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OWU LONG COMMITTED TO SERVE

First-generation and diverse students

In 1842 the founders of Ohio Wesleyan University set out to build an educational institution that served intellectually curious students regardless of their family heritage or financial circumstance. Toward this end, our founders secured resources from citizens of Delaware to purchase the abandoned Mansion House Hotel (now Elliott Hall) as the home of their new university. Our founders then traveled to neighboring communities to raise money for subscriptions, scholarships in today's terminology, to ensure that students whose families lacked financial resources would have full access to an Ohio Wesleyan education. The vast majority of those early students would be the first in their families to benefit from a college education.

Those founding values permeate our university today and reflect one of the great hallmarks of the American residential college. In few places can individuals from such a wide range of backgrounds and life experiences live, learn, work, and play together. A four-person suite in a first-year residence hall may include students from an affluent suburb, the inner city, a small town in middle America, and a country halfway around the world. They include students from families where both parents have advanced degrees and students whose families have no previous college experience. They reflect a variety of ethnic heritages and religious traditions. A student from India once told me she had to go to Ohio Wesleyan to discover that her best friend, a first-year suite-mate, could be from Pakistan.

This fall campuses across the country have struggled in new ways

with what it means to value diversity, to respect and value every student, and to understand the impact of history on various individuals and groups of students. No campus is free of the larger social challenges of bias and prejudice, and no campus has all of the answers. Indeed, complacency and the assumption that all is well when all is quiet are perhaps the biggest dangers. The Ohio Wesleyan campus regularly engages in conversations about these matters and continues to look for ways to be more inclusive and to more fully serve a diverse student body. Those conversations, though not always easy, feel natural on a campus that from the beginning sought to serve a diverse population.

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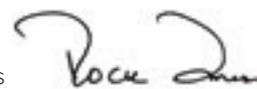
Ohio Wesleyan celebrates the diversity that is represented in its student body. This diversity enriches the educational experience of every student and prepares our students for leadership in the rapidly changing world of the 21st century.

Education is the pathway to financial security, meaningful work, engaged citizenship, and an enriched life. Nothing is more important to the preservation of the values of our democratic society than the commitment to make the dream of a college education available to all intellectually curious students and, perhaps most important, to those whose families have not had this experience in the past.

In this issue of *OWU Magazine* we include articles reflecting on our commitment to students who are the first in their families to attend college. We share information about resources offered to these students and the perspective of members of our faculty who themselves were first-generation college students.

Because most students whose parents are not college educated also have limited financial resources, the generous support of donors who provide scholarship assistance through the Ohio Wesleyan Fund, the Promise Scholars Program, and endowed scholarships is more important than ever. Indeed, the single largest component of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign is the enhancement of endowed scholarships. We seek to ensure in perpetuity our ability to fulfill the vision of our founders. And we seek to provide in the future what many alumni report to me Ohio Wesleyan provided them: the support to fulfill a dream that otherwise might not have been fulfilled and to lead to a life they might otherwise never have known.

Thank you for your support of Ohio Wesleyan and for your commitment to the success of every student on our campus.



Rock Jones
President, Ohio Wesleyan University

A Life-Changing Professor

While attending my 50th reunion in May last year, I visited the rare book room in Beeghly Library. I saw a collection of books written in Spanish and asked Bernard Derr, the rare books librarian, the origin of that particular collection. He told me that a former OWU Spanish professor, Dr. Frank Sedwick, had passed away and that his daughter had donated these Spanish books to the library.

Since Dr. Sedwick was my absolute favorite OWU professor, I asked Mr. Derr if he would give me the email address of Dr. Sedwick's daughter. I wrote a long email to her and told her how her father motivated me to study the Spanish language, culture, and history. Through OWU, Dr. Sedwick was the primary organizer of a semester abroad program at the University of the Andes in Bogotá, Colombia, which I attended for two semesters.

I firmly believe that the OWU Spanish classes taught by Dr. Sedwick, along with many other OWU classes, and the two semesters at the University of the Andes changed my life. Due to the fact that I was so motivated and fluent in the Spanish language and had spent so much time in an academic setting in Bogotá, I was hired by the Lexington, Massachusetts, school system in the early '70s. The Lexington School System was, and still is, considered one of the best school systems in Massachusetts and in the '70s had a national reputation as one of the most progressive school systems in the nation.

On the official OWU web page, OWU states that it "combines a challenging, internationally focused curriculum with off-campus learning and leadership opportunities to connect classroom theory with real-world experience," and I agree. Between on-campus classes, study abroad programs, and internships, current OWU students are attending an incredible liberal arts university that keeps up with changing times.

—Arden Veley '65

OWU Pride

Just got the most recent alumni magazine. Fantastic piece of work. Great stories and great hopes.

As a 1996 graduate, I'm very proud to be a Battling Bishop, Sigma Chi, and

varsity baseball player. I use all the skills, thought processes, teamwork, and real-world lessons I accumulated at OWU in my everyday life, and they have made me successful. Keep the spirit alive. We feel it all around the country. I can attest, living in Ohio, California, Missouri, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Thanks again for all you are doing.

—Tim Hohl '96

The Music Scene

Not to make too fine a point here, but in the Fall 2015 OWU Magazine on page 33, the 1970 Chicago concert photo features guitarist Terry Kath front center, not bassist Pete Cetera. I know this because I served on the OWU social committee for a couple of years. We brought in Chicago, Blood Sweat and Tears, Jefferson Airplane, Mountain, Frank Zappa, Allman Brothers Band, Jethro Tull, J. Giles Band, MC5 (where I lost part of my hearing), and many other great groups and individual musicians from the era.

OWU was somewhat of a central beacon for music and we'd get kids from all the surrounding colleges and universities to attend. If we didn't have it, you could just go down the road to Columbus to see Hendrix, Cream, The Doors, and anyone else that lit your fire. Suffice it to say, it was an amazing period for history and music, and OWU was right in the middle of it all.

—John Summer '71

Finding a Calling

WOW. What wonderful words of wisdom uttered by "The Rock" about the importance of a liberal arts education in our quest to be what God wants us to be and do to make this a better world. After reading Rock's words, ("The liberal arts education at OWU ignites the entrepreneurial spirit," Fall 2015) I shed tears of joy about my OWU experience and about my mother, **Leah Cunningham Moyers '36**, who encouraged me to go to her alma mater and get a liberal arts education before I decided how God wanted me to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thanks be to me for taking a mother's advice. Thanks be to God and to mom and to OWU for an AWesome Experience Shared Openly, Mightily, and Enthusiastically (AWESOME).

—Robert Moyers '63

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New owu.edu website shattering records for attracting visitors

Ohio Wesleyan has a new front door on the Internet—and visitors are streaming through in record numbers.

On November 4, OWU launched a completely redesigned website for the first time in more than a decade. The new state-of-the-art site is fully responsive, which means that it adjusts automatically to look good on any-sized screen, from wide-screen laptops to smart phones and everything in between.

Visitors are praising the site’s visual appeal, improved navigation, and wealth of stories.

George Conrades '61 said, “This is an outstanding communication of what

OWU is all about, especially to prospective students, and a wonderful reminder to us as alumni why this University is worthy of our continuing support. Bravo! Go to the head of the class of modern communications.”

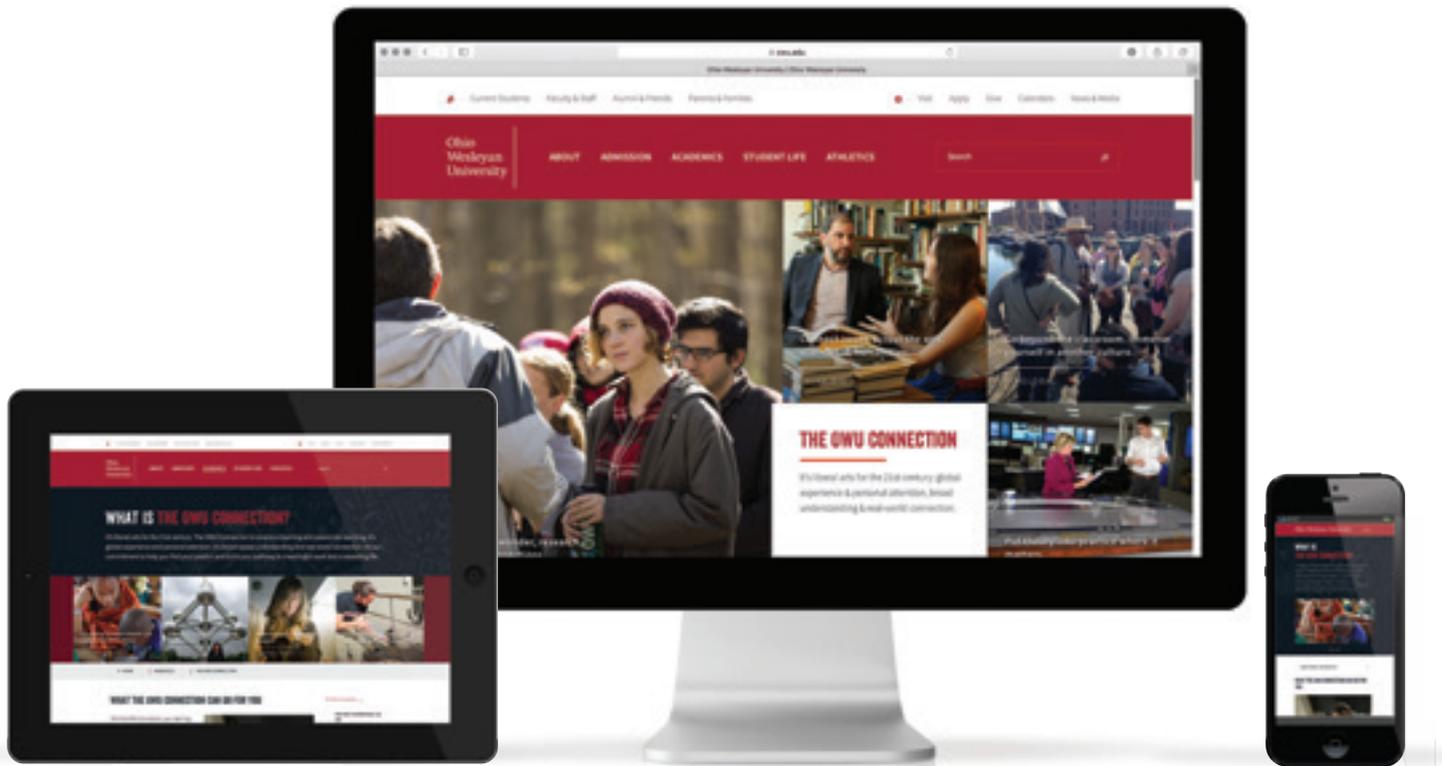
Because the site is mobile friendly, the number of people viewing the site with a mobile device has increased 50 percent. About one-third of the visits to the site are from a mobile phone or tablet.

More impressive, the total number of visitors to the new site has grown substantially. The site’s first day attracted about 50 percent more viewers than any day ever. Three weeks later, the site was

still attracting 35 percent to 70 percent more viewers than comparable days over the past year, including a higher percentage of first-time visitors.

The site was designed by Fastspot, based in Baltimore, which also has designed websites for Yale, Kenyon, Bucknell, and many other universities. They worked over the past year in partnership with University Communications and in consultation with faculty and staff from across OWU. University Communications staff built the site, which includes some 2,000 pages.

View the new website at www.owu.edu. ■



OWU New Numbers Online Comparing owu.edu stats for the third week in November, 2014 vs. 2015.

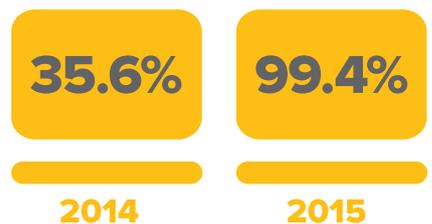
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Katie Webster named Director of Alumni Relations



We're excited to announce Katie Webster, CFRE, as our new Director of Alumni Relations. In her current role, Katie oversees the programs, engagement opportunities, and strategic vision of the Alumni Relations Office and is responsible for working in partnership with the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Katie earned her B.A. from John Carroll University with a major in communications and has more than 17 years of experience in nonprofit settings and advancement leadership. Katie was previously the 50th Reunion Program Director.

"I'm excited and honored to serve in this role and look forward to building upon the strong foundation those before me have created to make a positive contribution," says Katie.

"Ohio Wesleyan has a vibrant, talented, and diverse alumni community, and I'm eager to continue to advance and strengthen these relationships to engage more alumni with each other and the OWU community. It's truly a great time to be a Bishop and to get involved." ■

Ohio Wesleyan students earn 'Best' awards At Geography Conference

Ohio Wesleyan University students **Lonnie Barnes '16** and **Hayden Knisley '17** earned Best Undergraduate Poster and Best Undergraduate Paper awards, respectively, at the annual conference of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers.

The conference, held Oct. 9-10 at Kent State University, featured presentations from faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and professionals from all fields of study in human geography, physical geography, and cartography.

Barnes is a geography major and Spanish minor from Champaign-Urbana, IL. His poster shared information about his research into "The Geography of Chicago's Heat Island from 1995 to Today." Barnes was mentored by geology-geography faculty member Nathan Amador, Ph.D.

"In 1995, Chicago experienced a heat wave that killed over 700 people," Barnes says, explaining that the severe weather was made worse by the "urban heat island effect," a phenomenon in which cities become hotter than their surrounding areas.

"Since then," Barnes says, "the city has implemented various strategies to reduce the heat island effect—more parks, trees, etc.—so with this project I wanted to investigate whether the difference in the intensity of the heat island between high- and low-income

*Geography majors **Hayden Knisley '17** and **Lonnie Barnes '16** (center) with faculty mentors **Nathan Amador** (left) and **Nicholas Crane** (right) upon earning their awards.*



areas has been addressed by these initiatives."

Knisley is a geography major from New Vienna, OH. His paper discussed his study of "Student Playgrounds: Alliances of Entrepreneurial Governance in the Creation of Student Spaces at Two Universities." Knisley was mentored by geology-geography faculty member Nicholas Crane, Ph.D.

"My paper was examining the role that universities play in the creation of student spaces in the areas surrounding their respective campuses," Knisley says.

"Specifically, I was looking at how these constructed spaces encourage certain lifestyle choices for the students, and how these choices imbue the students with 'value' (when competing in the job market for example)," he says. "I then explained how these scripted

student lifestyle choices interact with the way secondary education works in the United States, relating it to the student debt crisis."

Both students anticipate attending graduate school to pursue advanced degrees and both received Ohio Wesleyan-funded Student Individualized Project grants to support their experiences at the Association of American Geographers conference.

Founded in 1904, the Association of American Geographers is a nonprofit scientific and educational society featuring members from more than 60 countries who share interests in the theory, methods, and practice of geography. The East Lakes Division is one of nine U.S. divisions of the association and includes the states of Ohio and Michigan. ■

OWU dedicates labyrinth

The paths to success at Ohio Wesleyan University now include 87 majors, 57 minors, and one stone labyrinth.

Thanks to generous donors, the University in August completed the installation of a 47-foot-diameter labyrinth inspired by one of the world's oldest walkable labyrinths—an 800-year-old path at Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France. Both labyrinths feature rosette-style centers, resembling the intricate rose windows found in the gothic cathedrals of Northern France.

Ohio Wesleyan's labyrinth includes 17,600 stone pavers, with about 30 percent of the stones being cut by hand. Located in a grove of trees between the newly renovated Merrick Hall and the Delaware Run, it is open to the public seven days a week during daylight hours.

OWU's labyrinth was designed by well-known labyrinth architect Robert Ferré and installed by Debi and Marty Kermeen of Illinois-based Labyrinths in Stone. The labyrinth is slightly larger than its inspiration and is unique in that its pavers rest on a concrete base rather than being set directly into the ground.

Ohio Wesleyan's labyrinth was dedicated in October, with the celebration including a lecture by Lauren Artress, founder of Veriditas, the World-Wide Labyrinth Project.

Artress, whose books include *The Sacred Path Companion: A Guide to Walking the Labyrinth to Heal and Transform*, spoke October 5 in Merrick Hall.

The goal of her California-based nonprofit organization is to “pepper the planet with labyrinths,” including a new initiative to create a series of interconnected “Veriditas Legacy Labyrinths.” Ohio Wesleyan's labyrinth will be only the third such legacy labyrinth in world. The others are located in La Falda, Argentina, and Jacksonville Beach, FL—and each contains a piece from the other two in support of an interconnected global community and peace.

Following the Oct. 5 lecture, everyone was invited to walk outside to the labyrinth for an asperging, or blessing with water. During the ceremony, guests dipped tree branches in water and sprinkled the stone pavers.

The labyrinth is a gift to the university from the family of OWU Life Trustee **Kathleen “Kathe” Law Rhinesmith, Class of 1964.**

“I'd like to believe it's a place where each person who comes here will find something,” Rhinesmith says, “whether that be a casual and peaceful walk or a deeper moment of self-discovery and self-reflection. My wish is everyone who comes here will come away with some quiet new perspective on their life or the world around them.” ■



Honoree “Kathe” Law Rhinesmith ‘64 (above) signs below a brick paver during the labyrinth's construction. During the Oct. 5 dedication, celebrants walked the labyrinth in peaceful reflection (left).



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Orchasis, an Ohio Wesleyan contemporary dance company founded in the 1920s, showcases original pieces by Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty. Vintage images of the group’s rehearsals, like this one from 1962 (above), show how forms of contemporary dance have changed over the years. From left, the dancers are **Sue (Baldwin) Stroh ’65**, **Marilyn (Milliff) Parkhurst ’63**, **Mary Lou (Jones) Herrold ’62**, **Priscilla “Pris” (Rudick) Hurley ’62**, **Judy (Evans) Schaal ’64**, **Catherine “Cathy” (Hamilton) Pasternak ’63**, **Linda (Scillian) Lowery ’64**, and **Ann Alpeter ’62**.

While final rehearsals are still held on the main stage at Chappalear Drama Center (below), what has also changed is the rehearsal space. Today the new Simpson Querrey Fitness Center is home to the 2,425-square-foot Jannuzi Dance Studio with seating (see cover story, page 20). Dance major **Alexia Minton ’18** says she is “ecstatic about the new dance studio because the improved space allows for so much more creative/artistic opportunities.” Production was in full swing for Orchasis 15/16, held November 13-15, 2015.

WORK ETHIC UNDERSCORES GIVING

Ask **Tom P. Simons '88** and **Lorraine McCann Simons '90** what defines their giving, and they might say a modest upbringing and hard work ethic.

The Atlanta couple, who met while students at Ohio Wesleyan, have made a \$250,000 commitment, which is being matched by an anonymous donor, to establish The Thomas P. Simons '88 and Lorraine McCann Simons '90 Endowed Scholarship. The gift will provide scholarship assistance to deserving students in perpetuity.

The scholarship reflects the values the couple learned during their time at OWU. "Ohio Wesleyan cultivated and grew my work ethic," says Tom, an accounting and economics management major, and native of Pittsburgh, PA. He says his father's background influenced his own motivations. His father worked in the steel mills when he was young, served in the Korean War, and returned to attend the Carnegie Institute of Technology (later known as Carnegie Mellon University) to study architecture. The elder Simons later established his own successful architectural firm and real estate business. "He was a man of grit," Simons adds.

Tom worked construction jobs during college summers, saving his money for tuition. He later learned his father had the capacity to cover his and his brothers' education, but says, "that work made me appreciate the [OWU] experience." Simons describes his experience as "instructive," too, for the way it challenged him intellectually.

Lorraine, an English major from Madison, NJ, worked in the



Tom and Lorraine Simons visit campus with their daughters Charlotte (far left) and Annalise.

library's audio visual center during her time as an OWU student. "I gained a deeper sense of self from the close-knit community at OWU," she says. "I loved really getting to know the professors and staff."

After Lorraine graduated, the couple married and moved to Baltimore, where Tom was a staff accountant for a manufacturing firm. He went on to spend the next 23 years in healthcare administration and operations at a home health and then a nursing home company.

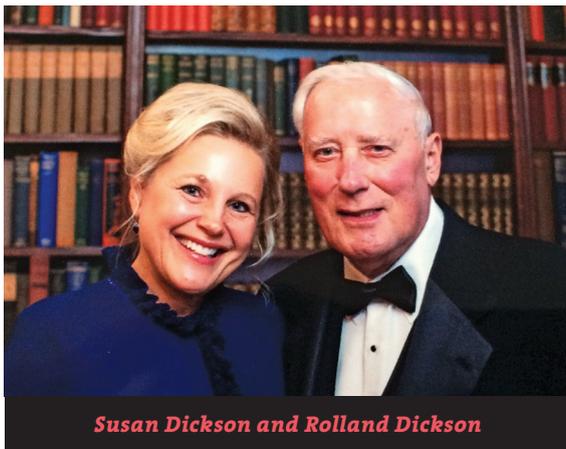
Today, as CFO of PT Solutions, a physical therapy provider with 100 clinics in eight states, Tom handles corporate and strategic development at the company's Kennesaw, GA, headquarters.

With busy lives that include two daughters—Charlotte, a freshman at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, and Annalise, a high school junior at The Galloway School in Atlanta—Tom and Lorraine are also active OWU recruiters, meeting with students and guidance counselors in the greater Atlanta area, and promoting OWU giving among alumni. Tom has served as a class leader for The Ohio Wesleyan Fund, and both are members of the President's Circle.

It's no surprise, then, that Tom has hired six OWU business graduates over the years.

"That says a lot about the education we get at OWU," he says, "and the character that's built while you're there." ■

DISCOVERING FUTURE MEDICAL, SCIENCE LEADERS



Susan Dickson and Rolland Dickson

E. **Rolland Dickson '55** still recalls this image: As a child, he watched fascinated as his mother, a nurse, sat and dressed his young friend's wound, gently wrapping gauze around the boy's burned hand.

"She was instrumental in showing me how much she enjoyed being able to help someone," Dickson says. "She treated all my banged-up friends—even the black eye I gave a kid," he muses. "She was certainly an influence in my thinking about medicine."

Today Dickson's own influence knows no bounds. A world-renowned liver transplant surgeon and researcher at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, Dickson led groundbreaking developments in treatments for liver disease and hepatic disorders that have transformed care for patients with end-stage liver diseases, and helped make Mayo the largest liver transplant center in the world. Dickson, an emeritus professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic, Mayo Foundation, has more than 50 years at the institution. A clinical investigator in the Department of Internal Medicine and a consultant in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Dickson believes regenerative medicine and the use of stem cells may be one of the new frontiers in science to repair and restore organ failure or injury.

Now Dickson is focused on establishing another brand of medicine—one that nurtures and supports a new generation of Ohio Wesleyan students eager

A FOUNDATION FOR GIVING

Lifelong Delaware resident and civic leader **Harry A. Humes** built more than a successful business as a vice president of the city's Hughes-Keenan Corporation. Together with his wife, Mary Jo, he made lifelong charitable giving a part of their lives, a deed that has significantly benefited OWU students and the Delaware community.

In February 2015 the couple created the Mary Jo and Harry A. Humes Endowed Scholarship, a fund for Ohio Wesleyan from an asset distribution of the Hughes-Keenan Foundation. The scholarship provides assistance to deserving students.

Harry Humes, who passed away October 7, 2015, at age 98, was a large part of the OWU family and the city of Delaware. He attended Ohio Wesleyan, where he met Mary Jo, also a student at the time. Humes was instrumental in creating the foundation, which supported more than 20 Delaware organizations, including OWU, where he spearheaded several fundraising drives for capital improvements. One project laid the groundwork for the construction of Beeghly Library.

"My parents have always felt that education was key," says eldest son, Larry Humes. Both of them came from backgrounds of modest means, he says, but "they worked hard to get what they had."

"Dad used to say, 'You give back to the community that gave so much to you.'"

Over the years, the elder Humes served on a number



Scholarship recipients Troy Decker '15, Dalia Lorenzo '17, and Jerry Lherisson '16, celebrated Harry Humes' 98th birthday with a visit in August 2015.

of boards, including the Delaware County School Board, the Delaware County Boy Scouts, the local Red Cross, and as a founding member of the Delaware City Charter Foundation, to name a few. Humes would meet with business associates at Bun's Restaurant on Winter Street, where they would form committees to discuss an array of necessary projects—from student scholarships to a local pedestrian walkway.

"A lot happened at that table," says Larry, who noted that his father also preferred to give anonymously.

Humes recalls a time when his father paid for a young student's

tuition when he learned she wanted to continue with college but couldn't afford it. "Dad went to her college and said he'd pay for her tuition," he says. The elder Humes and Mary Jo kept this deed and other gift giving anonymous, satisfied to have helped someone obtain an education.

In August 2015, the senior Humes and his wife celebrated his 98th birthday at Willow Brook Christian Village. What touched him most, Larry says, was that several scholarship students visited—**Dalia Lorenzo '17**, an elementary education major; **Jerry Lherisson '16**, a politics and government major and president of the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs; and recent graduate **Troy Decker '15**, a recipient of the Russell Humes Scholarship, named after Harry Humes' father.

See page 43, Class Notes, and <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine/> for more about Harry Humes' life. ■

to find new discoveries in medicine and science.

In 2013, to further this goal, Dickson established the Dr. E. Rolland Dickson Endowed Scholarship to provide tuition support for Ohio Wesleyan pre-med and pre-science students.

Jacob O'Day '15 was the first recipient of the Dickson scholarship. A pre-med, biology, and music performance major, O'Day, who grew up in the small town of Orient, OH, says the Dickson scholarship made a "significant impact" on his life. Without it, he says, "I wouldn't have been able to attend Ohio Wesleyan."

O'Day says OWU was his top choice because of the faculty-student interactions, the intellectual rigor, and the educational resources and opportunities. O'Day and Dickson kept up frequent correspondence during the pre-med major's last two years. After graduation, O'Day worked as a scribe for an emergency service team that served two Columbus-area hospitals, and had been taking additional medical coursework. O'Day plans to enter the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in fall 2016.

Dickson also helped arrange a Mayo internship for

Alexandra Cook '16, who spent the summer of 2015 working on stem cell biology in an advanced lab that focuses on rebuilding the hearts of infants with congenital disease. "She performed well in the lab and benefited by exposure to outstanding scientists and technology," Dickson says. Cook is considering Mayo for medical school.

Dickson says Mayo will continue to focus on major areas of science and medicine, such as cancer, neuroscience, transplantation, cardiovascular disease, and regenerative medicine.

"I'd like to provide competitive opportunities for Ohio Wesleyan students to spend a summer here and become engaged and work with top scientists in these expanding fields," he says.

It's an exciting time in medicine and science, Dickson says, and Ohio Wesleyan can participate in developing the future innovators in these areas. "We want to create a program so that students with ability and talent can come to Ohio Wesleyan and compete for summer internships in advanced science and technology.

"If Ohio Wesleyan earns the reputation of helping their students to experience firsthand working in premier laboratories, it will, in turn, enhance the recruitment of outstanding students." ■

Kaila Johnson '16 • Community, Culture, and Legacy

You might call Kaila Johnson a renaissance woman. Her academic interests reach across several departments, with majors and minors in black world studies, English, sociology/anthropology, and women's & gender studies.

When Kaila's not in class or studying, she's working for the OWU Women's Resource Center, where she and two other interns organize programs like the annual Written on the Body: Body Image Speakout. She's also a member of Sisters United, a campus club that educates and advocates for multicultural

women's empowerment, fellowship, and community engagement.

Kaila's Comfort Zone is her RA room in the House of Black Culture (HBC), a heritage house similar to the Small Living Units.

"It's a place of laughter, music, love, and focus, where I've spent many tough nights [doing] homework and memorable nights of carefree dancing. Meaningful friendships, conversations, people, moments, learning, and building happens at HBC—we build on the work and legacy of our ancestors through education."

1 House of Black Culture

"Since freshman year, I've found family, support, and a shared sense of motivation at the House of Black Culture," Kaila says. The house is dedicated to former sociology professor Butler A. Jones, known for his work with race relations and the Civil Rights Movement.

2 It's Time You Get a Watch

If someone asks what time it is, the ever-punctual Kaila says: "It's time for you to get a watch. Time management is very important." Kaila found the clock while thrifting in downtown Delaware.

3 Planting Memories

After Kaila's great-grandmother died, family members took the plants home from the funeral. Her plants, a Cordyline, a Golden Pothos (her favorite), and a Bromeliad, are a constant reminder of her great-grandmother.

4 An Invitation to Listen

You'll rarely catch Kaila not listening to music. She has everything from classical piano to jazz, and R&B to mainstream rap on her laptop. Music's one of the most important things for setting the vibe of the room, she says, and an especially important way to create an inviting space.

5 Pan-African Flag Tradition

The RAs at HBC traditionally hand down this tri-color flag that's been in the house for years. "I view it as a reminder of what I'm working toward," Kaila says. "It's very empowering and a reminder of the reason for the community."

6 Blue with Envy

Blue is Kaila's favorite color; she finds it calming. Blue walls create a great space for communication, she says. She also wanted to bring a piece of home with her—her blue bedroom walls.

7 The WRITE Stuff

Kaila painted this sign as her daily personal imperative to become a better writer. "It reflects my decision to pursue writing actively," she says. "I've since added an English minor."

8 On a Mission

One of Kaila's favorite memories at OWU is the mission trip she led with **Dennique Corbett '16** to Atlanta. This shirt is a reminder of that trip—and the good times she's had at OWU.

9 Infinite Possibilities

Kaila bought this silver bracelet at Tiffany & Co. in Toronto for her 18th birthday. She took the trip to Canada with her three-person Girl Scout troop, so it was "like a mother-daughter trip with two of my closest friends."

10 Quali-tea Cups

Friends and family know Kaila loves drinking loose-leaf tea. "I'm always gifted great tea cups and mugs," she says. They remind her of the people who gave them to her.

—Abby Hanson '16





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PROUD TO BE **F1**RST

First-generation college students at OWU have to tackle more challenges than their peers with different educational, social, and financial backgrounds. But support programs help, and first-gens' own experiences bring a diverse and broadened richness to the classroom and campus life.

By Jeff Bell

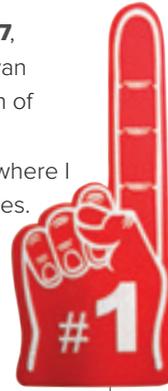
Left: **Omar Mendez '17**, **Emma Johnson '19**, and **Spencer Pauley '19** celebrate what it means to be "first."

Next page: **Sally Leber**, director of service learning, and **Paul Dean**, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology (right), meet with students in the First-Generation Experience class.

It's been more than two years since **Omar Mendez '17**, a sociology major, first stepped onto the Ohio Wesleyan campus, but he can quickly recall his initial impression of the place.

"The culture of the community was way different from where I came from," says Mendez, who grew up in South Los Angeles. "The environment was different, too—there are a lot more trees and grass here. Everything is so green."

Mendez was also a bit green when it came to the college experience. His parents, Jose and Norma, did not attend college. So like other first-generation college students at Ohio Wesleyan, Mendez has had to navigate university life without the benefit of having a parent who could



"Coming here was the greatest decision I've ever made," he says. "I had never envisioned I might be in a school like this. Ohio Wesleyan is for life. It will always have a special place in my heart. Always."

OWU SUPPORT SERVICES ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Mendez is not alone in being a first-generation college student at OWU. University data show that 18.5 percent of the student body and 25 percent of the current first-year class have identified themselves as first-gen students.

Recognizing the particular challenges facing those students and the responsibility of helping them succeed, OWU offers a



tell him what to expect academically, socially, and financially.

There's also the pressure of carrying the hopes of parents who view a college education as a privilege and pathway to a better life.

"My whole life," Mendez says, "my parents told me, 'Go to college, and you'll do big things in life.' It's a big deal for my family."

Once on campus, he had to quickly get up to speed with how to manage his time and the freedom of being on his own for the first time. The biggest challenge, though, was wanting to go back home.

"There's always a push-and-pull factor," says Mendez. On one hand, he wants to return to inner-city Los Angeles and help young people there—that's his career goal. On the other hand, he has grown to love Ohio Wesleyan and understand that the opportunities it provides are essential to getting where he wants to go in life.

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— Katie Butt '15

number of supportive programs for "first gens," many through the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. Another important offering is the First-Generation Experience section of The OWU Experience, a first-year course that helps new students connect to the university.

And like all OWU students, first-generation students can get help from their professors and offices that provide academic advising, financial aid, and residential life services.

"These services really enhance our work with all students but in particular first-generation students," says President Rock Jones.

Support for first-gen students is actually part of the OWU DNA. President Jones says one of the principal goals of Ohio Wesleyan founders in 1842 was raising money for scholarships for students of limited financial means who, by and large, were



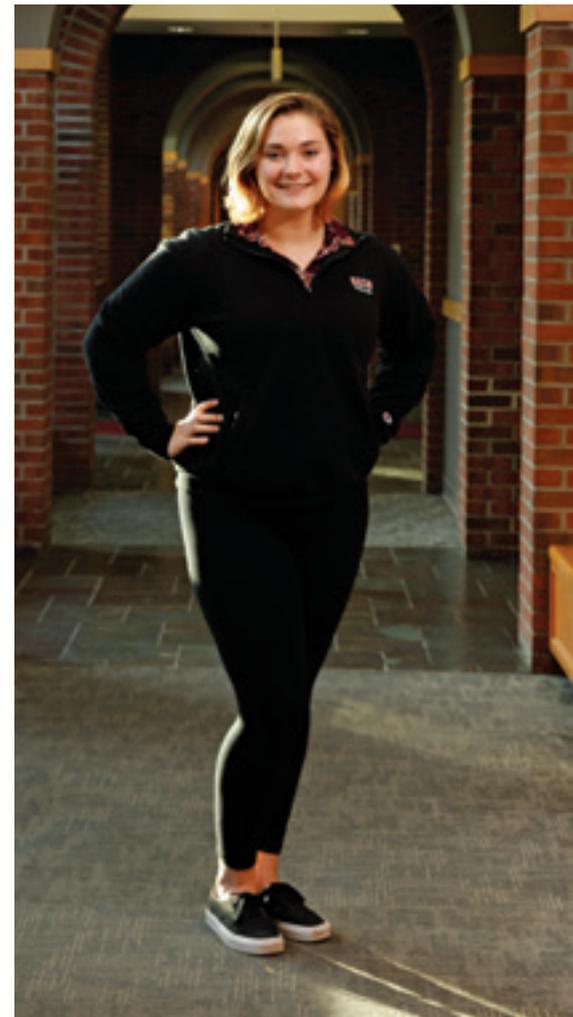
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— Spencer Pauley '19



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— Emma Johnson '19

the first in their families to attend college.

“It’s as important today as it was in 1842,” he says, “that we provide opportunities to students from every aspect of life, particularly those whose families have not had the benefit of higher education. These students are often the ones who have the greatest desire to take fullest advantage of what we offer here.”

President Jones also believes the University as a whole has much to gain from its first-generation students. Their experiences and perspectives contribute greatly to building a campus that, in his words, “is diverse in every way.”

“We are best able to prepare students for leadership roles when we give them the opportunity to learn in an environment that is diverse and representative of the full spectrum of the American experience,” he says.

First-generation students often follow different paths to

Ohio Wesleyan. For instance, Mendez first heard about OWU at a college fair held at his high school during his senior year and eventually enrolled without ever having set foot on campus.

First-gen student **Spencer Pauley '19** wanted to study zoology and had his choice of state schools in Ohio, but decided Ohio Wesleyan would be a better fit. He says its small-town college vibe felt similar to that in his hometown of Oberlin, OH, where Oberlin College is located.

Another first-generation student, Emma Johnson '19, came from Kennesaw, GA, after hearing about OWU during a college workshop. As a zoology major, she liked that there was an opportunity for her to work at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium while in school.

For **Katie Butt '15**, it was a case of love at first sight during her initial campus visit to Ohio Wesleyan. The native of Upper

“They can see that being a first-generation college student is not a big disadvantage or a negative thing, but something they can hold on to and find a social support group that’s gone through similar experiences.”

—Paul Dean, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology



Sandusky, OH, says there was something about OWU that convinced her it was the right place to continue her education.

NAVIGATING ACADEMIC, SOCIAL MAZES

Like many first-generation students, however, Butt admits to having felt one step behind at the start of her college experience. She remembers trying to do too much, too fast by taking on a job and joining “way too many” campus groups. Her classwork suffered.

“It was hard for my parents to understand why my grades weren’t as good as they had been in high school,” Butt says. “There were a few classes where I struggled just to get a C, and C’s were never acceptable before college.”

There were also social adjustments due, in part, to her not having the same level of disposable income as some of her classmates. There were times when she had to pass on dinners out with friends, or shopping trips to the mall. Butt also worked 20 hours a week at a campus job to supplement the scholarship and other financial aid that made it possible for her to attend OWU.

Despite the challenges, Butt went on to thrive and graduate with a degree in sociology/anthropology. Today she is an institutional advancement alumni relations officer at Columbus College of Art & Design.

“So much of who I am today was formed by the connections I made with faculty and staff at Ohio Wesleyan,” she says. “My professors helped me plan out my classes and figure out my passions. Within the classes, they led some of the most impactful conversations I’ve ever had.”

Pauley has only been on campus since August, but he’s already discovered that faculty members are eager to help him acclimate to the rigors of OWU course work. That’s important, he says, because although his parents are supportive, they haven’t been able to tell him what to expect in the classroom or socially in college.

“I’m definitely learning on the fly,” Pauley says, “but I also think I’m more motivated to achieve in the classroom and make my parents proud. I’m trying to take advantage of every opportunity here.”

Johnson finds that adjusting to college is a struggle at times, especially when it comes to knowing what she needs to study to

be successful in her classes.

“It’s kind of eye-opening,” she says. “I feel as first-generation students, we really don’t know what we’ve gotten ourselves into unlike other kids whose parents went to college.”

Johnson is a member of the First-Generation Experience class taught by Paul Dean, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology. He and Sally Leber, director of service learning, lead separate sections of the class, which is taken by about 30 first-year students.

“I feel like the class gives me a better sense of what I’m going to go through here,” Johnson says. “It’s interesting to learn that although we share that our parents didn’t go to college, we have different backgrounds. It’s very cool to learn about that in class.”

Dean was a first-generation college student—his father was a factory worker and his mother a homemaker—so he can relate to what his students are experiencing.

He recalls that finances drove his decision to enroll at the community college in his hometown of Jamestown, NY, and later at Binghamton University, which is part of the state university system in New York. He went on to earn a master’s degree and doctorate in sociology from the University of Maryland and joined the OWU faculty in 2012.

“I completely bumbled through it—whatever happened, happened,” Dean says of his undergraduate years. “It reflected my very naïve understanding of the process.”

He excelled in his classes at Binghamton but didn’t grasp the value of participating in university activities outside the classroom and the networking, organizational, and leadership skills they foster.

“I just didn’t get it and understand how to go about it,” Dean says, adding that is one of the issues addressed in his First-Generation Experience class. “It’s really important for students to find their group of people. If they don’t have that base of friendship and connection, (college) can be an alienating experience.”

That’s true for all students, but fitting in can be especially challenging for first-generation students. While Ohio Wesleyan offers generous need- and merit-based financial aid packages to make an OWU education possible for deserving students

regardless of family income, many first-gens still must hold down jobs to make ends meet. Dean says that cuts into their time for studying and participating in campus groups, activities, and events that contribute to personal growth and complement course work.

“Those are times when students are able to bond, find their place, and be integrated into the university,” Dean says. “It can help them develop a social support system they can lean on when things are really stressful.”

He says first-gen students tend to come from working-class families that may lack experience in dealing with those in authority positions at institutions, including universities. That can hinder them in seeking help from professors and staff members.

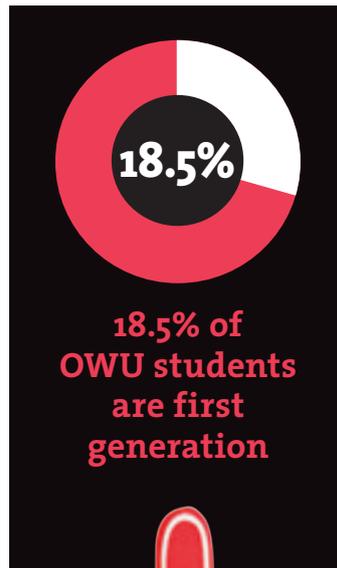
“There can be a working class attitude of ‘I didn’t have the advantages, and I’m going to do this myself, dammit,’” Dean says, “while other students feel it’s OK to seek out the people who can help them.”

It is Dean’s hope that his class will help first-gen students understand they are not alone at OWU and can succeed.

“There’s something really cool about them taking pride that they are here because they’ve worked hard to have the same privilege that other students have,” he says. “They can see that being a first-generation college student is not a big disadvantage or a negative thing, but something they can hold on to and find a social support group that’s gone through similar experiences.”

DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE

Ohio Wesleyan provides a number of programs to help first-generation students and students of color develop confidence and



pride inside and outside the classroom, says **Terree Stevenson '95**, OWU’s director of multicultural student affairs. They begin with a three-day pre-orientation program at the start of their freshman year and continue through graduation.

Her office helps students with academic planning and offers workshops that include time management, note-taking, study skills, and what to expect in the classroom. There is also a newsletter that provides tips on issues such as effective study habits, goal-setting, and dealing with stress.

Stevenson’s office partners with other campus offices, including alumni relations and career services, on events in which successful alumni and community leaders talk with students of color and first-gens about the challenges they have faced personally and professionally.

Stevenson, who grew up in inner-city Columbus, can also draw on her experiences as an Ohio Wesleyan undergraduate when talking with students about the challenges and rewards of an OWU education.

One of the challenges, she says, is the pressure of carrying the hopes and dreams of an entire family and even the student’s neighborhood, church, or high school. There are financial issues, and students feeling they have outgrown their family members and friends back home, even if that’s not the case.

But Stevenson is convinced Ohio Wesleyan is a supportive place where a student can clear those hurdles, excel academically, and grow as a person.

“My skills were strengthened at Ohio Wesleyan and by the liberal-arts environment,” she says. “I learned about critical thinking and analysis and how to improve my writing and research skills. It all allowed me to have a great experience inside and outside the classroom and now as a professional and alumna.” ■

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Family Heritage, OWU Connection, and Global Impact

**FIJI'S "MOST
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MEMME ONWUDIWE '15,
TURNED AN INTERNSHIP
IN NIGERIA INTO A CAREER
THAT IS ALREADY MAKING
A DIFFERENCE.**

By Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09

Of Nigerian and Ghanaian roots, but born in Xenia and raised in Centerville, OH, **Memme Onwudiwe '15** traveled only about 90 miles from home to attend Ohio Wesleyan. But the distance this recent grad has traveled since arriving on campus in fall 2011—and the difference he has made—tell a striking story.

An international studies and French double major and summa cum laude graduate, Onwudiwe was a familiar face to many (if not most) people around campus when he was a student. His involvement in organizations ranging from student government to Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program, and Greek life to President's Club, made him an influential member of the OWU community.

In his sophomore year, Onwudiwe joined Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) when it returned to campus. He worked hard to revitalize the chapter, helping to create and co-chair a new Fiji health committee, develop the OWU chapter's website, and serve as captain for three seasons of Fiji's intramural soccer team.

Academically, he took full advantage of The OWU Connection, securing internships that allowed him to travel to his family's ancestral homeland in Nigeria to learn more about the country's electoral processes and energy production transactions.

Eventually, all these efforts helped earn him the national fraternity's prestigious Wilkinson Award as Fiji's "most outstanding senior" in North America. The recipient is chosen from among 142 Fiji chapters and 13 colonies



in the United States and Canada. The award is especially meaningful at OWU because it is named in honor of Cecil J. “Scoop” Wilkinson, OWU Class of 1917, Fiji’s first executive secretary and editor of The Phi Gamma Delta magazine for 36 years (see “Scoop”, page 20).

Paired with his recognition as a Meek Leadership Award winner, it’s easy to see that Onwudiwe set his sights high.

Onwudiwe’s interests and energy far surpassed the boundaries of Delaware and the campus community that he loves. During his four years at OWU, he completed an internship with the Independent National Electoral Commission in Abuja, Nigeria, helping to oversee the electoral process in the country, and also interned for Development Finance International, Inc., a business advisory firm in Bethesda, MD, that focuses on emerging markets.

The Baran Fellowship was a key first step toward making this pursuit a reality.

“When I heard about the Baran Fellowship, I knew just what I wanted to do,” says Onwudiwe. He spent the summer of 2015 as a research fellow at Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), an organization focused on building a framework for transparency in Nigeria’s use of and payment for oil and gas. What proved to be a formative and important summer for Onwudiwe was also in some ways a homecoming, as he stayed with his father, who lives in Nigeria.

At NEITI, Onwudiwe’s research focused on the role that stronger civil society organizations (CSOs) could play in creating policies for transparency in the Nigerian oil and gas industry. According to NEITI, a civil society

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A TRANSFORMATIVE SUMMER

With a global-minded perspective at his core, Onwudiwe has expanded his leadership activities since his graduation in May 2015. Only weeks later, Onwudiwe was back in Nigeria, this time under sponsorship of the **Jan W. Baran '70** and Kathryn K. Baran Endowed Fund for Encouragement of Post-Graduate Fellowships, a program that links classroom theory to real-world experiences.

For Onwudiwe, Nigeria was the clear place to start. During his internship at Development Finance International, he was exposed to new insights on Nigeria’s oil and gas industry, and he decided to use them as the foundation for an independent research project on public policy around Nigeria’s use of and payment for oil and gas.

organization is defined as a non-governmental organization, primarily involved in advocacy for free, equitable, and better society.

“Each year, NEITI audits the oil and gas industry and reports back to the government on issues that it finds, but policy changes rarely happen as a result,” Onwudiwe explains. “At the end of the day, it seems that you can’t just tell the government what is wrong or what to do—pressure is needed from the people.” Could a stronger voice from civil society organizations make a difference? Onwudiwe spent the summer beginning to unpack this question.

“I spent a lot of time exploring relationships,” Onwudiwe reflects. “I interviewed CSOs, the NEITI Civil Society Steering Committee, global development banks, and international

organizations that support civil society in Nigeria. I examined overall roadblocks and problems and how they came to be." While Onwudiwe's research was highly independent, he was embraced by the community at NEITI and frequently invited to events, discussions, and round-tables.

"Everyone was really interested in my research," he recalls. "The culture there was very transparent, and even the executive director engaged me. Many people were willing to sit down with me and share the story of what they were trying to accomplish."

Partially inspired by his heritage, Onwudiwe sees a bigger picture to his research. "Ghana just recently discovered oil reserves," he points out, "and I want to use my research in Nigeria to help Ghana as they potentially experience the same issues moving forward."

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A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

Onwudiwe now has his sights set on a law degree, and he completed the LSAT entrance exam in October.

Onwudiwe laughs, remembering his first months as a freshman at OWU. "I never pictured myself winning any type of award. But then I was given the Most Outstanding Freshman Award, and I started to realize that Ohio Wesleyan was a place that believed in me. They boosted me, they recognized me, and they encouraged me to aim for higher and higher things. That's why I am where I am today."

To Onwudiwe, the Baran Fellowship is yet another way the OWU community continues to encourage and support him, even beyond his days on campus.

"I don't know for sure what the future will hold," he says.

"From law school, the possibilities are endless. But I do know that OWU has been willing to give me this chance, to invest in me, to take a risk on me, and to say, 'We think you're worth it.' That's all the confidence I need to go forward from here."

Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09 is Class Notes editor of OWU Magazine.

"Scoop" Wilkinson and OWU Fiji Pride

Soldier. Journalist. OWU Fiji.

These are just a few of the roles played with distinction by **Cecil J. "Scoop" Wilkinson, Class of 1917.**



Cecil J. "Scoop" Wilkinson, Class of 1917

Photo credit: Harris & Ewing

Born in East Palestine, OH, a small town near the Pennsylvania state line, Wilkinson entered Ohio Wesleyan in 1914, serving as historian, treasurer, president of the Theta Deuteron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta (founded in 1869), president of the interfraternity council, and editor of the campus newspaper. A fellow Fiji at the time called him "helpful to the less gifted, unawed by the pretentious, and relentless with the sluggish."

After graduation, Wilkinson enlisted in the Fourth Ohio Infantry as a private in the 166th Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division during World War I. He soon convinced his commanding officer to let him publish a

newspaper, "The Rainbow Reveille," for his unit, the first of such "front-line journalism" to be published overseas during WWI.

When Wilkinson returned to his hometown post-war, he married and became editor of *The East Palestine Daily Leader*, and editor of *The Phi Gamma Delta* magazine. In 1929, and in response to calls he move to Washington, DC, to organize the central office, he, his wife, and two children left Ohio so he could take on the role of the organization's office manager. Soon thereafter, he served as Fiji's first executive secretary, taking the lead in expanding the central Fiji office from a one-room operation to establishing the organization's international headquarters office. He went on to edit the Fiji magazine for 36 years, publishing 251 issues.

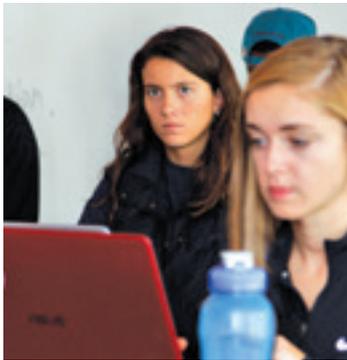
In 1961, when Wilkinson passed away, Phi Delta Gamma presented its first Wilkinson Award, a recognition of an outstanding senior in the United States and Canada. **Memme Onwudiwe '15** is the second OWU recipient of the award. The first was **Derek Dickey '97**, who majored in history and is now chief operating officer of Colgate Consulting Group, LLC, in Bethesda, MD.

SIMPSON QUERREY

the new face of fitness

OWU's state-of-the-art fitness facility connects mind, body, and spirit. SQ's varied spaces already are having an impact across the student population.

By Lisa Lopez Snyder



take one look around at the new Simpson Querrey Fitness Center at Ohio Wesleyan, and it's clear that a vibrant pulse has taken hold.

On the main floor of the 4,350-square-foot fitness center, students work out on an array of state-of-the-art cardio equipment, weight machines, and other high-end fitness equipment. Around the corner, in the Department of Theatre & Dance's new 2,425-square foot Jannuzi Dance Studio, members of OWU's contemporary dance company, Orchesis, rehearse for their annual show.

On the other side of the workout area, students in

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—President Rock Jones

the Department of Health and Human Kinetics meet in a classroom equipped with mobile standing desks, or in other rooms designed for student practicums to demonstrate health- and fitness-related techniques. Down the hall in the renovated and now connected Edwards Gymnasium, six faculty and 35 Battling Bishop coaches' offices, reception areas, two conference spaces, and a lounge create opportunities for spontaneous discussions among student-athletes and staff.

Clearly, Simpson Querrey brings together mind, body, and spirit—all under one roof.

These activities are just what **Lou Simpson '58** and his wife, Kimberly Querrey, envisioned with their generous \$8 million lead gift to build the Simpson Querrey





*Above: President Rock Jones (center) cuts the ribbon with SQ donors **Lou Simpson '58** (left) and his wife Kimberly (right) at the October 1, 2015, dedication. The celebration included a special dinner in Edwards Gymnasium during Homecoming Weekend (below).*

Fitness Center, a 12,774-square-foot complex where health and learning go hand in hand. The fitness center, with traditional brick on the outside and sleek OWU black-and-red finishes and gray carpeting on the inside, was constructed on the site of the former Pfeiffer Natatorium, built in 1956.

At the October 1, 2015, dedication, the OWU community gathered to celebrate Simpson and Querrey's long-held vision of the value that the "holistic" development of the person—mind, body, and spirit—brings to the academic environment.

"We are delighted that this can be an addition to the Ohio Wesleyan community," Simpson said at the dedication.

Querrey, motivated by the fact that nearly 80 percent of OWU students participate in some kind of organized recreational activity, such as intramurals, club sports, and varsity athletics, added that "developing lifelong habits at an early age is really crucial to being successful in life." Stress is a part of life, she said, and the SQ is a step toward helping students cope with that.

The Simpson Querrey dedication followed the 2014 renewal of Edwards Gymnasium, with its renovated basketball court and refurbished weight room, funded by a gift from **Bob Morrill '59** and his wife, Barbara.





OWU President Rock Jones noted the facility's lasting significance at the dedication.

"As we educate future leaders, we understand that the quality, longevity, and fulfillment of their lives, both professional and personal, will be directly related to their ability to maintain good physical health.

"The college years are the ideal time to develop lifelong habits of physical discipline," he added. "The Simpson Querrey Fitness Center provides an ideal setting for that development to take place."

Colleen Garland, vice president for university advancement, notes the SQ signals the fulfillment of more than a decade of dreams and strategic planning by faculty, staff, and trustees. Today, she said at the dedication, "Lou and Kimberly made it a reality."

dance finds its footing

Jeremy Griffin-Jackson '16, a dance major and assistant to artistic director Rashana Perks Smith, is thrilled with the new dance studio, which features hardwood sprung flooring, mirror walls, ballet barres, risers for spectators, and high-end sound and video capabilities.

Prior to SQ's construction, he and the other students practiced at a storefront on Sandusky Street, where the Department of Theatre & Dance leased space for classes and Orchestris rehearsals.

"It's nice to be in a new space specifically designed for dance," says Griffin-Jackson, who is also a student choreographer. He notes the studio's shock-absorbent flooring helps safeguard the joints. "I can be jumping and leaping and not hurt myself," he says. "It's better for my body."

Smith says the risers for an audience in the studio space also provide a place for the student choreographers to watch

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—Jeremy Griffin-Jackson '16, dance major

and provide useful feedback on technique to other dance members. "Students are enthralled," she says. "They can't imagine going back to the old studio. They're all so honored and pleased to be a part of this milestone in OWU's history."

The close proximity of the studio to the fitness area has created other opportunities for students, Smith says. "I notice more students working out on the fitness machines before rehearsal, and that better prepares them for our time in the studio." Additionally, she notes the new space will make it possible to develop collaborative programs with other departments.

cohesive and collaborative opportunities

It's clear that collaborative learning and teaching is a natural fit at SQ. Christopher Fink, associate professor and chair of the Department of Health and Human Kinetics (HHK), says the center's overall design reinforces effective pedagogical practices—for faculty and students.

HHK classrooms, with touch-screen technology and movable desks and tables, are conducive for student teaching and other educational demonstrations. One classroom is equipped with sit-stand desks that can be raised and lowered to accommodate physical comfort and activity. Moreover, the fitness center serves as a classroom and laboratory for HHK students.

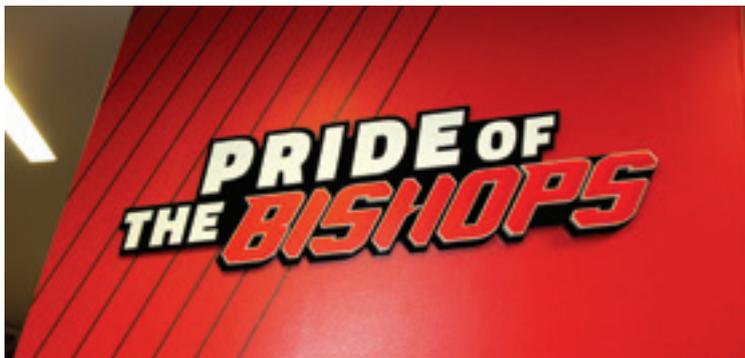
In addition, Fink says, the distance between classroom and laboratory space is simply a few steps down a shared hallway.

"We're excited to be able to use the classroom space to further the expertise of our students," he says, "and, in turn, to highlight their expertise in programs that support the wellness of the entire OWU student population." This year the department will graduate nearly 40 majors in the areas

“When you’re
here, you’re always
thinking about fitness
and learning
and moving.
You’re on!”

—Lilly Gresh '16, HHK major





of exercise science, sport and exercise management, health promotion, and general health and human kinetics.

Lilly Gresh '16, an HHK major and an intern at the fitness center, says SQ is an exciting and integral part of her classwork. "When you're in class, you know you're right down the hall [from the fitness equipment] and can apply it."

"The SQ will change how everyone learns," she adds. "For a fitness degree, you need to be super involved and know what you're going to be teaching other people. Everyone in HHK who comes to this facility has the same mindset."

Athletics Director Roger Ingles sees the advantages of the interconnected offices and meeting spaces for Battling Bishop

Athletics. "The new offices provide us the opportunity to house the majority of our staff in one location for the first time," he says.

Coaches and staff can now share expertise and experiences with each other more easily, Ingles says, contributing to a cohesiveness among coaching staff. One of the most recent examples of a shared experience is a new one-on-one coach mentorship, in which first-year coaches are paired with a veteran coach (see Bishop Battles, page 28). Conversations happen in ways that could not before, he says, when staff and students were spread across campus.

For Gresh, daughter of **Victoria (Joshua) Gresh '88**, and also an outfielder with the women's softball team, another benefit of

Early OWU Leaders Envisioned a Healthy Ohio Wesleyan

The SQ's focus on health and learning has a century-rich history behind it.

On February 28, 1906, the front page of *The Ohio Wesleyan Transcript* declared, "A Great Day—The Gym. At Last."

Six days earlier, students, faculty, and staff had gathered at Gray Chapel to celebrate the dedication of Edwards Gymnasium, OWU's first official recognition that physical well-being was essential to the development of the "whole person"—and of every student. William Francis Whitlock, then-dean of Ohio Wesleyan stood before the group and declared:

"The time has come when the word 'education' has broadened its meaning. It now means more than ever before. It includes the symmetrical and healthful development of not simply the mental, but of all the faculties."

Another administrator, professor Hanford Crawford stated that "[p]hysical education should be a matter of curriculum,

having a relation and duty to every student."

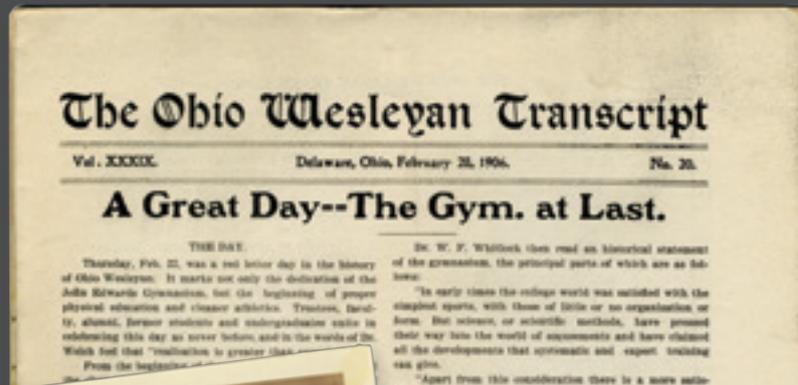
The affair was so celebrated that the student paper covered every detail of the accompanying festivities in six pages.

The focus on student health and wellness continued through the decades. In 1954, Pfeiffer Natatorium opened next to Edwards Gymnasium, and the Battling Bishops men's and women's swimming teams hosted their meets there until 2010. In 2012, work to refurbish the Edwards Gymnasium began. The second-floor basketball court was restored, a weight room was refurbished, and the old skylight was uncovered and refinished to its original luster. In 2014, Pfeiffer Natatorium was demolished

to construct the SQ, which includes a new south entrance to campus.

More than 100 years later, the SQ represents the expanded vision of those early leaders, and what Professor Crawford spoke of as representing how "[v]igor... lies at the foundation of all forms of success."

—LLS



the shared spaces is that student-athletes can get to know members of other teams more easily.

And those conversations can have meaningful impact, Ingles adds.

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healthy bodies, healthy futures

Of course, the fitness area is a welcome experience for students seeking physical release from the stresses of class and coursework.

In addition to the workout area on the main floor,

students can take yoga classes in one of the studios, work with a personal trainer, use the weight-bearing area and the cycling and elliptical machines on the second floor, and check out fitness- and sports-related events on the lobby’s large touch screen.

It’s clear that students see being physically active as a necessary part of academic and personal achievement, and that SQ has quickly become a valuable lifeline for campus and the greater OWU family.

SQ’s mind-body-spirit connection is special for HHK major Gresh because it makes her proud to spend her senior year being a part of that vision. But it’s also, she says, a gift that keeps on giving.

“When you’re here, you’re always thinking about fitness and learning and moving,” she says, gesturing to the students working out behind her. “You’re on!”

Lisa Lopez Snyder is managing editor of OWU Magazine.



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—Roger Ingles, Director of Athletics



COACHING UP THE COACH

MENTORING YOUNG COACHES PAYS OFF AND PAYS FORWARD

By Mark Beckenbach '81



You always hear about coaches mentoring players. Some of those athletes go on to be coaches, themselves. At Ohio Wesleyan, our coaches are also mentoring . . . other coaches.

“Coaches usually are a combination of people they’ve played with or worked with—both good and bad,” says Athletics Director Roger Ingles.

Ohio Wesleyan is fortunate to have several coaches who have excelled at mentoring others.

Mike DeWitt '87, the Battling Bishop men’s basketball coach since 1999, has had five of his former Ohio Wesleyan assistant coaches go on to become head coaches at other schools, including John Ellenwood (Ashland), Scott Cutter (Defiance), Scott Cooper (Indiana-South Bend), and Jon VanderWal (Marietta).

“I feel as a head coach, I have a responsibility and a duty to help assistants achieve their career goals,” DeWitt says. “Mentoring is a very important part of what I do. My philosophy of working with my assistant coaches is to give them a lot of responsibility—it looks great for them with future employers, and it is good for them in terms of learning what coaching is all about in our situation.

“One of the first things I have new assistants do is research what makes Ohio Wesleyan great, so they can communicate that to the people we recruit. I don’t tell them what’s great about OWU; I want them to learn it on their own.”

Kris Boey, director of track & field and cross country, also favors some independence in his approach, preferring to lead by example. “The mentoring process is valuable—there are so many nuances to coaching that go beyond X’s and O’s or specific kinds of training,” he says. “It’s important for all, whether a new coach or experienced coach, to be presented with alternative or creative ways to think about things.”

Boey counts among his mentors his college coach and the coach for whom he worked in his first job out of college, but feels that the most important one is Marv Frye, who was track & field and cross country coach at Ohio Wesleyan from 1960-97.

“Only once has (Marv) given me unsolicited advice. He’s always willing to listen and consider my situation. Sometimes he had advice, sometimes he would just listen and that was enough for me to think it through myself.

“For me, even though I’ve been doing this for 18 years, I don’t

necessarily see myself as a mentor. I want my staff to feel they have a vested interest, a partnership to as much of a degree as I can make it. I'm not going to ask someone to do something I haven't done as a coach or I'm not willing to do as a coach.

MENTEES RETURN

Boey is proud of the number of Ohio Wesleyan alumni who, formally or in volunteer capacity, have come back to coach with him over the years. "That wouldn't happen if they didn't believe in our values as a program," he says. "It's rewarding to see them communicate with student-athletes the same values I

says. "I didn't play any of the sports (Gauthier) coached, but I took courses he was teaching. Shannon helped me a lot. He had kind of been a hero of mine when I was a kid (during his playing days at Wittenberg), and he was a mentor of mine when I was a young coach."

In 60-plus years as a student, coach, faculty member, administrator, and emeritus, Gordin has had an impact on countless coaches. Listing only his former student-athletes

who have become golf coaches would be an undertaking in itself.

One of the coaches who Gordin mentored is Roger Ingles.

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— Kris Boey, director of track & field and cross country.



Bishop coaches mentor new staff. Left: Director of Athletics Roger Ingles meets regularly with Assistant Women's Basketball and Assistant Women's Tennis Coach Annie Isler and Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach Trey Keeley.

Middle: Head Men's Basketball Coach Mike DeWitt (right) and Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Nate Conley assess players during a Fall practice.

Right: Head Women's Field Hockey Coach Brenda Semit and AD Roger Ingles catch up near their SQ offices.

communicated to them as student-athletes."

Sarah Bechtel '14 (a current member of the Ohio Wesleyan coaching staff), **Andrew Bloom '09** (a current assistant coach), **David Franklin '12** (a current volunteer assistant), and **Kale Booher '12** (a current volunteer assistant) are just a few of the alumni who have come back to Ohio Wesleyan to coach under Boey.

"I had a good experience here (as an undergraduate)," Bechtel says, "and that's why we have a lot of alums come back and coach. My concern (about returning to Ohio Wesleyan) was development-wise. I was here four years and saw the system, and I was wondering how much I'd learn coming back, but Kris is well-connected and the whole staff is pretty experienced. I know that I can get guidance in other events from experienced people."

Another Ohio Wesleyan coaching legend, **Dick Gordin '52**, was mentored by some of the Pantheon of Ohio Wesleyan coaches. George Gauthier, Sterling Geesman, Bob Strimer, Frank Shannon, **Les Michael '40**, and **Ray Leech '54** were among those who Gordin counts as his mentors.

"Strimer was my advisor and freshman baseball coach," Gordin

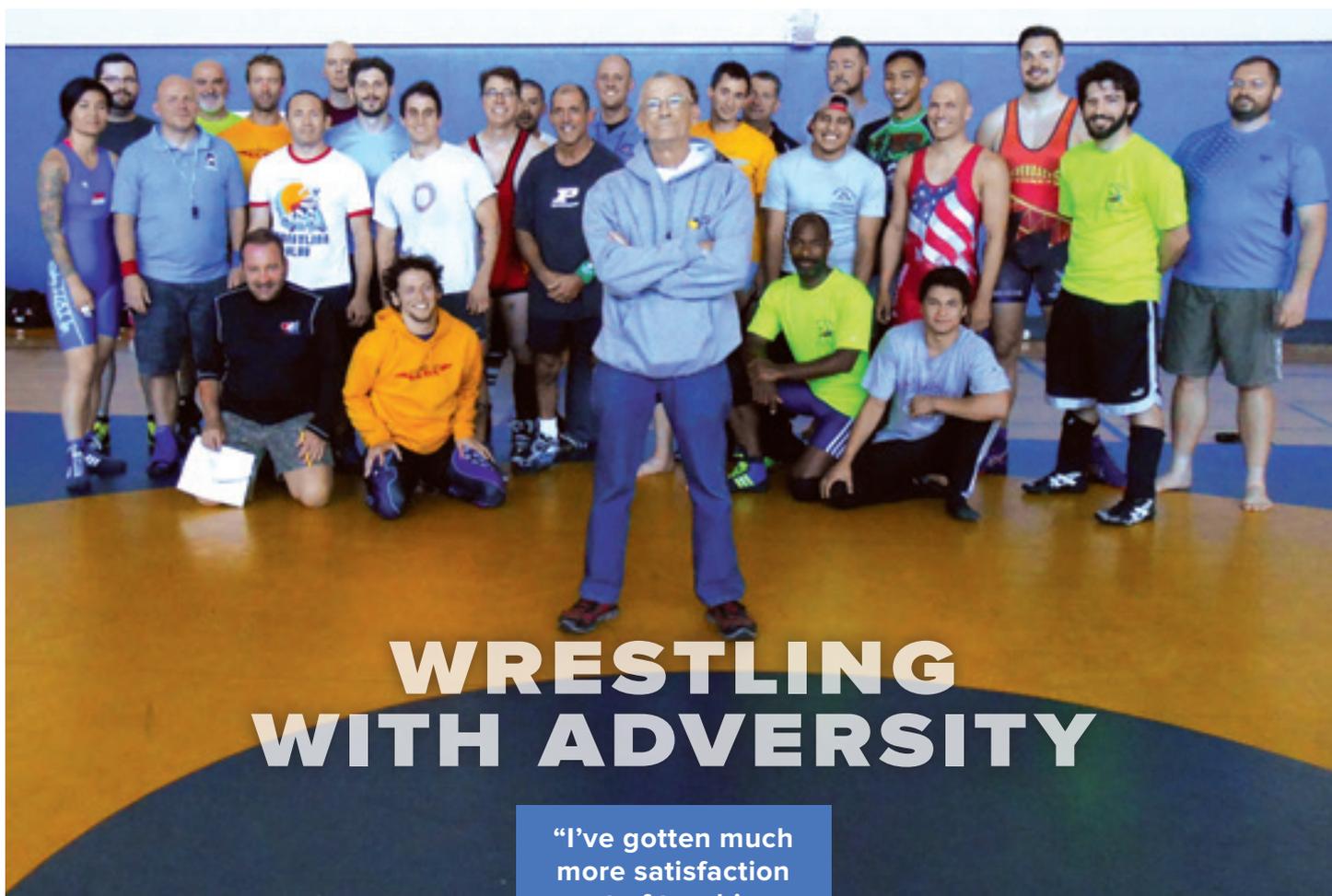
"When I first got here (in 1984), I looked to Dr. Gordin, Gene Mehaffey, and Ray Leech," Ingles says. "Jay Martin had the best men's soccer program in the 1980s, and we took some things he was doing and applied them. Some of the other people I've really enjoyed working with—Mary Parker and Laura Bump—taught a different way of doing things, a different philosophy, different approaches to coaching.

"Even to this day, from an AD standpoint, I talk a lot with Dr. Gordin and Jay. Both of them have been in this seat. The best mentor you can get is someone who's been in the job and done it well."

Ingles is looking to leverage some of the knowledge on the Ohio Wesleyan coaching staff by working with Trey Keeley, assistant men's lacrosse coach, and Annie Isler, assistant women's basketball and women's tennis coach, to set up formal mentoring sessions for newer coaches on the Bishop staff.

"The idea that's going to be put in motion is to get some young coaches together for a brown-bag lunch once a week or every other week, and each time bring in an experienced coach who will offer their experience in recruiting or (coaching)," Keeley says ■

Mark Beckenbach is associate director of media relations and sports information director at Ohio Wesleyan.



WRESTLING WITH ADVERSITY

“I’ve gotten much more satisfaction out of teaching young wrestlers how to be happy and productive citizens.”

—Roger Brigham '76

Roger Brigham '76 has never let adversity set him back. He credits a “warrior spirit” for driving him to a trailblazing career as a journalist and great success as a wrestling coach and mentor, despite debilitating health issues that would have pinned many to the mat.

A wrestler since high school and at Ohio Wesleyan, where he earned two varsity letters, Brigham is a sports columnist for the *Bay Area Reporter*, a gay, lesbian, and bisexual newspaper covering local and national news and arts. Previously, he wrote for the *Anchorage Daily News*, where in 1982 he became the first openly gay sports journalist at a major metropolitan newspaper.

In July, Brigham, who majored in journalism and classical civilization at OWU, was inducted into the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame for his “body of work in coaching, journalism, organizing and volunteering.” He was inducted into the Wrestlers WithOut Borders (WWB) Hall of Merit in 2008 and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from WWB in 2014. In 2009, he received a Legacy Award from the Federation of Gay Games for his work in creating a youth wrestling program in San Francisco run by the Golden Gate Wrestling Club, a gay and lesbian club for freestyle wrestling.

Brigham’s accolades come despite a series of health complications over the years, including anemia, kidney failure,

osteoporosis, and diabetes. He underwent daily dialysis, and in 2001 he had to have both hips replaced with titanium implants. Despite these setbacks, he continued to wrestle and eventually went on to compete and win a silver medal at the 2004 USA Wrestling Far Western Regional

Championship.

More recently, he had triple-bypass surgery. “Through all of that, I’ve been able to continue my writing career [and] return to coaching,” Brigham says.

In 2013, after 23 years together, Brigham and his husband, Eduardo, were finally able to marry in a local church.

He says wrestling was the most important part of his experience at Ohio Wesleyan. The sport continues to play a prominent role in his life, as he is now a coach, and founded the Equality Coaching Alliance in 2011.

Of all these accomplishments, what makes him proudest?

“I’ve gotten much more satisfaction out of teaching young wrestlers how to be happy and productive citizens, to put service to others above service to self, and to take command of their lives...and mentoring reporters to help them be better and happier in their careers.” ■

—Abby Hanson '16



COMBINING POLITICS AND COMMUNITY

OWU classes challenged **Bridget Donnell Newton '80** to think critically about the world, “outside of what the average 18- or 19-year-old thinks about.”

Bridget Donnell Newton '80 recalls family dinners at her childhood home as a “very lively” time. “We were always having debates and discussions” about local and global issues, she says.

Newton, who double majored in history and politics and government, was inspired by her parents’ commitment to community. Her father is a retired Presbyterian minister and her mother was a community volunteer and a reading teacher. Newton got a touch of the political bug when as an OWU student she volunteered with the 1976-1977 state senate campaign of John Kasich, who was an administrative assistant to State Sen. Buz Lukens.

Inspired by the political process, Newton left for Washington, DC, after graduation, her sights set on a career as a staff member conducting research.

She never imagined running for political office.

A marriage, two children, and some 25-plus years later, Newton is now recently re-elected mayor of Rockville, MD, a thriving and growing community of 64,000 in Montgomery County outside of Washington, DC. Newton and her husband have called Rockville home since 1982. She became involved in her children’s schools, and eventually served on city council.

“I still never thought about running for council until 2009,” she says. “I resisted, but in 2009, I was fed up with a few things and decided to put up or shut up and go on and do it.”

Motivated by competing interests concerning the city’s growth,

she entered the mayoral race in 2013 and won; Newton takes office in 2016 with a resounding 65 percent of the vote.

She credits the many opportunities of her OWU education with preparing her for the rigors of politics—and life. OWU classes challenged her to think critically about the world, “outside of what the average 18- or 19-year-old thinks about,” she says.

Newton also credits her parents’ emphasis on the importance of making contributions to their community.

“All three of us—me, my sister and brother (**Cal Donnell '84**)—were encouraged to follow our hearts, find a job we loved, and contribute to the greater good.”

While Rockville, the county seat, was recently named “Most Livable City” by livability.com, and is known for its diverse neighborhoods, small town atmosphere, and as a hub for biotech and cyber security firms, other issues confound residents. County-controlled schools, a fast-growing population, and disagreements on how to balance that growth with quality of life, have become hot-button topics.

Newton supports what she calls “managed growth,” and has worked hard to establish relationships with surrounding jurisdictions and regional stakeholders.

For certain, the next generation in the family is set to keep on that push for mutual understanding—Newton’s niece, **Eilish Donnell '16**, a Delta Gamma like her aunt, is an OWU student. ■

—Lisa Lopez Snyder

HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of OWU alumni, families, and friends didn't allow cold rain and gray skies to dampen their spirits as they enjoyed athletic events, lectures, and fun times together during Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 2-3.

Highlights included the dedication of the state-of-the-art Simpson Querrey Fitness Center, a tailgate before the OWU-Denison game, the Munch and Mingle with OWU alumni and students, and a salute to new inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Save the date for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2016: October 7-9.



SAE REUNION: LIONS ROAR AGAIN

Some 30-plus OWU alumni and brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Ohio Delta arrived from 17 states and Washington, DC, for a Chapter Reunion during Homecoming Weekend 2015.

Early returning alumni caught up with each other at a wonderful meal at Brio Tuscan Grille in Easton Station Mall. On Saturday morning, the Old Lions of SAE visited the former SAE House, now repurposed as the Bigelow-Reed House.

The photographs and chapter memorabilia in the Fred Myers Chapter Room stirred wonderful memories of SAE-Ohio Delta and OWU. Over 50 years melted away. After the Homecoming football game, SAE brothers gathered at the Hilton-Easton for a social hour and banquet. Special guest History Professor Emeritus Richard Smith welcomed the group back to campus. This was a special opportunity for many of the alumni who took history classes from Dr. Smith as undergraduates,



*Roger Lockwood '59,
emcee*

especially five SAEs who were history majors.

Following an introduction from recently retired history professor, **Hugh Davis '63**, Dr. Smith shared special greetings from President Rock Jones, who provided an update on all the exciting things that are taking place at OWU.

The evening highlight was the SAE tribute to Brother John Reed and "Miss Libby," acknowledging them for their many years of friendship, guidance, and service. The evening concluded with the brothers' rendition of "The Sweetheart of SAE" and "Friends,"

led by song leader Lloyd Ferguson. Go Bishops! Go Sigma Alpha Epsilon!

Another SAE-Ohio Delta Chapter Reunion is being planned for 2017, coinciding with the 175th anniversary celebration of Ohio Wesleyan University. "Lions Roar Again" in 2017—PHI ALPHA! ■

—Peter Lee '65



Dr. Smith's history major SAEs, left to right: Pete Lee '65, Don Morgan '62, Betty Smith '52, Dr. Richard Smith and Evan Corns '59

Alton F. “Rick” Doody III ‘80
Chairman and Founder of Bravo/Brio
Restaurant Group

Rick Doody graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1980. He is the chairman and founder of of Bravo/Brio Restaurant Group (BBRG). In 1992 Rick, his brother, Chris Doody, and their executive chef, Phil Yandolino, opened their first restaurant, Bravo Cucina Italiana, in Columbus, OH. Today the restaurant group has grown to include more than 116 Bravo and Brio Tuscan Grille restaurants throughout the United States, and is a public company on the NASDAQ. Rick is chairman of BBRG and works on real estate development and restaurant design for the Brio Tuscan Grille and Bravo Cucina Italiana concepts. The restaurants nationwide have over 11,000 employees and seat 17 million-plus guests each year.



Rick is a member of the Young Presidents’ Organization (YPO), serves on the boards of the Brio/Bravo Restaurant Group, Hickory Tavern, Arhaus, University Hospital’s Ahuja Medical Center, Lindey’s, Stella Maris Rehabilitation Center, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. Rick holds a B.A. in History/Management Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Professional Studies degree from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration. Rick also assisted in the design of the new Marketplace in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, which replaced the old food court, sitting in on many planning meetings and tapping his architect and designer to assist OWU. Rick lives just outside Chagrin Falls, OH, and is the proud father of two daughters, Sarah (age 20) and Charlotte (age 17).

Kenneth B. Sternad ’77
President of The UPS Foundation and Vice President
of UPS Worldwide Public Relations and Media Affairs
(retired)

Ken Sternad retired from UPS in 2012 after a 35-year career with the world’s largest transportation and logistics company.



As president of The UPS Foundation, Sternad was responsible for its global philanthropic initiatives, which totaled \$100 million in 2012. He oversaw the company’s volunteer programs, grants, education initiatives, relationships with nonprofit partners, and disaster response activities. Sternad also focused on leveraging UPS’s financial, intellectual, and physical assets to support organizations and programs that address urgent humanitarian relief, community safety, environmental sustainability, volunteerism, and diversity.

Sternad previously served as vice president of worldwide public relations and media affairs for UPS, directing all media relations, reputation management, executive communications, financial communications, marketing public relations, and crisis communications activities for the company globally.

A native of Norwalk, CT, Sternad received a bachelor’s degree in journalism and political science from Ohio Wesleyan University and completed graduate work in corporate and political communications at Fairfield University.

In keeping with UPS’s long-standing commitment to the community, Sternad serves on the boards of trustees of the Points of Light and MARR, Inc., and on the President’s Circle of Ohio Wesleyan University. He previously served on the board of trustees of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC), and as vice chair of the Foundation for American Communications (FACS). He is a member of the Arthur Page Society, where he previously served on the organization’s board of trustees. Sternad is also active with the Boy Scouts of America.

Sternad resides with his wife, Judy, in Norcross, GA. They have three children.



VOTE FOR
TRUSTEES!

Official Alumni
Trustee Ballot 2016

Vote with an “X” for or against the slate presented. See the accompanying bios and photos for **Alton F. “Rick” Doody III ‘80** and **Kenneth B. Sternad ‘77**.

Alumni couples may vote twice on the same ballot. Submit your ballot online, or by mail or fax to the Alumni Relations Office,
 Attn: Katie Webster, (740) 368-3329

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS MARCH 15, 2016.

TRUSTEE SLATE

New Alumni Trustees: Alton F. “Rick” Doody III ‘80, Kenneth B. Sternad ‘77

Incumbent Trustees: Jason Downey ‘02, Mike McCluggage ‘70

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

Alumnus/a Signature _____ Class Year _____

Alumnus/a Signature _____ Class Year _____

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR VOTE:

Online at www.owu.edu/alumni/2016BOTslate

Via mail to Katie Webster, Director of Alumni Relations, University Advancement Office, Ohio Wesleyan University, Mowry Alumni Center, 61 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015.

By fax at (740) 368-3328

To nominate an alumnus/a for future consideration, please send an email to alumni@owu.edu. Please include name, class year, and qualifications.

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Name _____
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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.owu.edu/alumni or call (740) 368-3325.

JANUARY 2016

January 23 | On-Campus
Bishop Backer Community Day

FEBRUARY 2016

February 2 | Cleveland
Cleveland Foodbank Event

February 11 | Chicago, IL
Blackhawks Game

February 19 | Sarasota, FL
Red & Black Luncheon

February 20 | Naples, FL
Red & Black Luncheon

February 20 | On-Campus
50th Reunion gathering (Class years
1964 – 1970)

February 27 | Cold Spring Harbor,
NY
Men's Lacrosse Game and Alumni
gathering

MARCH 2016

March 18-20 | On-Campus
FIJI Pig Weekend (Phi Gamma Delta)

March 31 | Columbus Museum
of Art
Monnett Club – "Art After Hours"

APRIL 2016

April 16 | On-Campus
Phi Union (Phi Delta Theta)

April 16 | Various locations
OWU vs. Denison Viewing Parties

April 21-23 | On-Campus
Alumni Association Board of
Directors meeting

April 30, 2016 | On-Campus
Monnett Club – Lunch with author
and essayist Amy Butcher

MAY 2016

May 13-15 | On-Campus
Alumni Weekend

Scenes from Alumni Weekend 2015



Don't Be a Stranger!

If you are interested in becoming involved in your regional chapters, please contact us at one of the following email addresses:

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Philadelphia Alumni/Parent Chapter - Philadelphiaalumni@owu.edu

SAVE THE DATE
Alumni Weekend
2016 May 13-15



Professor of history Ellen Arnold's photographic print was featured on the title wall of the "abstractions" exhibition at the A Smith Gallery in Johnson City, TX, from October 31-November 22. The piece, "Atmosphere," is a digital photo printed onto metal. The photograph won the Director's Choice award at the gallery.

Assistant professor of English Amy Butcher's essay, "Reenacting," originally published in *The Iowa Review* and excerpted from her book *Visiting Hours* (Blue Rider Press-Penguin Books USA/April 2015), will be listed in the "Notable Essays of 2015" section in the upcoming *Best American Essays* anthology. The anthology, guest edited by Ariel Levy, is published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Trade.

Professor of English David M. Caplan has been selected for a second time as an application peer reviewer for Fulbright Scholarships in American literature. The Fulbright Program extends to over 155 countries. Caplan, who will review applications submitted worldwide, was awarded Fulbright Scholarships in 2004 and 2012.

Associate professor of religion David Eastman completed a second book, *The Ancient Martyrdom Accounts of Peter and Paul (Writings from the Greco-Roman World Series)* (Society of Biblical Literature, July 2015). The text includes introductions and translations of more than a dozen martyrdom accounts of Peter and Paul in Greek, Latin,

and Syriac, along with more than 40 references to the martyrdoms from early Christian literature. This is the first time that these stories have been brought together, and marks an advance in the study of the apostolic traditions.

Professor of classics Lee Fratantuono authored two major books in 2015: *A Reading of Lucretius' De Rerum Natura* and *Virgil: Aeneid 5*, the latter co-authored with Alden Smith of Baylor University. He also published eight peer reviewed scholarly articles in a variety of international venues: one on bee imagery in the poet Lucan in an Italian volume of conference proceedings; two on the Roman author Juvenal in Italy and Belgium; one on the poet Catullus in South Africa; one on the "Hesperides" in the Czech Republic; and one each on the Roman gods Mercury, Neptune, and Ceres in Italy and France.

Assistant professor of physics-astronomy and neuroscience Christian Fink is co-principal investigator, along with Bill Stacey from the University of Michigan, on a research project grant recently funded by the National Institutes of Health. The project is titled "Characterizing High Frequency Oscillations as an Epilepsy Biomarker with Big Data Tools." Fink and Stacey will investigate an abnormal brain rhythm often observed in people with epilepsy. The hope is that this line of research will eventually enable the prediction of epileptic seizures. The grant will also provide funding for OWU students to conduct summer research with Fink for the next five years.

Professors of psychology Lynda Hall and emeritus Harry Bahrck gave an invited address at Ohio Dominican University on November 10. They talked about the role of methodological development in scientific innovation, and gave specific examples from 50 years of research in the Memory Lab at Ohio Wesleyan.



Assistant professor of music Jennifer Jolley went on tour with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra as part of the company's Made in Vermont 2015 tour. Jolley composed a piece titled "The Ferry Crossing" that premiered on the tour. Jolley says her music is inspired not by destinations, but by the journey and travel along the way.

The University of Michigan Press published *Kinesis: The Ancient Depiction of Gesture, Motion, and Emotion* (C. Clark, E. Foster and J.P. Hallett, editors), a collection of 18 essays recognizing the scholarship of **emeritus John R. Wright Professor of Humanities-Classics Donald Lateiner**. The book includes 18 essays by Lateiner's colleagues, a biographical sketch, and a bibliography of his publications. The essays analyze themes explored in Lateiner's book, *The Sardonic Smile*, the first in-depth study of nonverbal behavior in the works of Homer.



Associate Professor of Spanish Juan Armando Rojas Joo released a book of poetry, *Sanctuarios desierto mar / Sanctuaries Desert Sea*, with translations by Jennifer Rathbun. The book is an homage to Mexican-American indigenous peoples, their mythologies, and their transcultural experiences.

Professor of philosophy Shari Stone-Mediatore authored two articles that theorize the importance of undervalued, "feminist" approaches to pursuing knowledge—"Attending to Others: Simone Weil and Epistemic Pluralism," in *Philosophical Topics* (2013) and "Storytelling/Narrative," in *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theory*, edited by Lisa Disch and Mary Hawkesworth (2015). She will also serve as a panelist on a symposium featuring Professor Bonnie Mann's book, *Sovereign Masculinity: Gender Lessons from the War on Terror*, at the 2016 American Philosophical Association Central Division annual meeting.

Emeritus history professor Richard W. Smith authored *Bishop Mcllvaine, Slavery, Britain and the Civil War* (XLIBRIS 2014). A salient figure in the 1800s, Bishop Charles P. Mcllvaine was an anti-slavery advocate, prominent evangelical in the Protestant-Episcopal Church, and a political presence in both Britain and America. This is the first biography written about Bishop Mcllvaine.

Comparative literature professor Anne Sokolsky's new book, *From New Woman Writer to Socialist: The Life and Selected Writings of Tamura Toshiko From 1936 to 1938* (Brill Academic Publishers April 2015), includes a biography of Tamura, an early Japanese feminist and New Woman writer, and several translations of her later understudied works about the Japanese immigrant experience in North America and Japanese life in militarist Japan. OWU Fine Arts student **Catie Beech '16** illustrated the book's cover.

Professors of botany and microbiology Chris Wolverton and Bruce Roberts co-authored "The Evaluation of a Substrate-applied Humectant to Mitigate Drought Stress in Young, Container-grown Plants," in the *Journal of Environmental Horticulture* which was published in September. Recent OWU graduate **Samantha West '15** aided with the scholarly research.

CLASSnotes

1950s

Margaret Bender Brick '50 co-edited the book EXPERIENCES: *Life in a Continuing Care Retirement Community*, which includes reflections from residents of Kendal at Longwood, a continuing care retirement community in Pennsylvania. Through residents' stories, the book argues the value of "aging in community" rather than at home. Proceeds from the book's sales will benefit the Kendal at Longwood Reserve Fund.

Jean Rockwell Beach '51 co-authored the biography *Undefeated: The True Story of How the Family-Owned Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry Service Survived and Advanced through Three Generations*, published by AuthorHouse press. The book chronicles a ferry business on Mackinac Island, MI, from its origins through present day, in its third generation as a family-owned-and-operated business.

Melvin Van Peebles '53 was interviewed by hamptonroads.com for his work as a film director.

William Shepler Jr. '54 was a 2015 inductee into the Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame in Wyandotte, MI. William spent his career dedicated to the state of Michigan and its tourism industry.

Douglas Ditrack Jr. '55 was honored by Christian Health Care Center for his philanthropic service, leadership, and

commitment to the Wyckoff, NJ, area.

Vincent Maola '56 acts as an extra cast member in the upcoming film "Equity," which will appear at Sundance Film Festival in January 2016 before being released nationally. Vincent plays the general manager of a hotel on Wall Street.

James Murphy III '56 was inducted into the Cardington-Lincoln High School Alumni Hall of Fame. James is a dentist who practiced general dentistry until 1982, when he began specializing in removable prosthodontics. He has been recognized as a Top Dentist by *Columbus Monthly* magazine for the past five years.

John Hill '57 was included in Strathmore's *Who's Who* Worldwide Edition for his excellent work in the fields of health care and education. He is a semi-retired emeritus professor of surgery at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. Strathmore's *Who's Who* Worldwide highlights the professional lives of individuals from every significant field or industry including business, medicine, law, education, art, government, and entertainment.

1960s

John MacIlwaine '60 and **Paula Sanders MacIlwaine '62** were featured in the *Dayton Daily News* on July 29, 2015, for their generous charitable giving in the greater Dayton, OH, area.

Laurence Bettcher '61 was inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame in Washington, DC. Laurence is the retired chairman and CEO of Bettcher Industries, a premier manufacturer of cutting tools used in food processing and other industrial applications. He currently holds directorships at Bettcher Industries, First Citizens Banc Corp., and The Citizens Banking Company.

Herbert "Bert" DuPont '61 received the prestigious Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Texas System in August, honoring his delivery of the highest quality health education over the past 40 years. The award recognizes a select number of faculty across the nine universities and six health institutions of the university system. Bert was also the recipient of an OWU Distinguished Alumni Citation in 2006.

Mary Elizabeth King '62 has published *Gandhian Nonviolent Struggle and Untouchability in South India: The 1924-25 Vykam Satyagraha and Mechanisms of Change*, a book for which she has been conducting research for more than 15 years. Her work was supported by the United States Institute of Peace and her institute at Oxford University in Britain.

Sherry Smith Bell '63 published the fifth fine art print portfolio from her press, Blue Sky Press, in Lafayette, CA. Her latest publication, *Cross Currents*, is

a collaboration with Milestone Graphics of Bridgeport, CT. Printed in a limited edition of 20, *Cross Currents* establishes a dialogue between artists on the East and West coasts. Her work can be seen in OWU's collection, as well as museums and other private collections. She was honored to be the alumnae artist for her 50th OWU class reunion with a one-woman exhibition at Mowry Hall.

Sally Ward Bloomfield '65, an attorney and partner at Bricker & Eckler, has been appointed by the Ohio State Bar Association as chairperson of the organization's Senior Lawyers Section.

James Hammann '67 played the final program of the Iowa Falls Summer Organ Recital Series at St. Matthews by-the-Bridge Episcopal Church in August in Iowa Falls, IA.

Earl Runde '67 represented Ohio Wesleyan at the inauguration of Sheila Bair as president of Washington College in Chestertown, MD, in September. Earl is on the board of directors of Kent Youth, Inc., in Chestertown, and a member of the finance committee of the Kent County Public Library.

Lowell Vorpe '67 was inducted into Kettering City Schools' 2015 Chester A. Roush Educational Hall of Fame in Kettering, OH. He retired as the principal at Van Buren Middle School in Kettering in 2002, and his Hall of Fame induction honored

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Judith DeVries Kammeraad '68 published her debut novel with Secret Cravings Publishing and then with I Heart Publishing. *Teach Me Too*, a romantic suspense novel, is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and wherever books are sold. Judith's website is www.judithkammeraad.com.

Harry Flannery '69, senior corporate counsel for FirstEnergy in Akron, OH, also was named Of Counsel in the law firm of Nicolls Flannery & Palmer (New Castle, PA), where his brothers **John Flannery '64** and **Richard Flannery '64** are partners. He is manager and owner of Castle Security, LLC, a security firm run by his son, Preston, father of Harry's six-year-old granddaughter Payton. In 2015, Harry published the book *Are You Predestined?*, which compares the words of John Calvin and Martin Luther. The work has its origins at OWU, and OWU is praised and referenced as the foundation for the research. Professors Fichter, Kearns, and Snyder were instrumental in moving Harry to research the topic. Finally, Harry is happy to report that living with him and his wife Maureen in New Castle, PA, are his daughter, **Courtney Flannery '09**, her husband Michael, and their children: Bentley (four months old), Conner (9 years old), and Miley (7 years old).

Susan Phillips Read '69 announced her retirement as an associate judge on the New York State Court of Appeals, the state's highest court. Susan served more than 12 years of her 14-year term. She was appointed to the position in 2003 by Governor George Pataki.

1970s

Barbara Keiser '70 retired in May from her position as director of Eastern Monroe Public Library in Stroudsburg, PA.

Deborah Meese Schenk '70, president and chief executive officer of Mechanics Bank, was featured in the *Mansfield News Journal* on June 20, as one of 10 influential "women you should know" in Richmond County, OH.

Scott Chaney '71 published *Where's My Stuff?*, a book about organization techniques that make it easier for loved ones to find important documents at the time of death.

Sara Miller '71, curator of the Graham and Ann Gund art collection at the Gund Gallery at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, spoke to Kenyon students in September about how to make a career out of a studio art or art history degree.

Sharon Smithey Coale '72 hosted sophomore student Mallory McCorkle as a summer 2015 intern with ABCKids Therapy, Sharon's private speech and language clinic located in Potomac, MD.

Andy Federico '72 is an attorney at Carlile Patchen & Murphy, a Columbus, OH, law firm that announced it will merge with Campbell Hornbeck Chilcoat & Veatch to create a full-service law firm with a new office in Dublin, OH. The newly combined firm will keep the Carlile Patchen & Murphy name, becoming the largest full-service law office in northwest Franklin, Delaware, and Union counties.

Ken Bradbury '74 has been named the new state geologist in Wisconsin and director of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey at the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Gael Bissell '75 was featured in the *Daily Inter Lake* newspaper on July 19 for her 31-year career as a wildlife biologist with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Roger Brigham '76, a sports columnist at the *The Bay Area Reporter*, was inducted into the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame in July. Author of the Reporter's Jock Talk column, Roger made history as the

first openly gay sports editor at a major metropolitan daily newspaper when he worked at the *Anchorage Daily News* in the early 1980s.

Sally Christiansen Harris '76 displayed her photography in an exhibition titled "Cultures of the World," which was showcased in the Mowry Alumni Center at OWU from September 23–December 8.

Michael Jordan '76, of Jordan Resolutions, LLC, was named to the "Best Lawyers America" 2015 edition in the areas of arbitration and mediation. He also was named to Ohio Super Lawyers in the field of alternative dispute resolution. Michael recently spoke at the American Health Lawyers Association program on arbitration in health care in New Orleans, LA, and at the American Conference Institute's annual Advanced Forum on Managed Care Disputes and Litigation in Chicago, IL.

Anne Kleindienst '76, a shareholder of the national law firm Polsinelli, was selected for ranking in Chambers USA in the category of health care. Anne is a business lawyer who practices in the areas of health care, corporate and transactional, and franchise law. Chambers USA is considered to be the world's leading guide to the legal profession.

Joan Roberts-Swank '76 was featured in the *Sidney Daily News* on June 16, reflecting on her 36-year career as a guidance counselor and educator.

Barbara Jackson Hall '77 was awarded a second graduate degree, the Master of Entrepreneurship, from Western Carolina University.

Doug Kridler '77 and his wife Monica were featured in the July/August issue of *Capital Style* magazine.

James Almendinger '78 spoke at the Stillwater Critical Thinking Club in August, in Stillwater, MN. James is a senior research scientist at the Science

Museum of Minnesota's St. Croix Watershed Research Station, where he does hydrological research.

Douglas Gordin '78, men's golf coach at Florida Southern University, was inducted into the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame in August. He joins his father, former OWU coach Richard Gordin, in the Hall of Fame, making them its only father-son duo.

Christina Misner Rao '79 presented an organ performance in July as part of an event at the Readfield Union Meeting House in Readfield, ME, marking the restoration of the building's historic organ.

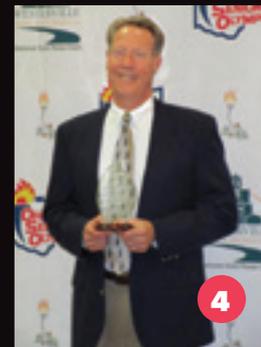
1980s

William Fowler '81, partner at Comstock, Springer & Wilson Co., was the recipient of the Mahoning County Bar Association's 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

Eric Gustavson '81 stepped down as boys' soccer coach at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT, after 33 years, and his son **Abraham Gustavson '11** will take his place. Eric will continue to serve as athletic director and soccer development director.

Robert Hanna '81, an attorney at Tucker Ellis, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2016, a list determined by extensive peer surveys.

Catherine Dickinson Hawke '81 celebrated 10 years of marriage to her husband Steve Rubino, a retired International 747 captain who now is a pilot for the owner of the Washington Redskins. Cathy started breeding registered Texas longhorn cattle under the name Sky Ranch Longhorns, maintaining a herd in Barnesville, OH, and on the outskirts of Houston, TX. "I always wanted to be a cowgirl," she says. "This new passion is the most fun I have ever had in my life and enjoy sharing it with anyone interested in learning more." She welcomes OWU friends and family to come see



1 | Law school graduation

Ohio Wesleyan friends gathered in May 2015 to celebrate Seth O'Loughlin's '12 graduation from Michigan State College of Law in Northville, MI. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Ellen Platt '12, Seth O'Loughlin '12, (second row) Paul O'Loughlin '14, Samuel Meisterman '12, Mackenzie Schroeder '15, Delaney Drew '12, (third row) Dustin Green '12, Rob Williams '12, Colin Moore '15, and Conor Golden '16.

2 | Stinemetz-Berger wedding

OWU alumni celebrated the wedding of Emily Stinemetz '11 and Brian Berger on June 13, 2015, in Houston, TX. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Cailee Smith '12, Ally Grinder '11, Ahlam Baqhum '11, Emily Stinemetz '11, (second row) Kellie Gross '12, Alex Garner '11, Alex Stinemetz '16, (third row) Brittany Stojasavljevic '11, and Chuck Stinemetz '83.

3 | Scheaffer-Laubender wedding

Elizabeth Sheaffer '13 married Benjamin Laubender on July 25, 2015, on Little Traverse Bay in Bay View, MI. OWU alumni joining in the celebration were grandparents of the bride, Dr. Jerry Sheaffer '55 and Anne Child Sheaffer '52, father of the bride Dan Sheaffer '81, uncle of the bride Jeremy Sheaffer '90,

and friends Melodie Beeman-Black '15, Emily Porter '12, Vanessa VanBesien '16, Ben Danielson '14, Drew Howard '13, Joe Lugosch '13, Spencer Colmenares '14, Claire Paniccia '13, Newt Kimberly '13, and Deni Drenic '14.

4 | Senior Olympics Hall of Fame

David Janson '73 was inducted into the Senior Olympics Hall of Fame in a ceremony in Dublin, OH, on June 7, 2015. David was a sprinter on the Bishops track team from 1969–1973. He was inducted in part for his success in Masters and Senior Olympics track in the 400 and 200 meters, in which he has earned All-American Honors for the last 10 years. He was also recognized for volunteering his time to conduct numerous sprint workshops in the Cincinnati area with two of his training partners, who visit once a year during their time off from the national German track team.

5 | Pacha-Perone wedding

Chelsie Pacha '10 and Ryan Perone '08 were married on June 20, 2015, in Westbrook, CT. Other Ohio Wesleyan graduates joining them in their celebration were, from left to right: (back row) Kaylea Bidwell '10, Maddie Britz '10, Greg Vasami '09, Lisa Connolly '10, Sarah Bonnett '10, Lindsey Collier '10,

(front row) Alexandra Bryar '09, Jaclyn Tilden '10, Kelly Gardner '10, Chelsie Pacha '10, Ryan Perone '08, and Justine Bryar '09.

6 | Memories from Bashford Hall

Former Bashford Hall dorm counselors and their wives have reunited frequently since graduation, most recently gathering in Glen Lake, MI, at the summer home of Bruce Alton '61 and Christine Lichliter Alton '62 from September 11–13, 2015. Together they remember when Bashford was a freshman men-only dorm, with Bruce serving as head resident. Pictured from left to right are: Bruce Alton '61, Ph.D., Steve Anderson '70, Chris Dutton '71, JD, John Morris '70, MD, Lucy Morris, MD, Mark Shippis '70, Ann Bradley Dutton '71, Ginny O'Grady Shippis '70, Chris Burns-Dibiasio, Dan DiBiasio '71, Ph.D., Mike Mickler '71, Ph.D., Reiko Mickler, and Christie Lichliter Alton '62.

7 | Class of '77 gathering

Alumnae from the class of 1977 reunited in Williamsburg, VA, on September 11, 2015. Pictured from left to right are: (seated) Sally McCormick McConnell '77, Sandy Schoenfeld Saxton '77, Ellen Simpson '77, Laurie McGregor Connor '77, Kathy Shape Hedrich '77, Flo Magnusson Griffin '77, (standing) Sara Graney Shroeder '77, Kathy Shepherd



Strang '77, Lydia Keller Calio '77, Mason Caperton Hood '77, Molly Ward '77, Karen Wilton Crane '77, Cathy Davis Heisinger '77, and Laurie Smith Darling '77.

8 | High school teachers show pride

Ohio Wesleyan alumni who are teachers at Olentangy Liberty High School in Delaware County, OH, showed their school spirit on college t-shirt day. Pictured from left to right are: (back row) Alison Baxendale '04, Chris Moore '04, David Hale '97, and (front) Ellie Huber '05.

9 | Perrin-Stevens wedding

Brent Perrin '07 was married to Alex Stevens, Boston University '11, on August 1, 2015, in Washington, DC. Brent currently lives and works in Washington, DC, as a political research analyst for Freedom Partners. OWU alumni joining in the celebration were, pictured from left to right: Jim Murphy '74, Ryan Mead '07, Matt Spirakus '08, Alex Stevens Perrin, Brent Perrin '07, father of the groom Gray Perrin '74, Laura Small Boyd '07, and Mark Boyd '05.



the herd and enjoy some BBQ in the Appalachian foothills on her 3,500-acre ranch. Cathy started a syndicate for those who want to be an owner but are unable to care for these animals, and launched an online educational forum for new breeders called Cathy's Cattle College.

Peter Hahn '82, professor of history at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH, has been named divisional dean of arts and humanities at the university.

Eve Adams '83 achieved Fellow status with the American Psychological Association and its Division 17, the Society of Counseling Psychology. She now has full professor rank at New Mexico State University in the department of counseling and educational psychology. Most important, she and her wife, Betsy Cahill, just celebrated 30 years together.

John Doody '83 was featured in *Capital Style* magazine's July/August issue for his work as founder of Piada, an Italian fast-casual restaurant.

Kara Trott '83 was named 2015 Executive of the Year in *Columbus Business First* newspaper's C-Suite Awards.

Thomas Turner '83 is the 2015 inductee into the National Flight Instructor Hall of Fame. Tom has been a flight instructor since 1988, before which he served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He has served aviation in a variety of roles, including his current position as executive director of the American Bonanza Society Air Safety Foundation (ABS). During his tenure at ABS, Tom developed programs such as the Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program, the ABS Flight Instructor Academy, and the ABS Maintenance Academy. These programs educate and standardize flight instructors, pilots, and mechanics in the techniques of flying, inspecting, and maintaining Beech aircraft. He is also editor-in-chief of *ABS Magazine*. In addition to his ABS duties, Tom is the 2010 National

Federal Aviation Association (FAA) Safety Representative of the Year and the 2008 FAA Central Region Flight Instructor of the Year. Tom serves on safety committees with the National Business Aviation Association, has presented forums at Sun 'n' Fun and EAA AirVenture, and is a founder of EAA's Type Club Coalition, among other activities. He is the author of three books: *Weather Patterns and the Phenomena: A Pilot's Guide*, *Cockpit Resource Management: The Private Pilot's Guide*, and *Controlling Pilot Error: Checklists and Compliance*, as well as hundreds of articles on flying technique and safety. Tom also writes *Flying Lessons*, a free weekly safety e-newsletter, at www.mastery-flight-training.com. Tom is an airline transport pilot and an FAA-certificated flight instructor for instrument and multi-engine flight, and holds a master's degree in aviation safety from Central Missouri State University.

Christopher Shepler '84 was appointed to the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board. Christopher is president of Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry Service.

Stephen Tuzik '85 is now human resources director for the town of Nantucket, MA.

Darrel Gibson '87 was named the OWU Office of Multicultural Affairs alum of the year for 2015.

Brenda Lepley Pigou '87 is now a faculty member at Wyoming Seminary's Upper School campus in Kingston, PA. Brenda teaches English as a second language and English.

Bradd Skinner '87 is now permanent assistant director, field operations, for trade operations at Laredo Field Office, part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Paul Treseler '88 is now chairman of the Massachusetts Parole Board, the agency that grants parole and supervises parolees.

1990s

Joseph Murray '90 is now commander at the Marine Corps base Quantico in Quantico, VA.

Lon Kemeness '91 was appointed by Georgia governor Nathan Deal to the state's Department of Community Supervision Advisory Board.

Jonathan Whithaus '91 is now an assistant women's golf coach at Duke University.

Paul Asencio '92, senior vice president of corporate sales and partnerships for the New York Mets, was featured in *Hispanic Executive* magazine in the summer of 2015. He discussed the ways that social media and mobile impact his strategy for generating revenue for the team.

Lori Evans Bernstein '92 was elected to the United Hospital Fund's board of directors. United Hospital Fund is a health services research and philanthropic organization whose primary mission is to shape positive change in health care for the people of New York City. Lori is co-founder and chief operating officer of HealthReveal, a digital health company reinventing the way chronic disease is diagnosed and treated.

Keith Rucker Sr. '92 joined the 2015 Cincinnati Bengals coaching staff as an intern through the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship program. Prior to this appointment, Keith was a defensive line coach at OWU. He also was a six-year defensive tackle in the NFL, including two seasons with the Bengals.

William Day '93 participated in the Open Studios Fall Artist Tour, which invited the public into the studios of artists in the Boulder, CO, area. His body of work features the incorporation of music into the visual art experience.

James Kyner '93 is now coordinator of high school testing and preschool programs at Greenbrier Elementary School in Charlottesville, VA.

John Oberle '93, an attorney at Ice Miller LLP, was appointed by the Ohio State Bar Association to be chairperson of the organization's Gaming and Liquor Law Committee.

Jonna Gallo Wepler '93 was promoted in October to deputy editor of *Family Circle Magazine*. She has been at the magazine since 1993, when as a new OWU graduate, she began as an editorial assistant, answering reader mail, and running errands. Her job titles have included assistant editor, reporter, staff writer, senior writer, senior editor, and articles director.

Jessica Battle '94 resigned after 19 seasons as girls' lacrosse coach at Coronado High School in Coronado, CA.

Chad Garland '94 is now director of the University Center at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Previously, Chad worked as associate director of the Armstrong Center at Miami University.

Katharine Herron-Piazza '94 is now priest-in-charge at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Weston, CT.

Teresa Troyer '94 is spending 10 months working out of the American Embassy in Bogota teaching Colombian teachers how to teach English as a second language to their Spanish-speaking students.

Vernita Johnson '95 was featured in the August 27 issue of *The Metropreneur Columbus* for her jewelry business Shy-Stones.

Edward Van Riper '95 is now director of recruiting for Independent Financial Partners, a Registered Investment Adviser and comprehensive wealth management firm in Tampa, FL.

Trent Collier '96, an attorney at Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, was named to the 2015 Michigan Super Lawyers list. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

REBUILDING HOMES AND LIVES



Zachary Rosenberg '95 and his wife Liz McCartney were featured in *People Magazine* in August 2015 for their efforts to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters.

In 2006 the couple founded the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to such rebuilding, after leaving their home in Washington, DC, to support victims of Hurricane Katrina. Since Katrina, the organization has expanded its services to those in other areas of need, including recent flood victims in South Carolina and Texas.

Starting a nonprofit was never in Zach's plans. "I thought I would be a criminal defense lawyer until I was 50 and then be a high school principal," he says. However, when the couple arrived in New Orleans for what was intended to be a two-week trip, they saw too many people in need to turn back. They moved to the area permanently and, after hosting a couple of fundraisers to accumulate start-up funds, launched the St. Bernard Project.

"I think that humans are hard-wired to cause impact and fix things, whether it is in corporations or people-serving organizations," Zach says. "I am driven by the challenges that we face: ensuring that post-disaster recovery in America is commensurate with our country's needs and true potential."

The work is difficult, to be sure, but Zach and Liz are dedicated to reducing the time between disaster and complete recovery. "We want homeowners to have a prompt, efficient, and predictable path home," Zach says.

"The St. Bernard Project's work is a big challenge—we are working to change the way that success is measured in post-disaster recovery: a switch from measuring process, to measuring impact."

As Zach and Liz look ahead, they know their services will continue to be in high demand—and they remain focused on being there to provide that help.

Jon Frobouck '96 is the head cook at E.leaven restaurant in Jackson Hole, WY, which was featured in *Jackson Hole News & Guide* in July.

LaTida Lester Smith '96 was named president and chief operating officer of Moses Taylor Foundation in Scranton, PA, in July.

Ellen Blanchard '97 co-authored an article published June 19 on the IPWatchdog website, titled

"Law firms are the new target for IP theft: Basic Protections." Ellen is the associate general counsel and director of eDiscovery consulting for Evolver, a technology company.

Jackie Hager '97 is an attorney at Carlile Patchen & Murphy, a Columbus, OH, law firm that announced its merger with Campbell Hornbeck Chilcoat & Veatch to create a full-service law firm with a new office in Dublin,

OH. The newly combined firm will keep the name Carlile Patchen & Murphy, making it the largest full-service law office in northwest Franklin, Delaware, and Union counties.

Megan Hinton '97 was a featured artist at Tao Water Gallery in Provincetown, MA, in July.

Stephen Martin '97 joined Cardinal Innovations in June as senior associate general counsel. Stephen was a former partner with Nelson Mullins.

Gregor Collins '98 was interviewed by *The Huffington Post* on June 26 about his book *The Accidental Caregiver: How I Met, Loved, and Lost Legendary Holocaust Refugee Maria Altmann*.

Abigail Feldman '98 played the lead role of Hedda Tesman in Indiana University Theatre's production of "Hedda Gabler" in September.

Sonya Miller Goshe '98 is now assistant professor of criminal justice at Wilmington College in Wilmington, OH.

Wendy Huston '98 joined Jeff Dezen Public Relations in South Carolina as a senior account executive. Wendy has 17 years of public relations experience.

Maggie Smith-Beehler '99 was featured in *The Columbus Dispatch* on July 13 for her work as a poet. Her most recent book of poems is titled *The Well Speaks of Its Own Poison*.

2000s

Umair Akeel '00 was appointed chief technology officer in residence and operating partner at Bessemer Venture Partners, a global venture capital firm. Previously, Umair was chief architect of Eloqua, and he has 15 years of experience in technology development and leadership.

Misha Sher '00 published the article "What brands can learn from the NFL coming to the UK" in *Marketing Magazine* on October 1.

Daniel Stroka '00 was named one of Hunterdon Central High School's top four athletes of all time, voted upon by NJ.com readers. A three-time All-American athlete at OWU, Daniel played football and lacrosse.

Eric Weldele '00 is a candidate for the board of directors of Gas Natural Inc., a holding company operating local natural gas utilities in six states across the country. Eric is the former chief of staff of the Public Utility

Commission of Ohio and advisor for Cox Consulting Group.

Adam Van Wynsberghe '01, associate professor of chemistry at Hamilton College, was awarded tenure. He earned his Ph.D. in biophysics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2007.

Jeffrey Clapper '02, CEO of 8th and Walton, a Walmart supplier development company, was named one of "40 Under 40" outstanding individuals by the *Northwest Arkansas Business Journal*.

Melissa Schoger '02 was promoted to vice president of planning and financial analysis at RPM International Inc. in Medina, OH.

Joseph Chandler '03 was featured on the website philipstown.info in August for his work as a jewelry photographer.

Diana Johnson Galante '03 was featured on the Smithsonian Museum blog on August 5 for her work as the conservator who restored an 1896 women's safety bicycle as part of the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation Object Project.

Scott Hayes '03 celebrated 10 years as the organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Granville, OH.

Joseph Wechsler '03 is now consulting manager at Knowledge Capital Group, LLC. Most recently, Joseph worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Eric Korn '04 is the owner of Wolfert's Roost in Irvington, NY, which was voted best new restaurant by *Westchester Magazine* for 2015.

Caine Daugherty '05 is now a geographer for the Chugach National Forest in Anchorage, AK.

Wesley Goodman '06 is a candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives, running in the 87th District Republican primary.

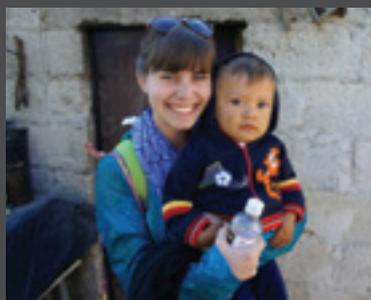
Samantha Borkovic '09 became head coach of the Edgewood girls' soccer team in Edgewood, PA. Samantha spent the past two seasons as a varsity assistant and junior varsity coach at Edgewood.

Connor McGowan '09 is now the first head lacrosse coach at University of Alabama at Huntsville.

2010s

Danielle Beauford '10 studied key species re-introduction efforts of the great steppe in Mongolia, the "Land of the Blue Sky," during the summer of 2015. Danielle, an animal keeper at The

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE GUIDES SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Katie Nunner '15 spent the summer of 2015 interning with CARE for AIDS, a Christian nonprofit organization that partners with local Kenyan churches to operate centers that serve the physical, spiritual, economic, and social needs of people

living with HIV/AIDS. She was placed in the internship through Praxis Academy's Future Founders program, an intense eight-week entrepreneurial apprenticeship program for undergraduates and recent graduates who are interested in pursuing a career in entrepreneurship with purposeful innovation, and are serious about their faith.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the process of starting an organization from CARE for AIDS and the Praxis

community," Katie says. "The experience helped me to learn more about Africa, global health, and the challenges of attempting to create positive change in communities."

Today, Katie is a graduate student at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), studying for her master's degree in development management.

"At LSE, I am truly in an international community. Everyone is from around the world and is very knowledgeable about international issues—it's exhilarating to engage in lectures and seminars with my friends from diverse countries including Germany, France, Kuwait, Malaysia, and Kenya. My experience at LSE has already expanded my world and I'm looking forward to future possibilities."

Katie says her time at OWU inspired her to explore the world and give back to others. She participated in two travel-learning courses as a student, in London and Mexico, experiences she says helped prepare her for her post-graduate journey. "All of these experiences helped me to start to engage on an international level, and I am so thankful for the OWU community."

ALUM EXPLORES CONTROVERSIAL ADVERTISING IN NEW BOOK



Steve Ruygrok '10 has published his first book, *The Decaying Pillars*, a fictional story inspired by the concept of “native advertising.” An emerging but controversial advertising model, native advertising is a way of disguising advertising as an actual article, with the intent to more naturally influence and persuade its intended audience. Steve sees native advertising as a serious threat to ethical journalism

and the industry as a whole.

“My book goes into the behind-the-scenes of creating native advertising, questionable journalistic practices, and other issues facing the industry today,” Steve explains. “The controversy arises when people cannot tell the difference between what is native advertising and what is independent, actual journalism. It’s a gray area that marketers dream of. Viewers, readers, and all consumers of media need to know what native advertising is and the forms it can take.”

Steve says *The Decaying Pillars* is focused on bringing awareness to what he believes is an important issue.

“Creating the book was never about selling copies or gaining notoriety. It was and still is about getting people who are involved with journalism, and people who are not, talking about the place native advertising should have in media today.”

The Decaying Pillars is available for purchase through Amazon, Amazon eBook, Nook eBook, and iBook.

Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, took the graduate course in pursuit of her master’s degree from Miami University’s Global Field Program.

Lucy Schmitt '10 will be taking over duties as Dublin Scioto High School girls’ soccer head coach beginning next season.

Judson Hall '11 is now assistant coach of Colgate University’s men’s lacrosse team. Judson has spent the last four years coaching at The Ohio State University.

Erin Shoffstall '11 studied biotic, physical, and cultural forces that affect tropical biodiversity at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and La Selva Biological Station during the summer of

2015. Erin, a program education specialist at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Hudson, OH, took the graduate course in pursuit of her master’s degree from Miami University’s Advanced Inquiry Program.

Julia Metz Ward '12 was promoted to executive secretary to the state librarian at the State Library of Ohio, where she has worked for 15 years.

Vincent Donofrio '14 was promoted to assistant property manager at the Columbus, OH, office of Cushman & Wakefield, a global commercial real estate services company.

Nathan Chaffee '15 was selected as a 2015 Woodrow

Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellow. This competitive program recruits recent graduates with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math and prepares them to teach in high-need secondary schools. As a part of the program, Nathan will receive funding to earn a master’s degree based on a yearlong classroom experience. He will then teach for three years in an Indiana school in need of strong teachers in his field.

Marriages 1990s

Jeff Armstrong '92 was married to Josh Harder on May 14, after more than a decade together. The couple was married at Seattle Municipal Court in Seattle, WA, and they live in Madison, WI.

2000s

LaShawnda Colvin '09 was married to James Phillips-Farley on June 27, at the Tea Barn at Fair Hill in Elkton, MD.

David Ebenhoh '10 was married to Sarah Tenison on May 30, in Canal Fulton, OH.

Births 1990s

Amy Fitzgibbons '98 welcomed a daughter, Sylvia “Sylvie” Jane Pandolfi, on June 22.

Kevin Kish '99 and **Kayle Karns Kish '00** welcomed a daughter, Kamryn Kish, on August 9.

David Shipps '99 and **Anmarie Sorrentino Shipps '99** celebrated the birth of a son, Anthony James Shipps, on August 5. Also celebrating are grandparents **Mark Shipps '70** and **Virginia O’Grady Shipps '70**, aunt **Elizabeth Shipps Yeater '01**, great uncle **David Shipps '66**, great aunt **Nancy Shipps Proulx '63**, and cousins **David Shier '81**, **Madeline Shier '13**, and **Bradley Shipps '98**.

2000s

Devon Hague '00 celebrated the birth of a son, Dallas Jacobi Hague, on July 22.

Sean Gibson '01 welcomed a daughter, Hannah Grace Gibson, on June 22.

Mark Holte '01 and **Joy Homitsky Holte '02** had their fourth future Battling Bishop, Aurora Mae Holte, on March 30. She joins her older siblings Cecilia, 7, Sebastien, 5, and Mathilde, 2. They reside in Pittsburgh, PA.

Katherine Rogers Colgan '02 welcomed a son, Finn Thomas Colgan, on July 2.

Carrie Steele Madren '02 and her husband Tyras Madren welcomed a son, Cade Hamilton Madren, on June 28, 2014.

Michael Long '03 and **Erika Howland Long '04** welcomed their second daughter, Grace Ann Long, on June 29.

Michael Grady '04 welcomed a daughter, Audrey Louise Grady, on July 9.

Joshua Dawson '05 welcomed a daughter, Ila Ruth Dawson, on July 18.

Shelby Larson Gajos '05 and her husband Dan Gajos welcomed their second child, Gavin Daniel Gajos, on June 3. Gavin joined big brother Dustin. The family currently resides in the Chicago area. Also celebrating is uncle **Bryce Larson '08**.

Brian Small '05 and his wife Kerri Small welcomed their first child, Bodey Everett Small, on June 17.

Sarah Wall '05 and her husband Jeremy Drechsler welcomed a daughter, Hazel Sue Drechsler, on July 22. Also celebrating are uncles **Mark Wall '09** and **Erik Wall '15**.

Amanda Wibley '05 welcomed a daughter, Kimberly Claire Brown, in July.

Dan Sharpe '06 and **Samantha Wallace Sharpe '09** celebrated the birth of a son, Henry Chase Sharpe, on July 29. Also celebrating is aunt **Jennifer Wallace '14**.

Brittany Coale '07 and Chris Bourassa celebrated the birth of a son, Tommy Bourassa, on May 14, 2014. Tommy is the grandson of **Sharon Smithey '72** and Bill Coale, and the nephew of **Billy Coale '02**, **Brooke Coale '05**, **John Krapf '06**, Beth Coale, and **Adam Rosen '97**. Brittany works as a scheduler for Freepoint Commodities. Chris, Brittany, and Tommy live in Westport, CT.

Alexandra Pfeister Koorn '10 and **Adam Koorn '10** welcomed a son, Everett Neal Koorn, on August 21.

Joshua Patrick '11 celebrated the birth of a son, Memphis Patrick, on June 20.

In Memoriam 1930s

Rhea Spencer Moss '38, of Saint Clair, MI, April 1, at the age of 98. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Adelia Tilton Muir '38, of Franklin, TN, August 11, at the age of 99. She was preceded in death by two brothers, **John Tilton '26** and **Robert Tilton '29**, and a nephew, **John Tilton '62**. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Katherine Fisher Strong '39, of Naples, FL, June 22, at the age of 97. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Elizabeth Fisher McCunn '32**, and is survived by a daughter, **Marsha Strong Carow '64**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Betty Westcott Wistar '39, of Libertyville, IL, October. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1940s

Gerald Evans '40, of Cincinnati, OH, September 15, at the age of 98.

Harry Humes '40, of Delaware, OH, October 7, at the age of 98. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Jo Midden Humes '39**. Harry was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Madeline and Jessie. In addition to his

wife, he is survived by two sons: Larry (Carol) and Brad (Bernie); four grandchildren: Heather, Tim, Scott, and Allison; and one great grandchild, Hannah Jo. He also is survived by five nieces and nephews. *Please see a longer version of this obituary online at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine/>.*

Mary Hutchisson Peebles '41, of Delaware, OH, September 22, at the age of 97. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Leslie Eynon '27**, and was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Margaret Carmichael Tritton '41, of Cleveland, OH, May 5, 2014, at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Tritton '40**. She is survived by a daughter, **Barbara Tritton Masarky '72**, and a cousin, **Thomas Tritton '69**. Margaret was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. *The magazine apologizes for the delay in the publication of this obituary.*

Matthew Gates '42, of Lebanon, IN, August 11, at the age of 94. He survived by three children, **Matthew Gates Jr. '69**, **Clark Gates '70**, and **Melissa Gates Walker '74**. Matthew was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Evelyn Keller Murray '43, of Tampa, FL, August 3, at the age of 93.

Walter Wilcox '43, of Orleans, MA, September 28, at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Pendleton Wilcox '44**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Ruth Leonard Claassen '44, of Santa Rosa, CA, July 8, at the age of 92. She was preceded in death by a cousin, **Margaret Fox Rardin '40**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Margaret Bell Dawson '44, of Cincinnati, OH, August 2, at the age of 93. She is survived by her husband, **J. Howard Dawson '44**, and a son, **Daniel Dawson '75**. Margaret was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Delta Gamma sorority.

Joan Babcock Eynon '44, of Portsmouth, OH, September 10, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Mary Babcock Scurlock '49**, and is survived by a sister, **Betty Babcock Covert '41**, and a son, **Lawrence Eynon '69**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

D. Wallace Magee '44, of Dublin, OH, July 28, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Pearl Hill Magee 1915**, an uncle, **W. Wallace Hill '26**, a sister, **Marjorie Magee Cahill '42**, and a brother, **Harold Magee '51**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

June Britton Kelly '45, of Alexandria, VA, August 8, at the age of 92. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Phyllis Weir Wilkie '45, of Mt. Vernon, NY, July 21, at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by a sister, **June Weir Baron '50**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Dorothy Stewart Pharis '46, of Cheyenne, WY, on June 1, at the age of 92. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Warner L. Rottman, DVM '46, of Long Beach, CA, June 8, at the age of 91. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Martha Gibbons Baldini '47, of Rockledge, FL, September 22, at the age of 90.

Glendon Evans '47, of Columbus, OH, August 12, at the age of 92.

Samuel Rice Jr. '47, of Perrysburg, OH, August 23, at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Virgiwin Rice Duncan '35**, and a brother, **John Rice '44**. He is survived by a niece, **Jacqueline Duncan Boynton '59**. Samuel was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Janet Rowland '47, of Virginia Beach, VA, August 29, at the age of 90. She is survived by a sister, **Mary Jane Bartholomai Fitch '51**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Ruby Sedlon Tunny '47, of Sarasota, FL, July 16, at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, **Henry Tunny '48**, and a son-in-law, **Richard Kilburn, Jr. '70**. She is survived by three daughters, **Lorraine Tunny Kilburn '71**, Valerie Holton, and Cheryl Blix, one sister, **Shirley Sedlon Mathewson '49**, and several grandchildren, including **Chelsea Kilburn Ludeke '08**. She was a member of the OWU Athletics Hall of Fame and Chi Omega sorority.

Gail Donnalley '48, of McLean, VA, September 7, at the age of 91.

Jean Oldham Heuman '48, of Venice, FL, August 4, at the age of 88.

Rosemary Roby Lancaster '48, of Burlington, NC, August 5, at the age of 89. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Jack Lee '48, of Clearwater, FL, September 10, at the age of 90. He is survived by two sons, **Mark Lee '74** and **Peter Lee '75**, and a granddaughter, **Tory Lee '09**. Jack was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

David Wecht '48, of Raleigh, NC, September 22, at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Phoebe Wecht Zepht '49**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Kenneth Gibbons '49, of Oklahoma City, OK, September 6, at the age of 89. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Mollylou Robb Hahn '49, of State College, PA, August 20, at the age of 87. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Barbara Jones '49, of Mount Vernon, OH, September 30, at the age of 88. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Marian Och Kusic '49, of St. Clairsville, OH, August 23, at the age of 88. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Elizabeth Blunden Lane '49, of Akron, OH, February 20, at the age of 87. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Mary Compton McLain '49, of Warren, OH, September 19, at the age of 88.

Janet Kepner McWhorter '49, of Friday Harbor, WA, June 23, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by an aunt, **Dorothy Kepner Reiter '32**. She is survived by two brothers, **Philip Kepner '54** and **Harry Kepner '59**, and a cousin, **Donald Reiter '62**. Janet was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Mary Hoover Zemba '49, of Youngstown, OH, August 19, at the age of 88. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1950s

David Read '50, of Green Valley, AZ, July 28, at the age of 87. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

E. Louise Ficken Bennett '51, of South Portland, ME, June 7, at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, **Edward DeHart '50**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Ronald Jezerc '51, of Appleton, WI, September 26, at the age of 85. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Harold Schuman '51, of Island Heights, NJ, August 3, at the age of 88. He is survived by a son, **Randolph Schuman '84**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Norman Slenker '51, of Hilton Head Island, SC, June 26, at the age of 85. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Louise Damon Thomas '51, of Avon Lake, OH, August 9, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Vernon Thomas '51**, and is survived by cousins **Janet Grubb Neff '52**, **Carol Hodge Poe '53**, **Donald Poe '53**, and **Ann Grubb Brandt '56**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Janet Parker Batchelder '52, of Hingham, MA, June 23, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Clement Burton '52, of Columbus, OH, June 12, at the age of 84.

Joan Franz '52, of Edwardsville, IL, September 10, at the age of 84.

David Hummel '52, of San Luis Obispo, CA, June 25, at the age of 87. He is survived by a brother, **Paul Hummel '49**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Charles Kaiser '52, of Pickerington, OH, July 30, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, **Nancy Walter Kaiser '54**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Edward Lockwood '52, of Traverse City, MI, June 2, at the age of 88. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Martha McCutchen Maple '52, of Whitmore Lake, MI, August 10, at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Mary McCutchen Powers '45**.

Barbara Nickles Sponseller '52, of Maumee, OH, June 21, at the age of 84. She is survived by a sister, **Germaine Nickles Gerber '55**, and three cousins, **Marie Nickles Gardner '47**, **Mary Gardner Slee '76**, and **Emily Slee '16**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Robert Steinkraus '52, of Rochester, NY, June 26, at the age of 84. He is survived by a daughter, **Jane Steinkraus Miller '89**, and was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Stanley Van Buren '52, of Columbus, OH, August 27, at the age of 86. He is survived by a brother, **Ronald Van Buren '55**, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Robert "Bob" Versteeg '52, of Bowling Green, OH, September 6, at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his father, **John Versteeg '42**, and a daughter, **Cassandra Versteeg**

Mitchell '74. Bob was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Marilyn Mason Benedict '53, of Thompsons Station, TN, June 1, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband, **Clyde Benedict '50**.

Betty Byall Marsh '53, of Elyria, OH, May 22, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **General Marsh '53**, and a son, **Steven Marsh '81**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. In addition to her husband and son Steven, Betty is survived by her son, Dr. Dale and wife Dr. Caroline Marsh of Brecksville, daughter Wendy S. and her husband Douglas Chasar of Phoenix, AZ, sister Alice C. Scott of Westlake, OH, grandchildren Maria, Dale Jr., James, and Caroline of Brecksville, OH, and nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Robert T. Byall of Rocky River, OH. *Please see a longer version of this obituary online at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine/>.*

Gerald Prittie '53, of Louisville, KY, August 19, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, **Helen Henes Prittie '53**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Litta Heine Vigne '53, of South Burlington, VT, July 3, at the age of 83. Litta is survived by a brother, **Earle Heine '51**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Vigne '53**, and her parents, **Walter Heine '23** and **Louise Kimler Heine '24**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Alan Brant '54, of Warren, OH, June 15, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, **Nancy Hennis Brant '54**. Alan was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Delta Tau Delta fraternity. *Please see a longer version of this obituary online at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine/>.*

David Kraft '54, of Ashville, OH, July 23, at the age of 82.

William Michael '54, of Los Gatos, CA, June 2, at the age of 82. He was preceded in death

by his wife, **Florence Murphy Michael '55**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Marie Frate Mingo '54, of Sedona, AZ, September 29, at the age of 83. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Marion Appleman Schwinn '54, of Penney Farms, FL, August 11, at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Schwinn '53**, and is survived by a brother, **Wayne Appleman '59**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Dolores Zimmerman '54, of Bellefontaine, OH, August 10, at the age of 83. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Kamille Reiss Allen '55, of Lakeside, OH, August 5, at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Robert Reiss '48**, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Norman Hadsell '55, of Naples, FL, July 10, at the age of 81. Norman was preceded in death by his wife, **Suzanne Lovell Hadsell '57**, his father, **William Hadsell '21**, and two aunts, **Mildred Hadsell Moyer '21** and **Lillian Hadsell Brading '27**. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Nancy Smith Lindsay '55, of Naples, FL, June 21, at the age of 81. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Mary Turnbull Davenport '56, of Hamilton, OH, July 24, at the age of 80. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Davenport '53**, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Dwight Easty '56, of Appleton, WI, July 4, at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Kay Hall Easty '58**, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

James McGuire '56, of Dublin, OH, June 18, at the age of 80. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Cherie Lichtenwalter Severn '56, of Forest City, NC, September 8, at the age of 80. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

James Thaler '56, of Painesville, OH, July 1, at the age of 80.

Karen Monk Miller '57, of Marietta, GA, July 24, at the age of 79. She is survived by a cousin, **Doris Wilmerink Herron '53**, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Dan Mitchell '57, of Prospect, OH, June 17, at the age of 80.

Rod Warner '57, of Sarasota, FL, July 9, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, **Victoria Marsh Warner '59**, and a niece, **Tiffany Marsh '92**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Ann Warren Wheat '57, of South Haven, MI, September 15, at the age of 80. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Paula Ruopp Maclver '58, of Big Rapids, MI, September 23, at the age of 79. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Pauline Pfeiffer Ruopp '29** and **Paul Ruopp '27**, an aunt, **Mary Lovina Ruopp West '23**, and an uncle, **William West '23**. She is survived by a son, **Paul Maclver '81**. Paula was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

R. Douglas Paton '58, of Brant Lake, NY, June 8, at the age of 79. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Judith Tinlin Anderson '59, of Findlay, OH, June 20, at the age of 77. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Sandra Chandler Baker '59, of Salem, OH, June 15, at the age of 77. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Delbert McLaughlin '59, of Howell, MI, September 13, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn Werstler McLaughlin '59**, and a sister-in-law, **Marjorie Werstler Horrocks '56**. Delbert was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

1960s

John Elliott '60, of Columbus, OH, June 18, at the age of 76. John was preceded in death by his parents, **R-Ailene Wakeman Elliott '35** and **Thomas Elliott '36**,

and two aunts, **Gerald Wakeman Sharp '45** and **Martha Wakeman Welsch '41**. He is survived by a brother, **P. Steven Elliott '67**, and an aunt, **Marilyn Schoettinger '47**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Phillip Gull '60, of Des Moines, IA, August 28, at the age of 76. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Richard Adams '61, of Bloomfield, CT, June 18, at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, **Patricia Lindsay Adams '63**, and a daughter, **Elizabeth Adams '89**. Richard was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Sigma Chi fraternity.

William Webb '61, of Whitehouse, OH, July 13, at the age of 79. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Donald Shaw '62, of Westerville, OH, October 2, at the age of 74.

Nancy Pigford '64, of Philadelphia, PA, September 19, at the age of 72. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Joyce Compton Tigner '65, of Bethlehem, PA, July 6, at the age of 72. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Peter Noonan '66, of Washington Crossing, PA, June 30, at the age of 71. He is survived by a sister, **Mary Noonan Topping '73**, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Ruth Horton Eraybar '68, of Sterling Heights, MI, June 16, at the age of 68. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Sandra Wigg Knapp '68, of Westerville, OH, August 9, at the age of 68. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Milton Knapp '69**, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Douglas Maxwell '68, of Jacksonville Beach, FL, July 3, at the age of 69. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Roberta Kennedy Maxwell '41** and **Richard Maxwell '42**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

1970s

Keith Irish '70, of Columbus, OH, August 4, 2014, at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife Mary and daughter Ellen. He loved music and his time with the OWU choir.

Martha Hale Williams '70, of Clearwater, FL, July 23, 2015, at the age of 67. She preceded in death by her husband, **Roy Williams III '69**, and is survived by a daughter, **Megan Williams '95**. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Garry DeVries '72, of Beavercreek, OH, July 16. He was preceded in death by his father Simon DeVries. He is survived by his wife Connie, sons Sam and Jeffrey, sister **Judith DeVries Kammeraad '68**, and mother Betty DeVries (a former OWU staff member). Garry was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Dean Perrill '74, of Frankfort, OH, July 8, at the age of 62. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Helen Simons Perrill '38**, and is survived by a sister, **Rebecca Perrill '76**. He was member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Charles Keller Jr. '77, of Delaware, OH, September 28, at the age of 60.

Michael Wallace '79, of South Glastonbury, CT, September 15, at the age of 59. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

1980s

Timothy Hogan '83, of Ipswich, MA, July 29, at the age of 53. He is survived by his wife, **Robina Bushnell Hogan '83**.

Nelson Shaw '86, of Kenosha, WI, July 7, at the age of 50. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Faculty/Staff

Charlotte "Charlie" Covrett, of Delaware, OH, June 18, at the age of 71. She is survived by her daughter, **Dodie Covrett Bias '94**.

Mattie Haas, of Delaware, OH and a retired telephone operator at OWU, July 25, at the age of 90.

Dorothy Higgins, of Marengo, OH and a 31-year member of the OWU accounting department, on September 14, 2015, at the age of 86.

Jeanette Kraus, of Delaware, OH, September 6, at the age of 67. During her 40-year tenure with OWU, Jeanette served as records clerk, receptionist for buildings and grounds, records manager, and head of departmental student workers. She served on the Heritage Day Committee and assisted the chaplain's office, and she retired as alumni records supervisor. Jeanette was made an Honorary Alumna in May of 2015.

Frederick Price, of Marion, OH, and data center manager at OWU for 35 years, September 3, at the age of 78.

Eugene Strupper, of Delaware, OH, and a custodian for OWU for 35 years, September 22, at the age of 76.

Friends

Bette Meyer, of Delaware, OH, and wife of former OWU employee Robert Meyer, July 25, at the age of 92.

Elizabeth McKeever Ross, of Vero Beach, FL, and Columbus, OH, August 16. Elizabeth was an honorary OWU alumnae, a Ross Museum Advisory Board Member, and a Founder's Circle member.

Sympathy to

Charlotte Culberston Hott '55 for the loss of her husband, Donald Hott, on May 3, at the age of 95.

Judith DeVries Kammeraad '68 and **Betty DeVries** (longtime OWU secretary) for the loss of Judith's brother and Betty's son, **Garry DeVries '72**.

Michael McCluggage '69 for the loss of his mother, Mary McCluggage of Coshocton, OH, on June 29, at the age of 92.

Alex Shumate '72 for the loss of his mother, Annie Henson Shumate of Sandusky, OH, on June 22, at the age of 87.

John Derr '75 and his wife Lisa for the loss of Lisa's father, Orville Clark, on September 5.

Diane Logdon Heinmiller '75 and **Timothy Heinmiller '13** for the loss of Diane's father and Timothy's grandfather, George Logdon, on August 15, at the age of 89.

Marianne Angermueller Lynner '76 and **Stephen Lynner '73** for the loss of Marianne's father, Hans Angermueller, at the age of 90.

Molly Ward '77 for the loss of her husband, John Grillos of Basking Ridge, NJ, on July 9, at the age of 68. He is survived by Molly and their daughter Alexia.

Kathy Sours Higbee '78 and **Michael Higbee '80** for the loss of Jane Goltz Higbee, Kathy's mother-in-law and Michael's mother, on September 14, at the age of 79.

Donna Burtch '79 for the loss of her father, William Burtch of Columbus, OH, on July 16, at the age of 84.

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that was either part of desert areas or swampland. That fall our family was moved to a permanent internment camp in southern Colorado. There were similar camps located in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming. Most of these concentration camps had anywhere from 8,000 to 16,000 camp internees, all of us contained by barb wired fences, watchtowers, and armed guards.

Our family, like all the internees, lived in a 10-foot-by-16-foot, tar-paper-covered barracks—10 to a block. These living conditions were totally oppressive in the hot, humid summers, and bone-chilling winters. I remember we all had to eat in a common dining hall and share the one-block washroom facilities. Grade schools and high schools were created in the latter part of 1943, but certainly were not equal to other educational establishments across the United States.

In 1945, at the end of World War II when we left the relocation camps, each member of our family was given 25 dollars and a one-way ticket to a destination of our family's choice. When we learned our LA home had been robbed and destroyed by fire during our internment, my father elected "never to return to the West Coast" and chose to move us to Chicago, where I finished grade school in 1949.

FRATERNAL BONDS AT OWU

In the fall of 1953, I was a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan. Needless to say, I was scared and not quite sure what to expect, or even if I belonged. I decided to enter the rush process. I soon learned that many fraternities had two levels of acceptance—a social membership whereby you have the rights of attending parties and eating with your fellow "brothers," but none of the privileges of full membership, including living in the house.

These full memberships had a "Caucasian-only" clause, so I was unable to be offered this membership. I fully understood this, given that this was 1954, when segregation still lingered nationwide.

My initial introduction to the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi was, however, quite different than the other fraternities. The active members warmly greeted me and never once discussed a social membership. Nobody asked me about my past life, nor did I ever feel I had to mention anything about my five years incarcerated in an internment camp.

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In my initial acceptance for being an Alpha Sig, I was privileged to meet the then-president of Ohio Wesleyan, **Arthur Fleming '27**, who also was a distinguished Alpha Sigma Phi alumnus. I also had the honor of meeting **Ralph Burns '32**, as he navigated the process to advance my acceptance, and later, during my senior year, took me to an Alpha Sigma Phi National Conference, where I met some of the outstanding alumni. Others in the brotherhood also became a big part of my personal growth over the years and even today, including pledge class president **Fred Ballard '57**, **Bill Frazer '57**, **Bill Steinbrenner '57**,

Dave Huff '57, **Paul Crusier '57**, and my first roommate **Len Rott '57**, to name a few.

When I graduated from OWU in 1957, I fulfilled my military service obligation, entering the United States Air Force, and eventually rising to the ranks of Captain. I was fortunate enough to serve in Japan and travel all through the Far East during my tenure of service.

Following my service, I completed my graduate program at the Dental College of Loyola University in Chicago. My wife, Irene, and I set up a private orthodontia practice in Park Ridge, IL, where I practiced for 31 great years.

While throughout my career, I authored numerous scientific papers and a textbook, lectured domestically and internationally, and served on many boards, my biggest professional accomplishment was the opportunity to put permanent "smiles" on the faces of many patients.

In addition, I have had the continual support and love of Irene for 54 years, as well as two successful children, Dr. David Arai and Mrs. Shaunna Lynn Balady, and my grandchildren.

As I reflect on these years, I realize that some of my life lessons and personal development resulted

from my association with my initial pledge class, and I thank them for their guidance and friendship. These accomplishments were made possible because of that early invitation to be a part of a thoughtful fraternity committed to helping its members help the world around them, no matter what their background.

So, if I'm asked whether fraternities are a necessary part of today's college or university communities, my answer is simple: absolutely! ■

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In the past year, national media coverage placed the entire college fraternity system in the United States under close, public scrutiny. One of Oklahoma University's national fraternities was "outed" for racial taunts captured on social media. A Penn State fraternity was caught using social media in a heinous incident with coed guests.

Cable news panels asked, "Should we do away with the present fraternity and sorority systems in our colleges and universities?" "Has the fraternity system become obsolete?" "Are the fraternity members elitists?"

As my wife and I watched these programs, I wished I could have been a panel member discussing the value of fraternities. I am a huge benefactor of the Greek fraternity system. As a panel member, I would expound on the great value of fraternity life and how it and my fellow brothers helped shape parts of my life, giving me tools to persevere and succeed.

I entered the freshmen class of Ohio Wesleyan University in 1953, when the Korean War was ending. Despite U.S. soldiers of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds fighting together in this war, segregation was still prevalent in our country. Meanwhile, I was one of two Asian male students entering the freshmen class at a time when fraternities throughout the country were either white Christian males, black and interracial, or Jewish only.

During OWU rush week, I never discussed my childhood

experiences or ethnicity with anyone. For all anyone knew, I was just another new student. While this omission was not a conscious effort on my part, my ethnicity certainly was a huge and inherent part of my early life.

LIFE IN THE INTERNMENT CAMPS

As a Japanese-American, I faced outright prejudice most of my early childhood. I was 7 years old growing up in Los Angeles, CA, when Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, forever changing my life. In March the following year, 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, living mainly on the West Coast, were rounded up by the United States Army and FBI, and herded into one of 17 "holding camps," many of which were fairgrounds or racetracks in Washington, Oregon, and California. My parents had two months to store our furniture and belongings, and to turn over our home to a caretaker, or be placed in prison for treason. Many people were forced to liquidate their businesses and their homes at greatly reduced prices.

We were allowed to have one suitcase per person. No contraband, radios, or cameras were permitted. We were initially incarcerated in a tent constructed in the parking lot of the Santa Anita Race Track. Some families had to live in the horse stalls, which still retained a horse stench.

From March to October 1942, the United States government hastily built permanent camp locations, many of which were located on government land

FRATERNAL TIES SHAPE A LIFE OF PERSEVERANCE

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Dr. Harold Arai '57 receives an Ohio Wesleyan tie during a recent visit from Jim Mendenhall '73, associate director of alumni relations.

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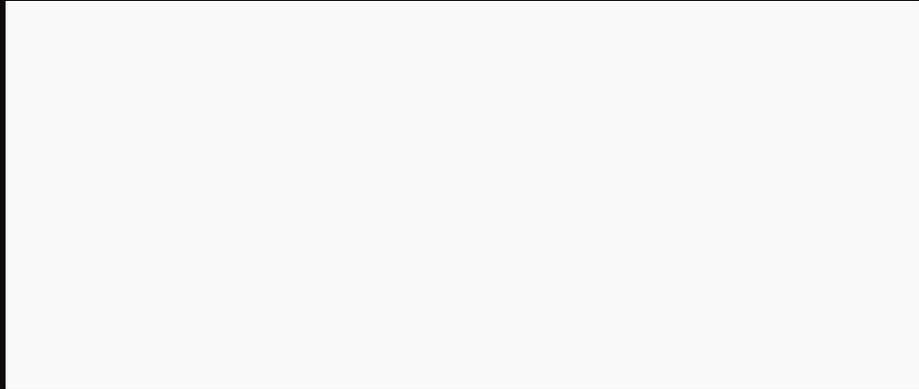
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