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## Freshman Year Complete!



President Rock Jones

Dear Alumni and Friends,

On a glorious spring afternoon, I experienced for the first time the singular honor afforded to University presidents when I presided over Ohio Wesleyan's 165th Commencement and awarded diplomas to more than 400 beaming graduates. Each of these graduates represents a unique story of aspiration and accomplishment following four years on the OWU campus and in places that span the globe.

Commencement brought to a close a remarkable academic year. OWU students received recognition far and wide. Meredith Palmer won a prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship; Britta Buchenroth was named a *USA Today* All-USA College Academic Third Team member and Max Schroeder received honorable mention; Kyle Holliday was named an ESPN Academic All-America® basketball player and received an NCAA post-graduate scholarship; Evan Bai and Beth Mayers won the Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award and the Best Poster Presentation Award, respectively, at the 2009 annual regional meeting of the American Society of Plant Biologists. We have graduates headed to law school at Berkeley and Wake Forest, graduate school at the University of Chicago and the London School of Economics, and to

service with Teach for America and the Peace Corps.

The outstanding work of our faculty continues to garner global recognition. Jed Burtt became president of the American Ornithological Union, and Bob Olmstead followed up his Heartland Prize-winning novel *Coal Black Horse* with the release *Far Bright Star*, the second book of the trilogy, which is generating positive buzz in literary circles.

In addition, Ohio Wesleyan University was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, "with distinction." For the third consecutive year, our athletic teams claimed a share of the NCAC All-Sports Trophy. OWU successfully completed the reaccreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. During Alumni Weekend, we broke ground for the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center and the Arthur A. Belt Memorial Walkway to the planned Branch Rickey Sports Complex.

The week after Commencement, the Board of Trustees gathered for an historic meeting that included unanimous adoption of a strategic plan that will guide us through the next decade. The strategic plan affirms

that a liberal arts education provides the best path to thoughtful, engaged, moral leadership in an increasingly complex global society. This education, grounded in the classical disciplines and complemented by multiple and varied opportunities for engagement with the world, has the power to prepare our students to be adaptable and innovative leaders in a future we cannot fully imagine today.

In tandem with the strategic plan, the faculty is augmenting the curriculum to ensure that each student has the opportunity to complement the rigor of the OWU classroom with a series of engaged learning experiences beyond the walls of the classroom and the borders of the campus. This curricular enhancement will encourage students

to move from theory to practice and will give particular emphasis to substantially increased opportunities for international exposure as part of an OWU education.

In this issue of the magazine, we share with you stories of ways in which we already situate an OWU education within an international context. You will read about opportunities for our students to study abroad, about the remarkable impact of international students on the OWU campus, and about the role of our international studies program and other curricular efforts that internationalize the OWU experience. We will build substantially on these programs in the coming years as we seek to prepare this new generation of moral leaders for a global society, preparing our students for an increasingly complex and

interdependent world. We ask for your assistance in identifying international opportunities for our students and in generating the resources necessary to bring this vision to life.

Thank you for your commitment to Ohio Wesleyan University and for your role in making this a remarkable year for our students and for all of us who spend our lives on the OWU campus. I hope to see you on campus in the coming year.

Dr. Rock Jones  
President





## Enhancing College Affordability New Initiatives for OWU Students

**News Flash #1:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics' April 2009 survey of our nation's civilian population 25 years and older reveals that only 4.1 percent of those persons holding bachelor's degrees currently are unemployed. Other recent surveys indicate an increase in the percentage from 31 to 50 percent of Americans who believe that a college education is necessary for a "successful" life. But the big elephant in the parlor for most small, private, liberal arts universities is affordability.

**News Flash #2:** Ohio Wesleyan has taken steps to minimize that elephant by introducing a new merit scholarship and two new need-based grant programs, which together have added nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to OWU financial assistance to help prospective students and families. And that's not all. As Lee Harrell, OWU assistant vice president of admission and financial aid explains, OWU has created a new outside scholarships Web page (<http://finaid.owu.edu/outsidescholarships.html>) listing more than 100 external scholarships that could benefit both prospective and current OWU students.

"Ohio Wesleyan recognizes the challenges faced by each student," says Harrell. "Already, more than 95 percent of our students receive OWU financial assistance thanks to the University's generous donors. Most of our students receive more than \$100,000 in total aid during their four years here." In today's tough economic situation, OWU wants to help as much as possible.

### NEW THIS YEAR ARE:

#### **Schubert Honors Award**—

for incoming students who have been admitted to OWU's Leland F. '30 and Helen Schubert Honors Program. The March Honors Scholars Celebration included an essay writing competition, with participants vying for awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000.

**OWU Choice Grant**—a \$500 grant created to assist first-year Ohio resident students with demonstrated financial need.

**Bishop Grant**—a grant that assists entering first-year students with strong academic promise. Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 are available to Trustee Scholars, Faculty Scholars, or Dean's Award recipients demonstrating financial need and meeting other criteria.

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## Two Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Join Obama Team

Two OWU alumni recently have been appointed to federal posts within President Barack Obama's administration.

Glenn Cummings '83, former Maine Speaker of the House, was tapped by Obama to become Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the U.S. Department of Education. Cummings, a history major at OWU, will help administer and coordinate

programs related to adult education and literacy, career and technical education, and community colleges.

Appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Carol Galante '76 will be responsible for HUD's financing support to develop and preserve privately owned rental housing, a current portfolio of more

than \$58 billion. She also will play a key role in new initiatives that promote sustainable development.

Speaking in recent years at OWU's Sagan National Colloquium about providing housing to low-income Americans, Galante, a politics and government major, credited Ohio Wesleyan for helping her to find her career path, especially noting her coursework in Professor Dick Fusch's urban geography class.

## Students Channel Peace with Channel Swim

Ohio Wesleyan students Syed Usman Javaid '10 from Lahore, Pakistan, and David Gatz '10 from Delaware, Ohio, will make an assault on the Mount Everest of swimming achievements as they attempt to swim a relay across the English Channel in August. The two met and became friends as members of the Ohio Wesleyan swim team.

The purpose of the swim is to show how people from distinctly different beliefs and backgrounds can come together and coex-

ist in peace and harmony. The teammates' friendship transcends culture, religion, and politics, even in a time when the United States and Pakistan seem often at cross purposes. Javaid and Gatz hope that the symbolism of their accomplishment will inspire others to reach out and befriend those from different cultures.

The swim will benefit Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières relief efforts in Pakistan.

In his recent speech at the University of Notre Dame, President Barack Obama said, "We must find a way to reconcile our ever-shrinking world with its ever-growing diversity ... of thought, of culture, and of belief. In short, we must find a way to live together as one human family."

Usman and David are showing us that way.

For more about the project, go to [www.channelingpeace.org](http://www.channelingpeace.org).



David Gatz '10 and Syed Usman Javaid '10 train for their relay across the English Channel.

## YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY



Jack A. Smith '49

Jack A. Smith '49 and his wife, Peg (Oberlin '55), wanted to make gifts to their alma maters, so they decided to establish a gift annuity at each college. The annuities represent the Smiths' thanks to their respective colleges and are used to ensure that future students enjoy the same educational opportunities Jack and Peg received.

Approximately half of the income the Smiths receive from their colleges is tax-free because they used cash to create their annuities. That's good for the Smiths and good for the institutions they support.

If you'd like to join Jack and Peg and other alumni who are helping to create Ohio Wesleyan's future, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at (740) 368-3078 or [giftplanning@owu.edu](mailto:giftplanning@owu.edu).

*"It is a great pleasure to thank Ohio Wesleyan in a tangible way. I am grateful for OWU's influence in my life."*

# *COMMENCEMENT 2009...* **...On a Sunny Day in May**



Enjoy scenes from OWU's Commencement on what was a very sunny May day for our 400-plus Ohio Wesleyan graduates and their families and friends on Mother's Day. Welcoming everyone to the festivities in the University's Phillips Glen for his first Commencement, was President Rock Jones. As members of the Class of 2009 snaked around and through the glen to their seats, the music of OWU's Pleasant Street Brass Quintet filled the air. Smiling onlookers stood by their seats, some running over to their special graduates for quick hugs and handshakes on this memorable Commencement day.





... “ We send you forth with appreciation for what you have accomplished here, with interest in who you will become and what you will continue to accomplish, and with confidence that you will make a difference, for the good, wherever you go, and whatever you do.”

- President Rock Jones

... “The rapid change in ways in which we interact with one another electronically has been marked by an equally rapid change in the way nations and societies interact.”

-President Rock Jones

... “In Turkey, I learned that people are more alike than different, and that they deserve our attention.”

-Virginia Pearsall Kirkwood '64  
2009 OWU Commencement Speaker

...“My secret? I've had lots of fun during my life; good times and good work coincide.”

-Virginia Pearsall Kirkwood '64



## Breaking Ground for OWU's Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center



Above L-R: Eric Algoe, Phillip J. Meek '59, Richard Hawes, David Gatz '10, Nancy La Porte Meek '59, Patsy Belt Conrades '63, George H. Conrades '61, President Rock Jones, Jay Martin Hon. '08, and Mark H. Shipps '70.



**ALUMNI WEEKEND. DAZZLING SUNSHINE. SAPPHIRE BLUE SKIES. WARM TEMPERATURES. SMILING FACES. AND A GREAT OCCASION TO CELEBRATE—THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE MEEK AQUATICS AND RECREATION CENTER AND THE ARTHUR A. BELT MEMORIAL WALKWAY, KNOWN INFORMALLY AS THE BELTWAY.**

Director of Athletics Roger Ingles opened the ceremony with a question he says he hears every day: “How are you doing this?” When so many colleges and universities are cutting back, Ohio Wesleyan’s bold step into the future is noteworthy. “I always tell them that Ohio Wesleyan has generous alumni who love to take care of our scholar-athletes,” Ingles said.

Soccer coach Jay Martin Hon. '08 and former athletic director noted that the new facility “serves the swim team, but also the campus community and the Delaware community. It will make a huge impact on central Ohio as a whole. The story is not about the pool, but the people involved. OWU students are good people, intelligent, creative, and tremendously loyal to their alma mater. And they grow into alumni who are good people, intelligent, creative, and who love their alma mater.”

President Rock Jones saluted the Meek and Conrades families not only for their support of these projects, but also for their long-term philanthropic focus on academics and leadership, which are exemplified by the Phillip J. and Nancy La Porte Meek Community Leadership and Service Grant Scholarship Program, The Meek Leadership Awards, The Nancy La Porte Meek Chair in Fine Arts, the Meek Chair in Economics, the Conrades•Wetherell Science Center, the Arthur A. Belt Fitness Center, and more. “Both Phil and George have served as chairs of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees and have demonstrated a deep commitment to the University,” Jones said.

The Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center will feature geothermal heating and cooling, serving as a demonstration of the efficiency and comfort of this form of energy, Jones continued, as he thanked former United States Representative David Hobson '58 for securing grants for this purpose. “David has long been a supporter of this type of energy,” he said. Ninety wells dug to a depth of 240 feet will provide the geothermal energy.

Phil and Nancy LaPorte Meek, both Class of '59, and George '61 and Patricia Belt '63 Conrades then offered brief remarks. “I’m thrilled to be part of this and to partner with George and Patsy,” said Nancy.

“I never knew Patsy’s father,” George said, “but I knew her mother and I certainly know Patsy, and all I can say is, “Thank you, Art.” Phil mentioned his philosophy of “when-ever possible, giving with warm hands,” and Patsy noted how “lucky” she felt to be able to participate in the project and how “wonderful it is to do something with our dear friends and my sorority sister.”

David Gatz '10 spoke on behalf of the swim team and also for the city of Delaware, which is his hometown. “It’s an honor to stand in front of the Meek and Conrades families,” he said. “I don’t know how to tell you what this means to our program and to other community programs that will use the facility. It will help in the recruitment of a larger team and new and better athletes.”

Then it was on to the actual groundbreaking, but there wasn’t a gold-plated ceremonial shovel in sight. After an audience countdown, the ground was broken with an auger of the type that will be used to drill the geothermal wells.

It’s a new day in Ohio Wesleyan sports and recreation.

*Gretchen Hirsch is a Writer for the Marketing and Communication Department at Ohio Wesleyan.*

# Strasburg Scholarships Established

A former Ohio Wesleyan faculty member and four OWU alumni recently have contributed a total of \$6 million in estate gifts.

A bequest of more than \$800,000 by the faculty member (who wishes to remain anonymous), will be used to create the Richard W. Strasburg Endowed Music Merit Scholarship Fund in his memory. Strasburg Scholarships will be awarded beginning Fall 2010 to first-year students majoring in music. Recipients will be eligible to renew the scholarships for three additional years.

Richard Strasburg was an accomplished pianist who taught at Ohio Wesleyan from 1956 until his retirement in 1983. A longtime Delaware resident, he died in 2008.

“Richard Strasburg was an influential teacher for so many Ohio Wesleyan piano students and was an incredibly gifted pianist,” says Cameron Bennett, chair of OWU’s music department. “The anonymous donor’s generous gift to fund a significant music merit scholarship highlights his devotion to Ohio Wesleyan. Future generations of talented music majors will benefit from this generous gift and ensure that Professor Strasburg’s legacy will live on at Sanborn Hall.”



**George Sternad '48** was honored in March with the permanent installation of a commemorative bench and plaque, which was a gift from his family. He has served as a volunteer alumni admission representative for OWU for more than 30 years. Sternad is pictured with his daughter **Allyson Sternad Hotz '79** and his son **Ken '77**, who both spoke during the recognition ceremony. **Drew Thawley '97**, who was recruited to Ohio Wesleyan by Sternad, also offered remarks.

# Champions Again. And Again. AND AGAIN.



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# BORDERS

“In today’s world, borders are fading, languages are amalgamating, and the globe is becoming smaller. It is a positive phenomenon in my eyes, but it requires a greater understanding of cultures other than our own. I have been very fortunate to be of immediate lineage of several different countries. I have lived in and traveled to over 30 countries and realize that there is no zenith culture, no one right way of doing things, and that we can all learn from each other. In the contemporary epoch, it is even more important to understand other cultures because we, humanity, have become dependent on one another, and as the magnitude of the world’s problems becomes greater, we must work together to overcome obstacles and achieve success.”

JONATHAN FORSGREN '10

# ARE FADING

A photograph showing three people walking on a campus. On the left is a woman with dark hair wearing a grey blazer over a purple top. In the center is a woman with dark hair in a ponytail wearing a light blue button-down shirt. On the right is a man in a dark suit and blue tie. They are all smiling and talking. In the background, there are trees, a brick building, and a sign that says "OWU".

Pooja Dutt '09 strolls through campus with Grace Poling and Darrell Albon one last time before Commencement.

# Taking OWU to the World — and Back

*Recruiting and retaining OWU's international students*

By Pam Besel

**“THE HONEYMOON PHASE DIDN'T END AFTER MY FIRST YEAR AT OHIO WESLEYAN,” SAYS POOJA DUTT '09. “IT CONTINUED FOR THE REST OF MY YEARS HERE AT OHIO WESLEYAN.”**

Dutt, a zoology major and psychology minor from Calcutta, India, came to Ohio Wesleyan because of its strong science programs and engaging liberal arts environment, and the opportunity to play a leadership role in PetPals, the only animal welfare agency on campus. (Dutt plans to be a veterinarian after she pursues her master's degree in wildlife conservation at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, starting this fall).

“When it came to making my college decision, financial aid was not the determining factor. I decided to come to Ohio Wesleyan because it just felt right for me.” Dutt also liked what she describes as a high

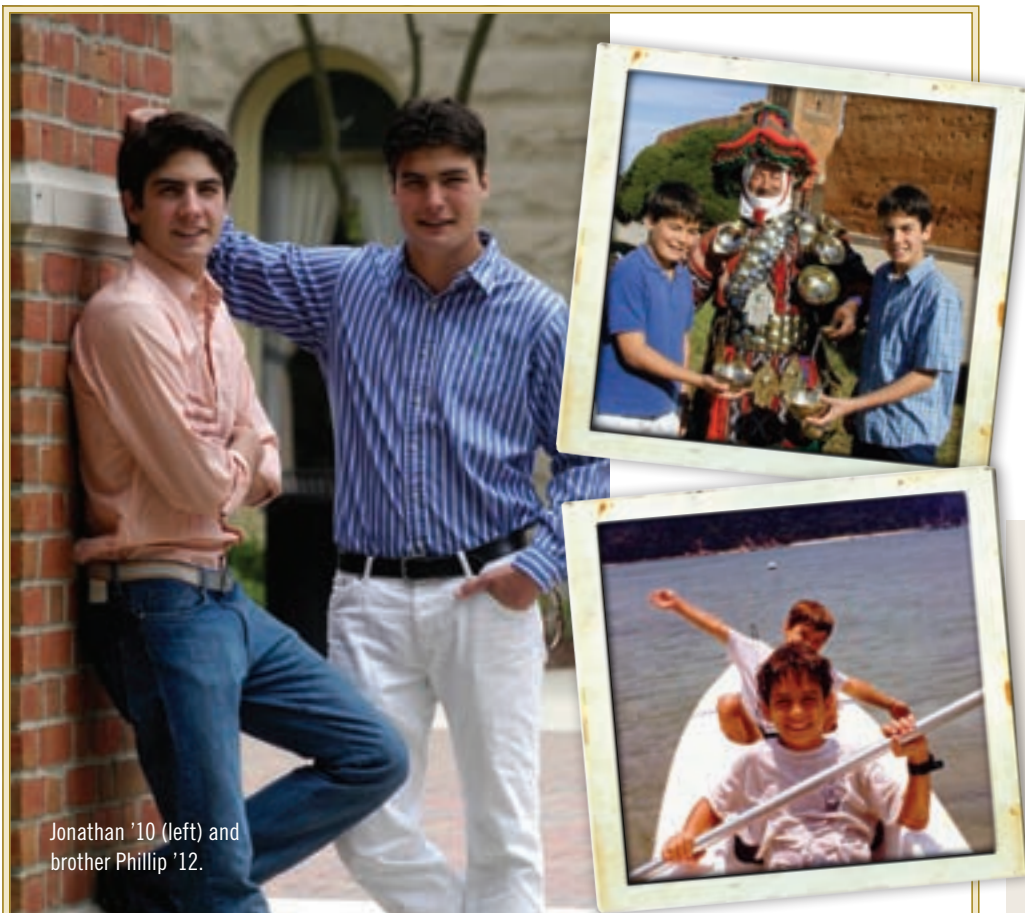
degree of personal attention from OWU's Grace Poling, associate dean and director of international student recruitment, and “the feeling that I was being well taken care of.” That same responsiveness was evident in the many personal e-mails and phone calls—not just from OWU's admission office, but also from current students—that further piqued Dutt's interest and made her feel as though she had a support system in place even before formally joining the OWU community. As Dutt continues to help with recruiting students to Ohio Wesleyan utilizing the Contact Calling Program, she is amazed at how prospective students are thrown off guard by her calls.

“I can tell by the end of our conversations that my personal attention and phone calls help. Students can tell that we really want them. So often, international students rely on a college Web site when making their college

decisions. Our [OWU's] biggest edge is the close contacts we develop with prospective students.”

As Dutt prepares for the next chapter in her life, she reflects on an incredibly exciting four years at Ohio Wesleyan, including two summer internships at animal shelters in Seattle and Gainesville, and at a primate sanctuary closer to OWU in Ohio. She also realized her goal of becoming president of PetPals, a group that educates the public about puppy mills and highlights the importance of spaying pets. “It's been so easy to talk with students about this University,” she says of her work with the admission office. “I haven't really thought of myself as an international student but rather, as an OWU student. We are all here to learn from each other.”

“Each of our prospective international students has a story to tell, and that is what



Jonathan '10 (left) and brother Phillip '12.

## Sharing the Planet: OWU's Forsgren Brothers

Phillip Forsgren '12 knows whatof he speaks when he advises his OWU friends to study abroad and become familiar with cultures other than their own. Born in Taiwan, where he lived for two years, Forsgren and his family also spent six years in Malaysia. Then it was on to Miami University with brother Jonathan '10 and their parents, who are international teachers with master's degrees from the Oxford, Ohio, school.

"I spent my teen years growing up in Morocco, and then we moved to Vienna during our high school years before I joined Jonathan at Ohio Wesleyan," says Forsgren. "Grace Poling linked me with other Ohio Wesleyan students and helped me with important information I needed [as a prospective student]." It also helped to have an older brother already at OWU.

Through social networking—especially Facebook—the Forsgrens stay in touch with friends and family.

"I have memories of every place that we have lived," Forsgren says. From the deserts and sand dunes of Morocco to the rich culture and history of Vienna to the coconut trees and beaches of Malaysia—the Forsgren brothers relish the new experiences and friends they meet.

With thoughts of majoring in economics management, Phillip also is intent on becoming fluent in Mandarin.

"As students, we need to experience the world as a whole and educate ourselves about those with whom we share this planet," he says. "It's not just a country's beautiful architecture that we should learn about and admire, but the people inside of those buildings."

motivates and energizes me," Poling says, pointing to world maps on her office wall. Last fall, she traveled to Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Egypt, Ghana, and Scandinavia.

Seven years after Poling's arrival at OWU in 2002 (she previously was an admission counselor at Otterbein College and before that a licensed social worker in Ohio), the University has seen applications from students living abroad rise from 483 in 2001 to 614 this year, with 55 students about to enroll for 2009-2010 from 39 countries of the world. Also enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan are a number of students who were born in the U.S. but have lived most of their lives in other countries. As OWU President Rock Jones notes, these statistics place the University among the top five liberal arts institutions in the country in the percentage of its student body that comes from outside of the United States. However, the numbers reflect only part of this great story.

"In addition, our international students enrich all aspects of life at OWU, bringing perspectives from their native lands to classroom discussion, the breadth of the cultural heritages to student organizations and other co-curricular experiences, and the benefits of their diverse life experiences to all aspects of college life," says Jones. "Our domestic students benefit greatly from the opportunity to live and study among a diverse community of scholars drawn from all

**“WE ARE IN THE PILOT PHASE OF CREATING ‘OWU LAB,’ AN ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE CROSS-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP THAT WILL BRING THE CAMPUS TOGETHER AS A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY.”**

—DARRELL ALBON,  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



Partners in learning: Darrell, Pooja, and Grace.

around the globe.”

Once students are admitted and committed to becoming part of the OWU community, there are logistical and legal matters to consider.

“These students bring another international dimension to OWU,” says Darrell Albion, director of international student services. His office’s primary mission is to ensure institutional and student compliance with U.S. federal and immigration laws. As Albion emphasizes, “I don’t work for the government, but I do work for the University and our students.”

The growth and overall success of Ohio Wesleyan’s international recruitment and service programs hinge on the efforts of talented people like Albion and Poling, but also on the notable support from such OWU leaders as Gordon ’54 and Helen Crider ’56 Smith, whose generosity made it possible to create Poling’s job at OWU. The original three-year initiative, which ended in 2005, proved to be very successful and now is a University-funded position.

“I’m so grateful for this, because I really love the opportunity I have to match good students with Ohio Wesleyan,” Poling says. Energized by the talented and motivated students she meets during her travels, Poling listens intently to their stories and describes the kind of education they can expect to receive at OWU.

“I seem to do more educating about the nature of the liberal arts education

and what they as students can expect during their four years at Ohio Wesleyan,” she says. “Their educations [overseas] are more specific to their intended career interests, in that if these students want to be lawyers, they go right into law school after high school.” Most international students have no student organizations, sports programs, or other co-curricular activities within their colleges or high schools, so Poling carefully describes OWU’s ambiance in classrooms and beyond. Parents also are included in these conversations, as she organizes OWU alumni and current parent gatherings during her travels—often including prospective students and their families. OWU alumni and friends living overseas are readily available to help out.

“I had a great experience as an OWU student, and I know that prospective students want to hear from someone who has been through the same things, so I try to share my experiences,” says Weiching Poon ’97, who often is at college fairs when Poling travels to Singapore. Poon makes herself available to students in the area who are accepted to Ohio Wesleyan, answering any questions they might have. “I still keep in touch with my OWU friends, and helping Grace out is one of the small ways that I can contribute to the University.”

For Tony Brown of Seoul, Korea (parent of David ’10), “OWU is one of the best schools for any hard-working student to really learn and not get lost in the shuffle. The faculty are top-notch and really care about their students.”

The Brown family met Poling during one of her high school visits and read more about Ohio Wesleyan on the Web site. The rest, as Brown says, was history.

Yet another OWU parent, (of Nazeen Lilauwala) Diana Cooper, from Hong Kong, assisted with arrangements for an Ohio Wesleyan Hong Kong reunion last year. “I always tell everyone what a great University that Ohio Wesleyan is,” says Cooper. “Life is not always about taking. We also have to give back in some ways. It helps when that giving is directed toward worthy causes.”

“For a school of our profile and size, we are way above others in diversity and our number of international students,” says Albion. He and his staff are there for students during times of crisis.

“Because we are a smaller school, I can look over their shoulders a bit,” says Albion.

Through the International Students Ambassadors Program, student volunteers visit area high schools to talk about their countries. Cultural trips to Washington, D.C., and New York City, on alternating years, are funded by the Smiths, who also provided the seed money for the creation of Albion’s office in 2004, which previously had been part of the admission office.

“We are in the pilot phase of creating ‘OWU LAB,’ an organization designed to encourage cross-cultural leadership that will bring the campus together as a close-knit community,” says Albion. Already, one

of OWU's small living units, the International House, includes 20 residents who are LAB leaders. As Albon notes, 85 percent of OWU's international students complete their degrees in four years, a very good retention rate.

As Grace Poling reflects on the past year, her numerous overseas visits filled to the brim with college fairs, school visits, dinners, alumni-prospective student gatherings, and of course, the seemingly endless airport and flying times spent, she feels good about how well received she typically has been. Besides myriad questions from students and parents, there are positive feelings about OWU.

"We have a good 'product' to sell and we are fairly well-known and recognized for that among those with whom I visit," she says. But there always is room for improvement, in Poling's view.

"Ten percent of our OWU students are international, and I'd like to see an increase, even in these challenging [economic] times." Beyond all of the letters, brochures, e-mails, and Web communication, it is the personal connection between prospective students, alumni, and OWU staff members like Poling that best engage and have an impact on prospective students and their families.

"Just think about the number of international students who graduate from OWU each year and return to their countries as leaders and professionals," says Poling. "I'd like to think that our [admission] jobs involve more than recruiting students for OWU. We are helping to prepare future leaders who help to shape our world."

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# WHETHER TASTING AN INDIAN DELICACY ON CAM COMMUNITY

By *Amanda Zechiel '09*

## **HE DIDN'T TRAVEL ACROSS THE WORLD TO GO TO COLLEGE; HE STAYED IN HIS HOMETOWN, WHERE THE WORLD CAME TO HIM.**

Junior Nathaniel Cook is a native of Delaware, Ohio, but he knew that staying in Delaware to attend Ohio Wesleyan University would be far from a repeat of his high school career. Because he was eager to experience other cultures, Cook was drawn to OWU's large international community, and he wasted no time taking advantage of all that international students contribute to OWU.

"One of my best friends on this campus is from Vietnam," Cook says. "After working on a class project together freshman year, we became really close. We get along so well because we want to learn from each other; we love asking questions and finding out about our different cultures." He knows that OWU is unique in offering the chance for friendships like this one. "How would I ever have learned so much about Vietnam without Ohio Wesleyan?"

Cook recalls the ways that his friendship with Thang "Duke" Nguyen '09 has helped to enrich his learning experience at Ohio Wesleyan. When the OWU Vietnamese Club invited the Vietnamese Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility

Campaign to speak on campus, Cook took a special interest in attending. "Knowing Duke made me a lot more concerned about the issue of Agent Orange; it was more personal to me since I knew that this was about his country."

Cook realized that Duke knew people who had suffered directly from the effects of Agent Orange, and this thought led him to care about the issue and take action. "I took some petition forms and orange ribbons from that meeting and gave them to family and friends, which is something I wouldn't normally do. Having Duke as a friend changes the way I look at global issues like this one." The community created by so many OWU international students changes lives. As Cook puts it, "Having international friends opens my perspective and helps me to think about life differently. The world is very different from just what we know here in America, and we are only one part of it."

Jesika Keener '09 also had her perspective changed when she arrived at Ohio Wesleyan from her home in small-town rural Ohio. What's more, her relationship with the OWU international community took her beyond the walls of her comfort zone—both literally and figuratively—when she visited a friend's home in India during winter of her sophomore year. After meeting Pooja Dutt '09 during freshman orientation, Keener soon enjoyed learning about Indian culture and



# PUS OR TRYING ON A SARI IN INDIA, IT'S ALL ABOUT A . . . OF CULTURES

Pooja's life at home. When Dutt invited Keener to travel back to India with her, Keener jumped at the chance.

"I have always wanted to travel, and OWU gave me opportunities to experience the world in ways I never could have otherwise. I wasn't just a tourist; I was given a taste of really living in India. I was the international student this time, and that was such a learning experience," Keener explained. Dutt described Keener's excitement at being in India, saying she "always had her head (and torso) out of the car window trying to take pictures of the most bizarre things."

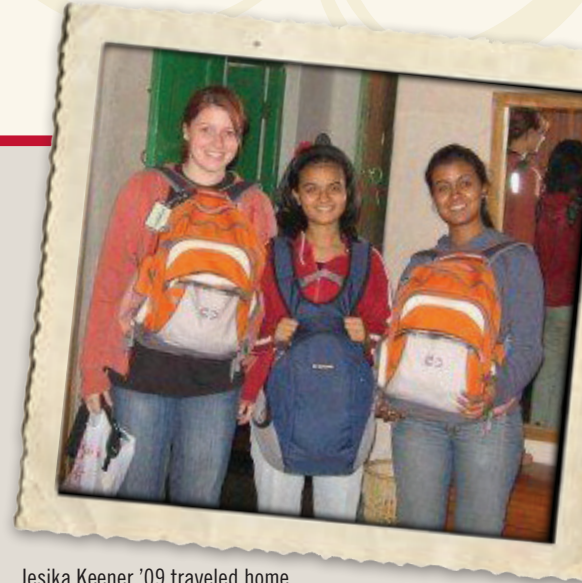
Keener recalls visiting a McDonald's® restaurant in India. "It was such a strange phenomenon to see this familiar restaurant, to realize how globally connected we are, but then to notice that the food tasted different at an Indian McDonald's. The food portions and menu options were also so different." Keener noticed these paradoxes of similarities and differences, but ultimately felt that "the Indian culture was a very welcoming one—even when it was very clear that I was a shocked tourist!"

Dutt said that her friendships with Keener and other OWU students have been rewarding from both sides. "On my part, I learned the ropes really quickly because of the friends I made here, so transitioning into a new culture wasn't a big deal. As for

my friends, I feel like they get to learn things about the world that they otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to know." Dutt specifically remembers a visit her parents made to OWU a year after she took Jesika home to India with her. "My mom got her a traditional sari and showed her how to wear it. It's not every day a girl from Ohio gets to experience that," she says.

Such meaningful experiences happen in large ways like this one, but also in small ways every day around campus. In his course "Principles and Practices of Public Speaking," Professor Eric Gnezda '79 sees the ways that international students enrich the OWU community in the classroom. Gnezda said he is constantly impressed by the ways that students from around the world can learn from one another. For example, he remembers listening to a student from Pakistan give a speech on terrorism, helping students in the class break down stereotypes they might have on the topic.

Gnezda points out the ways that OWU has grown in its international richness over the years. "The merging of multicultural communities is so much greater and deeper now than when I went here," Gnezda says. "We had international students, but the interaction wasn't the same. I think that the most important thing is that sometimes just by being in each other's presence we learn. Ohio Wesleyan students are going to be in a much



Jesika Keener '09 traveled home to India with Pooja Dutt '09 for a family visit.

better position to deal in a multicultural society because of their experiences here."

From classroom discussions and late-night chats to trips across the world, the international students at Ohio Wesleyan help to create a learning and living community unlike any other. As Dutt puts it, "Who would have thought that Delaware, Ohio, could rival New York City as a true melting pot? Most importantly, the diversity on this campus promotes tolerance. It teaches us to accept people who are different from us and to broaden our horizons. And I think all of us, international or American, can benefit greatly from that."

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# World-Class Learning

By *Ericka Kurtz*

## **WE ALL KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS SMALLER THAN IT USED TO BE.**

Thanks to globalization and technology, the ways in which we conduct business and socialize continue to change. It's just as easy to do business with the person across the globe as it is the person across the street. Gone are the days of waiting weeks for overseas pen pals to receive letters sent by air mail. Today, kids can chat instantly online with friends throughout the world.

The rapidly shrinking world presents Ohio Wesleyan with an unprecedented opportunity.

The OWU experience always has involved study and practice in international topics. Now, a new initiative is starting to take place that will enhance the curriculum to make a global focus part of every Ohio Wesleyan student's experience.

The process began in February 2008 when then President-elect Rock Jones and members of the OWU community began to meet with the Art & Science Group, Inc., a firm that specializes in market-informed strategies for higher education and the non-profit sector. The study revealed that Ohio Wesleyan should capitalize on and expand upon the international facet of its curriculum.

"Art and Science surveyed students considering OWU, and this was something they wanted in their educational experience," says Dean of Academic Affairs Chuck Stinemetz '83. "I'm cautious to stereotype



## “We can offer increased opportunities for students to study and travel internationally . . . ”

generations, but these students have grown up with CNN. They’ve traveled more broadly. They want to learn more about the world and understand why people have the views that they have.”

“We have the opportunity at OWU to enhance our international exposure because of the unusually large percentage of international students on our campus and the strong global component in our curriculum reflected in the International Studies program and in individual courses in numerous departments,” says President Rock Jones. “We can offer increased opportunities for students to study and travel internationally, including opportunities that fit nicely into our initiatives to connect theory and practice in ways that are distinctive at OWU. These initiatives might include volunteer service in a developing country; completion of an internship in a non-governmental organization in another country; a study travel experience that includes language immersion and library research in other countries; or a short-term international experience with classmates and an instructor from a particular class.”

“This is definitely not a one-size-fits-all experience,” says Provost David Robbins. “We will recognize individual needs, and the most important aspect is that we’ll challenge students to expand their borders and their previously defined limitations. For some students, participating in the New York Arts Program could possibly be as big

a change as going abroad.”

Students will receive a global perspective in their coursework as well. “We’re not moving in a direction that will exclude any discipline,” Stinemetz says. “Ohio Wesleyan already has an emphasis on international and global studies, but this initiative is different because students will also have the chance to reflect on their experiences. We’re also being more proactive, and we’re going to allow faculty the time and resources necessary to stay current with global questions.”

Many faculty already introduce their students to a global perspective. David Walker, assistant professor of geography, believes the best way to learn about the world is to experience it. Walker has conducted extensive research in Oaxaca, Mexico City, and Tijuana and also conducted a year-long National Science Foundation-funded research project while working as a volunteer for the World Wildlife Federation in Oaxaca.

Though Walker hasn’t taken his cultural geography class to Mexico, he does introduce his students to the different cultures that can be found in Central Ohio. Walker regularly takes students to ethnic restaurants in Columbus with the caveat that they have to do more than eat. “Each student has to speak with a person of another culture working at or visiting the restaurant,” he says.

“Culture is an experience; it’s not just a reading one does in class,” says Walker. “The

food experience is very important, and it’s a wonderful way to introduce someone to a new culture. If you traveled to another country, food would be among the first things you noticed. At OWU, we’re fortunate to be so close to Columbus where one can experience many other cuisines, such as Mexican, Somalian, and Vietnamese.”

Stinemetz notes that Ohio Wesleyan is by no means neglecting the American perspective, but rather, is enhancing it. “There is a balance. Global studies includes a U.S. perspective.”

Walker also likes the term globalization. “To me, internationalism is leftover from the Cold War,” he says. “It’s not as dynamic a term as globalization. We don’t live in a bi-lateral world—it’s truly interconnected. For instance, if you’re studying the relationship between the U.S. and Latin America, you also have to consider China.”

“A 21st-century liberal arts education must prepare students to comfortably cross cultural and national boundaries and to interact with individuals, organizations, and societies that are different from their own,” Jones says. “We cannot introduce students to every country or expose them to every culture, but we can give them international experiences that equip them to be effective leaders in a global century.”

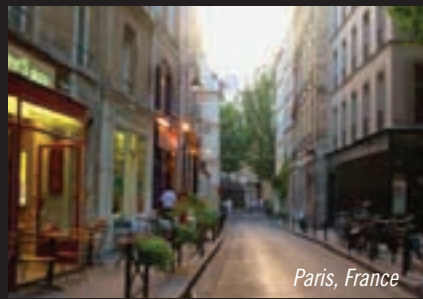
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# STUDY ABROAD

## *The Gateway to Understanding*

By *Gretchen Hirsch*



*Paris, France*



*The spire of the University of Glasgow.*

**AS THE WORLD BECOMES MORE AND MORE A GLOBAL COMMUNITY, OHIO WESLEYAN WILL INCREASINGLY STRESS THE VALUE OF STUDENTS' LEAVING THE CAMPUS AND EXPERIENCING THE REST OF THE PLANET THROUGH STUDY TRAVEL, INTERNSHIPS, MISSION TEAMS, AND COMPLETING A PORTION OF THEIR COLLEGIATE STUDIES AT UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

For three Ohio Wesleyan students, study-abroad programs have provided an intriguing glimpse of other cultures and created greater understanding of themselves and others.

For Maria Fullenkamp '10, travel to Mexico for study at the University of Guanajuato was both personally and academically rewarding. "Many Ohio Wes-

leyan students take part in the Salamanca [Spain] program, but I thought the relationship between Mexico and the United States would be most important if I were going to be involved in policy issues."

The university, in central Mexico, is located in "a middle-income city," Fullenkamp says. "It's different from the tourist areas, such as Cancun, and the border areas. Much of what we think we know about Mexico is what we see on television, and that's mostly stories about unrest along the border. By studying in the middle of the country, I began to see how diverse Mexico really is.

"It's easy to believe that Mexico is a poor country, plagued with problems," Fullenkamp continues. "In fact, it's a beautiful country with a unique cultural history that's well worth seeing and exploring."

Jaime Fluehr '10 chose to study at American University of Paris. "I went to Paris

because I love cities, and the art and architecture appealed to me. One of my classes allowed me to experience the architecture chronologically, with every other class being a site visit. Another class was Media Globalization, where I experienced many different viewpoints on issues from students from all over the world."

For David McNaughton '10, studying at the University of Glasgow was like going home. McNaughton was born in Scotland, the university is his mother's alma mater, and his aunt and grandmother live close by. However, even though he had family in the area, McNaughton didn't lean heavily on them. "Before school began, I lived with my aunt and served an internship with the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, but after that, I moved into the dorms and lived with two Americans, a Russian, and an R.A. from Scotland."



*Guanajuato, Mexico, where Maria Fullenkamp studied.*

Living in a new culture was interesting, and he observed some critical differences. “In the United States, everything is about being bigger and having more,” he says. “That’s not the case in Scotland. Cars are smaller, homes are smaller, and the cost of living is very high because so much is imported. They’re consumer-oriented, as we are, but they have fewer things—and they seem very satisfied with what they have.”

All three students found the study-abroad experience to be life-changing to some degree. “It gave me a much greater sense of independence,” says Fluehr. “I learned to live on my own, and discovered what I reasonably could and could not do. Two things really surprised me. The first was how much I loved it. The second was how insular the United States really is. There’s so much we don’t know about other cultures and other traditions—and how well

those cultures and traditions function in their own parts of the world.”

Fluehr’s time in Paris coincided with the American presidential election. “Everyone wanted to talk about it and wanted to know about Barack Obama. They were deeply invested in the election because they know that what the United States does affects them. When it was over, there were people celebrating in the streets. It was fascinating.”

Fullenkamp’s experience was different, but no less illuminating. “I learned to depend on myself,” she says. “I had to speak Spanish to take care of myself. As I spoke the language every day, I began to understand it in a whole new way. Cultural differences are attached to words, and important ideas sometimes really do get lost in translation.”

Fullenkamp began to frame the im-

migration debate differently, too. “I saw that short-term simple solutions are not the answer, and easy fixes for complex problems aren’t really possible.”

Study abroad was a good thing, McNaughton says. “For a lot of my life I’ve been in a bubble—private school, private college. This trip was an awakening to wider view of the world,” he says. “Being out of my normal environment gave me a chance to appreciate subtleties in our culture. It was good to be out of my element and see things in a different way.”

Adds Fluehr, “I loved every moment of it, and I could talk about it forever.” And that’s what the joy of learning is all about.

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# International Studies Program: Generating Graduates with a World View

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*



*Professor Emerita of Politics and Government Corinne Lyman with Professor of Politics and Government and International Studies Coordinator Sean Kay.*

**FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AT OHIO WESLEYAN HAS BEEN EXPOSING STUDENTS TO THE WORLD—THROUGH CLASSROOM TEACHING, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LECTURERS, AND TRAVEL ABROAD.**

As one of the University's most popular interdisciplinary majors, the International Studies Program aims to prime

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**– SEAN KAY**

students with the knowledge they need to thrive in a complex and increasingly global society, says program coordinator and Politics and Government Professor Sean Kay. With its core courses in economics, history, politics and government and modern foreign languages, the program is, “one clear way to achieve a liberal arts education in today’s interdependent world,” its Web site explains.

The program has yielded many successful alums, and it has attracted such prestigious speakers, as four-star generals, top policy advisors to U.S. presidents, and opinion leaders from highly regarded universities. Most recently, James Fearon, professor in the school of humanities and sciences and chair in the department of political science at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke on “An International Organization for Democracies.”

“The International Studies Program has an outstanding record of bringing to the Ohio Wesleyan campus top scholars in the field of international relations,” says OWU President Rock Jones. “I have had the opportunity to attend several presentations by the program this year. I have been impressed by the presentations as well as by the thoughtful questions students asked following the lectures.”

### ***The beginning***

The International Studies Program was established in 1979 after a proposal developed by a handful of Ohio Wesleyan professors was adopted by the University. The committee, chaired by Politics and Government Professor Emerita Corinne Ly-

man, included former faculty Janet Ragatz, professor of history; Norman Gharrity, professor emeritus of economics; and Helmut Kremling, professor emeritus of modern foreign languages.

“After World War II, when the United States emerged as the crucial world leader, many became aware that United States citizens generally lacked a widespread knowledge of the world and that we needed many more government, business, and academic leaders with the academic background necessary for constructive understanding of and activities in a global community,” Lyman says.

“By conviction and by academic background, I was convinced that Ohio Wesleyan should join the movement,” says Lyman, who received her Ph.D. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. “And we did so in a decisive way, establishing a program built on the classic core of history, international politics and economics, and modern foreign languages, but reaching out to courses and faculty throughout the social sciences, the humanities and fine arts.”

The program is differentiated from international studies programs at other liberal arts colleges, Lyman says, because it is “solidly interdisciplinary” and not based solely in the political science department. “Another aspect that makes our program unique is the extent to which the wider University is committed to complementary values. We have made a strong effort to have an exceptionally international student body from every corner of the world.”

### ***The program today***

Today, Lyman says, the program has been strengthened under the leadership of Sean Kay, who has chaired the program for the last decade

“Sean has brought both vision and renewed vigor to the program,” Lyman says. “He is a widely published scholar whose views and analyses are respected by policy makers as well as academics, and he brings a wealth of experience in Washington, D.C., and abroad to his classroom and to the conduct of the International Studies Program.”

The program is very popular among students, particularly international students, Kay says, which makes the classroom experience itself reflective of a global environment. In one classroom this year, Kay taught students from Pakistan, Romania, Vietnam, Singapore, and Australia. The program’s faculty also sets it apart, Kay says. Kay’s resume alone is impressive, with extensive international experience, including stints working for the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of State.

Graduating with a major in international studies gives students options, Kay says. In a complicated and complex world where the average professional will change jobs as many as five times over a career, students need to be adaptable.

“We want students to develop the real world skills they need to make a difference—in their careers or as leaders in a global society. We take that very seriously here,” Kay says. “What we need

are leaders who are innovative and adaptive and can learn quickly and work in an array of international environments. We need leaders who have a really good sense of history and culture and who also can think beyond just the social sciences and who have a good understanding of

transnational issues — such as technology and how it relates to society at a global level.

“What we really want students to be able to do is come out of here at four years and have multiple choices as to where they might go next,” he continues. “You want to have options. You want to be in a position where you

can choose your next step. That’s the goal. We want to provide students with those adaptive skills.”

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## Eddy and Lyman Lecture Series Supplements the Classroom Experience

Two lecture series focused on politics and world affairs have attracted internationally recognized speakers, military leaders, and acclaimed analysts and educators and enriched the education of many Ohio Wesleyan students. The John Kennard Eddy Memorial Lecture on World Politics, while rooted in the politics and government department, has enhanced the International Studies Program, while the Corinne Lyman Lecture Series on International Studies has drawn high-profile, cutting-edge academics in international studies.

“The International Studies Program and lecture series provide important opportunities for all students to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities of a global society,” says OWU President Rock Jones. “These understandings are important components of our students’ preparation for successful and fulfilling lives, both professionally and personally, following their graduation from OWU.”

### JOHN KENNARD EDDY MEMORIAL LECTURE ON WORLD POLITICS

The Eddy Lecture Series was established in 1989 to honor John Kennard “Jeff” Eddy '90, one of three Ohio Wesleyan students killed in an automobile accident in September 1988 while in Oberlin, Ohio, attending a Russian Studies seminar. The series is coordinated by the Department of Politics and Government but has featured many speakers with international expertise and therefore has been integrated into the International Studies Program.

His parents, John and Ellen Eddy, have said they found it appropriate to remember Jeff by sponsoring the lecture on world politics, which was “the ruling interest of his life.” The summer before his

untimely death, Jeff had talked of a career in government service, perhaps the FBI or Secret Service, to combat some of the evil in the world, his mother has said.

In the early years of the series, lecturers spoke on topics related to the Soviet Union, which Jeff had been studying, including the series’ first lecturer, Robert, Legvold, then director of the W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union. His lecture was titled, “Does Gorbachev Have a Chance?” In later years, the series was broadened to include topics of world politics and featured speakers such as General Anthony Zinni, former four-star commander of CENTCOM and special envoy to President Bush to the Middle East Peace Process, who in 2005 lectured on “American Grand Strategy and the Future of the Middle East.” In 2008, Strobe Talbott, president of the Brookings Institution, discussed “Why the World is Watching Ohio: American Politics in the Age of Globalization.”

“We are immensely grateful that over the years Ellen and John Eddy have continued to enlarge their support of the lectureship and have been present at the talks themselves,” says Corinne Lyman, professor emerita of politics and government and former chair of the International Studies Program.

### CORINNE LYMAN LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Lyman Lecture Series was established following the retirement of Lyman, who was with the Politics and Government Department from 1968 to 1999 and was founder and chair of the International Studies Program from 1979, when it was established, until her retirement. Lyman says she is thankful to Politics and Government Professor Sean Kay, current chair of the program, for initiating a series in her honor.

“I thought it was appropriate to name it after her,” Kay says of Lyman. “It’s a great way to celebrate the true impact that she had on generations of students.”

Kay says the series was conceived as a way to bring pure scholars in international studies to the University. “It’s much more on how do we think about the world rather than how we do things in the world,” he says. “Our students by coming here are getting direct access to the very top academics in the world and that’s unique. It puts OWU on the map of the highest level of the study of international studies in the U.S. I’m particularly proud of that, and I’m proud to honor Corinne’s legacy.”

The series’ inaugural lecture was held in April 2004 as Stephen Walt, academic dean at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, spoke on “The Global Response to American Primacy.” Other speakers have included Charles Lipson, of the University of Chicago, and most recently, James Fearon, professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and professor of political science at Stanford University, whose talk was entitled, “An International Organization for Democracies.”

Both lecture series events are free and open to the public and the University community.

“We feel we are doing an important service,” Kay says of the series. “We are thinking about who are the kinds of people who would be really good for the people here in Ohio to hear from, and how would it be for some of these speakers to hear from people in Ohio. That’s exactly the kind of thing we are trying to think about ... providing a conduit between our University and the world.”





OWU President Rock Jones and Denison President Dale Knobel display the 2008-09 all-sports trophies.

# OWU TIES FOR NCAC ALL-SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

## Third Straight Title for Battling Bishops

**OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY AND DENISON UNIVERSITY HAVE TIED FOR THE 2008-09 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.**

The all-sports title is the third in a row for Ohio Wesleyan, which won outright crowns in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Ohio Wesleyan compiled 70 points during the spring 2009 season, posting top-three finishes in five of the nine spring sports, including championships in golf, men's outdoor track & field, and women's outdoor track & field; and a second-place finish in men's lacrosse. The 70 points hiked Ohio Wesleyan's total to 159 1/2 for the 2008-09

academic year, helping the Battling Bishops move past Wittenberg and into the tie for the top spot in the standings.

During the 2008-09 academic year, Ohio Wesleyan won six NCAC championships, adding men's soccer and men's and women's indoor track & field to the three spring titles, and added four second-place finishes. The Bishops finished in the top five in 16 of the 22 sports in which the NCAC offers championships.

The All-Sports Trophy is given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 22 sports. Ten points are awarded for a first-place finish, nine for a second, eight for a third, and so on. Men's and women's performances are combined, exemplifying

the NCAC's commitment to equity and balance among programs. Wooster won three of the first four all-sports championships, interrupted once by Denison. Ohio Wesleyan followed with a six-year run leading to titles by Wooster (two), Wittenberg (one), Denison (nine), and Ohio Wesleyan (two) before this year's tie, the first in NCAC history. This is Ohio Wesleyan's ninth all-sports championship title.

Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 118 team championships in the NCAC's 25 seasons of competition. Denison is next with 104 titles, followed by Allegheny (103), Kenyon (94), Wooster (68) and Wittenberg (62).

# Dolphin Dreams

By Pam Besel



Clinic in Portsmouth, Dominica: The end of the rainbow

Peter Austin '70 and his wife, Dorie Schwertz '70

**THIS PAST SPRING, ON A SMALL 12 BY 25-MILE CARIBBEAN ISLAND FORMED BY VOLCANOES AND FRAMED OFTEN BY SPECTACULAR RAINBOWS, THE LIVES OF 110 YOUNG CHILDREN AND SEVERAL OHIO WESLEYAN STUDENTS WERE FOREVER CHANGED.** The special agents? Soccer balls, spirited team play, and lots of smiles. And a team called The Dublanc Dolphins.

When OWU alumnus Peter Austin '70 visited the small fishing village of Dublanc on the island of Dominica in 1996, he

noticed a soccer field close to the school, but little evidence of any programs or team play. He had wanted to see where the young boy he sponsored, through the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), lived. Austin, and his brother David '73 (both dentists by profession) had previously formed the Volunteer Health Services Foundation in the late 1970s with a mission to provide oral health services in the back country of Haiti. Serving others is a way of life for the Austin family.

"During my teen years, athletic programs provided the framework for my learning the importance of discipline, teamwork,

goal-setting, and playing by the rules" says Austin. That's why he, with the support of his wife, Dorie Schwertz '70, and several family members started a soccer program in Dublanc in 2002 for boys and girls, ages five years through high school. "I wanted the children to have the athletic team experience and have that act as a metaphor for life" says Peter. The children decided to name the team the Dublanc Dolphins.

"On a visit in 2007, we gave the children soccer balls, 65 pairs of soccer shoes, and 70 soccer shirts. As a community meeting about the soccer program ended, the people



Mackenzie Krebspach '12 at a Catholic school in Roseau.



First-ever girls team at St. Lukes, with Whitney Fischer '12 and Katrina Hansen '12.

Coach Barnes and OWU staff with MVP players of the day.



of the village became quite excited with much joy and jubilation. A pod of dolphins swam by the soccer field and our meeting house. The whole village soon lined the shore; smiling and laughing and pointing to the water. Many were exclaiming "It's a sign, it's a sign!" This was the first dolphin sighting in many years. The local newspaper reported the incident and stated that this was a good omen for the Dublanc Dolphins. Some two years later, with help from CCF and Ohio Wesleyan and the vision of Austin and Schwartz, the spring 2009 trip became a reality, and became even more exciting when Ohio Wesleyan's women's soccer coach, Bobby Barnes '89 and several OWU team and non-team members signed on to travel to Dominica. With advice from OWU's former major gifts director Darrel Gibson '87, Austin and Schwartz directed additional funds for the children's transportation needs, food, water, and snacks. There were to be two teams, one on the southernmost part of the island and the other in the north.

The Dominican children are unlikely to have the opportunity to travel and see the rest of island much less the rest of the world. Schwartz described the house

where the Austin's sponsored children live as built on cement blocks, with plywood sides and bathrooms located in the center of the village. Poverty is ever present on Dominica—in contrast to the island's spectacular flora, lush rain forests, waterfalls, and majestic mountains. However, the people are generally happy and recognize what they have as evidenced by their overwhelmingly voting down the building of an oil refinery on the island.

"It was important for the OWU students to be aware of this and to know that they are helping by providing an organized team sport format and by spending time and playing soccer with the kids," she says.

With Coach Barnes and the OWU students' help, they split the children up in different age groups and worked on basic skills of passing, dribbling, and shooting, from 3 to 6 p.m. each weekday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. On most mornings, the OWU students helped out in the local schools.

Barnes had imagined such a trip to Dominica after having been there at an earlier time, and enthusiastically supported conversations between OWU's athletic director Roger Ingles, Austin, Schwartz, and

Chaplain Jon Powers that ultimately led to the spring break mission trip to Dominica.

"Everything just fell into place," says Barnes, who brought his young Caribbean players T-shirts from the Columbus Crew professional soccer team. So great was the story of this mission trip that local television reporters sought interviews with members of the OWU contingent, and Barnes met with the island's Prime Minister. It was, as Barnes describes, a win-win situation for everyone.

"Ladies approached me in the market, asking how their children could be part of our program," says Schwartz. All of those who were part of the trip to Dominica hope it will be an annual program.

Barnes, who has participated in OWU mission trips to New Orleans and Belize, likes that he has been able to mix his passion for soccer with mission trip goals.

"But mostly, I like the fact that my students gained important perspectives on life, and spent their time so well in Dominica."

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



Dear Friends,

As another productive year in the life of our University came to a close, I set aside some time to reflect on my current place within our campus community and to explore not only my future aspirations, but also the needs and priorities of Ohio Wesleyan. After careful planning and deliberation, I have determined that the time is right to transition into a new role that will enable me to provide better support for the University's development initiatives and the long-term leadership for the University Relations team.

Last month, I informed the Board of Trustees of my plans to move into a principal gifts role within the University Relations office, allowing me to work more closely with the University's top donor prospects and expand our base of prospective larger donors as we move into the next phase of our capital campaign. This shift will create an opportunity to bring new leadership to the University Relations team, while I focus on areas where I am best suited to support my alma mater and our president, Rock Jones. I intend to work closely with Rock to provide a smooth transition while

we enhance our focus on developing the resources to carry out the strategic vision for OWU.

When I was asked to take over the leadership of University Relations in 2006, it was during a time of transition for the development area, as well as the University community. We have made great strides over these past three years, thanks in large part to the Board of Trustees' recognition of the need to devote additional resources to the University Relations mission. As a result of that investment, Ohio Wesleyan now has one of the most robust alumni and development organizations among similar colleges in the United States. I am confident we have established a platform that positions Ohio Wesleyan for future success, particularly with the focus that Rock has placed on OWU's fundraising efforts. This move is a logical next step for the University and sets the stage for Ohio Wesleyan to search for a new vice president who will bring the additional expertise and experience to build on the momentum that we have established in our efforts to develop a stronger, more consistent stream of philanthropic dollars. The new leadership also will benefit from the completion and adoption of our Strategic Plan and the Campus Master Plan, providing the necessary tools to elevate the campaign to even higher levels.

Those of you who know my family are aware that the fabric of Ohio Wesleyan is woven into our DNA. Four generations of

my family have attended this fine University, and I have had the pleasure of experiencing it from many vantage points: as a legacy student, as an alumnus, as a campaign volunteer and donor, as a trustee, and in my most recent role as Vice President. This wide range of experiences has given me the perspective to predict confidently that the transition I am making is a "win-win" proposition for the University and for my family.

I have great confidence in the strategic vision that Rock has articulated for Ohio Wesleyan University, and I look forward to taking an active role in the search for a new vice president for University Relations. The search will begin immediately, and we hope to complete this transition by this fall. I am grateful for the support so many of you have given to me and my University Relations colleagues in the past, and I know I can count on your ongoing support in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Mark H. Shipp". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark H. Shipp, '70  
Vice President for  
University Relations





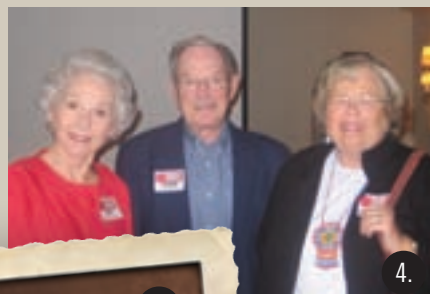
# SPRING ALUMNI EVENTS



- ① April 24-25, the **Alumni Association Board of Directors** met for their spring meeting. The photo includes Kathy Butler '74, President; Skip Auch '68, Past President; Craig Luke '85, Vice President; President Rock Jones; and outgoing directors Ali Albrecht '98, Ken Temple '85, and Earl Spiller '56.
- ② **Columbus Monnett Club Presidents:** March 7, a group of 50 central Ohio alumnae gathered at the Forum at Knightsbridge to celebrate the club's 90th anniversary. The photo includes alumnae who have served as president.
- ③ **Womens' Soccer Reunion:** April 4, a group of Women's Soccer Alumni gathered on campus for a game against the current team and dinner.
- ④ **Pine Valley:** A group of loyal golf alumni, hosted by Norman Lewis '83 and Clint Mabie '84, joined current Bishop golfers for golf and dinner at Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey April 4-5.

*In Concert with*  
**ROCK**

# TOUR EVENTS:



**1. Sacramento, CA**  
Sam Harold '08 shares recent memories of campus life with Rock during the Sacramento event.

**2. Naples, FL**  
Susan Dodge Moore '61, Bud '59 and Suzanne Cox, and Mary Steele Holm '60 enjoy the annual OWU celebration in Naples.

**3. Orlando, FL**  
Quentin Brelsford '48 joined alumni and friends at the Orlando Rock Tour event, wearing the letter sweater that he earned at OWU.

**4. Tucson, AZ**  
Pat James Simpson '54, Duane and Connie Conklin Bell '56 reminisce during the Tucson Rock Tour event.

**5. Tucson, AZ**  
Mary Lemichuk Matthews '39 with sons Peter '66 and John talk with Rock about plans for this year's Alumni Weekend, which will be Mary's 70th Reunion!

**6. Santa Fe, NM**  
Gayle Foukal Langland '56 and Nancy Irons look forward to meeting Rock in Santa Fe.

**7. Beverly Hills, CA**  
Kristin Papoi '94 and husband Brian Gibbs introduce daughter Violet, Class of '32!

**8. Houston, TX**  
Betty Lou Dotson '50 shares OWU memories with Rock Jones.

**9. Dallas, TX**  
Rock Jones, Julie Marie MacMillan '88, and Darrel Gibson '87 pause from great conversation for a photo.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country, including the Rock 'Hopes and Dreams' Tour events. These offer 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). To RSVP for an event, please visit [www.owualumni.com](http://www.owualumni.com) or call (740) 368-3325.

### JUNE

#### June 15 – Monday – Portland, OR

Alumni Reception with OWU Professor Bob Olmstead at 5:15 p.m. at Henry's 12th St. Tavern, 10 NW 12th Avenue, Portland  
7:30 p.m.: Talk & Book Signing Powell's City of Books, 1005 West Burnside, Portland

#### June 16 – Tuesday – Seattle, WA

Alumni Reception with OWU Professor Bob Olmstead at 5:30 p.m. Social at Elliott Bay Café, Washington  
7:30 p.m.: Talk & Book Signing Elliott Bay Book Company, 101 South Main Street, Seattle

#### June 25 – Thursday – Cincinnati, OH/Northern, KY

Florence Freedom Game

#### June 28 – Sunday – Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds

### JULY

#### July 9 – Thursday – Burlington, VT

The Essex Resort and Spa

#### July 15 – Wednesday – Cleveland, OH

Young Alumni Beer School at the Great Lakes Brewing Co.

#### July 16 – Thursday – Washington, D.C.

Washington Nationals Game

#### July 22 – Wednesday – Memphis, TN

Rock Tour at the home of Elizabeth Miller '92

#### July 24 – Friday – Lakeside, OH

Rock Tour at the Hotel Lakeside

#### July 25 – Saturday – Columbus, OH

Columbus Crew Soccer Game

### AUGUST

#### August 1 – Saturday – Chautauqua, NY

Rock Tour at the home of Tom and Lisa Schwietzer Courtice Hon '04

#### August 5 – Wednesday – Cincinnati, OH

Annual "Send-Off" Picnic at Montgomery Park

#### August 9 – Bethesda, MD

Annual "Send-Off" Picnic at Greenwich Park

#### August 18 – Tuesday – Columbus, OH

Central Ohio Alumni at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 18 – Friday – Delaware, OH

"W" Association Golf Outing

#### September 25 – Friday – Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Clambake at the Cleveland Yachting Club

### OCTOBER

#### October 2-4 – Friday-Sunday – Delaware, OH

Homecoming/Family Weekend  
CCO Jubilee Reunion  
Glee Club Reunion

#### October 4 – Sunday – Upper Arlington, OH

Columbus Monnett Club with guest Dusky Johnson Reider '57, Riverside United Methodist Church

#### October 17 – Saturday – Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Monnett Club 95th Anniversary Luncheon

#### October 23-24 – Friday-Saturday – Delaware, OH

Alumni Football Captain's Weekend

### DECEMBER

#### December 3 – Thursday – New York City, NY

NYC Holiday Party

#### December 9 – Wednesday – Columbus, OH

Columbus Holiday Party

#### December 15 – Tuesday – Chicago, IL

Chicago Holiday Party

#### December TBD – Cincinnati, OH

Holiday Event with instructor and author Rusty McClure

\*\* 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)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

HOMEcoming 2009/  
FAMILY WEEKEND  
October 2-4

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010  
May 14-16

# YOUNG & FUTURE ALUMNI EVENTS



(L-R): Andrew Warnock '06, Liz Long '06, Daniel Sharpe '06, James Johnson '08, and Ericka Greene '04 shared career advice and expertise at the March 19 Speed Networking and Young Alumni Panel Workshop, which was held in the Bayley Room in collaboration with Career Services.



**Senior Reception April 24:** Seniors stopped by the Ross Art Museum to celebrate their transitioning into alumni status with a special appearance and champagne toast from President Rock Jones.

**Senior Reception April 24:** Senior Class President Amanda Thompson gave remarks and words of advice to her classmates as they begin entering the "real world" in a few short weeks.



## Columbus Young Alumni and Class of 2009 Night at the Blue Jackets

Seventy tickets were reserved for Columbus-area young alumni and Class of 2009 members to enjoy the March 18 Blue Jackets game against the Chicago Black Hawks. Young Alumni and seniors had the opportunity to meet and mingle throughout the game. We hope to make this an annual event.

## Young Alumni Panel and Speed Networking Workshop

In collaboration with Career Services, this event included 12 speed networking participants, including Alumni Board members, young alumni, faculty and staff, to provide students with feedback in improving "first impression" and communication skills with professionals. After the hour-long speed networking event, five Columbus-area young alumni (with careers ranging from real estate, non-profit, veterinary medicine, and corporate retail) served on a panel to offer career advice to those students in attendance. President of the Alumni Board, Kathy Butler '74, Board member, Dave Johnson '68, and Liz Long '06 were in attendance.

## Senior Class Luncheon Reception

Approximately 115 seniors, faculty, staff, and Alumni Board members gathered to celebrate the Class of 2009 transitioning from student to alumni status. The event took place in the Ross Art Museum on Friday, April 24, while the Alumni Board was in town. Senior Class President Amanda Thompson, and recently elected Graduating Class Trustee, Ryan Jordan, both spoke to their classmates at the luncheon. President Rock Jones offered a champagne toast in honor of the Class of 2009 and all of their hard work and accomplishments.



## Sophomore Halfway There Celebration

Approximately 100 sophomore (Class of 2011) students gathered in the Bishop Café on Tuesday, March 24, to celebrate that they reached the halfway point through their college career. Pizza, karaoke, and free T-shirts were hits of this Second Annual Event, sponsored by the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Several Board members attended the celebration to mingle and network with the students.

1, 2, and 3 Students celebrated their two year mark at OWU in the Bishop Café.



FOR THE  
SEVENTH ANNUAL  
ALUMNI "W" ASSOCIATION

# GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18  
2009

NOT ONLY IS IT A  
GREAT DAY TO SPEND  
WITH FELLOW ALUMNI,  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



Online registration is available at  
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## ATTENTION: OWU ALUMNI

**You Want the Best for Your Grandchildren.**

**So do we.**

Ohio Wesleyan honors the accomplishments and loyalty of our alumni with a generous Legacy Grant. **Each grandchild or step-grandchild of OWU alumni is eligible for \$60,000 in Legacy Grant support.** That's \$15,000 per year for each of the four years your grandchild spends at Ohio Wesleyan.

Just as it did for you, OWU offers your grandchild a premier liberal arts pre-professional education and limitless opportunities to learn off campus as well as in the classroom.

We hope you'll continue the family tradition of excellence by encouraging your high school-age grandchildren to consider Ohio Wesleyan. Tell them your stories. Urge them to come to campus. And visit [http://alumni.owu.edu/apart\\_studentref.html](http://alumni.owu.edu/apart_studentref.html) to submit a student referral. It's never too early to think about Ohio Wesleyan.

**OWU. *Pass it on.***



**Mid-Ohio Foodbank:** (L-R) Jana Bennett, Chuck Nider '07, and Bob Strasburg '58 were among the faculty, staff, and students who joined together at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank Bishop Service night on April 28.

### **Mid-Ohio Foodbank Bishop Service Night**

Fifteen faculty, staff, and alumni gathered at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank on April 28 to sort through donations. All donations benefit the Central Ohio region and are distributed to nursing homes and after school programs. This Bishop activity is a new quarterly service event, and the next one will be Tuesday, August 18, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



### **Social at Chelsea Brewing Company**

Young Alumni in the NYC area socialized at the Chelsea Brewing Company on April 30. Free appetizers were provided by the Alumni Association and the microbrewery was a hit.

**New York City:** (L-R) Eric Ling, Lisa Fowler Ling '00, Michael Pattison '04, Leslie Kumar '03, and Jaret Posmentier gathered at Chelsea Brewing Company in New York City for a young alumni social hour.

## **OWU's 2009 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT CITATION AND ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS**



The DAC is the highest honor awarded to a select group of OWU alumni each year during Alumni Weekend. This year's recipients were William Hsiao '59, Phillip J. Meek '59, and the Honorable Susan Phillips Read '69. Alumni Award winners were Wendy McCall Johnson '74, Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54, and Dr. Howard Austin '69. [Read more about our DAC and Alumni Award winners at http://alumni.owu.edu/awards.html](http://alumni.owu.edu/awards.html)

Front row, l-r: The Honorable Susan Phillips Read '69, Wendy McCall Johnson '74, President Rock Jones, Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54, and Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64. Back row, l-r: Dr. William Hsiao '59, Phillip J. Meek '59, Dr. Howard Austin '69, and Kathy Butler '74.



### Golden Bishop Event

1. Golden Bishop friends gather in the HWCC before heading to Chap-pear for a matinee of the Theatre Department's Spring production of *Carousel*.



### FIJI Gathering

2. Doug Dittrick '55, Allison Bressler, Assistant Director of Student Involvement for Greek Life, and Jack McKinnie '54



### Phi Union

3. Frank Dunbar '61, Richard Gillespie '61, Howard Strauch '50, Jack Winters '61, and Jack Routhier '52

## ATTENTION: OWU ALUMNI

**Do You Have  
a Child in  
High School?**

**Then we have  
60,000 reasons  
to consider Ohio  
Wesleyan.**

**Did you know that each child or stepchild of Ohio Wesleyan alumni is eligible for \$60,000 in Legacy Grant support from Ohio Wesleyan?** That's \$15,000 per year for each of the four years of the OWU experience.

That experience includes the finest liberal arts/pre-professional education and endless opportunities to study not only in the classroom, but also in the world.

Continue your family tradition by encouraging your children to think about Ohio Wesleyan. Tell them your stories. Bring them to campus. Visit [http://alumni.owu.edu/apart\\_studentref.html](http://alumni.owu.edu/apart_studentref.html) to submit a student referral. It's never too early to think about Ohio Wesleyan.

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## GREEK LIFE STATS AND FACTS

- **Number of chapters on campus:** 8 fraternities and 7 sororities
- **Average chapter size including new members and seniors:** Men – 36, Women – 51
- **Number of new members pledged this school year:** 173 (Fall 2008, 39; Spring 2009, 134)
- **Number of Greek students on campus:** 564 (this includes graduating seniors)
- **29% of the student body is affiliated with Greek organizations**
- **All Greek GPA:** 3.07  
**All Unaffiliated GPA:** 3.03 (Fall 2008)
- **Philanthropies supported by Greeks:** St. Jude's, Service for Sight, Delaware Speech and Hearing Clinic, Livestrong Foundation, Court Appointed Special Advocate's (CASA), Kappa Kidney Camp, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research, Children's Miracle Network, American Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Delaware Humane Society, People In Need and Canine Companions
- **Philanthropy dollars raised:** over \$ 28,000
- **Number of alumni volunteers advising chapters:** 70 Men and Women
- **Leadership/Educational programming sponsored by the Greek community:** All of their philanthropic events, behind the scenes of recruitment (women only), Kristin's Story (sponsored by Delta Delta Delta), Resume Building and What Not to Wear with Career Services
- **Number of undergraduate members involved in the Greek Life Study:** 3 on the committee, 100+ attended informational sessions and the Greek Summit

**For more information on Greek Life go to [greek.owu.edu](http://greek.owu.edu)**

# COMING HOME »

## Alumni Weekend 2009



**The Weekend kicked off** with Friday's Golden Key luncheon, emceed by Kathy Butler '74, president of the Alumni Board. Friday highlights also included groundbreaking ceremonies for the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center and the Arthur A. Belt Memorial Walkway (informally known as the BELTway). The annual Blues and BBQ party on the JAYwalk featured a tribute to David '58 and wife Carolyn Alexander '58 Hobson, who were honored for their accomplishments and his outstanding Congressional career. And then it was on to a night of more celebrations, as members of the 13 reunion classes took

their laughter, fun, and reminiscences to various campus and off-campus locales.

**Golden Key graduates** received their diplomas on Saturday in front of family and friends in Gray Chapel. Then it was time to recognize OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation and Alumni Award winners. Receiving DAC honors were Dr. William C. Hsiao '59, Phillip J. Meek '59, The Honorable Susan Phillips Read '69, and the Honorable Alice Moore Batchelder '64 (who was unable to attend). Alumni Awards were presented to Dr. Howard M. Austin '69, Wendy McCall Johnson '74, and Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54.

As President Rock Jones thanked everyone for attending and voices were raised in the singing of the *Alma Mater*, eager alumni already were gathering for the annual Parade of Classes. The parade was led by Ivan Hall '39 and Mary Laning Stewart '39, escorted by the president and his wife, Melissa Lollar Jones. The threat of rain was no match for OWU's high-spirited alumni and the Battling Bishop; the parade ended with the Class of 2004's entry into the Branch Rickey Arena, signaling the start of the All-Alumni Luncheon.

**Luncheon highlights included** remarks from Kathy Butler '74, Kathe Law Rhine-



**THEY LAUGHED. THEY JOKED. THEY REMINISCED. BUT MOSTLY, THE HUNDREDS OF OHIO WESLEYAN ALUMNI CELEBRATING FIVE-YEAR REUNIONS DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND ON MAY 15-17 CELEBRATED FRIENDSHIPS, SHARED MEMORIES, AND TALKED ABOUT THE LIVES THEY ARE BUSY LIVING “AFTER OWU.”**

1 A welcome gift from the Class of 1959! 2 President Rock Jones and his wife, Melissa Lollar Jones greet parade of classes leaders Mary Laning Stewart '39 and Ivan Hall '39. 3 Having some fun with the photographer: OWU's Class of 1999. 4 President Jones welcomes OWU alumni and friends to the Memorial Gateway re-dedication ceremony. **To check out scenes from this year's Alumni Weekend, visit <http://gallery.owu.edu/galleries/20090522-AlumniWeekend.html>**

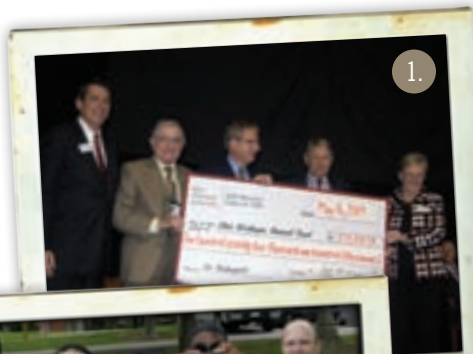


**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Alumni Weekend 2010 May 14-16

Calling all chefs, musicians, artists, authors and other talented OWU alumni whose graduation years end in “5” or “o.” You may be our next alumni college session leaders during Alumni Weekend 2010 festivities, as you and your fellow alumni “come home” to celebrate your class reunions.

*We look forward to hearing from you at [reunion@owu.edu](mailto:reunion@owu.edu).*



smith '64 Board of Trustees Chair, and President Jones, as well as the unveiling of the reunion giving totals. Mark Shipp's '70, vice president for university relations, presented a new honor—the Herman “Rusty” Shipp's Award—to Roger Cook '58 for his outstanding service to the University. Afternoon activities included “A College Bowl Challenge,” featuring Bill Shaffer '64 and Ann Hofstra Grogg '64, members of the Ohio Wesleyan 1964 national championship team, and their original team advisor, Bob Holm '60, who served as moderator.

**The Memorial Gateway was re-dedicated** as alumni gathered to share their excitement about the restored gateway, a project of the Class of 1959, led by Joanne Hlavin Ritter '59. “Restoration and renewal are so important for Ohio Wesleyan,” said Evan Corns '59 in his remarks.

**The weekend ended** with a Sunday morning Convocation featuring Don Saliers '59 and the first-ever reunion of ROTC/Angel Flight. And then it was time to return home, suitcases

loaded down with even more memories and a pledge to come back to OWU five years from now.



## OWU Air Force ROTC and Angel Flight Units Hold First Reunion on Alumni Weekend

ROTC members reminisced during the ROTC/Angel Flight reunion. (Second row l-r): Doug Seifried '59, Les Ferguson '70, Minor Dickinson '64, Bob Holm '60, and Paul Moore '59. (First row l-r): Thorpe Mitchell '60, George Rice '59, Tom Zachman '68, Harry Koepner '59, and Steve Sherwood '70.



Founded in 1949 with 37 cadets, the OWU Air Force ROTC program rapidly grew to nearly 600 members within three years, when the Department of Aerospace Studies became the largest department on campus. At the time, Ohio Wesleyan University was the headquarters for linked ROTC programs at Otterbein College, Kenyon College, and Denison University.

Each year, after completing the OWU Commencement ceremony, graduating ROTC members quickly changed into their uniforms and attended a ceremony in Phillips

Hall, where they received their Air Force assignments. Between 1959 and 1974, the female Angel Flight program provided support with various activities. The program closed in 1974 as a result of declining enrollment during the Vietnam War.

The Alumni Relations Office would like to hear from former ROTC and Angel Flight members to plan for future reunions. If you were a member of either of these units, please contact Jeanette Kraus, OWU alumni records supervisor at (740) 368-3318 or [jlkraus@owu.edu](mailto:jlkraus@owu.edu).

Angel Flight alumnae (l-r) Jane Corlett Zachman '69, Jane Riggs Jonesco '71, and Cleo Ritz Schimmel '62.

The Angel Flight unit was started at OWU in 1959. Each sorority could nominate one member, and they were selected through a 'rush' process. Cleo Ritz Schimmel, who was in the first group, said she felt "very special" in her public relations and support role. Jane Corlett Zachman and Jane Riggs Jonesco served on Angel Flight during the height of the Vietnam War. "After the Kent State shootings, it was hard to stand up for what I believed in (supporting the military), because it wasn't popular at the time," says Jonesco.

## PASS ON THE OHIO WESLEYAN TRADITION

Attending Ohio Wesleyan means more than receiving an outstanding education. It's also about becoming part of a bigger family — the OWU family.

Continue the Ohio Wesleyan tradition. Encourage talented students you know to consider OWU. Visit [www.alumni.owu.edu/apart\\_studentref.html](http://www.alumni.owu.edu/apart_studentref.html) to refer them. It's quick and it's easy.

After all, Ohio Wesleyan was a transformative part of your life. And that's a tradition worth keeping alive.

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# OHIO WESLEYAN MOURNS **PETER KLEIST AND LEONARD SLUTZ**

**THE UNIVERSITY SADLY REPORTS THE LOSS OF TWO LIFE TRUSTEES—PETER D. KLEIST '40 AND LEONARD D. SLUTZ '34.**

Peter Kleist died on February 12, 2009, at his home in Fort Myers, Florida, at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Eleanore Pottman Kleist '40, as well as three children, including son David F. Kleist '72, and several grandchildren, including granddaughter Julie McMillen Evans '94.

Kleist served on the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees as an East Ohio Conference Trustee from 1961 to 1973, rejoined the board as a Trustee-at-Large in 1988, and became a Life Trustee in 1993. A notable builder of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, his interest in OWU included infrastructure needs. Kleist was responsible for the complete renovation of Elliott Hall.

A charter member of the Founders' Circle, he also was instrumental in creating the final challenge grant for the completion of the JAYwalk; donated to the Conrades•Wetherell Science Center, where he was honored with the naming of Kleist Hall; was a substantial supporter to the Student Assistantship Program; and made a significant challenge gift to OWU's last capital campaign.

Ohio Wesleyan was not the only beneficiary of Kleist's generosity; his philanthropy touched, among other institutions, Baldwin-Wallace College, the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and Africa University.

At OWU, Kleist was a member of Kappa Sigma. He did post-graduate work at the University of Michigan and was awarded honorary degrees from Baldwin-Wallace

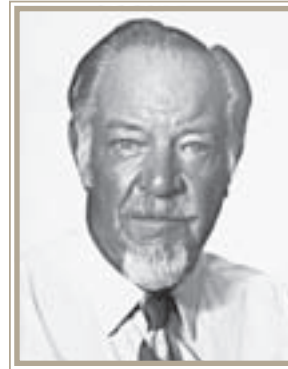
College and Cumberland College.

"Peter believed we have the responsibility to pay back as much as we can," says fellow board member William McFadden '58. "He spent the latter third of his life working primarily to earn more money to increase his philanthropy. Peter had vision about development, and he could turn that vision into reality."

Leonard Slutz died on March 7, 2009, at the age of 95. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Emily Dana Wells Slutz '35, in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Myers Martin; daughters Marian Slutz Jacobson '67 and Ann Slutz Flanagan '70; son Jeffery W. Slutz '64; and eight grandchildren including granddaughters Emily Flanagan Kaylor '03 and Susan Flanagan '07.

Slutz served on the Ohio Wesleyan board of Trustees for 40 years, first as West Ohio Conference Trustee from 1969 to 1986, and then as Life Trustee. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate who was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and many other honorary societies, Slutz earned his L.L.B. from the University of Cincinnati. He became a prominent Cincinnati attorney, civic leader, and churchman.

Slutz, a Phi Kappa Psi, was a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1960 to 1969, serving as president from 1966 to 1968. He was University Counsel from 1976 to 1984. Slutz was a member of The Tower Society, served as a Class Agent for the Annual Fund, and was president of the Adam Poe Club. In Cincinnati, he was on the boards of a wide array of human services and church-related organizations.



Peter D. Kleist '40



Leonard D. Slutz '34

"It was always an honor to be in his presence," fellow board member David Papoi '65 says of Slutz. "Leonard was a great conversationalist, and I really enjoyed his company. In board meetings, he always struck me as someone who didn't speak just to speak, but rather, he would weigh all the evidence and then speak as the voice of reason. Leonard was a wonderful fellow, and I do miss him."

## OWU Connections Volunteers

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*The Young Alumni Connections in each city/region focus on connecting with alumni who graduated within the last 10 years and planning events.*

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October 2-4, 2009

Mark your calendars for a weekend full of school spirit and excitement.  
All students, faculty, alumni, family, and friends are invited  
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*It's all about a bonfire on a cool evening up on The Hill, and cheering your favorite Bishop teams on to victory; listening to a thought-inspiring lecture, and sharing those thoughts over coffee and a community dinner; and, most of all, being together to celebrate traditions—old and new—at OWU.*

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- Our Sagan Homecoming Lecture Featuring Speaker Susan Eisenhower
- The Induction of Eight New Members Into the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame
- The 5K Family Pumpkin Run/Walk
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*Homecoming 2009. Spend a weekend with “the family,” engaged and energized by meeting old friends and reuniting with others. We can't wait to see you!*



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