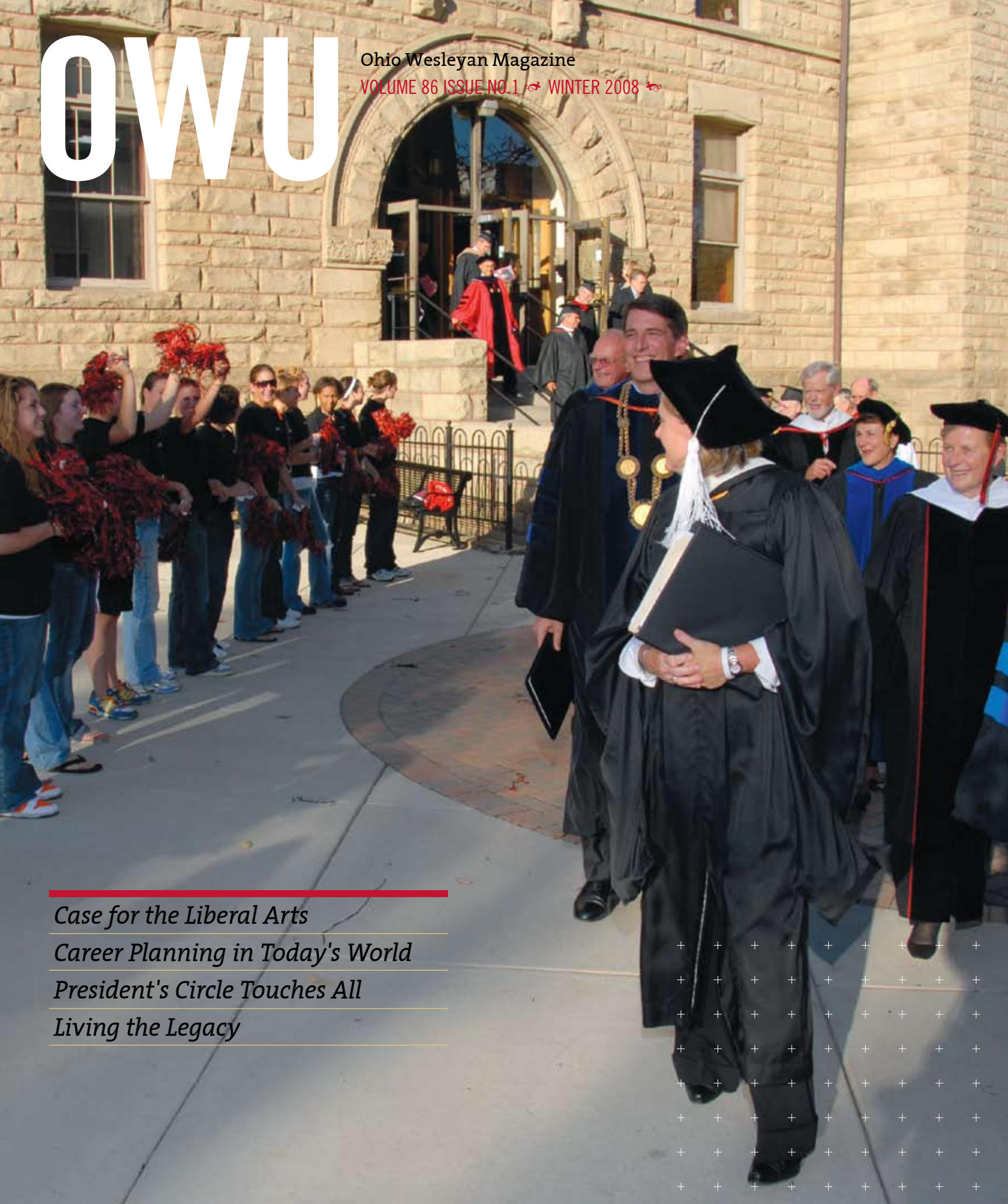


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# The Legacy of a Tree

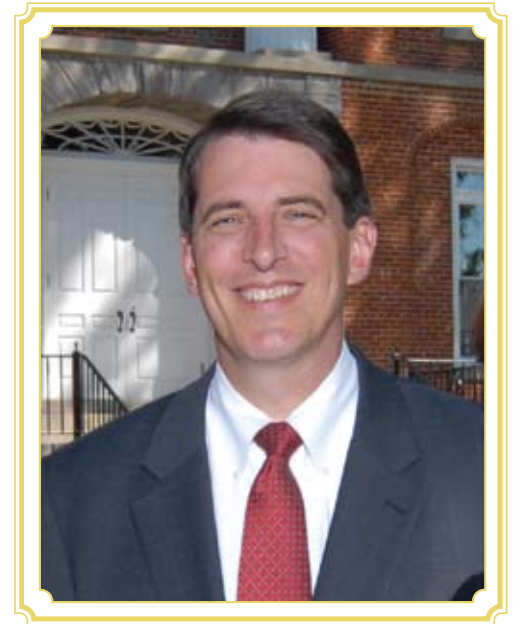
On a magnificent Sunday afternoon this fall, I found myself jogging through the streets of Delaware. The angle of the late autumn sun brought to life the fall colors of very old trees, including sugar maples. Sugar maples are among trees sometimes categorized as legacy trees. They grow slowly. Their full grandeur is rarely experienced by those who plant them. But, over time, they develop a shape that is both graceful and majestic, and in the autumn they produce the most glorious colors.

I noticed the beautiful sugar maples that lined Winter Street, the historic street where Adam Poe knocked on doors in the early 1840s, collecting funds with which to purchase the Mansion House Hotel and to establish Ohio Wesleyan University. As I admired the beauty of these trees, I wondered if some of them might have been planted by some of the people whose gifts established this university. And I thought about the hope reflected in both actions: the gift of money to found a university, and the planting of a legacy tree.

I suspect that many of those who contributed to Adam Poe's fund dug deeply to find the resources they shared. Their gifts were not easy. They required significant sacrifice. But our founders believed in the power of education, and as I reflected in my inaugural address which appears in this edition of the *OWU Magazine*, they believed in the power of an idea, "the idea that an education makes a difference in the life of an individual, that educated citizens make a difference in the life of the world, and that a liberal arts education grounded in our practical idealism has a singular opportunity in this age to raise up a new generation of moral leaders for a global society."

Today we have the benefit of seeing the beauty of the trees they planted and the university they founded. We also have an unusual opportunity to consider the future. We have the opportunity to set a pattern for a new kind of educational experience, one that integrates a rigorous liberal arts curriculum with experiences beyond the walls of the classroom and the boundaries of the campus.

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President Rock Jones

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We at Ohio Wesleyan University are engaged in a planning exercise that includes consideration of how we challenge students to turn theory into practice, through undergraduate research, internships and apprenticeships, service learning, study travel, and leadership opportunities. We are looking particularly closely at opportunities to increase international exposure for our students, combining the strong presence of international students on campus and a strong international studies program with a far more robust set of opportunities for domestic students to engage in cross cultural learning experiences in international settings. We are considering ways in which we can increase the sense of community on our campus, modeling in the way we live and work, in the kind of world we hope our graduates will help to create in their lives beyond OWU.

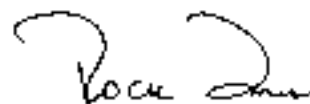
These opportunities require significant investment. We must invest in our academic program and significantly increase the size of our faculty. We must invest in our students, insuring in these challenging economic times that our students have the resources necessary to maximize their educational opportunities. And we must invest in our campus infrastructure, renewing our

long neglected residential facilities, reengineering and upgrading academic facilities for the 21st century, enhancing our use of technology for teaching and learning as well as for administrative efficiency, and creating dynamic space for student programming, recreation, and wellness.

While it may be difficult in the current economy to secure the investments Ohio Wesleyan University ultimately needs to fulfill its destiny, this is an ideal time to plan for the future and to solicit the best thinking from everyone who cares about OWU. Between now and Alumni Weekend in May, I will have visited alumni, parents, and friends in approximately 30 cities around the country. I am asking for your best thinking as we plan for the future of Ohio Wesleyan University. I want to hear about your hopes and dreams. At the same time, I will continue working with faculty and staff on campus to refine our strategic plan for the future.

We have the opportunity to advance this institution in dramatic ways. But that advancement will occur only if we are willing to follow the example of our founders, to believe in the power of an idea, to dig deeply and give sacrificially, and to know that the ultimate beneficiaries of our good work will be future generations we will never know.

On the day before my Inauguration as the 16th president of Ohio Wesleyan University, the Board of Trustees planted a sugar maple tree in front of University Hall. As Melissa and I stood beside the tree, I thought about the legacy of a tree, and about the legacy of leadership. Leadership is a shared phenomenon that calls for the best we all have to offer. Shared leadership has the capacity to transform an institution and to leave a legacy. We at OWU are the heirs of such a legacy. And we have the opportunity to create such a legacy for those who will follow us. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President and to work together with you on such a noble task. I welcome your ideas, and I look forward to the journey on which we now embark.



Dr. Rock Jones  
President





# A Community Celebrates... THE INAUGURATION OF ROCK JONES

By Pam Besel

...And celebrate we did, as the Ohio Wesleyan family and many friends feasted on savory international dishes and on social nourishment from thought-inspiring conversations. It was a day for coming together as a community to share magical moments as we welcomed Ohio Wesleyan's 16th President, Rock Jones.



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008 DAWNED AS THE BEAUTIFULLY SUNNY DAY FOR WHICH ALL HAD HOPED. THERE WAS JUST A TOUCH OF FALL IN THE CRISP AIR AND THE RED AND GOLD LEAVES ON VARIOUS CAMPUS TREES WERE STRIKING AGAINST THE BRILLIANTLY BLUE BACKDROP OF SKY.**

Students scurried to and from morning classes, up and down Leadership Walkway, past the newly-hung red and black campus banners and OWU pictorial displays created to honor the University's rich history and heritage. On the JAYWalk, outside of the westernmost side of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (known commonly as 'Ham-Wil' to students), were white tents and numerous round tables and chairs made ready for the campus dinner celebration later that day. By late morning, members of OWU's dining services staff, began setting out the dinner plates and glassware, under the watchful eyes of executive chef Steve Ishmael and senior director of dining services, Gene Castelli.

The day began earlier that morning with a breakfast at the President's home for delegates representing academic institutions, family and friends of Rock and his wife Melissa Lollar Jones, and OWU trustees and alumni board members. All campus visitors and friends were welcomed on campus by more than a dozen students

serving as parking lot assistants, wearing the specially-designed black tee-shirts with white "Rock 16" printed on the backs. With Homecoming and meetings of both the Board of Trustees and Alumni Board of Directors also occurring that weekend, parking plans—including signage, golf carts and shuttles as needed—had been discussed and carefully put into place.

Following stimulating discussions at the 11 a.m. National Forum, where national educational leaders and eager listeners focused on the topic "Whither the Liberal Arts," (see page 8), delegates, trustees, and other guests enjoyed lunch, along with presentations from several OWU students (more about this on page 10). And then it was time to get ready for the event *du Jour*. More than 100 delegates representing an impressive array of colleges, universities, learned societies, and educational associations, as well as OWU faculty, staff members and alumni made their ways to their respective robing locales. There, they donned the colorful regalia representing their academic institutions. Faculty marshals, led by Professors Nan Carney-DeBord and Brad Trees, emerged, leading their "troops" in the Processional and members of the Platform Party to their seats for the 3:30 p.m. program.

Shortly before that time, Professor of Music, Robert Griffith '62 began his Organ Prelude on the magnificent Klais organ in Gray Chapel, followed by the Inauguration Processional played and composed by Professor of English,

Joe Musser. And then—complete silence as Professor of Music Larry Griffin played the National Anthem on his trumpet. After OWU Chaplain Jon Powers offered the opening prayer, Chairperson of OWU's Board of Trustees Kathleen Law Rhinesmith '64 welcomed everyone to the ceremony, and introduced three of Ohio Wesleyan's former Presidents, each of whom gave a special gift to Rock Jones. From Tom Wenzlau '50, came the revered Godman Cane and Monnett Teapot, designated for OWU's oldest living alumnus and alumna respectively. David Warren pre-

**"Optimism and opportunity permeated all of the events. Pride for OWU was evident, and it was an inspiring time. I encouraged my students to attend the events, because not every generation of OWU students has the opportunity to be part of an inauguration of a new president."**

**-Laura Tuhela-Reuning**

sented Jones with the Board of Trustees book in which all new members sign their names, as well as the historic OWU gavel. Another item of historical significance, the University handbell, was presented by Tom Courtice.



Special greetings were then delivered. Representing *government* (Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi, U.S. Representative, 12th District of Ohio); *United Methodist Church* (Bishop John L Hopkins, East Ohio Conference); *students* (Rory McHale '09, President of Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs); *faculty* (Kim Dolgin, psychology department, presidential search team member); *administration* (David Robbins, Provost); *alumni* (Kathy Butler, President of the Alumni Association). Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo, President of the American Academic Leadership Institute and former President of Hendrix College, offered her remarks and greetings from *higher education*. OWU's Choral Art Society's performance of John Leavitt's *Festival Sanctus* was a perfect segue to the afternoon's main event—the investiture of OWU's new President, Rock Jones and his Inauguration remarks.

In what was a very moving and inspirational address (for a full review of President Jones' remarks please turn to page 14 in this *Magazine*), Jones reminded his audience of the great leaders who came before—OWU's founders, friends, and past presidents.

"But we stand on the shoulders of those with us today whose names grace our campus and its programs that sustain us, and whose generosity has advanced this institution beyond the wildest imaginations of our founders," said Jones,

**"People who have been around Ohio Wesleyan for a while realize that we are part of something special that existed long before we were here and will continue long after we are gone. This was never more beautifully illustrated than when former presidents Tom Wenzlau, David Warren, and Tom Courtice joined Rock Jones on the podium as part of the Inauguration. One could see their love for OWU and how truly moved Rock was by it."**

**-Robert Gitter,  
Professor of Economics**

who also recognized and praised OWU's stellar faculty and successful, service-conscious alumni, and students.

"Our students are creative and bright; they are budding scholars drawn to an institution that blends the rigor of the classroom with an education gained in the world." Jones then emphasized our world's great need for "individuals who possess capacities of the intellect refined by a liberal arts education and sharpened by experiences in the world."

He encouraged everyone to "think together about what it would mean for Ohio Wesleyan University to set the liberal arts standard for educating moral leaders for a global society." He stressed the importance of providing greater opportunities for students to travel and experience other cultures; to test classroom theories via practical experiences and "engagement with the world." Jones talked about the importance of discussing the kind of residential community that will allow individuals to flourish and that community to thrive.

OWU's new President elaborated on the responsibility shared by Ohio Wesleyan's trustees, faculty, officers, students, staff, friends, and alumni—stewards "entrusted for a time with responsibility for a treasure." That treasure, in addition to the more tangible campus buildings and students who live and study here, reflects "the idea that an education makes a difference in the life of an individual; that educated citizens make a difference in the life of the world; and that a liberal education grounded in our practical idealism has a singular opportunity in this age to raise up a new generation of moral leaders for a global society."

Following Jones' inaugural address, the inaugural prayer by Bishop Bruce Ough, West Ohio Conference, the singing of OWU's Alma Mater, and ringing of the historic handbell, the recession began. Winding out of Gray Chapel, the entourage moved down the steps of University Hall, and between lines of more than 250 tee-shirt-wearing students, shaking red and black pom-poms and cheering for their new President. The all-campus dinner on the JAYWalk for more than 1,000 OWU friends awaited.



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# A Joyful Noise

## *Special Music Adds to Celebration of Presidential Inauguration*

THE IDEA FIRST STRUCK HIM IN FEBRUARY. TO HELP INAUGURATE OWU'S 16TH PRESIDENT ON JUST THE RIGHT NOTE, PROFESSOR JOE MUSSER OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WANTED TO COMPOSE ORIGINAL MUSIC FOR THE CAMPUS CELEBRATION.



By *Cole Hatcher*



On and off for the rest of spring semester, the 31-year faculty member would think about the two scores he intended to write, jotting down “snatches of possibilities” that occurred to him during frequent walks to and from the University. Musser worked on the pieces, a processional and recessional, in earnest during June and July.

He said he was inspired to compose music for the Inauguration for many reasons.

“I was on the search committee, and I am very optimistic about his presidency,” Musser said of President Rock Jones, who was inaugurated October 10. “We are lucky he was in our pool of candidates, and we are lucky to have him here.”

To tie the Inauguration Processional to Ohio Wesleyan’s history and spirit, Musser looked to the University’s Alma Mater, with music by 1912 alumnus Lawrence W. Morrison.

“Every detail is tied to the Alma Mater,” Musser said. “Not every phrase will be immediately recognizable as derived from the Alma Mater, but almost all are.”

“Really great composers can create whole compositions from three or four notes. I can’t do that, but I did try to allude to the Alma Mater as much as possible,” he said.

Musser said he also wanted to incorporate Gray Chapel’s spectacular pipe organ into the inaugural celebration. Musser, also a church organist, said he loves to play the University’s 4,500-pipe Rexford Keller Memorial Organ “as often as I can.”

**“Our aim was to select music that was festive and celebratory—fitting to the occasion,” Bennett said, noting that rehearsals began as fall semester unfolded with “everything reaching a peak in the days immediately prior to the ceremony.”**

Though he has been composing music since the late 1960s and has written pieces to celebrate events ranging from weddings to installations of pastors, Musser said the inaugural pieces presented some fresh challenges.

“I’d never written for a brass quintet before,” he said, “and I’d never written for timpani (kettle drum) before.”

But with some adjustments by Professor Larry Griffin, an accomplished trumpet player, Musser revised the scores and achieved the sense of unity and celebration that he had sought to create.

“I think the pieces helped to make the Inauguration even more fully an Ohio Wesleyan University event,” Musser said. “The music represents a personal celebration for a person who I’m delighted accepted our invitation to be our president.”

Professor Cameron Bennett, chair of the Music Department, said he was happy that Musser stepped forward to compose original pieces for the Inauguration.

“It was wonderful for Joe Musser to compose the processional and recessional,” said Bennett, who served as the music liaison with the Inauguration planning committee. “This added a special meaning to the celebration and certainly demonstrated the

incredibly well-rounded and talented liberal arts faculty members at OWU.”

Also playing key roles during the Inauguration were Griffin, who played several times during the event, including a stirring solo rendition of the National Anthem; Robert Griffith ’62, who provided beautiful organ music; and Jason Hiester, who conducted the Choral Art Society in John Leavitt’s *Festival Sanctus* and Ralph Vaughan-Williams’ *O Clap Your Hands*.

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Like Musser, Bennett, too, thinks the music struck the right chord with those attending the event.

“I’ve received wonderful positive feedback from so many since the Inauguration,” Bennett said. “I think that the music held a special place in the hearts of all those involved in this joyous occasion.”

And the music didn’t stop when the celebration moved from Gray Chapel to the JAYWalk for dinner and fellowship.

As everyone enjoyed a buffet of delicious international dishes, they were treated to ear candy from the OWUtsiders, the Gospel Lyres, and The All-Day Suckers, an informal folk group featuring professors Erin Flynn, Sam Katz, and Dennis Prindle; Chris Hinshaw, Buildings and Grounds electrician; and Mike Travis, husband of OWU staff member Paula Travis.

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# The Case for the Liberal Arts

By Gretchen Hirsch



To view "Whither the Liberal Arts?" in its entirety, go to [http://stream.owu.edu/broadcasts/lecturesEvents/081010\\_forum.html](http://stream.owu.edu/broadcasts/lecturesEvents/081010_forum.html).





**OHIO WESLEYAN’S NATIONAL FORUM “WHITHER THE LIBERAL ARTS?,” HELD ON INAUGURATION DAY, FEATURED ERUDITION AND WIT WRAPPED IN A SENSE OF CELEBRATION AND**

**POSSIBILITY.** Moderated by Dr. Thomas Tritton, '69, former president of Haverford College and currently president and CEO of Chemical Heritage Foundation, the panel included Dr. Elaine Tuttle Hansen, president of Bates College; Dr. John Churchill, secretary of Phi Beta Kappa; and Dr. Douglas Bennett, president of Earlham College.

Before a rapt audience in Chappellear Drama Center, Tritton noted with a smile that “Elaine is a medievalist, John a philosopher, and Doug a political scientist. I’m a ‘real’ scientist, so we span most ... of the liberal arts. And we were all educated at liberal arts colleges; mine, of course, was the superior education.”

Tritton noted that “liberal arts” is a term made up of two words that when taken separately have different meanings than when they are combined; he then asked the panel for their personal definitions of the concept. Hansen took hers from Benjamin Mays, the son of former slaves and a 1920 Bates College alumnus. Mays later became president of Morehouse College and a mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: “Bates College did not liberate me,” Mays said in his autobiography.

“It did me the far greater service of teaching me to liberate myself.” Hansen then noted that the liberal arts point us toward “agency and aspiration.”

Churchill added, “At Phi Beta Kappa, we asked about 1,000 members who had been out of college for quite a while what they have found to be of enduring value in their liberal arts education, and the overwhelming ... answer was the development of deliberative skills.”

Bennett responded with a preface. “It’s important,” he said, “to include the word ‘sciences’ in the term ‘liberal arts,’ because the liberal arts are not whole unless we include the sciences.” He quoted John North Whitehead as the source of his definition: ‘A liberal arts education ... gives a person all the uses of himself.’ We’re trying to open a person up to all the possibilities of being human.”

The wide-ranging discussion then turned to myths about liberal arts learning, one of them being that it’s the kind of education that results in graduates not being able to get a job. Hansen drew the distinction between liberal education, which can be found in many settings, and small liberal arts colleges “in which we situate self-examination within community. I don’t think most Americans understand the value of that four-year experience.”

Another misconception is that the term liberal arts is somehow related to political positions. Churchill noted that many conservatives and even archconservative columnists show evidence of superb liberal arts educations, and they would not make the mistake of casting the liberal arts in political terms.

A fascinating point of discussion was the “bubble”; that is; the sense of unreality students may experience in a small liberal arts college. “We draw into community ... people in young adulthood and create for them an extremely rich culture of intellect and creative possibility,” Bennett said. “I sometimes apologize to our seniors for doing that. I tell them, ‘You will hunger for what you had on this campus for the rest of your lives. ... I’m sorry we didn’t tell you that coming in.’”

Tritton mentioned the experience in reverse, saying that students have been mad with him for making the college experience “too wonderful.” Enmeshed in their educational milieu, they weren’t particularly eager to embrace the real world. Tritton’s response? “Don’t complain about this world. Go out and change the other one.”

There could be no better explanation of what the liberal arts prepare students to do.

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# Look What We've Done!

## Inauguration Luncheon was a Feather in the Cap of Four 'Model' OWU Students

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

### Surprised. Honored. Humbled. Nervous. Excited.

Those are the words that four Ohio Wesleyan students chose to describe their reaction when asked to speak before University President Rock Jones and a room full of dignitaries at the inauguration luncheon on Friday, October 10. They were selected for being role models, and they delivered, leaving the audience of about 250 esteemed guests in awe of each student's honesty, eloquence, and accomplishments.

"The stories shared by our students at the luncheon were compelling and inspirational, and underscored the connection between their academic and co-curricular experiences at OWU," says Vice President for Student Affairs Craig Ullom, who attended the event. "I continue to be impressed by the accomplishments of our students. We are indeed fortunate to be in the company of student leaders like these who continue to make significant impacts on our community and the world around us."

**CLAIRE EVERHART '10** and **DAVID GATZ '10** spoke together about the challenges and rewards of juggling academics and

athletics at Ohio Wesleyan. **BENJAMIN GOODRUM '09** marveled the audience with his travels around the country and the world as a volunteer and mission worker. **RYAN JORDAN '09** shared his experience as an intern at a Fortune 500 company.

"It was a good day to be a Bishop," says Nancy Bihl Rutkowski, assistant director of Student Involvement for Leadership, using a phrase she said she borrowed from OWU Trustee Evan Corns '59. Rutkowski, through her involvement with the inauguration steering committee, had recommended the four students who spoke at the luncheon.

"They were so impressive," she says. "There was laughing and there were tears. I've been here for two decades and I continue to be very impressed with our students. Listening to the students reminded me of what a great place this is to be, just how diverse our students are, how they take advantage of what we have to offer, and how they immerse themselves in the co-curricular experience."

For Everhart and Gatz, their speech was about honesty. They wanted to share both the challenges and the rewards that come with being a scholar and an athlete at Ohio Wesleyan, from missing out on late night junk food binges with roommates, to the

camaraderie and pride that come with participating in a team sport. Everhart, of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, is studying international studies and Spanish and runs cross country and track. Gatz, of Delaware, Ohio, is pursuing biochemistry/pre-medical studies and is on the swim team.

"I wanted to be truthful," Everhart says of her and Gatz's remarks. "There are times when it's tempting to become bitter about all of the sacrifices that we, as athletic scholars, have to make. I have struggled, in the past, with whether or not these sacrifices are worth it. I am now decidedly convinced that they are. I think that message resonated with the audience, many of them being graduated athletic scholars themselves. They could relate. And I think others simply appreciated my honesty."

Everhart shared an excerpt from their speech: "Being an athletic scholar is hard. You can't stay up late every night, survive on coffee and compete at the collegiate level. I'd be lying if I said I have never wished that I could stay up late all the time, eat whatever I wanted, and have Saturdays and the every day 4 to 6:15 p.m. practice time slot to do other things. But when I'm truly honest with myself, I know





I would not want it any other way. Now, there is something about being an athletic scholar. Then, there is something about being an athletic scholar at Ohio Wesleyan ... My coaches care and ask me about my classes. My professors care and ask me about my running. I don't think that happens everywhere. It happens at OWU."

Goodrum, of Chicago, Illinois, is studying sociology/anthropology, and has volunteered his time and energy to causes across the country and in Africa, experiences he credits Ohio Wesleyan's Community Service Learning Office and Chaplain's Office for facilitating. "We are encouraged to experience out of the classroom whatever we learn in it," says Goodrum, who is an Eagle Scout. "You help others and the environment, but you end up learning more about yourself and how integrated the world is."

Goodrum works in the University's Community Service Learning Office and is editor of the *Opportunity Knocks* newsletter, which advertises community services opportunities to the campus. He has gone on several community service and mission trips, including two trips to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, a

Habitat for Humanity building trip to North Carolina, a three-week trip to Ghana, Africa, and a two-month trip to Kenya, Africa.

"I've seen the tip of the iceberg of how multi-faceted the world is and the issues we face in society, and I'm just starting to understand my part in it and what I want to do to solve the world's problems if I could," says Goodrum, who intends to pursue global health as a public health nurse practitioner.

In his speech, Goodrum says, he wanted to remind the luncheon attendees that OWU promised an education for leadership and service and it definitely delivered. Goodrum shared an excerpt from his speech, a vivid memory from his trip to Africa: "After finishing a day's work in one of the removed communities outside of the town, I said goodbye to a group of giggling children, each being no more than 5 or 6 years old. One of the boys tugged on my right pant leg with one hand, and half covered his mouth with the other. He whispered something. I kneeled down and I asked him to repeat himself. And he said, a bit louder, in broken English, 'Do not forget, us, please. Thanksverymuch [all one word].' Well, I promised him I wouldn't."

Jordan, of Hudson, Ohio, who is studying economics management and Spanish, spoke about the diversity that OWU has to offer students. He shared his two life-changing experiences he's had, both as an intern at First Energy Corp., and as volunteer on a community service trip to Argentina.

"Somewhere between my final presentation to First Energy management, wearing a suit and tie, and playing soccer, in sandals on the streets of rural Buenos Aires, I realized that OWU was not only educating students for successful careers, but also educating them on how to maintain positive life balance," Jordan says in his speech. "Looking back over my three-plus years at Ohio Wesleyan, I can honestly say this: OWU has provided me tangible financial support, but more importantly, an intangible asset that extends beyond education: inspiration—inspiration to excel both inside and outside of the classroom as well as within my community, and for this inspiration, I am truly grateful."

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# ONE AND ALL

CELEBRATING OHIO WESLEYAN  
THROUGH FOOD, MUSIC, AND  
FRIENDSHIP

By *Ericka Kurtz*





**IT WAS THE QUINTESSENTIAL AUTUMN DAY—SUNNY, CRISP IN THE MORNING AND EVENING, AND WARM IN THE AFTERNOON—THE KIND OF DAY YOU’D EXPECT TO SEE ON DISPLAY IN A CAMPUS VIEW-BOOK.**

It was the perfect day for the Inauguration of Dr. Rock Jones, and it was the ideal setting for an all-campus celebration.

After the Inauguration was complete, the entire campus was invited to dinner on the JAYWalk. Guests lined up to enjoy tasty dishes from around the world at various, colorful tables labeled “Asia,” “South America,” “Europe,” etc. The music of the OWtsiders, the Gospel Lyres with featured alumna Naima Johnston ’93, the faculty/staff band The All Day Suckers, and Assistant Professor of Theatre & Dance Noelle Chun’s musical theatre/dance class filled the air. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, Board of Trustee members, and friends of Ohio Wesleyan mingled in the crowd on the JAYWalk. The community was one, just as Jones had envisioned.

“It was my hope that the events surrounding the Inauguration would provide an opportunity for all who care about Ohio Wesleyan University to join together in a celebration of OWU’s history and to think together about our future,” Jones says. “The dinner following the Inauguration was designed to bring together students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, parents, and friends. We were blessed with glorious weather to complement the wonderful

food and the amazing display of talent by so many people related to OWU.”

Gene Castelli, senior director of dining services at OWU, says the success of the dinner celebration was a result of careful planning. “The old saying ‘Divide and conquer,’ comes to mind in a huge undertaking such as this,” he says. “The culinary team and the catering team certainly created a magnificent dinner that brought together students, alumni, trustees, parents, and community members, all breaking bread together. Our best guess is that somewhere between 1,000 and 1,200 people attended. Also, it didn’t hurt that Rock ordered up the most incredibly beautiful October day.”

Jones’ direction for the dinner was that it was about the students. Castelli and his team decided to focus on the diversity of Ohio Wesleyan in the menu. “I took all the home countries of all students, then broke them down geographically and came up with five main regions: Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, and North America. We then created menus using authentic recipes and ingredients to represent these different areas, along with creatively decorated buffets; my favorite was the Mayan-like temple we did for South America. Flags on the tables also lent to the incredibly talented students we have from around the world. In all, it was a wonderful combination of both visual and flavorful dishes that highlighted the OWU community and culture.”

While the menu delighted the palate, the music energized the crowd. Sara Calvey ’03

was asked to return to campus to perform with the OWtsiders. “It was an honor for the group to have been asked back,” she says, “and because of the nature of the OWtsiders, I knew it would be so much fun. We ended up combining the 12 alumni with 12 current OWtsider members. Being on stage with the combined group was very emotional. There’s some common thread that brings all OWtsiders together—maybe it’s the joy for music or yearning to do something creative with a piece—and I could feel that bond, being on stage with everyone.

“Being at the Inauguration dinner for Ohio Wesleyan’s newest President really was taking part in an historic moment. To lead a university as extraordinary as Ohio Wesleyan is a very special role, and the beginning of that term is an equally significant time.”

“The energy [at the dinner] was tremendous, and I think everyone who was present left feeling good about Ohio Wesleyan University and our future,” says Jones. “It was a celebration of the entire OWU family. I hope we find ways to continue such celebrations from time to time, recalling our common passion for OWU and our shared aspirations for our future.”

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## I N A U G U R A L   A D D R E S S



# Rock Jones, Ph.D., 16th President of Ohio Wesleyan University

*October 10, 2008*

*“We stand as stewards, entrusted for a time, with responsibility for a treasure. This treasure, made tangible in the buildings on this campus and in the lives of those who live and study here, reflects an even greater and even less tangible idea – the idea that an education makes a difference in the life of an individual, that educated citizens make a difference in the life of the world, and that a liberal education grounded in our practical idealism has a singular opportunity in this age to raise up a new generation of moral leaders for a global society.”*

Madame Chairman, Congressman Tiberi, Bishop Hopkins and Bishop Ough, members of the Board of Trustees, former Presidents, faculty and staff, the best students anywhere, distinguished guests, alumni, citizens of Delaware, family and friends: Words are not adequate to express my gratitude for your presence today, for your passion for this University, and for the warmth of your support over these past months. Melissa and I and our family are honored to take our place among you in the life of Ohio Wesleyan University.

In 1840, the leaders of the Methodist Church in Ohio sent to Delaware a circuit-riding preacher named Adam Poe. Times were hard, and, by today’s standards, life was difficult. But, in the words of the hymn, Adam Poe arrived with “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.”

Like so many of his generation, Adam Poe thought not so much about the difficulties of the present as about the promise of the future. His hope for the future was grounded in his abiding faith, faith in his God, and faith in the goodness of the human spirit and the potential of the human mind. Poe believed that the growth of this community, and indeed the growth that would make this nation great, would come through the formation of a society

of educated citizens whose lives would reflect the moral foundations of their faith and the intellectual reach of their learning.

Shortly after his arrival in Delaware, Adam Poe learned that the Mansion House Hotel, located by the Sulphur Spring, was available for sale. Poe enlisted the support of the founding families of Delaware and the first families of Ohio Methodism to raise money to purchase the hotel and establish a university “of the highest order” in central Ohio. One hundred sixty-six years later, that hotel, now known as Elliott Hall, sits in the center of our campus.

In addition to funds for the building, Adam Poe raised money to provide subscriptions for students who would not have the resources to pay for their education. Adam Poe envisioned an institution where education was affordable and accessible for every qualified student. Affordability and accessibility are important parts of the conversation in American higher education today, but these are not new concepts for Ohio Wesleyan University. These are founding values; these are values that drove the vision of Adam Poe and have sustained this institution for 166 years.

Today, we stand on the shoulders of giants. We stand on the shoulders of those women and men

whose names grace this campus – names like Poe and Elliott, our founders; like Thomson and Merrick, our first presidents; like Mary Monnett, whose generosity established our longest-lasting residential facility and whose name recalls the legacy of the women’s college that became a part of the coeducational Ohio Wesleyan University in 1877.

We stand on the shoulders of those with us today whose names grace our campus and its programs that sustain us, and whose generosity has advanced this institution beyond the wildest imaginations of our founders. And we stand on the shoulders of the three men behind me, whose leadership in the past four decades set the stage for what I believe to be the season of greatest opportunity in the history of this institution.

Tom Wenzlau was the longest serving of our modern presidents. An economist by training and a Bishop at heart, he served his alma mater as president in the most turbulent social period in American history. Dr. Wenzlau brought a breath of fresh air and an innate understanding of the changing times. He immediately connected with students, calming the waters in an era of student unrest on American campuses. And he gave us the Chappelle Drama Center, one of the finest theatres on any American liberal arts campus.

David Warren brought a season of energy and vitality, marked initially by his live-in presidency in the residence halls. He saw the grandeur of the aging Austin Hall and envisioned Austin Manor, a gloriously restored intergenerational home to students and senior citizens that remains a unique model in American higher education. He gave us the Honors Program, one of the first of its kind in the country; the National

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Colloquium, which continues to unite the campus in thought, conversation, and action around topics of relevance to the wider world; and a campus center designed to bring together the academic campus and the residential campus, the curricular and the co-curricular.

Tom Courtice arrived at the alma mater of his grandparents with a warmth and compassion for students that excited the entire campus. He focused his energies on renewal of the academic core of the campus, including the remarkable Conrades•Wetherell Science Center, new facilities for the fine arts, the Ross Art Museum, and the conversion of the old MUB into the R.W. Corns Building. He also completed the most successful campaign in the history of OWU. Most importantly, he solidified our financial position, creating the great opportunity for the future that we enjoy today.

We stand on the shoulders of these men. And we express our deepest gratitude.

We stand on the shoulders of our faculty. The reputation of this institution was developed first as a result of the teaching and scholarship of a stellar faculty. This well-deserved recognition continues to this day. The teacher-scholars of this faculty are this institution’s greatest asset, and they are our students’ greatest resource. We must work to increase the size of our faculty, building on our core strengths and diversifying the range of expertise represented here. I am thrilled to announce that this morning, our Board of Trustees approved two new tenure-track faculty lines, affirming the important

work of our faculty both now and in the future.

This institution enjoys an association of alumni who have risen to the top of their chosen fields of endeavors. They are leaders in business, the professions, science, the arts, public service, religious organizations, education, and virtually every other sector of American society – and increasingly around the world. Perhaps the most notable contributions made by alumni of this University are reflected in their commitments to serve the common good. Among us today are alumni who have devoted their energies and resources to building a school in Tanzania, to building a school and home serving 1,800 boys and young men in Haiti, to volunteering as a full-time teacher in a charter school in the heart of one of the poorest cities in the country, to providing volunteer medical care for those who lack resources, and to raising venture capital for social entrepreneurship where the return on investment comes not in quarterly dividends or IPOs, but in lives made better and in communities rebuilt.

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These same values are reflected in the lives of our students. Our students are creative and bright; they are budding scholars drawn to an institution that blends the rigor of the classroom with an education gained in the world. In the prologue to our



centennial history, Henry Clyde Hubbart wrote more than six decades ago of the “practical idealism” that characterizes the understanding of the liberal arts at Ohio Wesleyan University. That practical idealism is reflected today in the Summer Science Research Program, the Sagan National Colloquium, an off-campus learning program that includes internships in major cities and study-travel experiences around the world, and a deep commitment to community service and service learning.

The mission statement of Ohio Wesleyan University indicates that we fulfill our mission when we are successful at three things: imparting knowledge, developing and enhancing certain important capabilities with our students, and placing education in the context of values.

Never before has our world stood in greater need of an institution with this mission. Our world needs individuals who possess capacities of the intellect refined by a liberal arts education and sharpened by experiences in the world. We must prepare graduates empowered with the capacity to think critically and to communicate with clarity and depth; prepared to interact across the boundaries of culture and history; gifted with powers of empathy and discernment; and grounded with moral foundations and a keen understanding that there are better and worse ways to order one’s life and to order the life of one’s world.

Today, with a legacy grounded in the liberal arts and rooted in a practical idealism that connects the lessons of the past with the experiences of the present in order to prepare leaders for the future, we at Ohio Wesleyan University have much to offer the world. This is our time.

In this opportune moment, let us think together about what it would mean for Ohio Wesleyan University to set the liberal arts standard for educating moral leaders for a global society. More than 10 percent of our students are international students, coming to us from every continent and from a rich array of cultural backgrounds from around the world. The world has come to Ohio Wesleyan University. It is equally important to take OWU to the world. We must provide greater opportunities for our domestic students to cross cultural boundaries and to travel the world, experiencing for themselves the variety of cultures, histories, and perspectives they ultimately must be prepared to engage, in order to flourish in the professional lives that await them. We can imagine together experiences created by members of this faculty, in every discipline, to offer our students the benefit of a more global perspective and the enrichment that comes from immersion in cultures different from one’s own.

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We should expand on Henry Clyde Hubbart’s articulation of our practical idealism by providing even more opportunities for our students to test the theories of the classroom through engagement with the world. We could build on the Summer Science Research Program, one of the premier programs of its kind, to establish similar experiences in other disciplines. We could build on the internship and mentoring programs offered through the Woltemade Center to develop summer

internship experiences for students in all sectors. We could further develop our highly regarded programs in the fine arts, understanding the fundamental role played by the arts in the cultivation of a democratic society and in the preservation of the freedoms that we so deeply cherish. And we could build on the mission trips offered by the Chaplain’s Office to develop further service-learning opportunities that challenge all students to reflect on the values that give meaning to their lives and hope to their futures.

While we build on an academic program that has long been our guiding light, and while we seek to enrich the educational experiences of our students beyond the walls of the classroom and the boundaries of the campus, we must also examine the way we order our lives together and the community we seek to build on this campus. We will always be enlivened by a creativity that generates differences of opinion and by the dynamic of competing values. But let us order our work together in ways that reflect on this campus the civility we hope our graduates will work to create in the world beyond this campus.

Let us further examine the life we order for our students beyond the classroom. It is no secret to those who know this campus well that we have significant work to do in our residential facilities. We have an even greater opportunity to expand our thinking beyond the facilities themselves, to a reflection on the kind of residential community we want to create, the ways we want to interact, the lives we want to lead, the values we want to embrace, and the programs and facilities that allow individuals to flourish and community to thrive.

It is not new to imagine that Ohio Wesleyan University has a unique role to play in educating moral leaders for a global society. But it may well be the case that now, more than ever before, our world has a need for just such leaders. Our world needs leaders who innately understand that which is good, and who have the capacity to cross cultural boundaries and open long-closed doors. Ohio Wesleyan University has been preparing such leaders since the doors of this University opened in 1842. No story in our institutional saga exemplifies this more than the story of Branch Rickey.

In the spring of the first decade of the last century, the Ohio Wesleyan Methodists traveled to South Bend to play a baseball game against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. When the team arrived at its hotel in South Bend, one of the players, Charles “Tommy” Thomas, was told he could not stay in the hotel because of the color of his skin. Thomas was humiliated, and his coach, Branch Rickey was outraged. Rickey, who would gain a reputation in his life for being a very tough individual, stood nose to nose with the clerk at the hotel desk and insisted on a room for his teammate. When the clerk resisted, Rickey threatened to return the team to Delaware without playing the game. Finally, the clerk relented, if Thomas would agree to stay in Rickey’s room.

Hundreds of times in the years that followed, Branch Rickey told the story of his experience that day, of the pain on his teammate’s face, of his own outrage, and of the commitment he made as the team returned to the campus in Delaware, saying to himself that someday, somehow, he would do something more about that. Four decades later, in the spring of 1947, nearly a decade before the Supreme Court ruled in Brown

v. Topeka Board of Education, and nearly two decades before Congress acted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Branch Rickey opened the doors of Major League Baseball and invited the courageous Jackie Robinson to break the color barrier of America’s pastime.

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More than a century ago, on this campus, Branch Rickey had the benefit of an education designed to form moral leaders for a global society. When he saw human indignity and human mistreatment, he knew it was wrong. In due time, he did what no other American had yet done. With his leadership, a cultural barrier was broken and a long-closed door opened wide.

This is the legacy of Branch Rickey and the legacy of all those like him who have stood at the Sulphur Spring, entered Elliott Hall, gathered here in Gray Chapel, studied in Slocum Library, crossed the JAYwalk, competed on Selby Field, stepped on the stage of Chappellear Drama Center, climbed the steps of Monnett Hall, or passed any of the other venues where education occurs on this campus. This legacy is a reflection of the aspirations of our founders, an echo of the church that gave us birth, a manifestation of the ideals of the academy, and an indication of our practical idealism – all made real through the decades, and all coming to life again today.

Adam Poe might not have imagined precisely what would be accomplished by Branch Rickey or by the tens of thousands of individuals who, with the benefit of an Ohio Wesleyan education,

have collectively touched every facet of our common life. And Adam Poe might not have imagined precisely what we will have the opportunity to accomplish in the years just ahead of us. But Adam Poe would have agreed with Henry Clyde Hubbard, who wrote in the prologue of our centennial history in 1942, “our practical idealism, in its best form, has always stressed the unrealized possibilities of the college ... .” With Henry Clyde Hubbard, Adam Poe would acknowledge the unrealized possibilities of an institution whose best days are still to come. He would encourage us to claim strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Today, all of us with responsibility for this institution – trustees, faculty, officers, staff, and alumni, students, and friends – stand where those who have gone before us have previously stood. We stand as stewards, entrusted for a time, with responsibility for a treasure. This treasure, made tangible in the buildings on this campus and in the lives of those who live and study here, reflects an even greater and even less tangible idea – the idea that an education makes a difference in the life of an individual, that educated citizens make a difference in the life of the world, and that a liberal education grounded in our practical idealism has a singular opportunity in this age to raise up a new generation of moral leaders for a global society. With humility, let us embrace this high calling and let us dedicate ourselves to these noble aspirations.

I am honored today to be inaugurated as your 16th President. Thank you for your commitment to Ohio Wesleyan University, and thank you for your confidence in the future we will share together.



FROM BLACK AND RED—  
TO GREEN...

This year's Sagan National Colloquium (SNC) topic, "Cultivating a Green Campus," is all about environmental sustainability, and as Rebecca Deatsman '09 tells us, "students are doing more than just listening to speakers—they're getting their hands dirty."

Deatsman, a zoology and environmental studies double major from Tempe, Arizona, is helping to spread the word about this year's Colloquium, and some new and exciting opportunities for students this year.

"Ordinarily, students enrolled in the Colloquium have received academic credit by writing papers and attending faculty-led discussions and a certain number of guest lectures," says Deatsman. "Beginning this fall, students also had an option to join one of 20 campus student led activities ranging from restoring the floodplain along the Delaware Run to researching alternative energy." In addition, for the first time in several years, SNC will continue with its programming for the entire academic year.

"The Colloquium is such a great opportunity to push for something I care about, which is eating locally," says Sara Nienaber '09, who is exploring local food co-ops and ways in which food is grown, transported, processed, and chosen by consumers.

For more information about this year's Sagan National Colloquium and a full listing of student activities and speakers, please visit our Web site at <http://snc.owu.edu>.



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## FROM THE FIELD...

### *Let There Be Light!*

“Our group, ‘Solar OWU,’ has been doing a lot of background research on solar power and where it has been successfully implemented. I’ve instructed my group on the technical details of solar power, such as electricity units and how to look at solar power specification sheets. We have just procured a radiometer which measures the sunlight in  $w/m^2$ , and we have looked at electricity consumption records on campus with the buildings and grounds staff. From measurements we take with the radiometer, compared with solar panel specification sheets and building records, we will be able to estimate how much of our specified campus buildings’ electricity we would be able to generate with a given-sized solar array. Should that be significant, we will then present our results to the University and work toward getting a solar array of some size purchased and installed to provide electricity in a building on campus. This, of course, will include grant writing and fund raising, along with contacting and working with contractors to install the solar arrays.”

**WILLIAM KENNY '09**

### *Analyzing ‘Trash Archaeology’*

“Observers walking by OWU’s Smith residence hall on the evening of November 7 revealed several students emptying the nearby dumpster and digging through the contents—all in the name of Mother Earth. What would possibly motivate us to do that? Our SNC activity group, “Waste OWU,” conducted this trash audit to inventory the waste and examine the effectiveness of the recycling program on campus, as well as to reveal the major sources of waste on campus. Students are assessing and comparing a variety of environments including the residential and academic sides of campus as well as central campus. We hope to aid the recycling program by locating areas at which recycling bins are not being used properly. The data obtained will also guide those who order campus supplies in order to attain more efficient and sustainable material usage and reduce waste volumes.”

**MOLLY VERHOFF '10**

### *Notable Campus Composting*

“My composting group has built three outdoor composts behind our Women’s House small living unit, as well as a worm composter in the greenhouse. We get compost material from the small living units and individual students. Any student can request a compost bin and contribute food scraps. Our composts are doing well and are producing fertile humus. This year’s Colloquium is a success because it is highly interactive and progressive. Students are making a difference on campus, and that is exciting!”

**JESSE MESENBURG '10**



## Career Planning in Today's World

### MEET LESLIE DELERME

**LESLIE DELERME SAYS RESILIENCY, CAREFUL PLANNING, AND DETERMINING HOW TO STAND OUT IN A CROWD WILL HELP PREPARE OWU STUDENTS AND ALUMNI FOR TODAY'S CHALLENGING JOB MARKET AND ECONOMY.**

"The question, 'Why hire a Bishop?' should be foremost in our students' minds as they think about and actively pursue jobs and careers," advises Delerme, OWU's new director of career services.

The Illinois native received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University, and began her career services profession at Ohio University. Last July, Delerme joined the OWU community ("it was a great opportunity to work with an equally great staff," she says) and re-

ally likes the added opportunity she has to work with Ohio Wesleyan alumni.

"They come back to campus to talk about their careers with our staff and students, and at times, we can help our alumni who may want to switch careers or look for other jobs," says Delerme. To facilitate this process, OWU students and alumni can sign up for NACELINK—the National Association of Colleges and Employers—to view hundreds of available jobs and internships. The online recruiting system went live in July, shortly after Delerme's arrival on campus. (Log on to OWU's Career Services Web site at <http://careers.owu.edu> to register).

"Even our most recent alumni can offer good advice to students on getting into graduate schools or about finding that first job," says Delerme. But her best advice for students now is to gain as much

knowledge and experience as possible and learn how to network with others.

"Look for internships and volunteer work that build experience, and meet OWU alumni, especially when they visit campus," advises Delerme. "It's what and who you know that really matter."



## Higher Learning Commission invites third-party comments

Ohio Wesleyan University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 23-25, 2009, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Ohio Wesleyan University has been accredited by the Commission since 1913. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University to:

Public Comment on Ohio Wesleyan University  
The Higher Learning Commission  
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and be signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential. All comments must be received by February 23, 2009.

## are you up for **THE GREEK ALUMNI CHALLENGE?**

**BE MORE  
BE BOLD  
BE GREEK**

In 2007-08, four of the top five organizations were sororities, which gave the fraternities a run for their money. A strong component of OWU annual giving is OWU's historic Greek tradition, and lasting friendships that endure for life.

The top three Greek organizations for 2007-08 were: **Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Pi Beta Phi sorority, and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.**

The full standings can be found at <http://annualfund.owu.edu/greek-chal.htm>

**Don't see your organization at the top?** Make a difference and support the Annual Fund before June 30, 2009.

Visit us online at <http://annualfund.owu.edu>

For more details about OWU's Greek Alumni Challenge, contact Matt Ufferman '01 at 740-368-3944 or [mdufferm@owu.edu](mailto:mdufferm@owu.edu).

## Library Grant

One of the most fragile documents in Ohio Wesleyan's historical archives is a handwritten list of Delaware residents who pledged financial support in the 1840s to help purchase OWU's first building. Thanks to a recent one year Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant of more than \$47,000 from the State Library of Ohio, "...we will accelerate our efforts to digitize and share with the world some of our rare and fragile historical documents," says Theresa Byrd, OWU's chief information office and director of libraries. Another advantage of the grant is its collaborative nature as the University partners with the Delaware County Historical Society in digitizing and placing online about 1,200 rare documents—like the handwritten pledge list mentioned above—recounting the history of the University, the Delaware community, and their ties to Methodism. Using an archival imaging scanner purchased with LSTA grant funds, historically significant manuscripts, maps, monographs, photographs, and pamphlets will be digitized. Work already has begun on creating a digital library of information about OWU 1904 graduate Branch Rickey.

"Ohio Wesleyan's historical archives contain a wealth of information," says OWU President Rock Jones. "Not only do we have information about our founding and about alumni like Branch Rickey, but we have a Walt Whitman collection and we house the Archives of Ohio United Methodism for the East and West Ohio Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Digitization allows us to share this information with scholars, students, and others worldwide who may not be able to travel to Delaware, but who will benefit from access to these documents."

## A SEASON OF *Classic Crosby*

The OWU Department of Theatre & Dance is honoring one of its own as it dedicates the 2008-2009 season to Robert R. Crosby '39, former chair of the theatre and dance department, who passed away last year.

The season, named "Classic Crosby—A Season in Celebration of the Life of Bob Crosby," began with the 19th century American comedy *Fashion!*, which depicts foolish Mr. Tiffany and his wife trying to buy their way into the social "ee-light" of New York City, with a saucy French maid to advise them on the latest fashion trends from Europe.

*Fashion!* was the most popular and successful American social comedy of its

time. The play, originally written by Anna Cora Mowatt, was adapted for the OWU stage and directed by Bonnie Milne Gardner '77. The production was a perfect choice for a season honoring Crosby.

"We wanted to go with a season in the style and feel of Bob Crosby," says Elane Denny-Todd, chair of the theatre and dance department. "*Fashion!* Is the perfect opener. It is a play that is very American, and Bob loved American drama."

It was then only fitting that those former students of Crosby joined the production, making it even more special. Beyond Gardner, Teresa Snider-Stein '80 designed the costumes, and several alumni performed the



opening prologue each night including Loyann Waber Brush '80, Debra Legge Chadwick '77, Robert Gerseny '78, Max Griffith '67, Sally Christiansen Harris '76, J.B. Rorick '78, and Kerry Shanklin '70.

"Our special treat was welcoming back Teresa from New York City to design the fabulous fashions for these outrageous characters," says Gardner. "It was a thrill for all of us to watch her in action."

Of Crosby, Gardner says, "How do I remember Dr. Crosby? His arms cradling file folders, ceremoniously entering the classroom to take his place in front of the podium. His lectures on phonetics, the Poetics, Thornton Wilder, and Dorothy Heathcote. His cheerful smile, calm demeanor, wise counsel. His tireless, loyal support of OWU theatre. His elegant way with words. His genuine humor and charm. His infallible sense of honor. Alas! Since it is impossible to replace him, it has been my distinct honor to serve as a humble shepherd of his legacy."

For more information about the 2008-2009 season honoring Crosby, visit <http://theatre.owu.edu/>

### LIGHT UP MAINSTAGE!

#### ...and Honor a Great Professor!

As OWU honors Professor Robert Crosby '39 this year, the University also is launching a fundraising initiative, "**Light Up Mainstage!**" to keep Chappellear Drama Center illuminated for years to come. It's time to bring 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology to the Department of Theatre and Dance by purchasing a \$750,000 lighting system—an essential upgrade needed to improve the current 30-year-old lighting system. We are reaching out to you, our alumni, parents, and friends of OWU's theatre and dance department to help **Light Up Mainstage!**

You may make your gift via our secure donation Web site at <http://alumni.owu.edu/giving>, contact the OWU University Relations Office at 740-368-3104, or e-mail [klcrosma@owu.edu](mailto:klcrosma@owu.edu).



## REMEMBERING MR. RICKEY . . . A CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED OHIO WESLEYAN REACH MORE THAN \$15 MILLION OF THE \$22 MILLION GOAL OF THE REMEMBERING MR. RICKEY CAMPAIGN. THANK YOU. HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR INCLUDE:**

- Selby Field has a new OmniGrass playing surface; the George Gauthier Track was re-built with Ameritan FP surface, and the south end stadium wall was re-built.
- The newly-constructed women's softball venue, The Margaret Sagan Field, includes dugouts, bleacher seating, and a two-story press box with areas for concessions and storage.
- The adjoining men's baseball facility, Littick Field, has a newly-constructed press box named in honor of Pete Hauck '52.
- A new floor surface in Gordon Field House including special surfaces for tennis and track, new lighting, new netting, and a brightened interior.
- New rubberized roofs for Gordon Field House and Branch Rickey Arena.
- Repairs to the skylights and roof of Edwards Gym as well as a new floor in the Weight Room.

### **Upcoming plans include:**

**The Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center**—groundbreaking planned for May 2009.

**Arthur A. Belt '34 Memorial Walkway**—connecting the north and south athletic areas.

**Selby Field**—field lighting for expanded intramural and recreational use and press box refurbishing.

**Edwards Gym**—the gym's second-floor court will be renovated, and equipment in the Weight Room will be refurbished or replaced.

**Practice Field**—new artificial surface and lighting.



For details about the *Remembering Mr. Rickey* Campaign, visit <http://mrrickey.owu.edu>.

## Champions Again. And Again.

**OWU's Battling Bishop scholar-athletes have captured the NCAC All-Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year and eighth time in history with:**

- Top five finishes in 19 of 22 sports
- Top two finishes in 12 sports
- Championships in six sports

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# AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING

***Just as a circle encloses and includes all that is within, the new President's Circle will include—and touch—every aspect of campus.***

Chairperson Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64 and the Board of Trustees recently invited a select group of alumni, parents, and friends to partner with President Rock Jones as founding members of the President's Circle. Members will commit to investing \$10,000 a year to the President's Circle above and beyond their current level of giving.

"President's Circle gifts will help us make immediate improvements to campus facilities while we plan for more substantial work, particularly in the area of residential life," says Jones. "We also will utilize President's Circle gifts to strengthen the quality of life for students, faculty, and staff at OWU and to create a more dynamic, close-knit sense of community on campus."

Jones notes that the President's Circle also will support the University's strategic initiatives and position OWU as one of the nation's premier liberal arts institutions.

"In particular, the gifts made by members of the President's Circle will expand the opportunities for our students, both on and off campus. We will be able to support students in undergraduate research projects and enhance those experiences with the opportunity to present their results at national conferences. We also anticipate supporting student internships, study travel experiences, volunteer efforts, and cross-cultural opportunities. These experiences help students test the theories they learn in the classroom with real-world learning."

Denis Nock '58 along with his wife Judith Mahoney Nock '60 became members of the President's Circle to enable Jones to fund urgent priorities above and beyond what is budgeted in a year.

"Frankly, I am dazzled with Rock's drive and energy," Nock says. "I heartily endorse his vision and goals to take OWU to the next level, and I especially like his undaunted determination to achieve these goals in the face of today's soft economy and worldwide financial crisis. Judy and I returned to OWU last May for my 50th reunion, which we thoroughly enjoyed. No one could have a better college experience than I did at Ohio Wesleyan, and, accordingly, we left Delaware determined to do more and step up our support and involvement with OWU any way

we reasonably can. We thought becoming members of the President's Circle is the least we could do."

"I am grateful for the generous response to this new opportunity to support the education of students at OWU," says Jones. "This is particularly remarkable in the current economic climate and reflects the deep passion OWU alumni and friends have for this University, and in particular, for our students. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of today's students who are preparing to become tomorrow's leaders."

For details about the President's Circle, please contact Lori Loveless, President's Circle coordinator at (740) 368-3308 or at [lglovele@owu.edu](mailto:lglovele@owu.edu).

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# CIRCLE

By Ericka Kurtz

**FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE INCLUDE:**

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| HOWARD McVAY '69 AND COLLEEN<br>AUSTIN                      | MICHAEL L. McCLUGGAGE '69                             |
| RALPH M. BEATTIE '48  | KEVIN J. MCGINTY '70                                  |
| GEORGE '61 AND PATSY BELT<br>CONRADES '63                   | PHILLIP J. '59 AND NANCY LAPORTE<br>MEBK '59          |
| ALAN G. '54 AND NANCY HENNIS<br>BRANT '54                   | MARY COOK MILLIGAN HON. '02                           |
| EVAN R. CORNS '59   | GREGORY L. MOORE '76                                  |
| THOMAS B. HON. '04 AND LISA<br>SCHWEITZER COURTICE HON. '04 | WILLIAM F. MYERS '55                                  |
| DOUGLAS H. DITTRICK, JR. '55                                | DENIS B. '58 AND JUDITH MAHONEY<br>NOCK '60           |
| ANDRES DUARTE '65   | PETER K. PAK '90                                      |
| MICHAEL G. ELLIS '90  | DAVID E. '65 AND PATRICIA FRASHER<br>PAPOI '66        |
| LLOYD FERGUSON '62  | FRANCIS F. QUINN '78                                  |
| C. PATRICIA FERRY '53                                       | KATHLEEN LAW RHINESMITH '64<br>AND STEPHEN RHINESMITH |
| ROBERT W. '66 AND ANN WIBLE<br>GILLESPIE '66                | CYNTHIA D. RUGART '77                                 |
| DAVID E. GRIFFITHS '51                                      | NANCY REYNOLDS SCHNEIDER '64<br>AND JOHN S. SCHNEIDER |
| EDWARD E. HADDOCK, JR. '69                                  | ALEX SHUMATE '72                                      |
| J. LAURANCE '57 AND CHARLOTTE<br>PATTERSON HILL '57         | GORDON V. '54 AND HELEN CRIDER<br>SMITH '56           |
| ROCK AND MELISSA LOLLAR JONES                               | RICHARD C. STAZESKY '49                               |
| DENNIS W. KUNIAN '64  | THOMAS J. SUDDER                                      |
| GRANT W. '64 AND CHRISTINE<br>ANDERSON KURTZ '66            |   |
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We invite you to join the Tower Society. Call (740) 368-3078 or e-mail [giftplanning@owu.edu](mailto:giftplanning@owu.edu) to learn more about how you can qualify for membership.

# A life lived well...

DEDICATION OF THE RON HUDLER MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE



*Pictured left to right:  
Dale Hudler '82, Ron  
Hudler '56, Bill Hudler,  
and Fred Hudler.*

*By Pam Besel*



*Pictured left to right: Dale Hudler '82, Don Hudler '56, Dannielle Hudler, Debbie Hudler Holroyd, Tim Holroyd, Rock Jones*

**“He who plants a tree, plants a hope.”**

ANN LARCUM, 1800’S

**IT WAS A VERY DETERMINED AND HOPEFUL RON HUDLER WHO FOLLOWED HIS HEART AND DEVELOPED WHAT IS NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST CHRISTMAS TREE BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTRY—THE HUDLER CAROLINA TREE FARM—IN GRAYSON COUNTY, ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH CAROLINA-VIRGINIA BORDER.** It was on that same farm, with its hundreds of thousands of majestic and fragrant Fraser fir trees, that Hudler, a 1956 Ohio Wesleyan graduate, his son Fred, and their farmhand John Miller Jr. were slain late in January 2008 as they interrupted a robbery on the premises.

Following his graduation from OWU (twin brother Don also is a 1956 alumnus), Hudler went on to work for General Motors and then for Electronic Data Systems for a total of 40 years, after which he was drawn back to the family farm—the future Hudler Carolina Tree Farm that he created with sons Fred, Dale, and Bill. A tree from this farm had the distinction of being selected as the White House Christmas Tree in 1995. Brother Don, past recipient of OWU’s Distinguished Achievement Citation award, was CEO for many years at the Saturn dealership, and

both brothers have been loyal supporters of their Alma Mater.

To honor the memory of Ron Hudler, members of the Hudler and Ohio Wesleyan families gathered at 5:30 p.m. on December 7 to dedicate the 14-foot spruce tree from the Hudler farm—the Ron Hudler Memorial Christmas Tree—delivered to campus by Dale Hudler, where it was planted near Edwards Gymnasium, close to Sandusky Street.

“Ron Hudler’s life exemplifies the highest ideals held by Ohio Wesleyan University for its alumni,” says President Rock Jones. And the examples are many. “His extraordinary accomplishments in corporate leadership with GM and EDS, his development of his family farm into one of the leading Christmas tree farms in this country, his volunteer service with numerous organizations that benefit humankind as well as with professional associations related to his work, and his quiet generosity to hundreds of individuals whose names will never be known exemplify for all of us the benefit of a life lived well.”

“We lit the tree, served hot chocolate and cookies, and sang together as we remembered Ron,” says Annie Griffith Seiler ’75,

OWU regional director of development. “Ron was a warm, wonderful man with a kind heart and a generous spirit. During my visits with him, he would light up when he talked about his affection for and gratitude toward Ohio Wesleyan. He lit up even more when he talked about his first two loves—his family and Christmas trees!” Seiler hopes that this initial gathering will establish an annual tradition.

“We are particularly grateful that Ron’s family has chosen to honor his memory by placing one of his beloved trees on the OWU campus,” says Jones. “Each year, as the lights come on and we are reminded of the message of hope and peace of the sacred season, we will recall the hope that guided Ron’s life and the goodness he brought to all who were privileged to know him.”

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*Pam Besel is Director of Internal Communications, Editor of the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine, and Interim Co-Director of University Communications.*





## OHIO WESLEYAN LOSES A GREAT FRIEND...

The University sadly reports the passing of R. Thornton Beeghly, 96, on October 20 at his home in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Beeghly was the son of Leon A. and Mabel Snyder Beeghly, and a 1934 Ohio Wesleyan graduate. While at OWU, the economics major belonged to the Booster's Club, *The Transcript* staff, and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Upon the death of his father in 1967, Thornton became president of Standard Slag Company, a position he held until he retired in 1995. He was active in charitable organizations, and he and his brothers carried on the philanthropic work their father began in 1940 with the establishment of the L.A. Beeghly Fund. Leon Beeghly's generous \$1 million gift to Ohio

*“Beeghly Library compares well with so many library buildings on some of the finest campuses in the higher education sector.”*

– DR. THERESA BYRD  
OWU CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER  
AND DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES AND  
INFORMATION SERVICES

Wesleyan helped to fund the building of the library, which was completed in 1966, following much committee discussion by Delaware citizens. As stated in OWU Professor Bernard Murchland's *Noble Achievements: The History of Ohio Wesleyan University from*

1942-1992, it was in May 1964 that “voters supported the closing of Franklin Street between Park and University Avenues, and the construction of Beeghly Library proceeded,”

R. Thornton Beeghly is survived by his son Bruce, daughter Carol Traynor, sisters Lucile Patrick and Mary Alice Beeghly Schaff '46, brother P. Thomas Beeghly '47, sister-in-law Mary Grinton Beeghly '48, and three grandchildren, nephews David L. Beeghly '80, James Dennis Hogan Jr. '86, nieces Mary Beeghly Hogan '89 and Claire Elizabeth Hogan '99. His wife Kathryn, another brother Charles Milton Beeghly '30 and niece Margaret Beeghly Hogan '64 predeceased him.



## Mary Mills Stock '47 – Member of the Tower Society

We offer our apologies to the Fouts and Stock families for placing a photo of Jeanne Maier Fouts '47 in place of Mary Mills Stock '47 in the Bequests and Estate Gifts section of the 2007-08 Donor report.

Mary Elizabeth Mills Stock was a psychology major at Ohio Wesleyan and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She was active in the YWCA, a member of the Home Economics Club and a member of the *Le Bijou* staff. Mary married Donald F. Stock, who preceded her in death. Mary was active in her community of Seabrook

Island, South Carolina. She was a gracious hostess and an avid golfer. Mary is survived by her niece, Jane Mills Glick and her husband, Dr. John H. Glick, and her nephew, Albert (Chip) A. Mills, III '70 and his wife, Jennifer T. Mills, as well as by grand-nieces and a great-grand niece and nephew. Mary was a member of the Tower Society at Ohio Wesleyan and a participant in the charitable gift annuity program. At her death in Charleston, South Carolina in July 2007, Ohio Wesleyan was the beneficiary of a generous unrestricted gift from Mary's gift annuity.

**JACK E. CORNETT, CLASS OF 1952**, was incorrectly listed under the Adam Poe Club and with Giving for Other Purposes at the \$10,000-\$49,999 level in the donor report. He should be listed as a President's Club Annual Fund Donor and with Giving for Other Purposes at the \$50,000+ donor in Total Giving. Our sincere apologies are extended to Jack for this inadvertent error.

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**2008 HAS BEEN ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR OWU ATHLETICS. HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Alumni “W” Association was formed in the early 1920s to “promote athletics at OWU.” At the time our teams were known as “the Methodists” or “Red & Black.” In April 1925, because the state of Ohio had 14 Methodist colleges and countless schools in the USA had the colors red and black, the campus journalism fraternity conducted a contest to rename our teams. The name “The Battling Bishops” was selected as our teams’ official title.

Today the Alumni “W” Association membership includes more than 5,000 alumni varsity letter-winners. Each of

OWU’s 22 varsity teams has a corresponding alumni group, and each of these groups provides the connection between today’s scholar-athletes, coaches, and teams and our alumni scholar/athletes. These groups have annual alumni gatherings such as alumni vs. varsity games, team reunions, Alumni Captains’ events, and special fundraising programs.

The cornerstone of the program is continuing communication with our alumni athletes. Each year, the Alumni “W” Association members receive two printed *Bishop Beat* publications, separate e-mailed *Ebeat* journals, and in season, e-mails from the current OWU coaches.

Team OWU is the Alumni “W” Association’s annual fundraising program that has

provided funds needed to support a truly first-rate athletic program. Last year, Team OWU raised more than \$170,000 to enhance the athletic department budget so that the Bishops can compete on a national level.

Mr. Pat Huber ’62 very capably heads up the Alumni “W” Association’s annual Golf Outing each September, held for the past two years at the outstanding North Star Golf Resort in Sunbury, Ohio. More than 88 golfers competed and enjoyed a terrific day of golf, prizes, auction items, and lunch. The event raised \$21,000 for Team OWU.

About 30 percent of OWU students are varsity athletes, nearly twice the national Division III average. As such, the athlete group at OWU is the largest constituency





group on campus. Almost 80 percent of our student body is involved in organized athletic and recreational activity, including intramurals and club sport programs.

Ohio Wesleyan is proud of our scholar-athletes. Varsity athletes have a higher GPA than non-athletes, and about 150 scholar-athletes each year qualify for membership in the Dale J. Bruce Scholar Athlete Society (open to those with a 3.2 GPA or above). The top 50 last year had an impressive 3.79 GPA and were honored in the spring at a very popular dinner event; thanks to the efforts of John Thomas '61 and many other friends of Dale Bruce '52, this program is now fully endowed for future generations.

Under the guidance of Director of Athletics Roger Ingles, the Battling Bishops won

the coveted NCAC All-Sports Trophy for the second year in a row. The All-Sports Trophy is awarded to the school with the best won-lost record in all sports. OWU has won the Trophy 33 percent of time it's been awarded in the last 20 years.

Eight OWU coaches representing 10 different teams were named Coach of the Year in the NCAC or Great Lakes Region.

In alumni news, Tom Butters '60 was selected to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, Bruce Tall '82 joined the University of Michigan football coaching staff, and Jeff Long '82, former Director of Athletics at the University of Pittsburgh, was named Director of Athletics at the University of Arkansas. Head coach of Wittenberg University, Natalie Koukis '99 earned her first NCAC Swimming

Coach of the Year award.

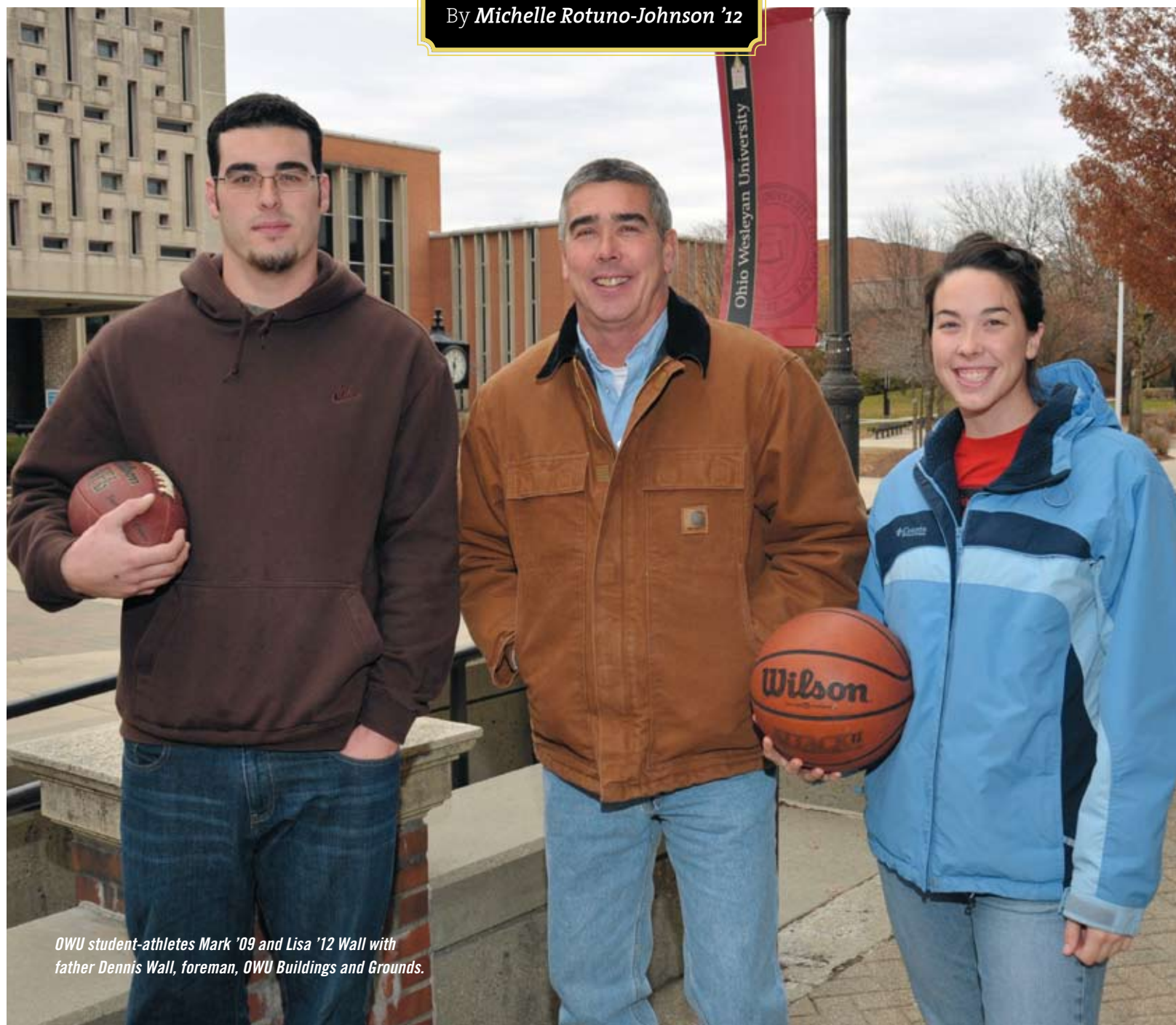
With more than 100 years of a tradition of excellence, OWU athletics is poised to make the next 100 years even more exciting.

### **Go Battling Bishops!**

**JOHN W. KERCHER '63, PRESIDENT**  
OWU Alumni "W" Association

# LIVING THE LEGACY

By *Michelle Rotuno-Johnson '12*



*OWU student-athletes Mark '09 and Lisa '12 Wall with father Dennis Wall, foreman, OWU Buildings and Grounds.*



*Several knew from the start that this was the place for them. Others started the college selection process with OWU in the furthest reaches of their minds.*

**CONSIDERING THAT MANY REGARD THE COLLEGE CHOICE AS THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION ONE WILL EVER MAKE IN HIS OR HER LIFE, IT IS NOT A DECISION TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.**

And it's not an easy one. Students must consider location, price, size, academic rigor, and athletic prowess as they shop for schools. For students who already have ties to a school, the decision becomes even more complex. No matter if they are a legacy at the school or if they have a parent employed by the school, they must consider the additional factor of attending a university that they are familiar with, and that is familiar with them.

Some welcome the security of a school that they know well, and the comfort of knowing that they will have someone to be right there with them throughout their college experience. Others blanch at the idea of attending the same university that they have been around their whole lives and, instead, choose a college that allows them to spread their wings. Why, they might ask, would I attend an institution where everyone already knows my name and would automatically associate me with my parents?

A good number of student-athletes at Ohio Wesleyan are the children of employees. Several knew from the start that this was the place for them. Others started the college selection process with OWU in the furthest reaches of their minds. "For most kids who spend their whole life at a place, it's natural to want something different," says Roger Ingles, the athletic director at OWU. Ingles knows the difficulty of this choice firsthand. His daughter, Sarah, is a sophomore at OWU. She played basketball and field hockey until suffering a recent concussion. "Ohio Wesleyan was the last school I wanted to go to," she recalls. "I didn't want to come here and automatically be known as Roger's daughter."

**FRESHMAN SHANNON DELANEY**, a basketball player, shared a similar sentiment. "I didn't really want to come here," she remembers, adding that she visited a number of other schools in her search. Shannon is the daughter of Patrick Delaney, the defensive coordinator for the football team.

**SENIOR GOLFER KYLE MARTIN**, son of men's soccer coach Jay Martin Hon. '08, has strong family ties to OWU, and because of

that, pushed it to the bottom of his list of colleges at first. "In my initial search, I did not even want to apply because of having so many connections to my family, including my father who works here. I wanted to go out and make a name for myself somewhere else, somewhere away from home, and somewhere where no one knew my name," he remembers.

**DAVID GATZ**, son of John Gatz of the zoology department, has a similar story. The junior swimmer was prepared to attend college somewhere far from home. "Certainly the expectation is that a high school graduate is supposed to move off to some faraway campus and have only remote connections with his family," he says. "I was rather intent on doing this and did visit a number of schools in Ohio and in a couple of other states."

The search to get away from home and the university they had grown up with led these four students to many different colleges. **Yet no matter how far they searched, nothing seemed like the right fit.**



## *Dick Hawes, men's and women's swimming coach, has seen firsthand how big an influence that OWU students have on local recruitment efforts.*

**SARAH INGLES**, who had Kenyon and Wooster at the top of her list, found herself comparing every other school she saw to Ohio Wesleyan. Her desire to play college basketball was also a factor, and OWU's program was attractive to her. "I think she felt that she could get everything she wanted," her father, Roger, comments. "There's a good balance between athletics and academics."

Delaney, who was set on DePauw at first, says that being so far from home wasn't appealing to her when she really thought about it. "I'm a homebody," she says with a smile. She has three younger siblings, and she wanted to stay close to her family. "She looked at several schools of all sizes; close to home, away from home," remembers her father, Patrick. "We just left the choice up to her." Shannon also liked the small class sizes at OWU.

Martin's search took him to several schools, but to him, there was no place like home. "I had grown up around (OWU), and it truly felt like home to me," he says. "In addition, the golf program was one of the finest in the country and

I had met with the coach (Jon Whithaus '91) many times, and liked his style and his approach to the game."

Gatz looked at Wabash and Grinnell closely. He was not satisfied with the academic program at Wabash, and Grinnell (located in Iowa) was simply too far away. "In desperation," he turned to Ohio Wesleyan. "Luckily," he says, "it ended up being quite positive. I sat in on a couple courses and found myself enjoying them much more than I had enjoyed classes at other schools. Additionally, somehow the student body was just more enjoyable and friendly." David was also very well acquainted with Dick Hawes, the swim coach. His brother Michael, a freshman, is also on the team.

So despite their desires to get away from the familiar, these four student-athletes discovered that there really was a place for them here at Ohio Wesleyan. But, as they expected, there have been a few instances in which their family ties have affected life at school, both positively and negatively. "People will meet me and say, 'Oh, you're Roger's daughter!'" says Sarah Ingles. Still, the proximity Sarah has to both her father and the rest of her family has some largely positive consequences, as well. "She and I

have probably become closer," says Roger, adding that it's good that the rest of the family can come see Sarah.

John Gatz is glad that David and Michael chose Ohio Wesleyan. "It's fun to run into them every once in awhile," he says, adding that he drops by the pool every now and then to say hello.

David observes that having his dad on campus is really "not as big a deal as one might think." He also is glad to have his father's advice on classes. "One benefit is that in addition to having my regular academic advisor, the recommendations a professor tells his own kid are significantly more blunt and therefore quite useful." He also confirms that he receives no special treatment whatsoever: "I also know that if I took one of his classes, the last thing I would receive is sympathy. He would probably make extra hard exams for me that were three times as long as the ones he was giving the rest of the class."

Patrick Delaney notes that he and his daughter have gotten to connect more because she is on campus. "It's nice to be able to see her," he says. Shannon also likes being able to drop in and say hello. "I'll stop

by his office every now and then,” she affirms.

Kyle Martin found that his family’s reputation preceded him when he came to school. “Upon arrival, I was instantly regarded as ‘the soccer coach’s son’ or ‘Ryan’s brother’”, he remembers. His brother, Ryan, was an All-America soccer player who was a fifth-year senior when Kyle was a freshman. “Initially, these names bothered me. As I said, I wanted to make a name for myself and not be known as so-and-so’s son or brother.

“Having my father on campus was initially tough,” he adds. “I felt a lot of pressure in and out of the classroom to maintain the high standards that he created for our family. I learned to love this, however, and it forced me to work my hardest and give it everything that I had on the golf course, in the gym, in the classroom, everywhere.” And as Kyle, David, Shannon, and Sarah continue to grow in their time at Ohio Wesleyan, they are able to pass on their experience to other local high school students who are considering coming to OWU. Coach Hawes has seen firsthand how big an influence that OWU students have on local recruitment efforts. There

are 11 students from Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware on the swim team. “I’ve had most of these guys since they were about seven or eight,” Hawes says. Three are the children of OWU employees—David and Michael Gatz, and Chris Fogle, whose father, also named Chris, works with buildings and grounds on campus.

Hawes thinks that the fact that local students are familiar with the facilities, with the coaches, and with each other makes OWU athletics appealing to them. He reports that student-athletes from around the area help out with recruitment, talking with local seniors as well as other legacies. “Being at OWU is a lot different from living in Delaware,” he says. “It’s cyclical, but there’s been a much better draw for local kids recently.”

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*Michelle Rotuno-Johnson '12 is student writer for the Office of University Communications.*

## Nominations for the 2009 class of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame are now being accepted.

To be considered for the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame, one must meet the following criteria:

- be a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan,
- the nominee’s preferred class must have graduated from OWU at least 10 years prior to the first year the athlete is submitted for consideration,
- the nominee must have demonstrated exceptional and outstanding performance in his or her sport(s) and have earned at least one varsity letter (the varsity letter requirement shall be waived for female athletes who graduated prior to such awards for their sport(s)).
- “Silver Bishop” athletes — those who graduated from OWU at least 25 years prior to the current academic year and who meet all qualifications for selection — will be considered under the same selection criteria.
- Coaches and staff with at least 10 years’ employment and two or more years since leaving their positions at OWU are eligible for nomination. Candidates who do not meet the 10-year standard but who were nominated prior to its establishment in 2005 shall retain their eligibility.

Nominations can be made online at <http://alumni.owu.edu/hof.html>

***The deadline for nominations for the 2009 class is January 15, 2009.***

# HOMECOMING





# 2008

## A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER...

Ushering in this year's Homecoming festivities on October 10-12 was a celebration unlike any other in OWU history: the Inauguration of Ohio Wesleyan's 16th President, Rock Jones on the afternoon of October 10. It was indeed a weekend to remember, featuring—besides the Inauguration of course—great theatre and music, hearty athletic competition, thought provoking discussions, and a campus-wide dinner party that had a life of its own.

Please visit our photo galleries at <http://homecoming.owu.edu> for additional views of this very special weekend!





## October 11 • 2008 Men's Lacrosse Alumni

Alumni, current players and their families, coaches, and high school recruits attending the Annual OWU Lacrosse Alumni Association reunion and awards luncheon couldn't have asked for a better weekend. The great weather only added to an event-packed weekend tied to the inauguration of Dr. Rock Jones. As alumni arrived into Delaware for a fun filled weekend, they all managed to converge either at "The Backstretch" or "Hoggy's" (formerly The Brown Jug) for the obligatory cold one and to greet one another since the last time they were in Delaware.



# ON CAMPUS

## October 4 • Softball Reunion

A small, but mighty group of softball alumnae enjoyed a beautiful day as they took on the current softball team in a friendly game.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country, including the Rock 'Hopes and Dreams' Tour events. These are offering alumni, families, and friends the opportunity to meet our 16th President and share their most visionary thoughts to help chart OWU's future! Tour happenings can be followed by visiting [rocktour.owu.edu](http://rocktour.owu.edu).

### JANUARY

**January 07 ~ Wednesday ~ Atlanta, GA**  
Rock Tour Event

**January 13 ~ Tuesday ~ Boston, MA**  
Rock Tour Event

**January 14 ~ Wednesday**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
Rock Tour Event

**January 20 ~ Tuesday ~ Cincinnati, OH**  
Rock Tour Event

**January 24 ~ Saturday ~ Cleveland, OH**  
2009 Snowball at The Union Club

**January 29 ~ Thursday ~ Columbus, OH**  
Rock Tour Event

### FEBRUARY

**February 06 ~ Friday ~ Tampa, FL**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 07 ~ Saturday ~ Naples, FL**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 08 ~ Sunday**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 09 ~ Monday ~ Orlando, FL**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 12 ~ Monday ~ Findlay, OH**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 19 ~ Thursday ~ Denver, CO**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 25 ~ Wednesday**  
**San Francisco, CA**  
Rock Tour Event

**February 26 ~ Thursday**  
**Sacramento, CA**  
Rock Tour Event

### MARCH

**March 04 ~ Wednesday**  
**New York, NY**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 05 ~ Thursday ~ New Jersey**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 07 ~ Saturday ~ Columbus, OH**  
Columbus Monnett Club  
'90th Anniversary Celebration'

**March 09 ~ Monday ~ Phoenix, AZ**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 10 ~ Tuesday ~ Tucson, AZ**  
Rock Tour Event

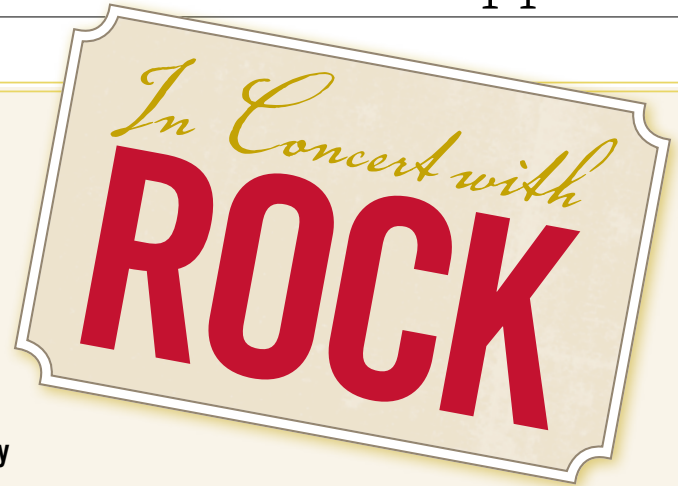
**March 11 ~ Wednesday ~ Santa Fe, NM**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 12 ~ Thursday**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 18 ~ Wednesday**  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
Rock Tour Event

**March 20-22 ~ Delaware, OH**  
FIJI Norris Pig Dinner Weekend

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



### APRIL

**April 07 ~ Tuesday ~ Houston, TX**  
Rock Tour Event

**April 08 ~ Wednesday**  
**Dallas / Ft. Worth, TX**  
Rock Tour Event

**April 22 ~ Wednesday ~ Columbus, OH**  
Columbus Monnett Club Spring Dinner at OWU with President Rock Jones

**April 24-25 ~ Delaware, OH**  
Phi Delta Theta Reunion

**April 25 ~ Saturday ~ Cleveland, OH**  
Monnett Club

**April 30 ~ Thursday ~ Columbus, OH**  
Rusty McClure '72 will share the story of his NY Times best seller *Crosley: Two Brothers and a Business Empire that Transformed the Nation* with alumni at the Muirfield Country Club

### MAY

**May 15-17 ~ Delaware, OH**  
Alumni Weekend 2009

### JULY

**July 24 ~ Friday ~ Lakeside, OH**  
Rock Tour Event

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# Alumni Happenings »



## In Concert with Rock Tours ... and More!

1 **Oct. 28, 2008 San Diego, CA, Rock Tour Event:** passionate alumni and current parents share visionary thoughts with Rock Jones. 2 **Columbus Brewing YA Event, Nov. 5, 2008:** Katie Feran '03, Titus Donnell '04, and Patrick Kennedy '03 gather at the Columbus Brewing Company for the Fall Mix & Mingle Young Alumni Event. 3 **Oct. 1, 2008, Boston, MA:** Penny Rohrbach Stratton '72 shares history of the New England Historical Genealogy Society with Richard '53 and Anna Richert Roelofs '56. 4 **Sept. 14, Chagrin Falls, OH:** Alumni, families, and friends enjoy a spectacular brunch at the Chagrin Valley Country Club after sharing Sunday Service with Rock Jones at the pulpit. 5 **Nov. 5, 2008 Cleveland, OH, Rock Tour Event:** George Sehringer '79 and Tony DiBiasio '74 strategize on their 'wish lists'. 6 **Columbus Brewing YA Event, Nov. 5, 2008:** (l-r) Doug Herman '08, Sarah Stiles, Liz Long '06, and Jason Downey '02 mingle at the Columbus Young Alumni event at The Columbus Brewing Company. 7 **Oct. 15, 2008 Chicago, IL, Rock Tour Events:** Mary Milligan Hon 2002 and Lloyd Ferguson '62 reflect on OWU traditions with Rock Jones.

**Sept. 21, 2008 Cincinnati Meet the President Brunch,** President Rock Jones delivered a powerful sermon during Sunday morning service at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church before many OWU parishioners and guests. The Cincinnati Committee hosted a delightful brunch for approximately 50 alumni, family members, and friends.

**Oct. 8, 2008 Akron Meet the President,** Thanks to the generosity of Kathryn Motz Hunter '46, David '80 and Anna Neavling Bierce '80, Don and Lisa Plavcan '58 Drumm, Sid '67 and Linda Foster, Deborah Edgar Franz '72, Ron '55 and Lilly Glosser, Phil '69 and Peggy McDowell '70 Lloyd, Jan Burgner Parry '57, Jessie Helfrich Raynor '72, and David '58 and Sally Shaffer, over 40 alumni gathered at the Silver Lake Country Club to meet President Rock Jones.

**Oct. 21, 2008 Statehouse Reception** — Professor Craig Ramsay was well prepared in his non-partisan Election 2008 update delivered to a partisan group during the Statehouse reception just two weeks before the election. Professor Ramsay shared historical perspectives on where both political camps started out and the developments along the campaign trail that brought us to the current time.

**Oct. 25, 2008 St. Louis Tailgate** — Battling Bishops enjoyed a beautiful fall day in St. Louis with special guest Rock Jones while tailgating prior to the Washington University football game.

*For more information about the Rock Tours, visit our Web site at [rocktour@owu.edu](mailto:rocktour@owu.edu)*





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# OFF CAMPUS



# SUBA Turns 40



**FORTY YEARS OF CULTURE, TRADITION, AND FRIENDSHIP WERE CELEBRATED** during Homecoming Weekend as the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) held an event to commemorate the founding of SUBA 40 years ago as well as the 10th Anniversary of the SUBA Hall of Fame.

“SUBA’s rich history is woven into the tapestry of Ohio Wesleyan University,” says Terree Stevenson ’95, director of multicultural student affairs. “The outstanding alumni and current students who revere and embody SUBA’s mission

have sustained the organization for the past 40 years and will sustain it for years to come.”

Thirteen people were inducted into the SUBA Hall of Fame’s Class of 2008: Beverly Coleman, OWU staff member; Aaron L. Granger ’93; Wendell M. Holloway ’54; Florine Jordan-Gray ’95; Chaplain James S. Leslie, retired OWU staff member; Barbara McEachern-Smith ’74; Gregory L. Moore ’76; Darryl A. Peal ’85; Byron Pitts ’82; Chaplain Jon R. Powers, OWU staff member; Alex Shumate ’72; Terree Stevenson ’95; and Melvin Van Peebles ’53.

The inaugural class was inducted into the SUBA Hall of Fame in 1998 and included Morton “Pete” Smith ’71, one of SUBA’s founders; David B. Nickerson, the first tenured professor of color in OWU’s Black World Studies program; and Kathryn Ogletree, the University’s first director of minority student affairs.

SUBA was created to support African American students attending Ohio Wesleyan and to enrich the cultural understanding of all students on the OWU campus.





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### **EDWARD E. HADDOCK, JR. '69**

Ed Haddock graduated with a B.A. in English literature and economics from Ohio Wesleyan in 1969. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1972 and now is an AV-rated attorney, admitted to law practice in the states of Florida and Virginia.

Ed is President and CEO of Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida, and holds management positions at a number of companies including the LA Film School, the LA Recording School, ERA Europe, Pioneer Technology Group, and ProMarketWeb, Ltd. to mention a few. A sampling of his past business and professional service includes The Enterprise Bank Network, Swann & Haddock law firm (co-founder and Chairman), Report to Congress on U.S. Policy in Central America (co-author), and Practicing Law Institute (faculty member).

Additional activities with which Ed has been involved include the International Justice Mission, Obama for President, (National Finance Committee member), Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Global Pastors Network (founding Trustee).

A former student body president at Ohio Wesleyan and member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Ed has continued to support his Alma Mater through his involvement with the OWU Associates.

### **JOSEPH LASH '85**

Joe Lash is a member of the Ohio Wesleyan class of 1985. He is currently a partner at Tontine Associates, LLC, a Greenwich, Connecticut-based investment partnership. Joe serves on the board of directors of Integrated Electrical Services Corporation, Neenah Foundry Company, and Exide Technologies. Joe, his wife and their two children reside in Wilton, Connecticut.

He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and has been a continuous supporter of Ohio Wesleyan through his involvement with the Associates, the Woltemade Center, Annual Fund Class Giving program, and OWU Friends. Joe has served on the Board of Trustees since 2005 and is currently up for re-election for his second 3-year term.

### **KEVIN MCGINTY '70**

Kevin McGinty received his B.A. in economics from Ohio Wesleyan in 1970 and his M.B.A. from Cleveland State University in 1977. Kevin is a founder and managing director of Peppertree Capital Management, Inc. and Peppertree Partners (an affiliated fund-of-funds manager). Prior to forming Peppertree, he spent 10 years as a managing director with Primus Venture Partners where he focused on media, telecommunications, business services, and financial services investing. Previously, Kevin was an executive vice president of Society National Bank (now KeyBank, N.A.) where he was responsible for all corporate banking, credit policy, investment banking, venture capital activities, and a member of the bank management committee.

His involvements with Ohio Wesleyan include the Alumni/Parent Admissions Recruitment

Team (A/PART), Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Varsity Football, Alumni "W" Association, Annual Giving Fraternity Volunteer, Annual Giving Volunteer, and the Woltemade Center Alumni Advisory Board. Kevin has served on the Board of Trustees since 2005 and is currently up for re-election for his second three-year term.

### **JAMES W. PRY II '67**

Jim Pry graduated with a B.A. in economics from Ohio Wesleyan in 1967. He obtained his J.D. from Ohio Northern University College of Law in 1970 and is currently managing partner with the law firm of Spurlock, Sears, Pry, Griebling and McBride, P.L.L. in Bucyrus, Ohio. Before joining his present law firm, Mr. Pry was an accountant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., (K.P.M.&G.) in Toledo, Ohio. He was admitted to the board of accountancy as a certified public accountant in 1973. Jim is a past president of the Crawford County Bar Association and a past member of the board of directors of the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation, where he served as president. Jim is married to Janet Peckinpaugh Pry and they have two sons, Matthew Crider Pry and Adam McCray Pry '04 and brother to Nik Pry '63.

He is an active member of the Ohio Wesleyan University community with memberships in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Alumni "W" Association, the Interfraternity Council, the OWU varsity football team and, was an Alumni Association representative from 1995-1999. Jim has served on the Board of Trustees since 2005 and is currently up for re-election for his second three-year term.

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Deciding at an early age to serve both God and his country by entering the ministry, Rev. Annas graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1926 after experiencing a very active and involved life on campus. He was President of the College YMCA and was chosen as one of 10 representative men of his class. Rev. Annas also represented his class in the historic tug of war in the fall of 1923—a battle that lasted for an hour and 19 minutes, finally pulling the Freshman team into the river. A protégé of Dr. Rollin Walker, professor of Bible and Religion, Rev. Annas moved on to Boston University School of Theology where he received his S.T.B. degree in 1930. He spent that next summer studying in Scotland at the University of Edinburgh and at New College.

Throughout Rev. Annas' lengthy ministry, he has been active in youth work, having served as Dean of the Silver Lake Institute and as chapel speaker at summer youth institutes. For many years since his days at Boston University, Rev. Annas has delivered a 25-minute monologue from "Abraham Lincoln," a play by John Drinkwater which focuses on the need for reconciliation, understanding, compassion, and world peace.

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