the caliber of performing arts programs, the depth of student research experiences and the array of academic and non-academic travel opportunities available to students. By engaging in such learning opportunities and connecting with their peers, students graduate with not only a strong academic foundation, but also with experiences applying what they have learned or as we say at OWU, "putting theory into practice."

While my college days are a few years in the past, I often reflect on those days as being some of the most significant to my learning and meaningful in forming me into the person I am today. During those event-filled days, I discovered my passion for working with college students and the early beginnings of my career through my involvement in campus life. My academic and organization advisors, university staff members, and leaders were models of professionalism, as they guided and coached me and became my mentors. They opened my eyes to possibility—the possibility of who I could be, how to see the potential in others, and how I could make a difference in the world. Certainly these relationships were an important foundation for my academic and professional journey, but my computer-matched roommate, Mary, was and continues to be a significant influence in my life. Remember, college is an adventure, and Mary was right alongside me for the ride. We



had each other's backs during tough situations and celebrated amazing moments together. Through the tears and laughter, we helped each other during our journey of becoming the women we are today.

While a roller coaster has ups and downs, twists and turns, and moments where you can barely catch your breath, forming relationships with new roommates, faculty members, friends, advisors and even significant others could be described in much the same way. I believe these relationships also can result in some of the most transformative and meaningful aspects of our students' collegiate experiences. With greater self confidence and appreciation for education, family, and friendships, our students are discovering new talents and a passion for learning. By taking a unique class, joining an organization never considered before, or participating in a travel-learning adventure, OWU students are introduced to new ideas and concepts—and often, to lifelong friends. As we tell our students:

Enjoy the ride and engage in the adventure of Ohio Wesleyan University!

Kimberlie L. Goldsberry, Ph.D.

Dean of Students, Ohio Wesleyan University



Alumni Weekend

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ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 13-15, 2011



To find out more weekend details, visit www.owualumni.com/aw2011.
Online registration opens January 15 and continues until May 6, 2011.
Additional reunion activities for members in classes ending in 1 and 6.

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