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# Editor's Pen

## There are many heroes and heroines among us at OWU.

While they may not be able to "leap from tall buildings in a single bound," a la Superman, our Ohio Wesleyan heroes are, nonetheless, remarkable individuals.

Their strength (Krypton is, by the way, not their native planet) comes from an incredible energy source—Ohio Wesleyan University—that engages and motivates each student, professor, staff member, and alumnus/a to offer up precious time, ingenious ideas, and monetary gifts large and small. No gift is too minute; no idea is inconsequential; and as for time, our most precious commodity, it is offered in earnest, well spent, and deeply appreciated by members of this OWU family.

Our special heroes are OWU alumni, teachers, administrators, parents, friends, teachers who are also alumni, and alumni who wear staff and administrator hats at OWU. Their paths may vary somewhat, always converging back, however, to the University in which they believe.

Pictured below are just six of many OWU heroes and heroines (starting left and moving clockwise): Barb Cudia, admission specialist; Tyler Mott '04, baseball coach; Terree Stevenson '95, director of minority student affairs; Patricio Plazolles, program officer, Woltemade Center; Dan Sharpe '00, officer, Columbus Foundation and alumni volunteer; and Brad Trees '86, physics and astronomy professor. They share similar OWU experiences.

"Being involved in and taking advantage of the opportunities at Ohio Wesleyan as an undergraduate truly helped to shape me as an individual," says Dan Sharpe '00. "It is my goal now, as an alumnus, to be present and involved [at the University] in hopes of making a positive impact on an undergraduate and on the institution that had such a profound impact on me. I am OWU!"

"My OWU experience? I felt supported in my efforts in and outside of the classroom, challenged on my perspectives on life, and encouraged to become a responsible global citizen," says Terree. "Without OWU and the aid of my family, I would not have been able to achieve and accomplish what I have. OWU is me and I am OWU."

Enjoy our "Heroes Among Us" focus throughout our Report of Donors, and a special thanks to you, our loyal and caring OWU alumni and friends.

Pam Besel  
Editor

## Bold plans for an extraordinary future



President Rock Jones

Dear Alumni & Friends,

This summer has been an exhilarating time for Melissa and me as we have been welcomed so warmly by so many people related to Ohio Wesleyan University. We have been reminded over and over again of how fortunate all of us are to be part of an institution with such a rich history and such a bright future.

Early one morning recently, I walked from our home at The Pritchard House to my office in University Hall. As I came down the JAYwalk, I looked across Sandusky Street and found myself mesmerized by the beauty of this historic campus, with its stately trees and grand old 19th century buildings. The stones of these buildings tell the story of the great heritage of this University. They evoke memories of people I will never know but whose contributions give us the opportunities we enjoy today.

Adding to this beauty were the just-completed renovation of the Memorial Gate and the newly constructed Founders' Plaza in front of Slocum Hall. The Memorial Gate, first given a century ago by the Class of 1909, has been renovated this year by the Class of 1959 in anticipation of its half-century reunion next spring. The Founders' Plaza provides a lovely gathering space and a place to recognize those whose philanthropy has enriched this

University in extraordinary ways. These are striking physical enhancements to the campus. More importantly, they remind us of the rich history of this institution, of our connection to those who have preceded us, and of the important contributions of those who lead us philanthropically today.

As I crossed Sandusky Street and made my way up the walkway beyond the Memorial Gate, I read the names of those who have been recognized with the Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Alumni Award, and those who have been made honorary alumni of Ohio Wesleyan University. Individually and collectively, these names tell stories of leadership and service, commitment and accomplishment, in professional life, civic leadership, and social service. Highlighted along the path are quotes from Branch Rickey 1904, Norman Vincent Peale '20, and Willa B. Player '27, alumni of this institution whose leadership in their respective vocations played significant roles in the transformation of American society in the 20th century.

Today, as we celebrate our great heritage, we have an extraordinary opportunity to look forward and imagine a future that builds on this legacy and allows Ohio Wesleyan University to fulfill its destiny as one

of the nation's premier liberal arts institutions. We must be bold and decisive as we articulate a compelling vision that sets Ohio Wesleyan apart and makes this an institution of choice for the best students and the most promising faculty. We must develop a plan that fulfills this vision. We must secure the resources necessary to implement this plan and to achieve our highest aspirations. We must examine the way we conduct our work so that all of our energies are focused on the education of our students. This process requires the best thinking of all who care about Ohio Wesleyan University.

Of course, many of the conversations about the future of the University will take place on campus. Additionally, between Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2009, I will visit more than 25 cities for conversations with alumni and friends of OWU. Please watch your mail and e-mail for information about these events, and please plan to attend one in your area. I want your input

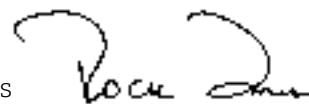
and need your support as together we create the vision for Ohio Wesleyan. On Alumni Weekend, we will announce our strategic plan—a plan that definitely will include the best thinking of our alumni.

Our ability to provide a life-changing education that prepares today's students to become tomorrow's leaders is dependent on the support of every person whose life has been influenced by Ohio Wesleyan University. Our students and this institution need your support. Every gift of time, talent, and treasure is important. Every contribution strengthens our ability to move forward as an institution.

Never before has our world had greater need for leaders educated in the liberal arts. We need leaders who understand and embrace change in every facet of life. We need leaders who understand and embrace diversity and are comfortable interacting with individuals with very different life experiences. We need leaders who can think creatively,

and speak powerfully, act ethically, and live with absolute integrity, professionally and personally. We need leaders whose ultimate interest is in making the world a better place, today, tomorrow, and forever. For 166 years, Ohio Wesleyan University has prepared these leaders, and, with your support, we will fulfill this mission in even grander ways in the years ahead.

Fifty years from now another generation will pass along the JAYwalk, looking beyond the Memorial Gate at the beauty of this historic campus. What story will those old stones be telling then? Together, we have the opportunity to write that story. Thank you for your commitment to Ohio Wesleyan University and for your support of this great cause.



Dr. Rock Jones  
President







## Spotlight on Statistics: Admission/Financial Aid

*Your time, treasures, and talents make it possible for students to enjoy all the benefits of an Ohio Wesleyan education. Thank you. Below are some statistics on our current students, fees, and the financial aid we offer.*

### ENROLLMENT, BY THE NUMBERS

#### ALL STUDENTS

- 1,850 students – 51 percent are female, with students from 47 states and 50 countries
- 54 percent are Ohio residents
- 19 percent are international and U.S. multicultural students

#### CLASS OF 2012

- 620 new first year and transfer students
- 58 new international students from 29 countries
- U.S. students from 37 states
- The six states most represented in the new class, in order of number of students:
  - Ohio
  - Connecticut
  - Maryland
  - Pennsylvania
  - Massachusetts
  - New York
- Ohio students comprise 47 percent of the new first-year class
- Of those who provide a rank in class:
  - Average rank is top 30 percent of their class
  - 8 percent are ranked #1 or #2 in their class
- Nineteen percent are qualified for honors level study at OWU
- One in five U.S. first-years are from private secondary schools
- Fourteen percent of U.S. first-year students are legacies (children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren of OWU alumni)

#### WHAT OWU COSTS, AND HOW WE HELP TO MAKE IT AFFORDABLE

- \$33,700 for tuition and fees; average room and board is \$8,270
- More than 90 percent of first-time, first-year students have received grant or scholarship assistance
- OWU's Merit Program provides more than \$5 million in non-need-based University scholarships to the incoming class
- The average financial aid package (including all need- and merit-based grants and loans) for new aid applicants in 2008 is \$25,821
- \$9.9 million in direct Ohio Wesleyan support in the form of need-based and merit-based aid, including annual fund gifts and endowed scholarship funding, will help our new students access our OWU education

2008-2009

# SAGAN NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

**OHIO WESLEYAN IS GOING GREEN.**

The topic of the 2008-2009 Sagan National Colloquium is "Cultivating a Green Campus: Promoting Sustainability and Environmental Understanding on the OWU Campus and in the Delaware Community."

The Colloquium will include a series of fall and spring lectures, as well as special workshop-style presentations

to teach people about different aspects of creating and sustaining healthier environments. Ohio Wesleyan students will work throughout the school year to identify and implement initiatives to make campus a greener place to live and work.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about the environment and then to act on what they

learn," says Chuck Stinemetz '83, dean of academic affairs. "The interactivity adds an exciting new dimension to our annual Colloquium."

For a complete schedule of speakers and events, please visit the SNC Web site at <http://snc.owu.edu>. All events are free and open to the public.

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**SAVE THESE DATES**

<p>NEW YORK, NEW YORK <b>ANNUAL NEW YORK HOLIDAY EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 2, 2008</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>THE UNION CLUB</b> 101 East 69th Street New York, NY</p>	<p>COLUMBUS, OHIO <b>COLUMBUS HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 10, 2008</b> <b>ARENA GRAND</b></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> ☞ <i>Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and easy-access parking</i></p> <p><b>NATIONWIDE ARENA</b></p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> ☞ <i>Rockettes • lower bowl seating</i></p>
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*A day in the life of Ohio Wesleyan's 16th president, Rock Jones, is anything but ordinary — and that's just the way he likes it.*

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS



... at a community reception.

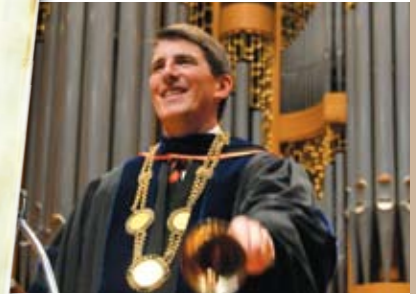
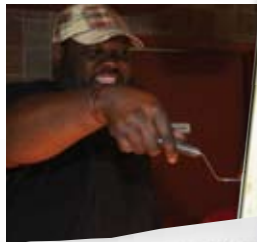
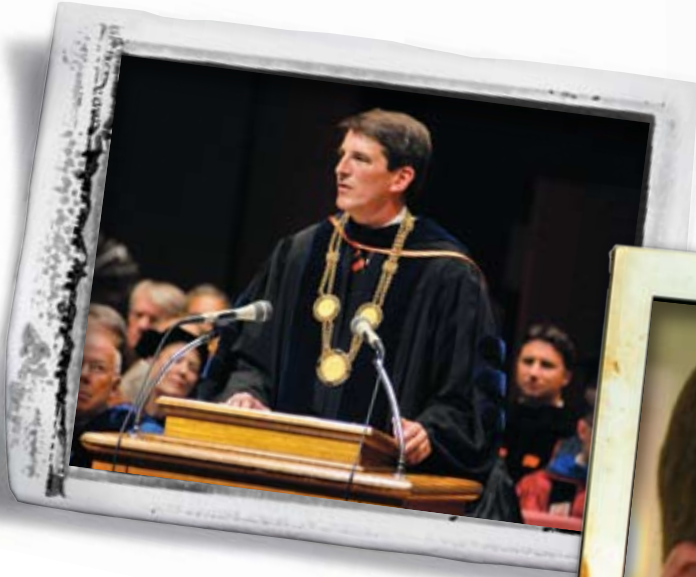


... meeting and listening to students.





*... helping students move in and welcoming everyone to campus.*



*... with the building and grounds staff.*



# *The New Face of Women's Lacrosse*

By Ann Marcum





**“The most rewarding part will be to see my athletes be successful on and off the field.”**

—JULIE DUFFY

*Julie Duffy isn't usually the gambling type, but she decided to play the odds—and a gut feeling—when holding out for the head coaching position for women's lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan.*

“I actually turned down a job because I really hoped to get this job,” says Duffy, a native of Westhampton, Massachusetts, who accepted the position at Ohio Wesleyan in early July. “I immediately took it and spent July 4 weekend packing up.”

Duffy comes from a family rooted in Ohio Wesleyan lacrosse, with two of her mother's cousins suiting up for the Battling Bishops in the 1980s. Her interest in teaching and coaching comes from her father, a former educator, with added inspiration from one of her high school history teachers.

“I knew I wanted to teach and coach,” says Duffy, whose interest in coaching intensified while sitting out with an injury during her sophomore year on Hartwick College's lacrosse team. That period also sparked her involvement in lacrosse camps for girls ages 10 to 17, an activity in which she's still active.

Deciding to major in political science and secondary social studies education, Duffy was thrown into classroom teaching her freshman year as part of her alma mater's focus on “connecting

the classroom to the world.” She helped with physical education classes at a local elementary school and assisted special needs children with reading and writing—cementing her interest in working with young people.

“I fell in love with it,” she says. “I really looked forward to doing it every day.”

Fast forward to Duffy's 2007 graduation from Hartwick and then a stint as a graduate assistant at Ithaca College, where she earned a master's degree in sports psychology. When she saw the job opening at Ohio Wesleyan via NCAA.org, she was immediately interested in applying.

“I love the small-school environment. It's important to me the education that my [players] get,” she says, explaining that Ohio Wesleyan's academic reputation was a major factor in her job search.

Potential for success was another determinant, says Duffy, referring to the Battling Bishops' North Coast Athletic Conference Championship titles in women's lacrosse in 2005 and 2008. She hopes to bring a fresh perspective and tap into the team's athletic potential by adding tougher non-conference opponents to the roster and, in turn, making a strong run for post-season NCAA play. “The most rewarding part will be to see my athletes be successful on and off the field,” says Duffy, whose team will include 13 first-year students.



Outside of coaching lacrosse, Duffy enjoys spending time with her family and playing racquetball. She's somewhat of a racquetball fanatic, secretly putting racquetball courts on her “wish list” for schools to which she applied for coaching positions.


Racquetball courts and small-school environment aside, one thing is certain: Duffy is looking forward to her time at Ohio Wesleyan.

“I felt like I was already part of the community before I even came out here,” she says.

**Ann Marcum is Assistant Director of Media & Community Relations at Ohio Wesleyan.**

# BREAKING INTO THE HALL OF FAME

By *Mark Beckenbach '81*



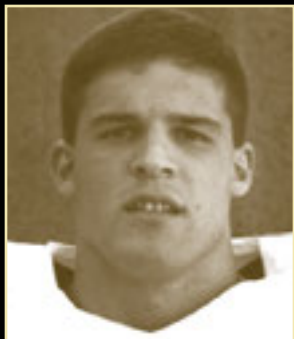
*Ohio Wesleyan University will induct 11 former Battling Bishop standouts — including five All-Americans — and bestow the inaugural George Gauthier Award posthumously upon Arthur Belt '34 during ceremonies on Saturday, October 11, at Homecoming Weekend.*



## The Hall of Fame Inductees are . . .



Ali Albrecht



Steve Alexander



Jason Chiero



Bob Croft



Amy Evans

**Ali Albrecht '98** was a four-time All-American in the shot put and a six-time NCAC champion and a 12-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference performer in the shot put and discus. Her freshman year, she won the NCAC discus title and finished second in the shot put. As a sophomore, she qualified for the NCAA Division III indoor meet and placed seventh in the shot (41-5¾), missing sixth place and All-America honors by a quarter of an inch. She was named Field Athlete of the Year at the NCAC outdoor meet after winning the discus and finishing second in the shot put. She won All-America honors with a fifth-place finish in the shot and made the finals in the discus. Her junior year, she again qualified for nationals and narrowly missed All-America honors, placing eighth with a throw of 41-8½. Outdoors, she won the shot and discus in helping OWU win the NCAC title. She won All-America honors in the shot for the second straight year, finishing fourth. As a senior, she was named Outstanding Field Performer at the NCAC indoor meet, winning the shot put. She threw 46-4¾ at the NCAA indoor meet, finishing second to earn All-America laurels. Outdoors, she was named Outstanding Field Performer after winning the shot put and placing third in the discus to help OWU successfully defend its NCAC title. At the NCAA Division III meet, she won her fourth All-America citation with a second-place finish, her throw of 44-9¾ less than two inches away from the national title.

**Steve Alexander '93** was an All-America tight end and a two-year starter during the most successful four-year period in Bishop football history. He was an honorable mention All-America pick by *Football Gazette* and a first-team All-NCAC choice as a senior after leading the team with 35 catches for 665 yards and 11 TDs. He scored a school-record 96 points to rank second in the NCAC. He scored in every game that year and had a string of nine straight games with a TD reception. He was an honorable mention All-America pick by *Football Gazette* and second-team All-NCAC pick at split end as a junior, hauling in 45 passes for 626 yards and eight TD, and his 66 points led the team. He finished his career as OWU's all-time leader in points scored (190) and ranked second in TD receptions (21), touchdowns (29), fourth in receiving yards (1343) and tied for fifth in receptions (86).

**Jason Chiero '96** was an All-America defender in men's soccer. As a junior, he was a third-team All-America selection, also receiving first-team all-region, All-Ohio and All-NCAC honors and being named NCAC Defensive Player of the Year. He assisted on a goal against Wheaton that sent the game into overtime, and scored a goal to send the NCAA Division III regional championship game into overtime. His senior year, he again was a first-team all-region, All-Ohio and All-NCAC selection. Ohio Wesleyan compiled a 55-4-5 record during his three seasons.

**Bob Croft '94** was a three-time All-NCAC selection in men's basketball. As a sophomore, he ranked third in the NCAC in scoring (18.4 pts/game), rebounding (8.1/game) and free throw percentage (.822) and was a first-team All-NCAC pick that season. He earned second-team all-district and first-team All-NCAC honors as a junior, leading the NCAC in scoring (19.6 pts/game) and free throw percentage (.850) and ranking second in rebounding (8.2) and seventh in field goal percentage (.500). His individual numbers declined his senior year, but the team went 16-10 for its first winning season in four years. He ranked 12th in NCAC in scoring (14.3 pts/game), third in rebounding (8.2/game) and led the league in free throw percentage (.849). He hit the game-winner at the buzzer to beat Capital, 88-87, for the Bishops' first win over the Crusaders in eight years. He was a second-team All-NCAC selection. His career totals of 1,475 points and 700 rebounds ranked seventh on all-time OWU lists.

**Amy Evans '92** was a three-time All-NCAC selection in women's basketball who set Ohio Wesleyan's career assists record. As a senior, she set an OWU record with 136 assists, leading the NCAC in that category (5.4/game). She was an honorable mention All-NCAC selection, helping Ohio Wesleyan to a 23-2 record, the NCAC championship and its first-ever NCAA Division III playoff appearance. She was a second-team All-NCAC selection as a junior after averaging 10.8 points (third on the team) and 3.9

# Bishop Battles »

assists (fifth in NCAC). As a sophomore, she ranked second on the team in scoring (10.0 points/game), fifth in the NCAC in assists (4.5/game) and third in the NCAC in field goal percentage (.458). She received honorable mention All-NCAC honors after helping OWU to a 17-8 record. During her career, she compiled 887 points and a school-record 406 assists. Ohio Wesleyan was 72-28, winning one NCAC championship and making one NCAA Division III playoff appearance.

**Kevin Finneran '90** was named Division III Midfielder of the Year in his only season at Ohio Wesleyan. He was named Player of the Year in both the NCAC and Midwest Lacrosse Association. He scored a goal to help the Bishops close within 7-6 at halftime in the NCAA Division III championship game at Hobart, but Hobart went on to a 11-8 win. He finished with 27 goals and 25 assists to rank second on team and seventh in the NCAC in scoring. The 25 assists set an OWU season record for midfielders, while the 52 points was the second-best by a Bishop midfielder. He was selected to compete in the North-South All-Star game.

**James "Red" Glancy '29** was a three-year letterman in football. He won the starting right halfback spot as a junior and scored the game-winning TD in a 7-2 win over Denison. In a 9-7 win over Wooster, he scored on a short TD run, and he ran for 10 yards to start the scoring drive in a 7-0 win over Marshall. His senior year, he played fullback and both halfback spots at various times. He accounted for 20 points on three touchdowns and two PATs in a 33-0 win over Marietta. In Ohio Wesleyan's 17-7 win at Michigan, he kicked a 27-yard field goal to wrap up the scoring. "Glancy fooled the Michigan team all afternoon with his runs from left punt formation," reported *The Transcript*. Later in the season, Michigan coach Fielding Yost called Ohio Wesleyan the best team they had faced. Glancy returned from a rib injury to start at left halfback at Syracuse in a 6-0 Bishop win. Ohio Wesleyan finished the season with an 8-1 record and shared the Buckeye title with Wittenberg. He was named honorary captain after the season and was a first-team All-Buckeye Conference and All-Ohio (by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*) selection.



**Ryan Missler '98** was a three-year letterman at third base and shortstop who finished his career by receiving NCAC Player of the Year honors. He was a first-team All-NCAC selection as a sophomore, making the all-regional tournament team and batting .304 with five HR and 30 RBI. As a junior, he won first-team All-NCAC and honorable mention all-region status. He batted .402, ranking ninth in the league, hit eight home runs and drove in 52 runs, ranking fifth in the NCAC and tying for fourth on the all-time OWU season list. His senior year, he won the NCAC batting title with a .485 average (fourth-best all-time at OWU), set an OWU record with 14 home runs, and drove in 66 runs to rank second in the NCAC as well as second on the all-time OWU season list. He set school records with 83 hits and 142 total bases that year. He was named NCAC Player of the Year and was a first-team All-NCAC and second-team all-region pick. His career batting average of .400 ranked fifth all-time at OWU, while his 27 home runs tied the school record, and his .661 slugging percentage ranked third.

**Tom Peyton '72** was an all-conference selection in football and men's lacrosse. In football, as a senior co-captain, he was a defensive stalwart on the Bishops' Ohio Athletic Conference champion/Stagg Bowl team that held 4 opponents scoreless and four others to one TD or less. He recovered two fumbles and picked off a pass in the season opener vs. Heidelberg, with one recovery setting up the Bishops' second TD of the game. A first-team All-OAC selection, he also was Transcript Athlete of Week twice that season, as well as earning the Rayburn Award for "giving the most to OW football and for exemplifying leadership on and off the field." He moved to defense his junior year after ranking second on the team in rushing as a sophomore. He lettered twice in lacrosse despite having no experience prior to OWU, and went on to receive second-team All-MLA honors his senior year.





**Phil Roos '60** was a three-year letterman in football who capped his career by receiving second-team United Press International All-Ohio and second-team All-OAC honors. A lineman, he received one of eight (he was the District IV selection from among all universities, the other recipients that year came from Brown, Syracuse, Tennessee, Texas, Nebraska, Wyoming and California) National Football Foundation Earl Blaik Student-Athlete Awards “presented to outstanding athlete-students who have demonstrated their football proficiency on the field as well as academic and leadership capabilities in the classroom and on the campus.” He also lettered three times in lacrosse, receiving second-team All-MLA honors his senior year.

**Tracy Scott '97** was an All-America goalkeeper in lacrosse and an all-conference wing player in basketball. She won the starting goalkeeper spot as a sophomore and set a school record with 29 saves against Denison. Her 237 saves that season set a school record as well, and she ranked second in the NCAC with a .724 saves percentage on the way to first-team All-NCAC honors. As a junior, she repeated as a first-team All-NCAC selection and led the NCAC with a .646 saves percentage. Her senior year, she was named NCAC Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-NCAC in addition to a third-team All-America citation, leading the NCAC with a .636 saves percentage. She owns three of the top four single-game and single-season save totals in the OWU record books, and her 621 career saves ranks second all-time. In basketball, she was a second-team All-NCAC selection her senior year, averaging 12.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. She scored 29 points to lead the Bishops over Wittenberg in an NCAC tournament semifinal game, and was named to the all-tournament team after a narrow loss to Kenyon in the NCAC tournament final.

**The 2008 class of inductees is the 48th to be inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame and the 33rd to include women.**

## AND THE AWARD GOES TO ARTHUR BELT '34



The George Gauthier Award honors graduates of Ohio Wesleyan University for exemplary, widely recognized and sustained contributions to the Ohio Wesleyan athletics department, as an undergraduate on the playing fields, in the classroom, and as an alumnus providing lifelong support, interest, and leadership. The award also honors those who, through their acts of unselfish involvement, personify “Service Above Self.” Gauthier served as Ohio Wesleyan’s athletics director from 1921-55. He was the Battling Bishops’ football coach from 1921-46, the Bishops’ men’s track & field coach from 1922-55, and the men’s cross country coach from 1955-58.

Belt was a three-year letterman in football who finished his career by receiving second-team All-Buckeye honors from the Associated Press. He scored on a blocked punt against Heidelberg during his senior year, was

recognized for his defensive efforts in a Bishop win over Marshall, and was named honorary game captain twice by coach Gauthier that season.

Belt was a strong, quiet leader by example, remembers Frazier Shipp’s ’37, an Ohio Wesleyan trustee since 1966. Shipp’s remembers Belt as the “guy who was always on the bottom of the pile (on the field),” whose leadership carried over to his fraternity and general campus life. Belt served as a mentor to many as they entered Ohio Wesleyan, including Shipp’s himself.

Belt, his daughter, Patsy Belt Conrades ’63, and her husband, George Conrades ’61, have been longtime supporters of Ohio Wesleyan athletics. Another daughter, Nancy Belt Muldoon ’60, also attended Ohio Wesleyan.

# Class of 1958 Leads the Way in Annual Fund Giving



By *Gretchen Hirsch*

**It was a record-breaking year for the Class of 1958.** To mark their 50th reunion, these Golden Key alumni gave the largest single-year class gift in Ohio Wesleyan history—well over \$600,000—to the Annual Fund, at a time when the economy was taking a hit, the mortgage market was in turmoil, energy prices were soaring, and inflation was creeping upward.

“The enthusiasm generated by this group of alumni was like nothing I’ve ever seen,” says Mayme Norman, director of annual giving. “There were matching gifts as well as new gifts, and some people really stretched, donating far in excess of what they’ve ever given. It truly was a testament to their love for Ohio Wesleyan.”

Norman also notes that these alumni were thrilled with the selection of Rock Jones as the University’s 16th president. “They envision a bright future for Ohio Wesleyan under Rock’s leadership, and they view their gifts as an investment in that future,” she says. “Like him, they see the possibilities of lifting Ohio Wesleyan to a new level of prominence.”

The first matching gift came from ’58 alumnus Lou Simpson, President and CEO for Capital Operations at GEICO and honorary chair of the class’s

Annual Fund campaign. Simpson pledged \$125,000 if the class raised an additional \$250,000. When that milestone was reached, Simpson added another \$125,000 donation, for a total class gift of \$500,000.

Surprisingly, however, once Simpson’s match was accomplished, the class just kept on giving. So Simpson and another anonymous donor set a second ambitious goal. Each of them pledged an additional \$33,333 if the rest of the class raised an equal amount. Their fellow alums met that challenge, too, so the class gift stood at \$600,000. And as more gifts and pledges poured in, the total rose to nearly \$610,000.

Mark Shipps ’70, vice president for university relations, lauds the hard work of the class gift committee. “Roger Cook and his committee, which included Carolyn Alexander Hobson and Bill McFadden, worked incredibly hard, and they were exceptionally well-organized. They made personal contacts and nurtured relationships very effectively,” he says. “This class has a history of generous giving and they wanted to keep the record alive. They’re also aware that Ohio Wesleyan’s momentum is on the upswing and it was important to them to be part of that.

“Of course,” Shipps adds, “Lou Simpson’s matching gift had a huge impact. It gave the class a significant challenge they pursued aggressively.”

Simpson himself was pleased with how things went. “I was happy to be part of the Class of 1958 record-breaking annual fund gift. Our class has raised the bar for future annual fund gifts by reunion classes.”

“This was a great process,” says Roger Cook. “The participants really stepped up to the plate. Of course, part of the reason they did so was that Lou pushed us to do better—and people responded by extending themselves, in some cases very noticeably.”

For all who participated, setting the record was a thrilling moment. And Ohio Wesleyan will benefit from the efforts of the Class of 1958 for many lifetimes to come.

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## Selby Wall is ‘Looking Good’

**A WALL IS JUST A WALL...UNLESS THAT WALL HAPPENS TO FRAME OHIO WESLEYAN’S SELBY STADIUM.** Designed and built in 1929 by George Gauthier, OWU’s athletics director and football and track coach for more than three decades, Selby was created as a smaller version of The Ohio State University’s horseshoe stadium, which was built just a few years before, and was the first in the country to be built to Olympic specifications. As Jack Winters ’61 points out, OWU’s Selby Stadium now holds a proud first spot since recent major renovations to OSU’s stadium. Time and usage have taken a toll on Selby during the past 75 years. The concrete panels between the pillars of Selby’s south wall had become worn with age.

“We knew we had to replace the concrete panels, leaving re-faced upright columns,” explains Mark Shipps ’70, vice president of university relations. In between the posts now is aluminum fencing that enables people to see the field from nearby Branch Rickey Way (Henry Street.) “We also have poured new foundation under the existing fencing as we tore up the surrounding asphalt and walkway, replacing it with concrete,” he says.

For OWU’s head of buildings and grounds, Chris Setzer, the Selby project enables the University to preserve the stadium’s rich past while being mindful of cost.

“We really have opened up Selby visually for people traveling on Henry Street,”

he says. But for Winters, a pediatric dentist from Findlay, aesthetics is just part of this project’s meaning and importance. Both his uncle “Sonny” and father Jay ’26 played football for OWU, and experienced a taste of NFL play after graduating. The press box in Selby is dedicated to both men. So, for Jack Winters, who officiated at Division I games for more than 20 years, and is a working scout for NFL officials, the words “football,” “love,” and “Selby Stadium” are synonymous.

“We need to keep rallying around Selby. It is an icon.”

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# ONE OWU PARENT'S GOAL TO INSPIRE OTHERS

By Ann Marcum

Todd Luttinger is not an Ohio Wesleyan graduate, nor does he come from a long line of Battling Bishop alumni. He really had no exposure to the University until visiting the Delaware, Ohio, campus with his son a few years ago.

"I had a good feeling about the school when we first visited," says Luttinger, whose son, Brandon Luttinger, is set to graduate from Ohio Wesleyan in 2010. "I'm a gut instinct type of person."

One of the things that first caught Luttinger's eye on campus was a display honoring Branch Rickey, 1904—one of Ohio Wesleyan's most beloved graduates—in the lobby of Edwards Gymnasium. A native of Long Island, New York, with family ties in Brooklyn, Luttinger knew well Rickey's legendary work in signing Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

Impressed with Ohio Wesleyan's rich athletic history and knowing of its more recent success in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), Luttinger was surprised by the aging athletic facilities on campus. He wondered how the University could compete with other schools boasting new and updated facilities, and how it would continue to attract top-quality



Todd Luttinger, parent of OWU student Brandon Luttinger, '10

student-athletes.

"You never know what will impact [prospective students'] decisions," he says, emphasizing that the athletic facilities stood out to him as an area where immediate impact was needed. "It seemed like the school would get the biggest bang for its buck in this area."

And so Luttinger set out to assist the University as best he could. Because

his son was heavily involved in the men's tennis program, Luttinger had a particular interest in Gordon Field House. He wanted to ensure that Ohio Wesleyan's indoor amenities stacked up to the competition in the NCAC and nationwide.

Between his own resources and that of his Boston, Massachusetts-based company—high-definition videoconferencing and audiovisual solutions provider, Videré Conferencing—Luttinger contributed \$150,000 in support of the *Remembering Mr. Rickey Campaign*. The funds were earmarked specifically for upgrades to Gordon Field House, including new paint and lighting as well as improvements to the existing netting system and flooring surfaces.

The upgrades are part of a phased project that started in the summer of 2008 and is slated for completion in January 2009. The goal is for students to have full use of the facility when they return to campus after holiday break.

Luttinger's interest in the project is two-fold: he believes in the University's future and the opportunity it provides his son, but also in the value it provides to future generations in the region and beyond.



***“If a university can grow and flourish, that pays dividends to its graduates.”***

— TODD LUTTINGER

“If a university can grow and flourish, that pays dividends to its graduates,” he says. “It’s not just about the tuition check you write a couple of times a year. It’s about enhancing the value of our children’s degrees.”

From a personal, qualitative standpoint, Luttinger hopes to inspire others

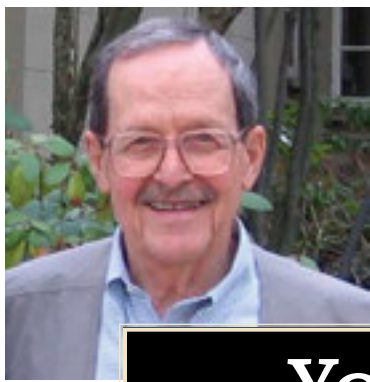
and encourage a culture of forward motion at Ohio Wesleyan.

“We all know and believe how wonderful a feeling you achieve from being able to make a difference,” says Luttinger, stressing that it doesn’t take a six- or seven-figure amount to make a difference. “I always said that if I were

in a position sometime in my life where I could give back, I would. That provides a tremendous velocity of improvement.”

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***“I’m in love with Ohio Wesleyan. It was an important part of my early education, and the people I knew there were critical to making me the person I became.”***

—RICHARD H. BOHR '43

## YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

Richard H. Bohr '43 is an avid sportsman who can still be found on the ski slopes or at the tennis courts with his wife, Georgette. He owns up to having a wonderful life, and credits his Ohio Wesleyan experience as a key contributor. In gratitude, he has made a commitment to the future of OWU by establishing both a charitable remainder unitrust and a charitable gift annuity.

“It is important to me that Ohio Wesleyan be able to continue providing the same opportunities and experiences I enjoyed to future generations. I am thrilled to be able to contribute to that goal. Support the future of Ohio Wesleyan? I’m all for it!”

If you, too, have made provisions to support the future of Ohio Wesleyan, or would like to discuss how to make such a gift, please contact the Office of Gift Planning, 740-368-3078 or [giftplanning@owu.edu](mailto:giftplanning@owu.edu).



## TOUR EVENTS FOR 2008-2009

Ohio Wesleyan President Rock Jones will tour the country this year for a series of 30 events. These will be not be the typical line-up-and-shake-the-president's-hand events. They will be your chance to gather with fellow alumni to share your ideas about OWU's future. We welcome your most creative visionary thoughts, as you should have a voice in helping chart OWU's future! *For details or to register for an event, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (740) 368-3325.*



DATE	CITY
15-Oct-08	Winnetka, IL
28-Oct-08	San Diego, CA
5-Nov-08	Cleveland, OH
6-Nov-08	Pittsburgh, PA
12-Nov-08	Dayton, OH
20-Nov-08	Baltimore, MD
7-Jan-09	Atlanta, GA
13-Jan-09	Boston, MA
14-Jan-09	Washington, D.C.
20-Jan-09	Cincinnati, OH

DATE	CITY
29-Jan-09	Columbus, OH
6-Feb-09	Tampa, FL
7-Feb-09	Naples, FL
8-Feb-09	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
9-Feb-09	Orlando, FL
12-Feb-09	Findlay, OH
19-Feb-09	Denver, CO
25-Feb-09	San Francisco, CA
26-Feb-09	Sacramento, CA
4-Mar-09	New York, NY

DATE	CITY
5-Mar-09	New Jersey
9-Mar-09	Phoenix, AZ
10-Mar-09	Tucson, AZ
11-Mar-09	Santa Fe, NM
12-Mar-09	Los Angeles, CA
18-Mar-09	Philadelphia, PA
7-Apr-09	Houston, TX
8-Apr-09	Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
24-Jul-09	Lakeside, OH
27-Jul-09	Chautauqua, NY

# OFF CAMPUS



June 19

### **Santa Fe, New Mexico Reception**

Dick Alter '61 and his wife Kay Wray hosted a spirited reception for OWU alumni and friends.

Hope Monzeglio '98, Scott Johnson '92, Francesca Orofino, and Beverly Johnson '61 enjoyed celebrating their alma mater.





## Battling Bishops get LinkedIn

Professional relationships have always been essential to professional success, and Battling Bishop alumni and students can now combine the strength of the OWU alumni network with the power of the top online professional networking site, LinkedIn. The Alumni Relations and Career Services office launched the "Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni & Friends" group on LinkedIn.com. LinkedIn is a free professional/social networking

site that can open doors by making connections among the current 340 OWU alumni and friends and over 20 million participating professionals around the world.

To join – search for the "Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni & Friends" group on [LinkedIn.com](http://LinkedIn.com).



June 28

### **Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds**

Meredith Michael Mundell '01 and husband Chris enjoy a beautiful evening on the new Party Deck of Cleveland's Progressive Field among 100 other OWU alumni and friends.

The Cleveland young alumni constituency was out in full force to cheer on their hometown Indians during the battle of Ohio series. From left to right: Dan Gliha '06, Carrie Wilkie '01, Linda Radigan '02, and Chris Bollotte.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

##### **October 19 – Delaware, Ohio**

Join hometown alumni, families, and friends as President Jones shares the pulpit at the William Street United Methodist Church.

##### **October 21 – Columbus, Ohio**

Chairperson and Professor of Politics and Government Craig Ramsay will share his valuable 'Election 2008' insight during a reception at the Ohio Statehouse just two short weeks before the election!

##### **October 25 – St. Louis, Missouri**

Join area Battling Bishops for a pre-game tailgate as our OWU football team prepares to claim victory over the Washington University Bears!

##### **October 26 – Columbus, Ohio**

Columbus Monnett Club

#### DECEMBER

##### **December 2 – New York, New York**

Plan to join us for our spectacular annual New York Holiday Event!

##### **December 10 – Columbus, Ohio**

Save the date for our Columbus Holiday Event! Our holiday gathering will include a reception with our new President Rock Jones before being entertained by The Rockettes at Nationwide Arena.

#### JANUARY

##### **January 24 – Cleveland, Ohio**

2009 Snowball at The Union Club

#### MARCH

##### **March 4 – Columbus, Ohio**

Rusty McClure '72 will share the story of his *New York Times* best seller *Crosley* with alumni at the Muirfield Country Club.

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

August 7

### **Louisville Red & Black Reception**

Hosts Blair & DeWitt Ivins '81 (along with their three daughters) hosted 15 OWU alumni and friends for a wonderful evening of conversation and networking.



# Alumni Happenings >>



August 23

## **OWU friends gather at Lake Chautauqua**

Left to right: Tom Courtice Hon. '04, Gwen Griffiths-McCuaig '85, Wallace Thompson '51, Don Poe '53, Carol Hodge Poe '53, David Griffiths '51, Jo Ann Bradley Thompson '53, Lynette Diehl Lang '63, and Lisa Schweitzer Courtice Hon. '04



August 31

## **Cincinnati, Ohio**

Joan and **Doug Hoover '69** and friends boarded the Red & Black train on the outskirts of Cincinnati over Labor Day Weekend to enjoy the spectacular WEBN fireworks on the banks of the Ohio River with 65 other OWU alumni and guests.

## **OWU CONNECTIONS**

If you are interested in planning an event in your city or have an idea for an alumni event, contact the coordinator in your area.

The Young Alumni Connections in each city focus on events for alumni who graduated within the last 10 years. If your city isn't listed and you would like to have an event in your area, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (740) 368-3325 or [alumni@owu.edu](mailto:alumni@owu.edu).

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A wonderful group of ladies from the Columbus Monnett Club learned much about the “Vintage Quilts of Delaware County” exhibit at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum on September 9.



September 9

**Columbus Monnett Club**

**Bobbie Farnam Thrall '57** and **Janet Ellis Tatham '57** viewed a lovely quilt at the Columbus Monnett Club's meeting at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum.



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