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Transformations.

They happen every day on the Ohio Wesleyan campus. One sweeping look around, and you see their progression. In classrooms, science laboratories, athletic playing fields, and during late-night study groups as students explore knowledge—and each other's souls.

Whether you are a facilitator of such transformations—parent, donor, professor or fellow student—or a recipient of generosity, you will appreciate this edition of the *OWU Magazine*. Within our annual *Report of Donors*, we have the pleasure of thanking and recognizing you, our alumni and friends, for sharing your time, ideas, and financial resources with Ohio Wesleyan. Your gifts are helping to transform the lives of OWU students.

Marching proudly to their seats on Commencement day, these most recent additions to OWU's alumni body exuded pride and a sense of accomplishment. Their transformations, from college freshmen to graduates of Ohio Wesleyan, marked well the beginning of their distinctive lifelong journeys.

As Nancy LaPorte Meek '59, long-time OWU donor and friend, shares, "It is a gift to be able to give, and Ohio Wesleyan is a cause in which we believe."

Enjoy this edition of the *Magazine*, and again, thank you for your care for and continuing loyalty to OWU.

Pamela Besel
Editor

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY — MINDING THE GAP



David Robbins

BECAUSE I'VE BEEN AT OHIO WESLEYAN FOR MORE THAN 34 YEARS,

I probably don't need a formal introduction. But my new vantage point as interim president gives me a different perspective on OWU and on liberal arts education. Just as I have undergone a transformation during the past few decades, so has higher education—and I'd like to talk about both.

During my career, I've filled a variety of roles. I spent a half-dozen years engaged in research at a non-profit foundation in Bethesda, Maryland. Teaching seemed like a natural transition, and choosing to teach at Ohio Wesleyan seemed equally natural. OWU offered the perfect atmosphere in which to interact with motivated students while continuing my research. Soon after I arrived, I began to take on additional responsibilities—as a department chair, in faculty governance, as interim provost during a time of transition, and now as interim president. Where I once found challenge in the laboratory, I now find challenge in the mission to enhance and strengthen Ohio Wesleyan's rightful position among the best of the nation's liberal arts colleges.

During my academic career, I've witnessed a changing landscape in liberal arts education. Liberal arts colleges were once the melting pot of the intellectually well-prepared student, giving all students—wealthy, middle-class, and poor—a place to grow. But today's small colleges are populated more and more by students from the extremes of the socioeconomic spectrum. Meanwhile, the burden of covering the escalating costs of a university education is increasingly shifting to

the institution. New terms like discount rates, no-need scholarships, diversity, and geographic awards have made their way into the lexicon of the college administrator. These terms reflect an effort to guarantee affordability and accessibility to a diverse student population.

In the end, colleges like Ohio Wesleyan look to alumni and friends to assist us in closing the affordability gap. A transformational gift like that given by Gordon '55 and Helen Crider '56 Smith (see page 6) will address some of our long-term needs. Likewise, a generous bequest by the Robert Manchester estate (see page 7) and the many, many annual fund gifts from other loyal alumni will continue to have a profound impact on our students.

This issue of the *Magazine* recognizes all of the generous alumni and friends who have helped to support our mission during the past year. Your assistance allows us to carry on a meaningful legacy to assure that future generations enjoy the same top-notch educational experience you received here at Ohio Wesleyan. Thanks for making Ohio Wesleyan a priority; I look forward to seeing you on your next visit to campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Robbins".

David Robbins
Provost and Interim President

Getting a Good StART at OWU

Transition from one phase of life to another can be challenging, but Ohio Wesleyan's StART OWU program helps take some of the stress out of students' moves from high school to college.

Now in its second year, StART (Student Advising Registration and Testing) OWU gives first-year students an academic jump start. Students and their parents visit campus in the summer, spending time with a core group of faculty, staff, and student registration guides who answer questions and assist first-year students as the new students register for fall semester classes, take placement exams, and learn about graduation requirements.

Joan McLean, associate dean of first-year students, says the program did not undergo extensive changes in year two. "The one exception was that we added a fourth June session, for a total of five this year," she says. "More first-year students wanted to take advantage of getting their class schedules finalized."

The feedback McLean has received from parents and students concerning the program has been wonderful. "We're delighted with the surveys and the comments we've received," McLean says. "There might be some minor tinkering, but there won't be any wholesale changes for next year's program."

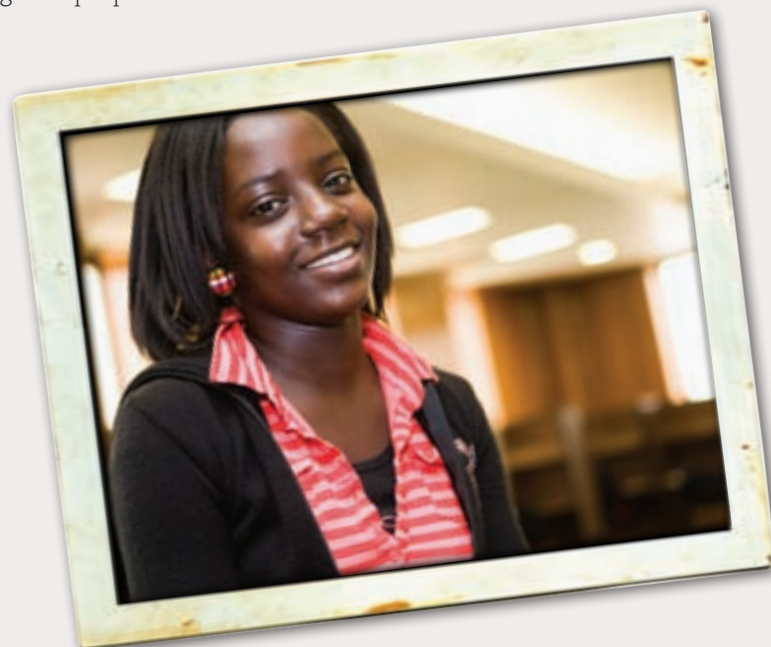
First-year student Darius Rahman thought the program was a realistic representation of college life. "It gave me a good sense of what next year is going to be like," Rahman says. Another first-year student, Andy Jones, found StART to be informative. "I finally found out

what the honors program was all about," he says. "I liked that StART wasn't cram-packed; it was useful, but informal."

Dan Purchia, who considered playing soccer this fall, enjoyed how the program was planned. "I thought it was good that we were allowed to interact with future classmates in an informal setting," Purchia says.

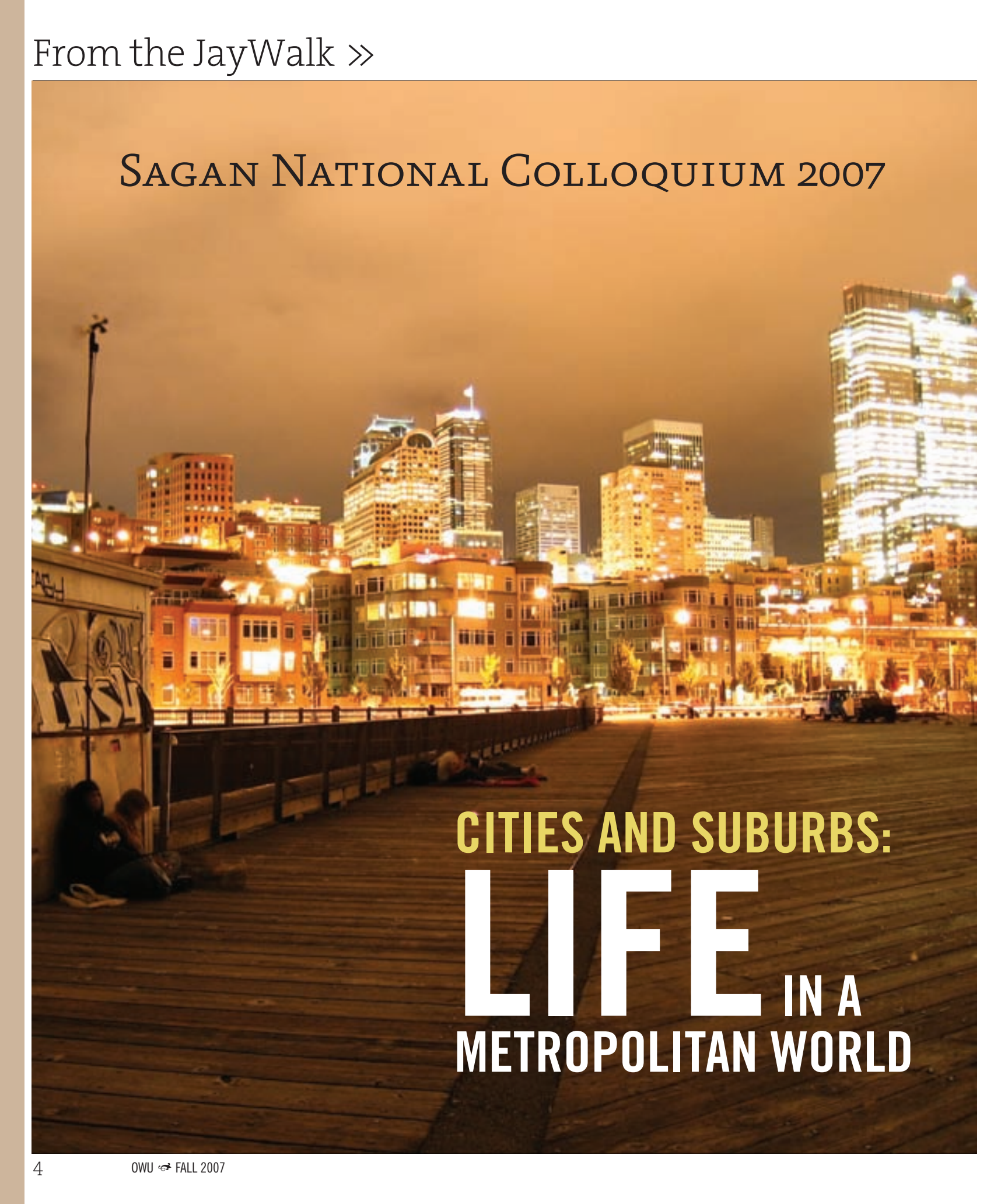
First-year student Scott Bobbitt met some professors and was pleased to have his fall schedule completed. "It's nice how we are put in a mock college situation with roommates," Bobbitt says. "I got the chance to see what it was like living with people I didn't know."

McLean believes that after only two years it would be premature to run statistical analyses to measure the success of the program. "There will be some things that we examine five to seven years from now," she says. "A few things we might look at include: Do fewer first-year students have to change their schedules? Are they able to handle their classes during fall semester better? And, ultimately, are the retention rates for these students improving? StART is one prong of a multi-prong effort to reach the retention goals of the University."



From the JayWalk »

SAGAN NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM 2007



CITIES AND SUBURBS:
LIFE IN A
METROPOLITAN WORLD

And so, the [Ohio Wesleyan] stage is set, ready and waiting, for this year's Sagan National Colloquium (SNC) speakers' series. "Cities and Suburbs: Life in a Metropolitan World," is the theme around which a number of nationally and internationally recognized experts—professors, writers, artists, city planners, musicians, public policy makers, and others—will present their views, beginning with the SNC kickoff September 13.

DR. LARRY FORD, THIS YEAR'S OPENING SPEAKER, is professor of geography at San Diego State University and an internationally recognized scholar on the relationship between urban development and urban architecture.

As SNC co-directors Professors Dick Fusch and Craig Ramsay explain, the Colloquium's topic is especially relevant given the rapid urbanization the world is experiencing. Almost 85 percent of all Americans live in urban areas today, and the majority of the world's population will live in cities by 2008, they both agree. More than 300 students have signed up for the quarter credit UC 150 course, which requires attendance at the various SNC lectures, events, and discussion sessions, as well as the submission of writing assignments.

While they are pleased about student interest in this year's SNC, the co-directors foresee the semester-long program as having wide appeal to many groups.

"We are reaching out not just to those interested in architecture and planning," says Fusch, "but to journalists, economists, scientists, ecologists, artists, and the general public, who will be interested in what Colloquium speakers have to say about life in a metropolitan world."

A sampling of these invited guests includes Saskia Sassen, sociologist and economist, who conducted wide-ranging research on

worldwide urban development and globalization; James McBride, Distinguished Writer in Residence at New York University and author of *The Color of Water*, and accomplished jazz musician; Kyle Ezell, fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a professional city planner; Bruce Katz, vice president and director, The Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution and former chief of staff of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Thomas Homer-Dixon, director of the Trudeau Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Toronto; Carol Galante '76, president of Bridge Housing Corporation; Claudia Cappio '76, director of economic and community development, Oakland, California; Deborah McColloch '77, director of housing and community development, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Robert Neuwirth, journalist and author of *Shadow Cities: A Billion Squatters, A New Urban World*; and Paul Robbins, professor of geography at the University of Arizona, whose research elucidates how environmental practices and knowledge impact ecosystem health, local communities, and social justice.

For more about the 2007 Sagan National Colloquium and speaker series, please visit our Web site at: <http://snc.owu.edu/>



Professor Dick Fusch



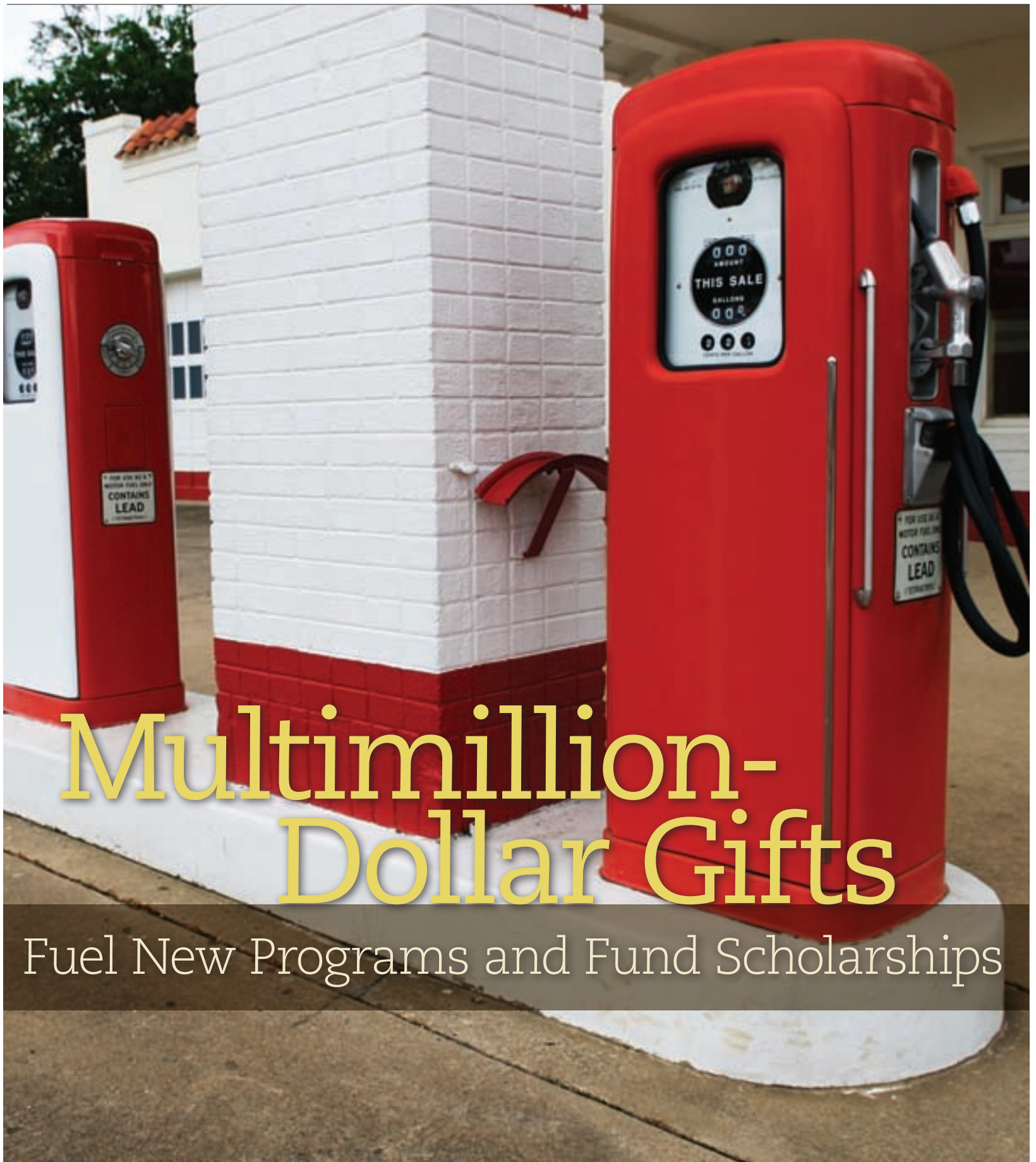
Professor Craig Ramsay

DID YOU KNOW...

By sometime in 2008, more than one-half of the people on our planet—3.2 billion—will live in cities

More than 50 million people are added to cities annually

Cities are not only at the center of the most amazing global and artistic endeavors, but also some of the most devastating crime, poverty, and resource-depleting environments



Multimillion- Dollar Gifts

Fuel New Programs and Fund Scholarships

Gordon '55 and Helen
Crider '56 Smith



The Gordon V. '55 and Helen Crider '56 Smith Initiative for Gift Planning

The past few months have seen Ohio Wesleyan alumni making generous investments in the future of the University. First, Gordon V. '55 and Helen Crider '56 Smith have pledged funds in support of a planned giving program that will increase the number and size of all types of deferred gifts, improve overall development efforts, and strengthen the University's endowment. The Gordon V. and Helen C. Smith Initiative for Gift Planning will allow for greatly increased staffing, training, and technology enhancements in the area of planned giving.

"Ohio Wesleyan has long had a strong tradition of annual giving," says Mark Shipps '70, vice president for university relations. "As we move forward, we recognize the need to create a more balanced fund-raising program by increasing the size and strength of our major gifts and planned giving programs.

"The Smiths have pledged to support this initiative, not just for now, but for several years, which allows for thoughtful implementation of all the elements required to expand and enhance our current planned giving efforts. Their involvement also offers great potential for creating remarkable synergy among all our fund-raising programs."

"It's hard to make money," says Gordon Smith, "but sometimes it's equally hard to give it away in a meaningful way. Ohio Wesleyan has a group of very loyal alumni who might not be

able to make a cash gift but have the interest and ability to give to the University in other ways—such as a gift annuity or the donation of property. We need an expanded staff with considerable talent and experience to oversee deferred giving options that might have tax consequences. And we need time to make the program grow. We'd like to think that we can come out at the other end with a giving program that tops any other peer institution."

"Our commitment to Ohio Wesleyan is long-standing," adds Helen Smith. "Because of our wonderful experiences there, it was the first real commitment we made after we graduated, even before we could make a substantial gift. We both feel there is a need to increase the endowment for Ohio Wesleyan. In fact, we consider it one of the greatest needs. Planned giving helps to do that in a strategic way. It's what truly sustains an organization over the long term."

"The Gordon V. and Helen C. Smith Initiative for Gift Planning is one of the most exciting developments to impact the future of Ohio Wesleyan," says Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64, chair of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees. "In their inimitable way of supporting their alma mater, Gordon and Helen have thought of a creative program to expand the University's funding capabilities and to contribute significantly to the size of our endowment. We are deeply grateful to the Smiths for their foresight and continuing loyalty in establishing this initiative for Ohio Wesleyan."

"Gordon and Helen Smith have a distinguished history of supporting Ohio Wesleyan both personally and financially," says Shipps. "This gift is exceptional, however. Their vision and generosity will place our program of planned giving in the forefront of the nation's universities. Beyond that, however, this transformative investment will ultimately result in enormous benefit to every member of the University community today and for generations to come."

Helen Crider Smith, is a life trustee of the University and served as chair of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1998. Gordon Smith is a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Endowment Committee.

The Ida Austin Manchester Scholarship Fund

The University received a \$6 million bequest from the estate of Robert C. Manchester '27, who died in January at the age of 100.

Dr. Manchester designated that his gift be added to the Ida Austin Manchester Scholarship Fund, which he and his sisters, Winifred Manchester '25 and Lois Manchester Mack '30, established in 1986 in memory of their mother. In 1988, he donated an additional \$1 million to the fund, which provides financial aid to students who have



Dr. Robert C. Manchester '27

“Robert Manchester believed that education was one of the most important advantages one could have and that it was his duty to pass on that advantage.”

Mark H. Shipps '70, vice president for university relations

achieved scholastic excellence. It covers all four years, as long as the student maintains a high standard of scholarship.

The Manchester family's history has long been entwined with Ohio Wesleyan's. Dr. Manchester's mother and father, Ida Austin and Dr. William Manchester, were members of the Class of 1896. In addition to his two sisters, another sibling, W. Ralph Manchester, attended Ohio Wesleyan, as did Dr. Manchester's aunt, Lillian Austin Ferguson, 1906; his brother-in-law, Robert A. Mack '34, and his nephew, Robert W. Mack '59.

While at Ohio Wesleyan, Dr. Manchester majored in pre-medicine and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he earned his M.D. from the University of Rochester in New York and married Mary Margaret Bumgardner, who predeceased him in 1975.

From 1941 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps, spending two years aboard the USS *O'Bannon*, which earned 17 battle stars, more than any other destroyer in the Pacific Theater, with no loss of crew members.

While he was still in the service, Dr. Manchester settled in Seattle, Washington, where he practiced internal medicine and cardiology until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Masters Manchester.

Shipps says Dr. Manchester's gift provides a permanent legacy of support to his alma mater. "Robert Manchester believed that education was one of the most important advantages one could have and that it was his duty to pass on that advantage. He has done so in a most generous way. The fund now will be able to help even more students receive the highest-caliber liberal arts education. It will be a life-altering gift for many."

Rhinesmith adds, "Ohio Wesleyan prepares students for a lifetime of leadership and service. This gift, in support of that vital mission, is a permanent reminder of the impact an Ohio Wesleyan education had on the life of this generous alumnus. We are most grateful for Dr. Manchester's expression of loyalty to the mission of the University."

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR OWJL PROGRAM

In recognition of Bettie Keating's dedication to the gifted and talented students of central Ohio, her family and friends have established the Bettie Keating Endowed Scholarship Fund to help deserving students cover the cost of attending Ohio Wesleyan's unique OWJL (pronounced "owl") camp.

The program serves gifted and talented students in grades 6-8 from nine central Ohio counties. In three one-week sessions, students immerse themselves in hands-on experiences in the creative arts and humanities, mathematics/logic, and science.

Each session is restricted to 180 campers, and every session is a sell-out.

"Ohio Wesleyan transforms lives," said Mark Shipp's '70, vice president for university relations, at a reception honoring Keating. "Nowhere is that more evident than at OWJL camp. More than 9,000 gifted and talented students have come through the program in the last 26 years, and it truly is a transformative

experience for them. Bettie's vision and hard work deserve to be honored, and we're delighted this fund has been established in her name."

The OWJL program was originally a joint project of the Junior League of Columbus (that's the reason for the "j" in its logo) and Ohio Wesleyan. As a member of the League, Keating was the guiding spirit behind the program's development and its residence on the OWU campus. She and a small group of other League members spent two years researching the need for the program and then worked innumerable hours to establish and fund it. Because the program is now self-sustaining, the Junior League no longer provides financial support. However, League members still serve on the board of advisors and as volunteers. Keating herself continues to be actively involved in both capacities.

In remarks at the reception, Sue Paxton, executive director of OWJL, mentioned that "we have just begun to serve our second generation of campers, which is remarkable, and over the years we've given these gifted students a place where it was okay to be smart—a place they could be themselves. And friendships that have lasted for years. This fund will allow us to serve even more children."

The fund now stands at approximately \$8,000. Additional contributions can be sent to the OWJL program, Ohio Wesleyan University, 61 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015.



OWU's unique OWJL program offers hands-on learning for gifted middle school students.

Someone You Should Know:

JoAnn Verburg '72

By Lynne McBee



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PHOTOGRAPHER EXTRAORDINAIRE IS ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE JOANN VERBURG. Little did she know when she audited a photography class at Ohio Wesleyan University (because she was a sociology major and unable to register for the course) that her work would be on exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City this year. *Present Tense: Photographs by JoAnn Verburg* is on display at the museum from July 15-November 5, 2007; several OWU alumni attended the opening in July. The exhibition is filled with a variety of subjects, ranging from still lifes to landscapes. Verburg frequently presents her work in diptychs and triptychs that demonstrate how the content of a picture can be enriched by using more than one photograph at a time. Approximately 60 photographs are at the MoMA exhibition, highlighting many aspects of Verburg's career.

Peter MacGill '74, her dealer at Pace/MacGill in New York and who taught her how to process film at OWU, comments by e-mail, "Every artist's goal, whether they really care to recognize it or not, is to have a one-person exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art. JoAnn has attained that goal through hard work and passion—dedication to the task of making good art and exercising that extraordinary gift she has which allows her to make those probing, transcendent photographs." The Pace/MacGill Gallery is hosting an exhibition of Verburg's work in New York City September 6-October 13, 2007.

Born in 1950 in Summit, New Jersey, Verburg now lives and works in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Spoleto, Italy. She began taking photographs at age six, partly because of her father's encouragement. He worked as a chemist and then as an executive for Ansco (GAF), the American manufacturer of photographic papers. Later, when she was studying at Ohio Wesleyan University, a friend showed her *The Americans*, the landmark book of photographs shot by Robert Frank while he traveled the country in the mid-1950s. It was, she says, the first time she realized that photography could be art.

After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in sociology, Verburg worked at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (1972-74). During this period, she met many artists, including Claes Oldenburg and Robert Rauschenberg, who were working in areas other than photography; she was further inspired by the 1972 monograph and exhibition of photographer Diane Arbus that was organized by MoMA.

In 1976, Verburg earned a master's degree in photography from Rochester Institute of Photography, the thesis for which was an exhibition she curated at the International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House in Rochester. The exhibition addressed photography's ability to express issues of time through serial frames and time-motion studies, ideas that have strongly influenced Verburg's work throughout her career.

Verburg launched the Rephotographic Survey Project, along with photographer Mark Klett and photography historian Ellen Manchester, in 1977. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the project retraced the steps of several 19th-century landscape photographers of the American West, such as William Henry Jackson and Timothy O'Sullivan. Verburg and her colleagues attempted to make photographs from the exact vantage points the earlier photographers had used, providing then-and-now views for a book called *Second View: The Rephotographic Survey Project*, and photos for an exhibition. This project encouraged Verburg's interest in multiple-frame works—diptychs, triptychs—and larger serial works.

In 1984, Verburg and her husband, poet Jim Moore, visited the Italian town of Spoleto. This trip furthered her interests in paintings by Giotto and later expanded her photographic repertoire to include landscapes. In Italy, she began a series of photographs depicting the olive groves in the



countryside surrounding Spoleto and its neighboring towns.

Verburg has received numerous awards and honors, including four McKnight Foundation grants and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her work is found in many notable collections, including those at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York.

In an e-mailed interview, Verburg says, "When I got back to Minnesota after three weeks of utter joy in New York, it was pointed out to me by a friend that Ohio Wesleyan had 'taken over' my opening at the Museum of Modern Art. I had to laugh, because proportionally, we were really just a small part of the crowd, but emotionally and in terms of the history of support we have given each other over the 35 years since we graduated, the OWU presence couldn't have been bigger or better. What a GREAT group of friends I have; and of course, my show never would have happened if Phil Ficks '72 hadn't shown me a book of black and white photographs by Robert Frank and then talked to me about photographing on Sandusky Street."

Living in the moment—in the *Present Tense*—makes JoAnn Verburg one of the most exciting photographers of our times.

Ms. McBee is a freelance writer living in Columbus, Ohio.

1 Untitled Jim Sleeping Spoleto. 2 Still Life with Serial Killers. 3 Pyramid 2000. 4 Julia Breaking Through, 1983. 5 OWU alums at the Museum of Modern Art exhibition opening for JoAnn Verburg '72 in NYC are (left to right) Cheryl Heller '72, Phil Ficks '72, Peter MacGill '74, Gale Spreter '72, Clark Winter '73, Nancy Seiwert Williams '72, Tommy Williams '72, Gary Scheft '72, JoAnn Verburg '72, Stuart Dangler '73, Bob Mercer '73, Blake Hall '72, Betsy Dugdale Old, and Anne Page Mercer '72. Missing from photo: Sue Hainline Hall '72, Larry Rosen '72 and Sue Paulsen MacGill '80.

FROM THE AD'S DESK

OWU's Scholar-Athletes Ready for Exciting New Season

By Roger Ingles



Roger Ingles proudly displays OWU's All-Sports Trophy.

EACH AUGUST I SHARE IN THE THRILL OF OUR OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS THAT ARE PREPARING FOR ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR OF COMPETITION! The optimism in the air of returning veterans mixed with talented groups of incoming freshmen creates excitement and a sense of elation to get started with the challenges of a new season. The buzz is even greater this year after winning the All-Sports title last year in the North Coast Athletic Conference for the first time in ten years. Our ultimate goal is to win the Sears Cup, signifying Ohio Wesleyan as the best Division III athletic program in the nation. We finished 62nd out of 438 schools in the Sears Cup last year.

At Ohio Wesleyan, we pursue excellence in all things. The day-to-day life of a college student is challenging in and of itself. When our young people take on the extra responsibility of athletic activities, it takes a great devotion on their part to be successful. We want to improve upon last year's success on and off the field. This will not be easy. The athletic department will face a challenging task this year as we become "the chased" in the conference and not the chaser.

For our loyal fans, I think you'll see that Ohio Wesleyan teams are winning more than ever. As importantly, our student-athletes are an integral part of campus life. The skills that they learn on the field are being applied in the classroom. Our students are a very impressive lot. Many of our scholar-athletes explored other options before realizing that Ohio Wesleyan University was right for them for different reasons. The

interesting part is that they all have very different personalities and each has had unique but similarly rewarding experiences at Ohio Wesleyan. I'm amazed, on a daily basis, with what these students accomplish and the sheer number of activities and events in which they participate.

Please consider being a part of this excitement by investing in Ohio Wesleyan athletics. To maintain or reach the championship level, it takes resources. To be the best, you need to attract the best. Your investment in OWU athletics through Team OWU or the *Remembering Mr. Rickey* campaign will provide the needed resources to create an environment that we all can be proud of and cherish for a lifetime of athletic memories.

Several times during the past academic year we saw examples of what we want our entire OWU athletic program to be: winning programs playing nationally competitive rivals in front of a positive, loud, and supportive crowd.

The strong support of our alumni and fans allows us to continue to develop outstanding student-athletes, attract excellent coaches, and build on the distinctive history of Ohio Wesleyan University athletics. Many thanks for your support and attendance. As we move forward into the 2007-08 academic year, be sure to follow the Battling Bishops on the OWU Web site and through our live streaming of athletic events at www.owu.edu. And as always, feel free to contact me (rdingles@owu.edu) or our coaches, with names of individual young men and women who might become future Battling Bishop greats.

From new uniforms to much-needed equipment, a special network of alumni and friends is making a big difference in the quality of OWU's athletic program.

TEAM OWU Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Ryan Jones '07

A trendy cheerleading uniform, a women's basketball trip to Padre Island, and new weight room equipment have all been made possible by the philanthropic arm of the Ohio Wesleyan "W" Association—Team OWU.

Athletic Director Roger Ingles says the 2007-08 academic year will mark the 10th anniversary of Team OWU's founding. "It's important because about 22 percent of the athletic department's operating costs are covered by Team OWU dollars," Ingles says. "These funds allow our student-athletes to stay in the forefront of NCAA Division III athletics."

This summer, Team OWU helped fund the installation of an irrigation system that will keep the practice football and lacrosse field, as well as the field hockey playing field, in pristine condition. "Team OWU is funding part of the costs associated with the irrigation system," Ingles says. "Buildings and Grounds is paying for the rest of the project."

Ingles points out that Team OWU raised more than \$156,000 last year, a 160 percent increase from five years ago.

During the past few years, Team OWU money has purchased:

- Home uniforms for both men's and women's basketball teams
- Football yard markers, chain sets, goal post pads, line judge jerseys
- Tennis nets
- Cheerleading uniforms
- Volleyball uniforms
- Swimming warm-ups
- Weight room equipment

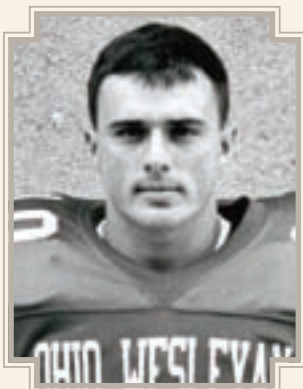
"The network of alumni, friends, and family that gives gifts to Team OWU continues to grow," Ingles says. "Because of their efforts we are able



to upgrade facilities, purchase uniforms and equipment, and fund travel for teams."

Mr. Jones was a student intern in the Office of University Communications.

Eleven to be Inducted into OWU Athletic Hall of Fame; Don Wedge to Receive Robert Strimer Award



Jimmy Clark '94



Doug Cotterman '61



Keith Courter '96



Chris Duff '94



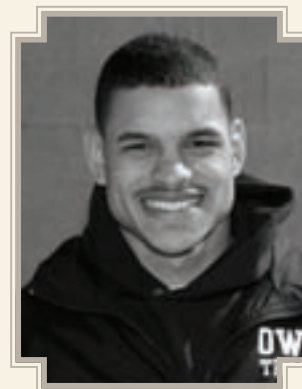
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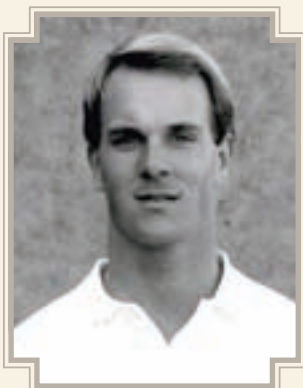
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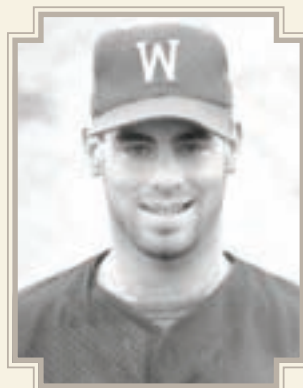
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Mike Pressler



Sue Collins Pressler



Brad Roser '94



Don Wedge '51

Ohio Wesleyan will induct nine former Battling Bishop standouts — including four All-Americans or Academic All-Americans® — and two former coaches into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame and bestow the Dr. Robert M. Strimer Honor Award upon Don Wedge '51 during Homecoming Weekend.

The 2007 class of inductees is the 47th to be entered into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame and the 32nd to include women.

The 11 Hall of Fame inductees are:

- **Jimmy Clark '94**, four-year starter at quarterback for the Bishop football team, earning All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors three times.
- **Doug Cotterman '61**, record-setting thrower in track & field, breaking both OWU and OAC records.
- **Keith Courter '96**, three-time All-NCAC selection in golf.
- **Chris Duff '94**, two-time, first-team All-America selection in soccer.
- **Carrie Kraly Freed '97**, four-time All-NCAC selection and the first OWU volleyball player to receive all-region honors.
- **Jen Kraly '95**, two-time Academic All-America® and four-time All-NCAC selection in volleyball.
- **Molly Kuhlman Habermusch '94**, three-time honorable mention All-America and four-time All-NCAC performer on some of Ohio Wesleyan's most successful women's swimming teams.

- **Soni Lloyd '97**, finished his Ohio Wesleyan career by winning the NCAA Division III championship in the 200-meter dash, becoming OWU's first national champion in a running event.

- **Mike Pressler** coached men's lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan from 1986-90, compiling a 69-16 mark over his five seasons. His winning percentage of .812 is the best of any men's lacrosse coach at OWU.

- **Sue Collins Pressler** coached men's and women's swimming at Ohio Wesleyan from 1983-91, earning four NCAC Coach of the Year honors while building both programs into respectable status in the nation's toughest swimming conference.

- **Brad Roser '94**, three-time all-region and All-NCAC selection in baseball, capped his Bishop career by receiving NCAC Pitcher of the Year honors.

Don Wedge '51 was a nationally renowned official in football and basketball. He spent 23 years as an official in the NFL, working Super Bowl XXII, four Pro Bowls, two Hall of Fame games, and the 1973 College All-Star game. Wedge officiated for two seasons in the NBA.

At the college level, he officiated both football and basketball in the Mid-American Conference from 1956-76 and was a football official for 14 years in the Big 10, working the 1970 Rose Bowl as a back judge. He represented the Big 10 in

the NCAA basketball tournament five times and officiated the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament three times. Wedge was inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

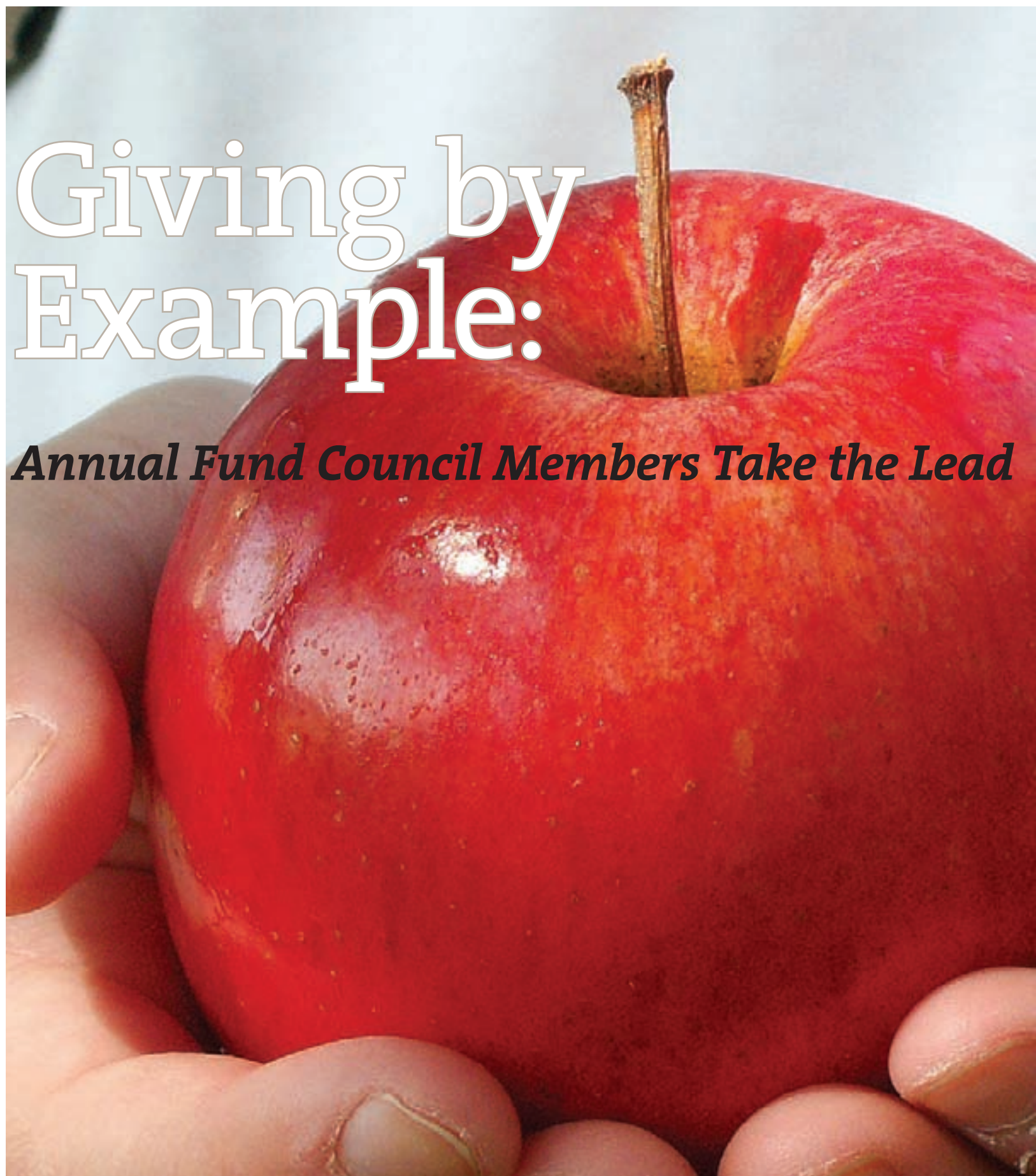
"This especially means a lot to me because Bob was one of the assistant coaches when I played football at OWU," Wedge says. "He was one of my mentors, and because I knew him personally it makes this honor mean all that much more to me."

The Dr. Robert M. Strimer Honor Award honors graduates of Ohio Wesleyan who have made outstanding, widely recognized, and sustained contributions to the field of athletics. Strimer first came to OWU in 1941 as freshman coach in football, basketball, and track. After serving three years in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Ohio Wesleyan and was named head men's basketball coach in 1946. When George Gauthier retired as athletics director in 1955, Strimer was selected as his replacement. Strimer retired in 1977 but remained active in athletic, alumni, and development affairs for more than two decades.

For details about this year's Hall of Fame inductees, visit <http://bishops.owu.edu>.

Giving by Example:

Annual Fund Council Members Take the Lead



AS MAYME NORMAN, OWU'S DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING, AND CANDACE OTT, DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL FUND BELIEVE, GIVING ONE'S RESOURCES, BUT ALSO TIME, IDEAS, AND ENERGY, ARE CRUCIAL COMPONENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL [CAPITAL] CAMPAIGN. As

Norman explains, the Annual Fund Council, composed of alumni, faculty/staff, parents, and senior class "donors," provides leadership to help OWU achieve its yearly goal in gifts to the Annual Fund. During each member's five-year time commitment to the council, including each person's personal leadership gift, the overall goal is to achieve 100 percent pledge support from that group August 31 of each year.

The *Magazine* spoke with several council members, including two who recently have joined the group, to hear their reason for joining and recommendations.

"My participation on the Annual Fund Council has been one way for me to thank Ohio Wesleyan for enriching my life. While at OWU and through OWU connections, I have made many of my best lifelong friendships with wonderful people, including my husband!"

I continue to meet really terrific people who are somehow connected to Ohio Wesleyan. Helping with the Annual Fund is the least I can do to thank OWU for bringing these people into my life."

WENDY MCCALL JOHNSON '74
COLUMBUS, OHIO

"We need to have a body of dedicated fund raisers who can look beyond just one class year—as in class chairs—and really take ownership to contact the LYBUNTS (those who gave to OWU last year, but not this year), and get from them the names of others we may want to contact. The Annual Fund Council does just this. Younger council members have the opportunity to share ideas and learn from older members and be taught the proper way to go about fundraising. This is key, because many younger graduates are not sure where to start with this process. The sharing of ideas across generations is invaluable.

I chose to be involved because I love Ohio Wesleyan and have a passion to see that we remain a top-tier private liberal arts institution."

CHRISTOPHER MUSBACH '06
JP MORGAN INVESTMENT ADVISORS
COLUMBUS, OHIO

"I had a great time while I was at OWU. I had wonderful and challenging faculty members. I also had a fabulous social experience, and was able to participate in a tremendous number of activities such as women's soccer, Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, and the student ambassadors group, to name a few. My OWU years truly were some of the most fun, challenging, and interesting years of my life. I know firsthand that Ohio Wesleyan's excellence depends on giving. As a scholarship recipient, I benefited from alumni giving while I was at OWU, so giving back has always been a priority for me. Being involved on the Annual Fund Council is a way for me to share my time and experience, and, hopefully, help OWU grow its development efforts.

JULIE MACMILLAN '88
THE LAMPLIGHTER SCHOOL
DALLAS, TEXAS

For more information about OWU's Annual Fund Council, contact Candace Ott at ceott@owu.edu



Transforming Lives: Lilly Vision OWU

By *Andrea Strle '99 and Pam Besel*

Ohio Wesleyan's Lilly Vision is a program resulting from a grant the University received to work with students in helping them align their career aspirations with their faith. As OWU Chaplain Jon Powers mentions, our Lilly Vision OWU has permeated the campus culture during the past five years. Just a few highlights:

- **Twenty faculty members take part in retreats annually**, to examine their own academic journeys and explore how they can best help students to find their true callings in life.
- **OWU mission trips now circle the globe!** From newborn babies in Russia to homeless men in Rome; from street children in Brazil to Agent Orange orphans in Cambodia and Vietnam; from a pre-med mission team in Mexico to a racial reconciliation team in Ghana; and, from a new school in Haiti created by OWU Trustee Doug Dittrick '55, the OWU family is on location and involved.
- **"I think if Adam Poe could come back to OWU today, he would smile** and say, "Yes! The Lilly Vision OWU is

exactly what I had in mind when I said that Ohio Wesleyan would provide education for leadership and service that would enrich both Church and society," says Rev. Powers.

- **That kind of enrichment is happening because of the grant**, but also because of "people power." Volunteers who give their financial, spiritual, and at times, very physical human resources to improve the quality of life for others.

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FREDERICK BUECHNER

“When I retired from full-time work after 30 years, I wondered what I would do,” says OWU alumna and Life Trustee Jean Bussell ’69. So in 2003, when she was invited by OWU’s former President Tom Courtice to assist Powers with managing the Lilly Endowment, she gladly accepted his offer. Bussell is responsible for financial management of the \$2-million Lilly grant, which in its final six months has been extended by the Lilly Endowment for another three years and \$500,000.

“Ultimately, we hope that the Lilly spirit will continue to permeate the campus for students, faculty, and staff, and eventually for our students as they become alumni,” says Bussell. She sees her volunteering as a means of repaying the University for all the gifts it has given her and believes that service is the rent we pay for our space in this world.

“I love Ohio Wesleyan and I am honored and very happy to have had—and to have—so many meaningful ways to support OWU.” Lilly programming has also deeply touched the lives of many faculty members.

“Of all the dynamic opportunities in the Ohio Wesleyan experience, I believe the programming supported by the Lilly grant most closely puts into practice the institutional mission of leadership, service, and learning in the context of values,” says Mike Hollway, OWU’s head football coach and associate athletic director. He believes the programs allow students to confront real issues, real people, and real needs of others in both national and international contexts.

OWU’s Yu Hu ’10 is one of many students who participated in mission trips.



“The transformational possibilities for students, faculty, and staff members to develop or enhance a skill set in personal, interpersonal, and spiritual growth while learning to work with our heart in our hands is why I participate in Lilly programming,” says Hollway, who has served as a faculty advisor on several mission trips and also participated in a Lilly retreat for faculty members.

“The increased sense of our connection to all members of the human community helps us to learn to view ourselves as co-creators of a more compassionate culture.”

For more information about the Lilly Vision at OWU, please visit the Web site at: <http://chaplain.owu.edu/vocation.html>

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Ms. Besel is editor of the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine.

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*Two Edwards Family
Members Help Ensure
a Second Century for
Edwards Gym*

By *Lindsey Gale '98*

FEBRUARY 22, 1906, WAS A SPECIAL DAY IN OHIO WESLEYAN'S HISTORY, AS PRESIDENT HERBERT WELCH DEDICATED EDWARDS GYMNASIUM.

This campus landmark was named in memory of John Edwards, a manufacturer and banker from Leipsic, Ohio, who sent his four sons, Henry Clyde Edwards (attended from 1890-94), Thomas Charles Edwards (attended from 1894-98), Oliver Pearl Edwards (Class of 1904), and William Earl Edwards (Class of 1903) to Ohio Wesleyan.

John Edwards, who served on the Board of Trustees in the late 1890s and early 1900s, made an initial commitment of \$10,000 to the University in the winter of 1903. After his death, Edwards' widow, Mary Elizabeth, and his sons made an additional \$20,000 gift to name a new gymnasium on campus in honor of their late husband and father. Additional pledges were received and on March 28, 1905, classes were dismissed at noon and Acting President William F. Whitlock guided the plow pulled by 100 students, officially marking the start of construction. The completed building and equipment cost more than \$82,000. Now, more than 100 years later, Edwards



Bill Myers '55 and Harriet Edwards Gamper '36.

Gymnasium is undergoing extensive renovation as part of the \$22 million *Remembering Mr. Rickey* campaign. While repairs and changes have been made to the structure over the years, this is the first comprehensive renovation of the facility. Construction costs are estimated to surpass \$4 million.

"I am so pleased to be able to support the renovation of the building that carries my grandfather John Edwards' name. Many members of our family have attended and supported Ohio Wesleyan over the years, and it is gratifying to see this building coming to life again," says Harriet Edwards Gamper '36, who graciously contributed \$250,000 toward the renovation.

Shortly after receiving news about this wonderful gift, the Ohio Wesleyan development office received an unexpected letter from Bill Myers '55, great-grandson of John Edwards and Mrs. Gamper's cousin. He agreed to match her commitment toward the renovation. Myers says, "The building has a fabulous history. It was the largest gym in the Midwest. Some people can still remember when the state high school basketball tournaments were held there. The Italianate Beaux Arts style of the exterior and great oak beams of the basketball court are enough to make the sturdy old building worth preserving."

"It's not often that we receive such significant unsolicited gifts," says Mark Shipps '70, vice president for university relations. "We were thrilled to receive this news."

The gifts provided a significant boost in the fund-raising for Edwards Gymnasium. As of June 30, nearly \$840,000 in cash and pledges had been committed to the project. Renovation plans call for the entire first floor of the structure to be reconfigured, including a new

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lobby and athletic director suite. Similarly, the first-floor plan includes office space for all head and assistant coaches, whose offices are now split between Edwards Gymnasium and Branch Rickey Center. The locker rooms and conference spaces also will be refurbished.

The second-floor basketball court, which is used nearly every day for practices and intramural sports, will be renovated as well. Once the second-floor court is finished, and the existing stands and backboards are freshened, it will be like stepping into a time capsule back to one

of the 70 seasons when Edwards Gym was the home of Ohio Wesleyan basketball.

The weight room, now located in the basement, is undergoing renovation and repairs to the roof and outer skylight were completed during the summer. University policy limits construction and/or renovation of any campus facility before the money is in hand. Therefore, additional work on the Edwards facility will continue as cash is raised.

Frazier Shipp '37, life trustee, and Marion Hubbart Shipp '36, Gamper's classmate, also made a significant financial commitment to the Edwards' project after learning of the two gifts. Frazier states, "The Edwards and the Shipp/Hubbart families have had a warm relationship over the years, and we are happy to provide our support. Harriet's and Bill's gifts have kick-started this effort that will ensure that John Edwards' legacy will continue to live on at our alma mater. We hope others will consider following their lead." Plans are in place to secure the remaining funds necessary for this aspect of the campaign.

Overall funds for the *Remembering Mr. Rickey* campaign stand at approximately \$6 million as of June 30. For more information, please visit the campaign Web site at <http://mrrickey.owu.edu/> or contact Darrel Gibson '87, director of major gifts, at (740) 368-3324 or dbgibson@owu.edu.

Ms. Gale is Director of Donor Relations at Ohio Wesleyan.

Are You Up for the Challenge?

By *Ericka Kurtz*

It's no secret that Greeks are competitive, and the rivalry doesn't go away after graduation. As devoted brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Evan Corns '59 and Lloyd Ferguson '62 knew they could put that competition to good use for Ohio Wesleyan, and so the Greek Challenge was born.

"The Greek Challenge was structured prior to calendar year 2002 in the hopes of augmenting the traditional class leadership organization," says Corns. "Ohio Wesleyan has an historic Greek tradition, and it was felt that those ties and friendships might prove to be a very strong component to annual giving. We bill this competition as the 'ultimate intramural sport' at Ohio Wesleyan."

Assistant Director of Annual Giving Matt Ufferman '01 says the ground rules for Greek Challenge are easy. "Any and all gifts to the

Annual Fund count toward the Greek Challenge assuming the donor was a member of a Greek organization," he says. "Donors don't have to designate it when they make their gift – we simply can tell from their records which organization they belong to and credit the gift to the fraternity or sorority in the Greek Challenge standings."

Other rules state that the gift must be a minimum of \$25, one person cannot give on behalf of another individual, and the competition is based on three factors to provide an even playing field. "The Greek Challenge is based evenly on total dollars raised, participation rate, and average dollar per donor," says Ufferman. "The organizations are then ranked in each category with one being the best and 26 being the worst. The lowest total score then wins."

Last year, the following fraternities placed in the top five of the Greek Challenge:

1. *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*
2. *Phi Gamma Delta*
3. *Delta Tau Delta*
4. *Alpha Tau Omega*
5. *Beta Theta Pi*

The 2006-07 fiscal year opened the Greek Challenge to sororities, and they gave Sigma Alpha Epsilon a run for their money. "With sororities entering the Greek Challenge, a whole new level of competition has been added," says Corns. "Their participation performance is incredible."

The 2006-07 Greek Challenge results are:

1. *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*
2. *Kappa Kappa Gamma*
3. *Pi Beta Phi*
4. *Delta Gamma*
5. *Phi Gamma Delta*

For details about the Greek Challenge, contact Matt Ufferman at (740) 368-3944 or at mdufferm@owu.edu.

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Published works of OWU students, alumni, and faculty.

Ghosts of Stuyvesant Hall and Beyond – Volume I

by John B. Ciochetty, published by AuthorHouse, March 2007.

Shortly after joining Ohio Wesleyan's public safety force in 2001, John B. Ciochetty became aware of the University's ghostly history, not only from the many stories students and faculty would share, but also from his own first-hand experiences. He felt compelled to put the nearly two centuries of tales on paper.

In March, his book, *Ghosts of Stuyvesant Hall and Beyond – Volume 1* was published by AuthorHouse. The book offers a glimpse into the supernatural and unexplained occurring at Ohio Wesleyan, combining the rich and romantic history of the institution with accounts of spirit-filled activity and folklore. Ciochetty believes Ohio Wesleyan may be the most haunted university in the United States.

For Ciochetty, writing the book came naturally, and the topic is something that has intrigued him his entire life. In fact, his interest in the supernatural has become so well known around campus that students often refer to him as "Casper."

"I have always liked ghost stories," he says. "I believe in ghosts, which is really a confirmation of what I've seen. I've seen them since the age of four. It might sound weird to people. I've seen them, and I'm still a skeptic. You have to prove it to me. I have to see some evidence."

Ciochetty used many resources for his research, including archives at the Ohio Wesleyan library; interviews with staff, current students, and alumni; county records, and news media. He discovered the first ghostly phenomenon took place on the land that would later become the University's campus in 1813 involving the spirit of a soldier. Ohio Wesleyan was founded in 1842.

"Some of the ghost stories have been passed down from one class to the other over the years," he says. "Some of the stories are hilarious and some are downright scary."

This book is just the first in a series Ciochetty intends to write about the ghosts of Ohio Wesleyan. This particular volume begins by first examining the ongoing spiritual phenomena at Stuyvesant Hall. Ghosts resembling soldiers and former students have been sighted.

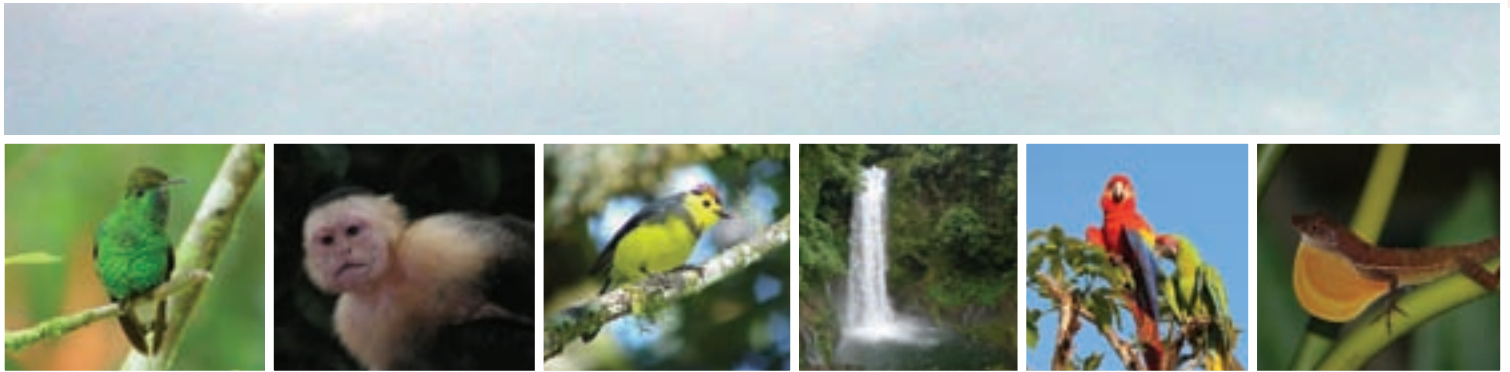
"When I researched the history of the University I found it so intriguing, and I had to incorporate that rich history in the book," Ciochetty says. "If people would sit down and take some time to learn about the history of the University, they would be surprised. They would be more appreciative of Ohio Wesleyan if they did that."

Ciochetty began his writing career as a reporter for his high school newspaper in Southeastern Ohio and continued as a freelance reporter for area newspapers and magazines as he pursued his undergraduate and graduate studies at Marshall University. His first publication, "Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare Defense," was written during his years serving in the United States Army and Reserves.

Ghosts of Stuyvesant Hall and Beyond can be found on Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes and Noble and AuthorHouse.com.

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Jed and Pam have lived in Costa Rica and published their observations on birds,

butterflies, and reptiles of the country. They also have led a number of trips to that country as part of the OWU course on tropical biology.

Cost for this eight-day trip is \$1,950 including roundtrip airfare from Miami. Space is limited to 22 people, so be sure to contact Laura Wayland, director of alumni relations, at (740) 368-3333 or lmwaylan@owu.edu as soon as possible to reserve your place on this exciting trip to the “Switzerland of Latin America.”

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Alumni Happenings »





May 15

Book Signing with Professor Robert Olmstead

OWU alumni and friends had a reception for Professor Robert Olmstead prior to his book signing of *Coal Black Horse*.

June 4

Cincinnati Community Service

Cincinnati-area OWU alumni, families, and friends continued a longstanding OWU tradition by giving back to the community as the group gathered for a community service day with Cincinnati Housing Partners.

June 4

Cleveland Indians game

More than 100 OWU alumni, families, and friends gathered for a picnic and to watch the Indians take on the Detroit Tigers at Jacobs Field.

June 13

Evening with OWU's Athletic Director

OWU alumni, families, and friends gathered for a Red and Black Reception with special guest, OWU Athletics Director Roger Ingles, at the Sea Cliff Country Club.



July 13

Boston Red Sox game

Boston-area Battling Bishops displayed their OWU pride at Fenway Park during the Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game.

August 5

Central Ohio Picnic

Central Ohio area alumni, students, and families gathered to welcome members of the class of 2011 into the OWU community and to share the distinctive OWU experience with area prospective students.

August 5

D.C. Summer Picnic

Greater D.C. area alumni, students, and families gathered at the home of Bill and Sharon Smithey '72 Coale to welcome members of the class of 2011 into the OWU Community.

August 7

Cincinnati Summer Picnic

Greater Cincinnati-area alumni, students, and families gathered to welcome members of the class of 2011 into the



OWU community and to share the distinctive OWU experience with area prospective students.

August 17-18

Reunion '08 Planning Weekend

Reunion officers for Alumni Weekend 2008 gathered on campus for a training workshop.

August 19

Charlotte Lion King

Charlotte-area Battling Bishops gathered for brunch, then attended a matinee performance of the Tony Award-winning musical, *The Lion King*.



1 **Cleveland:** Olive Hill Wilkens '47, Fred Wilkens. 2 **Huntington Beach:** Ann Muenster-Nuiry '73, Janet de Michaelis '74, Trisha Lott '73 Kelly Kinda Krohn '72 Elliott, Steve Elliott '71. 3 **Boston:** A group of alumni gather at the Boston Red Sox game. 4 **Elyria:** Janet Young Stoffer '70 (Director of the Elyria Public Library), Professor Robert Olmstead, Bill McFadden '58. 5 **Cleveland:** Theo Woods '79, Beth Woods. 6 **Cincinnati:** Matt Salts '01, Laura Daugherty, Michael Sedzoi '05, Laura Neinaber '04, Dave Papoi '65, Patricia Frasher '66 Papoi, Eric Ling, Lisa Fowler '00 Ling, Ann Slutz '70 Flanagan, David Knight '88, Robert Flanagan, and Rocky Louderback '74. 7 **Huntington Beach:** Olivia Fick, John Hanning '01, Keith Rozanski '99, Christina Kochheiser. 8 **Cleveland:** Dan Gliha '06, Angel Urbin '04, Dan Melcher '06, Dan Sharpe '06. 9 **Charlotte:** A group of alumni gather before *The Lion King*.

“What a thrill it was to see that great crowd of SAE brothers assembled on the patio—to see them, and to give the hand shake of the fraternity..to be mentors to such students was an ongoing concern, but more important was the feeling of family—the OWU family at large.”

— JOHN REED

SAE BROTHERS HONOR

“True Gentleman”

JOHN REED

By *Pam Besel*

THE BROTHERS of Sigma Alpha Epsilon serenaded the ladies and other special guests with such songs as “Friends,” “Violet,” and the SAE sweetheart song. And during that Saturday afternoon of Alumni Weekend 2007, the brothers had something and someone extra special about whom to sing. For on that day, they recognized and honored Brother John Reed—former University archivist and SAE advisor, mentor, and friend—by dedicating the beautifully refurbished patio in the back of the fraternity house at 23 William Street to him. With “Ms. Libby” at his side (most of our *Magazine* readers know her as Libby Reed, OWU Emerita Professor of English), Reed listened quietly as Evan Corns ’59 read the wording on the plaque that now rests on the patio wall.

“Its reference to ‘Brother John H. Reed, Ohio Wesleyan’s ideal True Gentleman’ was enthusiastically received by the crowd on hand that day,” says Corns, offering special thanks to Ohio Delta co-chapter advisors Bob Dolciato ’00 and Dick Adams for setting up the dedication proceedings. “Throughout my years at OWU, John Reed was the heart and soul of the Ohio Delta chapter. Both Libby and John always had time for the brothers, giving countless hours of advising and counseling, and working with the chapter on so many fronts.” And that kind of dedication extended far beyond Delaware, Ohio.

Both Lloyd Ferguson ’62 and Evan Bukey ’62 remember that Reed was a decorated Army Ranger, serving during World War II. Though modest about his achievements, Reed once was recognized for his efforts by President Eisenhower as they shook hands during a political rally long ago.

Others share similar fond memories of John Reed.

“John always was able to come to us in a balanced way, with a level playing field as he offered advice, be it about academics, fraternity matters, career plans, or personal dilemmas,” says Pete Gallo ’62. “Three years ago,



Brother John Reed

we decided to put some resources into fixing up the patio, and shortly after came the idea of dedicating it to John.” And that is when Dick Adams, co-chapter advisor of SAE began his magic. Working with Oberfields in Delaware, he secured cost estimates, plans, and even brick samples, which were approved by the brothers Gallo, Corns, and Ferguson. And the work began—the start of what Adams hopes will one day lead to additional physical improvements within the house.

“Although I’m not an OWU alumnus (Adams is a 1963 graduate of Bowling Green, and a recent recipient of the prestigious SAE Merit Key) I have been adopted by Ohio Wesleyan, and can’t put into words the kind of warmth I’ve felt here. But it’s really all about getting through to our students and making a difference in their lives.”

Ms. Besel is Director of Internal Communications and Editor of the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 10—San Jose, CA

Join Bay-area alumni, families, and friends for a reception featuring William Hoyt '94, detective – San Jose Police Department, Sexual Assaults Unit.

Tuesday, October 9—San Francisco, CA

Join OWU alumni, families, and friends for a reception featuring special guest speaker, David O. Robbins, provost and interim president, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Tuesday, October 23—Ann Arbor, MI

Join area Battling Bishops for a wine tasting reception at Vinology.

Wednesday, October 24—Detroit, MI

Join area Battling Bishops for a wine tasting reception at Andiamo Osteria.

Friday – Sunday, October 26-28 —Homecoming—Delaware, OH

Homecoming 2007 will include an event honoring Jim Leslie, the dedication of the Tom Courtice Presidential Portrait, the “W” Association Athletic Hall of Fame, a men’s lacrosse reunion, and much more!

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 5—Columbus, OH

Join the Columbus Monnett Club for a presentation from Melody Fathbruckner of Country Blessings by Melody to find out how to decorate for the holidays.

Wednesday, November 7—Central Ohio

Join Central Ohio Golden Bishops and Emeriti Faculty and Staff for a docent-led tour of the special exhibit “In Monet’s Garden: The Lure of Giverny” at the Columbus Museum of Art.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 5—New York, NY

Join NYC-area alumni, families, and friends for the annual holiday reception at the Racquet and Tennis Club.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 2 – Naples, FL

Join southwest Florida Battling Bishops for a Red and Black Reception featuring Ohio Wesleyan’s provost and interim president, David O. Robbins. Please note, this year’s luncheon will be held at a new location, The Quail Creek Country Club.

MARCH

Thursday, March 6—Houston, TX

Join OWU alumni, families, and friends for a reception featuring guest speaker and self-proclaimed “Dr. Diarrhea,” Bert DuPont '61, director, Center for Infectious Diseases and professor of epidemiology, University of Texas School of Public Health.

The Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Relations Office is also planning fall visits to the following cities:

Atlanta, GA; upstate New York; Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH; Philadelphia, PA; Toledo, OH; and Washington, D.C.

If you live in one of these cities and would like to assist the Alumni Relations office with event ideas, locations, etc., please contact Matt Salts '01, assistant director of alumni relations – off campus programming at mcsalts@owu.edu or (740) 368-3330.

Ohio Wesleyan is deeply saddened by the death of U.S. Representative Paul Gillmor, OWU Class of 1961, on September 5, 2007. A full obituary will appear in the Winter edition of the OWU Magazine.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR YOUR CLASS REUNION! ESPECIALLY FOR '78-'03.

If you would like to assist in planning your reunion, please contact Brenda DeWitt in the Alumni Relations Office at 740-368-3329 or at bedewitt@owu.edu.

ALUMNI IFC, NEWLY FORMED ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION IMPROVE GREEK COMMUNITY

FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS, Alumni Interfraternity Council has been providing its best assistance to Ohio Wesleyan's Greek community.

Whether it's sponsoring undergraduates for leadership conferences or preparing a fundraising campaign to renovate the fraternity houses, Alumni IFC strives to uphold and improve the welfare of Ohio Wesleyan's Greek community.

Ken Temple '63, president of Alumni IFC, says the group promotes meaningful, interactive communications between the fraternity system and the University. "To accomplish this, the Alumni IFC positions itself to the chapters as a positive source of support and assistance, and as a clearinghouse of ideas, discussions, and suggestions that each alumnus can take to and from the board," he notes.

Debra Lamp, director of student involvement, says Alumni IFC helps to strengthen the Greek community by working with the University.

"Alumni IFC is the bridge between the Greek community and OWU because Ken Temple is also on the Alumni Association board of directors," Lamp says. "He brings issues to the board regarding fraternity life and the condition of the chapter houses. The two sides help educate each other about issues concerning Greek life."

Alumni IFC meets three times a year, and the meetings are attended by fraternity alumni as well as current undergraduate members. "We discuss scholarship, house conditions, and offer help to the undergraduates," Temple says. "We want the Greek community to flourish at OWU."

New to Ohio Wesleyan during the past year, OWU's Alumnae Panhellenic Association members hit the ground running since their first meeting last November.

Wendy McCall Johnson '74, member of the Annual Fund Council and former Alumni Association Board member, recalls hearing updates from Alumni Interfraternity Council (IFC) representatives during board meetings.

"During my last year on the board, we began discussing the idea of forming an alumnae panhellenic group," says Johnson. So, with help from OWU's alumni relations and student involvement offices, staff members like Deb Lamp and Ed Lenane, and with the blessing of the Alumni Association Board, invitations to join were sent to more than 300 alumnae in central Ohio, and the Alumnae Panhellenic Association was well on its way to forming. Group members attended their fifth meeting on August 18.

"I am very excited about the formation of our Alumnae Panhellenic Association," says its president, Jaime Abbott '00. Getting the word out is the important next step.

"We are still trying to finalize our mission statement, but our overall hope is to expand the membership and keep the communication lines open with Alumni IFC," says Johnson. Surveys also have been mailed to members of active sorority chapters to find out how the new association can help them.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve either group, please contact Ed Lenane, assistant director of alumni relations — volunteer coordinator, at ewlenane@owu.edu.

PORTRAIT OF A PRESIDENT

SAVE THE DATE!

THE PORTRAIT OF FORMER OHIO WESLEYAN PRESIDENT THOMAS B. COURTICE, HON. '04, WILL BE UNVEILED AT A RECEPTION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 4:45 P.M. IN UNIVERSITY HALL.

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