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President Rock Jones

Cultivating World-Class Leaders

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DIRECTOR. MANAGING PARTNER.
MANAGING DIRECTOR. HEAD
COACH. OWNER. CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.
ATTORNEY. PHYSICIAN.

You might wonder about the purpose for stringing together titles that look as if they have been collected from a stack of business cards. The titles indicate positions of leadership and responsibility. These positions require both strong academic preparation and an understanding of the capacities and tools necessary to lead complex organizations and how to achieve measurable results. But in this particular case, there is more to the story.

This list reflects professional positions held by alumni of Ohio Wesleyan who played soccer on teams coached by Jay Martin—a man from whom these alumni report that

they learned the most essential lessons about leadership and how to be successful as students, athletes, and professionals.

This fall was another banner year for the men's soccer program at Ohio Wesleyan. For the 32nd time in 34 years, the team advanced to the NCAA Division III national tournament. For the eighth time in Jay Martin's tenure and the ninth time in the program's history, the team advanced to the semi-finals and the championship weekend of the national tournament. In early December in San Antonio, the OWU men's soccer team won its second national championship.

In a remarkable moment likely never to be repeated, the victory in the national championship game also gave Jay Martin the most wins—608—in history, as a coach of college men's soccer at any level. As I had the privilege of watching the season and the

national championship unfold, I found myself thinking about the lessons learned on and off the field by those who have been associated with this program. I reflected on what I have heard from numerous alumni around the country and at the national championships in San Antonio. They talk at length about how often they return to lessons learned from Jay as they face challenges in their professional lives, as they fulfill the responsibilities of their personal lives, and as they seek to make a difference in the communities where they live.

On the day that the men's soccer team departed for San Antonio, the campus also gathered in the atrium of the Schimmel/Conrades Science Center to honor Jed Burtt, professor of zoology, who had just been named Ohio Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Jed is a master teacher and a pre-eminent ornithologist. He is former president of the American Ornithologists' Union and a fellow of the International Ornithologists' Union. His former students have won numerous fellowships including, just this past spring, a Fulbright and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Jed's research includes a 20-year project to collect longitudinal data that support his study of the function and evolution of avian coloration and of the bacteria and fungi that live in the plumage of wild birds. Jed is assisted in his research by first-year students who participate in an honors tutorial and by upper-level honors students who work in Jed's lab and choose research with Jed as the focus of their honors theses.

Several times each semester, these students journey to Jed's farm to collect data. Melissa and I joined the students one autumn morning a couple of years ago. We left campus before 7 a.m. When we arrived, Jed had breakfast prepared, as always is the case. Then the students began placing nets in the trees in order to catch birds for purposes

of gathering specimens from various parts of the birds' bodies for analysis. Each bird was tagged, weighed, and measured. Specimens were gathered, carefully preserved, and labeled. The birds then were set free. A couple of the birds had tags from previous catches. Most were first-time subjects for analysis. We were told that back in the lab the following week students would analyze each individual specimen and record all of the information in the massive database Jed and his students have assembled. The database can be accessed by ornithologists around the world.

As I watched the students that day, I was struck by their engagement in scientific research. They were learning how to collect, analyze, and interpret data. They would later learn to report the data, in part through Jed's course on science writing. But I also was struck by the way in which the work was organized. The effort was led by the senior honors student. Most of the work was accomplished by the students from the first-year honors tutorial. When freshmen had questions, they turned to the senior. On a couple of occasions, when all were stumped, Jed would step in to provide assistance and help resolve the dilemma. I realized that while the students were learning science by doing science, Jed had structured this learning environment in a way in which leadership also was cultivated.

Jay Martin and Jed Burtt arrived at Ohio Wesleyan together in the fall of 1977. Over 34 years, each has developed a world-class program. Jay Martin has built a soccer program that wins games and produces championships. Jed Burtt has developed a science lab that produces award-winning students and alumni who develop important research agendas of their own. But more than coaching soccer and teaching science, these two men who came to Ohio Wesleyan 34 years ago have created programs that cultivate leaders.

It is ironic that long before Jed Burtt was named Ohio Professor of the Year and Jay Martin became the winningest coach in college men's soccer history, we planned to

devote this issue of the *Magazine* to stories of alumni who trace their understanding of leadership to lessons learned at Ohio Wesleyan University. Among alumni of Ohio Wesleyan are individuals who provide leadership in every sector of our society. Our mission speaks of the desire to develop leaders, and OWU often has spoken of an education for leadership and service. In my inaugural address three years ago, I invited us to think about the high purpose of educating a new generation of moral leaders for a global society.

In this issue you will read about some of these individuals. They are but a few of the thousands of OWU alumni who provide important leadership, day in and day out, in organizations large and small, across the country and around the world. We salute our alumni for their enormous contributions, and we salute a faculty that includes Jed Burtt, Jay Martin, and so many others like them—world-class teachers, scholars, mentors, advisors, and coaches—all dedicated to the education of a new generation of leaders whose impact on our world we can only imagine today.

With gratitude for a faculty and staff who fulfill this important mission on campus, and with gratitude for alumni who take the benefit of an OWU education and exercise leadership that changes our world, I wish you a prosperous and fulfilling new year.

Rock Jones

President of Ohio Wesleyan University





A Hearty Homecoming for All

The fun factor was at an all-time high as the OWU community celebrated Homecoming & Family Weekend in true Bishop style.

From the All-Campus Celebration on the JAYwalk to campus athletic competitions, concerts, tours, and a theatre production, this year's Homecoming & Family Weekend included something for everyone. Friends of all ages got a good taste of OWU living during a weekend filled with the enjoyment of attending wonderful art exhibits in the Ross Art Museum,



hearing about student and faculty travel-learning and theory-to-practice experiences, networking among alumni and students while munching and mingling, and tailgating before the afternoon football game at Selby Stadium. On Saturday morning, OWU's Bigelow-Reed House dedication ceremony emphasized the one-of-a-kind living and learning opportunities for students sharing interests in business, economics, and entrepreneurial studies. **A good time was had by all!**

A visit from Andrés Duarte '65

ED. NOTE: *OWU alumnus, Trustee, and international business entrepreneur Andrés Duarte '65 recently made a two-week visit to Ohio Wesleyan, staying at the Bigelow-Reed House with student residents and immersing himself in their OWU lives and academic interests. The following are reflections on Duarte's visit by senior Jen Schmitt, courtesy of The Woltemade Center newsletter.*

I met Andrés Duarte '65 for breakfast on Sunday, September 18, along with Becky Smith '12, a fellow Bigelow-Reed House resident majoring in economics and international studies. Andrés drove us to Bob Evans for a typical Ohio breakfast and surprised us by how he truly took an interest in who we were and what we aspire to be. We discussed everything from my microfossil research to Becky's theory-to-practice trip to India this past summer. It was when he began to tell his story, however, that the true amazement set in. Andrés talked about his time doing geology research in Oklahoma toward his master's degree in geology. He talked about going back to Venezuela to work for the



government in order to gain experience before starting out in his career. Every story brought a little more clarity to the image of the man before me.

He had majored in economics and geology at OWU and here was I, a senior accounting and geology student, astonished to be meeting

someone so passionate about the two departments I love. Throughout his visit at OWU, Andrés met with students individually to discuss anything they wanted. He helped me identify the thesis for my oil industry analysis for my corporate strategy senior seminar and has since communicated by e-mail to continue

OWU Newsbytes

PayScale Study Places OWU in Top 20

A new report lists Ohio Wesleyan among the Top 20 liberal arts colleges in the nation for salary potential for its mid-career graduates. The PayScale Inc. report also lists OWU among the nation's top colleges—public and private—for earning potential for graduates both five years and 15 years after receiving their bachelor's degrees. Ohio Wesleyan's ranking places it first among all private liberal arts colleges in Ohio and first among members of the Great Lakes Colleges Association—a consortium of 13 private liberal arts colleges located throughout Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The full PayScale 2011 College Salary Report, including methodology, is available at www.payscale.com/best-colleges.

Bringing Home the Gold

"Rock's Amazing Race," a collaborative fundraising campaign and video production created by OWU's Marketing and Communication Office and the Ohio Wesleyan Fund staff, received a Pride of CASE V Gold Award in the category of "Best Program in Engaging an Institution's CEO in Fundraising." Loosely based on *The Amazing Race* TV series, the video production featured eight OWU students in four two-person teams competing against each other in various races and contests across campus. On four successive Mondays, staffers released a new challenge video online and viewers were invited to vote for their favorite team by "liking" the team on Facebook. They also were asked to consider making a gift to the fund. In conjunction with other University Relations events, the eight-week campaign helped raise more than \$675,000 for the OWU Fund.

Campus On the Move

Installation of a memorial garden honoring Ohio Wesleyan students and alumni who gave their lives to defend their country was completed in September. Because of the vision of two Ohio Wesleyan alumni—Dick and Ann Colson Cassell, both from the Class of 1964—the names of 151 alumni, students, and family members who died in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War are included on the plaques mounted on three granite-covered monuments. The memorial garden is located adjacent to Beeghly Library, off the JAYwalk. A bronze eagle statue, created by Idaho artist Mike Curtis, commissioned by the Cassells, adorns the monuments. Dick is, himself, a veteran of the Vietnam War.

"The Cassells wanted to create a memorial



Left to right: **Andrés Duarte '65**, wife, **Laura Otero De Duarte**, and **Patricio Plazolles**.

helping me in my research of South American oil opportunities. The specific interest he took in the students' individual lives was, in itself, inspiring.

In addition to his presentation at the annual Robert Milligan Lecture Series, Andrés visited several classrooms across disciplines as a guest lecturer during his stay. He shared worries about the political situation in Venezuela with politics and government classes. In economics classes, he commented on issues facing private industry in his home

country. Andrés even visited the geology department to talk about the oil industry in Venezuela.

His attention and commitment to the students were perhaps best shown with his fellow Bigelow-Reed House residents. He found a Venezuelan catering company in Columbus and drove Becky and me to pick up the food for our house dinner. Many residents came and chatted with Andrés about life in Venezuela as we enjoyed the cuisine.

Looking back, I am still amazed by how much he did during his stay at OWU. He had a significant impact on my senior year, and for that I am grateful, but perhaps more important is the number of students, staff, and faculty members whose lives he affected just as deeply in a short amount of time. I speak for many, hoping that he will return to his alma mater soon. We have an apartment ready for him and other alumni who wish to stay at the Bigelow-Reed House, furnished with beautiful artwork donated by Andrés himself. He was our first guest at the house and will be remembered well for his contributions to the residents and the rest of our campus.

– *Jennifer Schmitt '12*



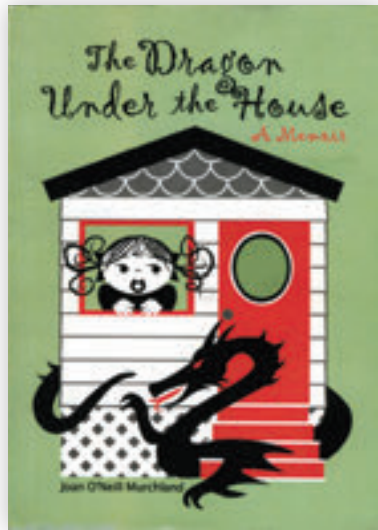
Class of 1960 Gift to Ohio Wesleyan

Jerry Dicke '60 presented President Rock Jones with a clock commemorating the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1960. In 2010, the class raised \$251,828 for the Ohio Wesleyan Fund as their reunion gift to the University. As president of the 50th Reunion Committee, Jerry used leftover funds from their class "social" account to purchase the clock and attach to it a commemorative "Class of 1960" plaque.

that offered more visible recognition for the veterans and provided an environment that supported quiet contemplation and reflections for visitors," says OWU President Rock Jones. "We are grateful to the Cassells for their vision and generosity in creating this special site to remember alumni and students lost to war."



Left to right: **Professor Emerita of English Libby Reed**, **John Reed**, **President Jones**, and **Dick and Ann Colson Cassell (both '64)** in front of **OWU's memorial garden**.



Joan Murchland '93 shares a story about an imaginative child, a dragon, and the beauty of storytelling.

Some children worry about the monsters in their closets or need nightlights because they are afraid of the dark. But for Joan O'Neill Murchland '93, her biggest worry as a child was the dragon under her house.

Murchland's *The Dragon Under the House: A Memoir* begins with the imaginative world of a creative girl who always believed that under her house lived a fierce dragon. "That dragon was realistic—blowing fire and smoke," she says.

Her memoir is a story of growing up in Canada, discovering her love for music, working in radio, and meeting interesting people as part of her job; her journey to Ohio and becoming a mother and student; and various other adventures. She typically spends summers in her native Canada and frequently passes where her home used to be and where her journey with the dragon began. The house and the dragon are no longer there, but they both live on in her memory. Of her memoir she says, "I want people to get a good laugh from it."

Though it was hard for her to pick just one, Murchland says her favorite part of the book was reliving her radio interview with mezzo-soprano Risë Stevens. Stevens was noted for her portrayal of the lead role in the

opera *Carmen*, and Murchland interviewed her about the role.

"I admired this singer so much. She was the best Carmen; she sang it so well and was such a good actress. We talked, and the more we talked, the funnier it seemed to get to both of us.

When I played the tape the next day at the radio station, I said, 'We can't use this! This this is just two schoolgirls laughing so hard you can't even understand them.' But Stevens heard it, and she said it was the best interview she ever had."

Murchland graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a degree in Early Childhood Education, but music has always been a big part of her life. When her husband, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Bernard Murchland, began teaching at OWU, she decided to take a few classes for fun. "The first course I took was a music appreciation course. Then the second year, I got really adventuresome and took two courses. I found it was great fun and enjoyed it. After the music appreciation course, I took a few more music courses and studied voice and played in various things they put on at OWU," she says. She enjoyed her music classes, but thought an education degree was more suitable for what she wanted to do. She graduated in 1993 with her early education degree. She has worked at Ohio Wesleyan's Early Childhood Center and, combining both of her passions, she has taught piano to the students.

Of her choice to write a memoir, Murchland says she wanted to be an inspiration for others who want to tell their stories.

"If you want to write something, you can. It's possible. You don't have to have great talent. If you want to write a memoir or something very personal, you have to have the feeling that you are talking to somebody. When you get started, it's like writing letters. How many people have created books out of their memories? Anybody can do anything, and I really do believe that. I want others to be inspired by my memoir to write their own story. It was fun for me to relive my life."

The Dragon Under the House is available through Amazon.com or Dream Catcher Publishing at www.dreamcatcherpublishing.ca

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[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto]biography

Dr. Michelle Disler, assistant professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan, is passionate about all that literary form can accomplish—and how far literary boundaries can be pushed. This interest is boldly manifested in her new book *[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto]biography*, released in November.

In this unique work of literary experimentation, Disler draws from her dissertation work at Ohio University, where she received her Ph.D. in creative nonfiction. The book is divided into three sections: "alphabet," "anatomy," and "[auto]biography," each exploring plot and character from the famous James Bond novels.

Disler says her book consciously walks a fine line between the literary categories of poetry and essay. In "alphabet," for example, Disler writes about Bond in a different way for every letter of the alphabet, drawing on poetic technique as well as elements of essay.

"This book definitely pushes at the fluctuating definition of the essay at its most creative," Disler explains. "My publisher is actually calling the book poetry. The prose poem is sometimes considered a form of the essay, so you can see where the lines get fuzzy."

What is clear, however, is Disler's attraction to the character of James Bond, as she dives into his intricacies through each section of her book. "Bond, of course, is a detective," she notes, "and I love exploring the way he has to trust his gut to get out of tough spots, which is something writers face every day."

Disler's connection with Bond, however, runs even deeper: "For me, Bond is a stand-in for my father, who is a retired detective and a very big fan of the Bond stories. So in this way, memoir is infused into the writing,

Koritha Mitchell '96

Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890–1930

Koritha Mitchell's new book, *Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890–1930*, is the first full-length critical study of lynching plays in American culture. The book, Mitchell says, grows out of a major question that she had while studying U.S. history of 1890s through the 1930s: How did African Americans survive this era still believing in their right to full citizenship?

"When you can be lynched, and when pictures of your mutilated body can be proudly circulated in newspapers and as picture postcards, the nation is very clearly saying that you are not a citizen," Mitchell explains. "I wanted to know how African Americans who lived through this era managed to hold on to their belief that they deserved full citizenship, and I think black-authored lynching plays represent one of the ways that they did that."

Mitchell's book started as her doctoral dissertation, requiring four years of research and writing as a graduate student. She then continued work on the book during her first years as a college professor "taking it to the next level," says Mitchell, currently an associate professor of English at The Ohio State University. "It has been difficult, but I can see my growth as a scholar in this book. I do not hide behind jargon or abstract theories that make the reader wonder if they really know what I mean. I am pretty naked in this book."

"You will know exactly what I think about how the United States operates and about what deserves our attention if we really want to understand what has shaped mainstream ideas about U.S. citizenship," Mitchell says. "More than anything, I want people to understand that getting through one of the most violent eras in U.S. history required

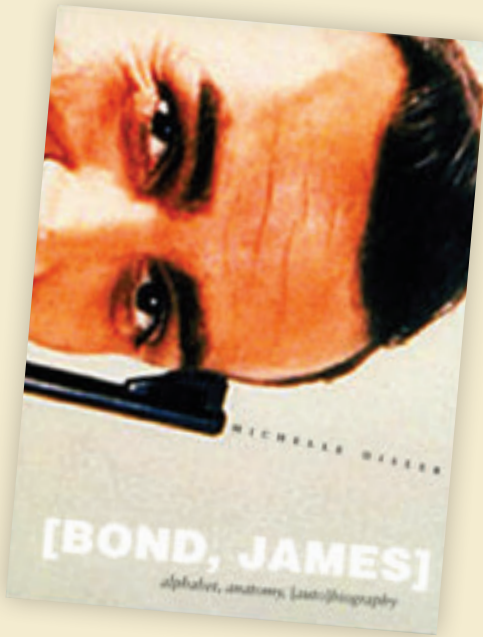
blacks to address each other, not just whites. Not everything that they did was about trying to convince whites that racism was wrong. Not everything that black philosophers, artists, or even activists do is about white people."

Authors of color—even when they engage topics like racial violence—are not necessarily concerned with changing white people's minds, Mitchell says. She believes overlooking how important it was for African American authors to address their own communities has too long limited what we could see about American history and literature. "Sometimes, it's about serving their communities by actually addressing their communities, rather than addressing whites on the community's behalf," she says.

Mitchell credits her experiences at OWU, including membership in Sisters United, founding the ONYX literary magazine, pledging Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and living in the Women's House, as being highly influential to her career and writing today.

Mitchell's book, published by the University of Illinois Press in October 2011, is in the New Black Studies series edited by award-winning historian Darlene Clark Hine and literary critic Dwight McBride. It can be found online at Amazon.com. View online interviews with Koritha Mitchell at www.press.uillinois.edu.

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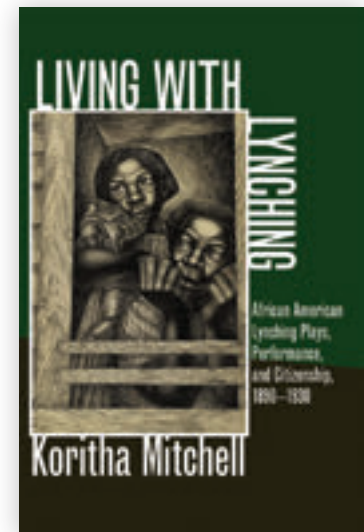
adding to its complexity."

Certainly, such a fun and intriguing subject kept the writing process lively for Disler. "I remember sitting in a coffee shop in Holland, Michigan, surrounded by stacks of Bond books. I was just poring over them, having so much fun looking for connections between the books. I loved exposing Bond for what he is—a human being, at the same time that he's the 'savior of the western democratic world.'"

In the future, Disler will continue to explore experimental writing, as she remains "attracted to the space between genres and ways they overlap." She is beginning a book of prose poems and short essays. And if her work in this book is any indication, Disler will continue to push the boundaries of traditional literary genres and style in creative and provocative ways.

[Bond, James]: alphabet, anatomy, [auto] biography is published by Counterpath Press and is available on Amazon.com.

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DESTINY

★ ★ OWU Men's Soccer Team Captures Second



FULFILLED

National Crown as Jay Martin Becomes Winningest Coach



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◀ On December 21, Travis Wall '12 was named NCAA Division III Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.



Coincidence or destiny?

By *Mark Cooper*

For the Ohio Wesleyan men's soccer team, coincidence converged with destiny on December 3, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas; a magical night that saw the Battling Bishops hold on for a 2-1 win over Calvin College to clinch the NCAA Division III national championship. Coincidentally, (or was it fate?), the victory gave Coach Jay Martin his 608th career win, moving him past Joe Bean to become the all-time leader in NCAA men's soccer in all divisions. Bean amassed 607 wins in a 44-year career at Quinnipiac, Bridgeport, and Wheaton. Martin reached the plateau in his 35th year of coaching.

The title game was played in San Antonio's Blossom Soccer Complex, on a field dampened by the first rain in south Texas in more than two months. With a passionate crowd of alumni and family members in the stands, and hundreds more watching the game on the Ohio Wesleyan campus in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, the Bishops stung Calvin for two first-half goals by senior forward Travis Wall of Upper Arlington, Ohio, and sophomore midfielder Paolo Bucci of Dublin, Ohio.

Wall, named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the tournament, scored his goal 39 minutes into the game after Bucci saved the ball from going out of bounds. Bucci's pass went off a Calvin defender directly to Wall, who drilled a low shot into the right corner of the Knights' goal. Less than two minutes later, Bucci faked around a Calvin defender and launched a high, arching shot over leaping Calvin goalkeeper Michael Dolan to give OWU a 2-0 halftime lead.

Calvin had demonstrated its ability to come from behind earlier in the tournament and cut the Bishops' lead to one on a goal by Travis Vegter, narrowing the score to 2-1. However, OWU goalkeeper Paul Hendricks of Columbus, Ohio, slammed the door from that point on, making outstanding saves down the stretch to preserve the 2-1 win for the Bishops. As the final seconds ticked away, OWU's players began hugging Martin, and one another, in jubilant celebration. When the final horn sounded, they sprinted across the field to share the championship moment with family members, friends,





◀ Taking it to the stands: Postgame celebration with alumni, family, and friends.



and alumni in the stands.

Alone by the bench, Martin watched his team celebrate and deflected questions about his landmark coaching record. “Hey, it was just a matter of time for me. If it didn’t happen tonight, it would have happened next year,” Martin said. “Look at those guys. This is their night and I am so proud of them, so happy that they get to enjoy this moment.”

The players returned to midfield for the postgame awards ceremony, where each received a championship watch. But the moment they had worked and toiled for all season came when they hoisted the NCAA championship trophy and, after celebrating briefly with it, searched out their coach to present the trophy to him.

“That was the single best feeling I’ve ever had,” Wall

said afterward. “We love Jay so much. He is the best coach in the country, period. To be able to do this for him, to give him the record on this night, it means just as much to me as winning this game. You couldn’t have written a better script for the way this worked out.”

The 2011 championship is the latest feather in the glittering legacy of head coach Jay Martin HON ’08. Martin’s teams have won two national championships, and have made four appearances in the national championship game, and eight appearances in the national semifinals. Thirty-two of Martin’s 35 Ohio Wesleyan teams have competed in the NCAA Division III tournament. The Battling Bishops have won 20 of the first 28 North Coast Athletic Conference championships.

Under Martin’s guidance, Ohio Wesleyan was the



winningest men's soccer team in the NCAA—regardless of division—during the 1980s, compiling a winning percentage of .815 to top such programs as Indiana, UNC-Greensboro, and UCLA. The Battling Bishops bettered that during the 1990s, compiling a winning percentage of .825, and improved upon that during the 2000s with a winning percentage of .827.

Martin insists that his success is not a reflection of him but of his players, and that is demonstrated by the fact that Ohio Wesleyan's men's soccer players have won a total of 37 NSCAA All-America citations—an average of more than one per season—during Martin's career. That success is reflected in the classroom as well, as Ohio Wesleyan has had 18 men's soccer players earn Academic All-America honors, with three receiving Academic All-America of the Year citations.

For Jay's former players who traveled to Texas to watch the game and support their coach and the team in person, words were hard to find in the moments immediately after the game ended:

Peter Pak '90: "I feel pure joy and love on Jay's behalf; just the purest happiness humanly possible for Jay and these kids. I am so proud of them."

Keith Rozanski '99: "I'm overwhelmed. What a game! I couldn't be happier for Jay and the team. I know Jay has tried to play down this thing about the coaching record, but you can see in his eyes how much this all means to him."

Deak Rushton '83: "That was so exciting, so tense in the first half until we got that first goal. And after they cut the lead in the second half, I've never been so nervous. But just look at that field with Jay and his players. This is such a great night."

Vic Misiewicz '82: "I can't even find the words to describe my feelings. It's so great to be here to see what Jay has built and for it to come together with a national championship at the same time Jay gets the record, it's just unbelievable."

Matt Byers '86: "This is just unbelievable. Watching that clock run so slowly in the second half, these guys just willed it to happen. What do I feel right now? Pride ... incredible pride."

President Rock Jones met the team on the

field after the game and congratulated Jay on his historic win. To Jones, the entire weekend illustrated everything that is special about Ohio Wesleyan.

"To be here to witness this incredible outpouring of support for Jay and his team, both from the alumni and family members here in the stadium ... to the hundreds of people on campus who attended the watch parties to cheer the team on ... to fans around the world who followed their progress, it's something I'll never forget," Jones said. "These young men bonded over the course of the season and overcame adversity to accomplish this goal—for themselves, for Jay, and for Ohio Wesleyan. To have all of these circumstances come together tonight, it's truly remarkable."

While the Bishops' championship marked an unforgettable culmination to the team's trip to San Antonio, the team's post-game emotions were in stark contrast to what they experienced three days earlier when they arrived in the city. After landing at the airport, they loaded into three vans and stopped by a restaurant for lunch before heading to their hotel. While they were inside, thieves broke into two of the vans and stole equipment and personal belongings. At least two players lost everything they brought with them. Some were especially upset at the loss of their laptops, which held an entire semester's worth of class work.

"As it sank in and they realized what they had lost, I saw the look on some of their faces and I thought we were done already," Martin said. "But we talked about keeping things in perspective and remembering why we are here. I told them that we can replace their stuff, but that they would never replace the opportunity they had this weekend. A couple of hours later, we were at practice and the guys were starting to laugh and loosen up. In fact, it was one of our best practices of the season, and I knew we would be OK."

The story made headlines in San Antonio, and quickly went viral. Soccer websites and media outlets across the country and around the globe picked up the story.

"I got an email from a lady in Barcelona who had connections in San Antonio," said Athletics Director Roger Ingles. "She offered to

help us out however she could. I got messages like that from all over."

Trinity University Soccer Coach Paul McGinlay, a longtime friend of Martin's, stepped up and loaned the OWU players cleats, shin pads, and other equipment to get them through the weekend. The Bishops' mood continued to improve on Thursday when the eight teams in San Antonio for the men's and women's NCAA Championships hosted a clinic for Texas Special Olympians. The athletes from the Special Olympics attended the NCAA Soccer banquet on Thursday evening and had the opportunity to play during the halftime of the semifinals and championship game.

The Bishops' road to the national championship weekend was not an easy one. Ohio Wesleyan advanced through the early rounds with victories over Washington (Mo.) University, Ohio Northern University, and Hope College. Their biggest scare came against Ohio Northern as they spotted the Polar Bears a 2-0 halftime lead before storming back in the second half, outshooting Ohio Northern 15-to-7 in the half on their way to a thrilling 3-2 victory. In the semifinal round the night before the title game, OWU dominated Montclair (N.J.) State in a 4-0 shutout to advance to the final.

Throughout the tournament, the spotlight on Martin's pursuit of collegiate soccer's all-time victory mark grew brighter, much to the coach's dismay. Even after the Bishops clinched their second national title with the win over Calvin, Martin downplayed the personal landmark that the victory meant for him.

"I'm having a hard time with this," Martin told reporters after the game. "It means I'm old and have been coaching for a long time. It means we've had some great players at Ohio Wesleyan that have allowed us to be consistent. ... I did not want this season to end, but this is a pretty good way to end it."

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See more on the OWU soccer championship at <http://backtheredandblack.owu.edu>



◀ **Soccer Scenes** (l-r): While in San Antonio, members of the OWU men's soccer team helped to coach clinics for Special Olympics athletes. The stands were filled with Bishop fans and family who traveled to Texas to attend the national championship game. Coach Jay Martin talked to media about the team's success and his record-setting 608th win. Bishop fans also gathered on the OWU campus for viewing parties to cheer the team on to victory.



WALL OF EXCELLENCE

First it was Sarah Wall '06; then Tyler '11, followed by Travis '12. Uncanny as it seems, all three Walls are soccer players who decided to bring their intellectual and athletic prowess to Ohio Wesleyan. Each played for OWU soccer teams during their four years of college. Even their parents, Bruce and Kathy, were a little surprised.

"Since all three of our kids are very different human beings, my wife and I were quite surprised that they all chose the same university to attend," says Bruce. "That said, it's been a real joy to watch each



of them grow at OWU, embracing the student-athlete values associated with D-III schools, beginning with their respective leadership growth."

The siblings recall growing up in Upper Arlington (Ohio) and attending "UA" high school. While each eventually chose to play collegiate soccer, the Walls also were adept basketball, baseball, lacrosse, and softball players. And they learned early on how to balance their athletic commitments with other parts of their lives.

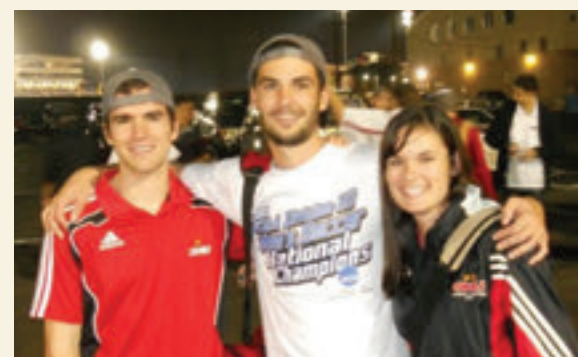
"Although I didn't coach Sarah, I watched her play many times," says men's head coach Jay Martin. "She was a ferocious competitor and hated to lose. Sarah had a unique balance in soccer; she was a goal scorer, but she was a very unselfish player. Her teammates loved her and her coaches loved her. I know she will be a great doctor." Of Tyler, Martin speaks equally glowingly. "Tyler was one of the most talented players ever to play at OWU. He was just a natural in the game of soccer; he didn't have to think to play, he just played. He was a three-time All America and strong leader of the team. During his four years at OWU, the team was 70-13-7; won the NCAC and made

the NCAA Tournament all four years; and played in the Elite Eight and Sweet 16." And then there's Travis, the "baby" of the Wall family. But, says Martin, "Travis was not a baby on the soccer field. After Tyler left, Travis moved out from the shadow of his big brother and grew into himself as a soccer player." The dynamic forward on OWU's 2011 NCAA Division III national championship team was the NCAA Player of the Year in 2011; a two-time All America; and a two-time captain of the team. In his four years, the team's record was 78-10-5.

"Travis was a force that other teams could not handle, and nobody stopped him," says Martin. "That may be the best four-year record in OWU history. And the best part is that Travis is just a good guy; he's funny, perceptive, and inquisitive." Like his siblings, Travis believes that a large part of his team's—and his—success is grounded in OWU's special environment.

"A Division III school teaches you that academics have priority over athletics," says Travis, a sports management major. "Academic planners made by our coaches help us match our homework assignments with practices and games." For Tyler, an economics management major, it was both challenging and rewarding to be a student-athlete.

"It was great that OWU's economics department supported us and gave us the opportunity to be successful athletes and students," he says. "And Jay is a brilliant coach and professor 24/7. Travis and I came to OWU because of him." But both Travis and Tyler agree that it also was Sarah who set the tone for them, as they came to watch her play at OWU. A pre-med major who played on OWU's 2002 women's soccer national championship team, Sarah battled back from a serious automobile accident and back surgery in 2005 to return to the field to play soccer



At an early age, the Wall siblings looked like they were partial to the Wild West. Now they are Bishops through and through.

at OWU as a senior.

"I couldn't be more proud of Travis and the rest of the team," says Sarah. It was a great day to be an Ohio Wesleyan alum. The men's soccer family at Ohio Wesleyan is incredible, and it was amazing to experience the championship alongside so many alumni, my brother Tyler, and parents. I feel lucky to have shared this experience nine years after our women's team won its second national championship." Sarah remembers the support of students, faculty members, and alumni, and, as an alumna, she has been receiving messages from her teammates, sorority sisters, and former professors congratulating Travis and her family.

"That kind of community is one of the things that makes Ohio Wesleyan so great!"

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◀ More than 30 OWU soccer alumni traveled to San Antonio to cheer their team on—and play soccer!
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By *Gretchen Hirsch*



Alumni Talk About the OWU Soccer Program ... and Jay Martin

Brotherhood. Excellence. Teamwork. Loyalty. Preparation. Tradition. Family. All words Ohio Wesleyan men's soccer alumni shared as they celebrated the success of this year's team in winning the NCAA D-III national championship—and looked back over their own years as part of the program and their relationship with Dr. Jay Martin, who, in San Antonio, became the all-time winningest coach in all divisions of men's collegiate soccer.

The men who gathered in San Antonio to cheer on the team and support Martin in this exceptional moment all are successes in their own right: lawyers, business owners, CEOs, CFOs, financial services executives, and managers in virtually every type of business. What they have in common is the lessons they

learned on the field from the man they believe was—and is—the best coach in the country, and how they have applied those lessons to their own lives.

"There's a common bond among all the players who've ever played for Jay," says Matt Byers, president and owner of an interior design firm in Cincinnati, Ohio. "That bond is the 'Jay approach.' You could be a great individual player in high school, but that all went out the window when you got to campus. Then Ohio Wesleyan's goals became paramount. He helped us set our goals each year and made it clear what [each person's] role would be in achieving those goals—as a group. It's always about the group. The team is what matters. Success is not about self. It's about the process and having fun. The most fun you have is when you're operating at the peak of your abilities, and that takes discipline, hard work, and preparation.

"Jay is a guy who does things the right way and cares about the right things: family, players, and colleagues. We're all trying to carry those lessons into our own organizations."

Keith Rozanski '99, an attorney from Los Angeles, concurs. "What I learned from Jay is that every person is as important as every other person; the team manager is as important as

the guy scoring all the goals. In my practice, I try to share that attitude. From our managing partner to our partners, associates, and summer clerks to the mailroom personnel, we're all one unit. I took that from Jay.

"I also took family lessons from him. He and Jo Ann were each others biggest cheerleaders, and they set a wonderful example for the rest of us."

At Ohio Wesleyan, "team" doesn't mean just this year's players, says Matt Schrader '91, an account director from Princeton, New Jersey. "Jay has always said that we're part of a bigger picture. You're playing not just for this moment, but for the greater OWU soccer team, for the tradition. When I see this team play, I want to be on the field with them because I'm part of that program. Jay has set the bar for pride and tradition. As alumni we're lucky that he's still part of the program. All of us have been part of his record because he's been at OWU for such a long time."

Adds Peter Pak '90, partner at a private equity firm in Denver, Colorado, "I can guarantee you that the soccer alumni who have traveled to be here have a lot of things to do in their personal lives, but they scrapped everything to get on a plane and come. To me,

there's a small part of each of us that shares in the team's success and Jay's success because we're all part of that DNA. There are people here from every generation from the '70s on up. It's a neat fraternity ... with very strong feelings about the soccer program and their fondness for Jay."

Deak Rushton '83, an executive with a private operating foundation in Birmingham, Alabama, echoes his fellow alumni. "To this day, it's great watching OWU and being part of that tradition. We continue to track how they're doing because we're all still part of it.

"Jay also taught me that ... you have to have a strong work ethic and you have to practice hard. I can't imagine a prima donna on one of Jay's teams."

Scott Gillanders '91, a sales manager from Peachtree City, Georgia, also mentions practice. "Jay didn't coach too much during the games because he prepared us beforehand. Players always knew there was a plan and Jay was steering the ship. We knew our roles. Every practice had a purpose. I learned that details are critical. No one had showed me that before he did."

Kevin Breen '84, an asset manager in Santa Barbara, California, adds, "You were expected to play your role and practice hard. Some didn't play because they weren't practicing at the level Jay expected. I wasn't one of the better players, but I did practice hard, so I got opportunities to play, which were great blessings and a lot of fun."

Rigor extended to the classroom as well. "I remember that if young players got into [academic] trouble, Jay would help them visualize and organize their daily lives so they could handle all the freedom [of college]," Breen says.

Vic Misiewicz '82, a sales representative in Atlanta, Georgia, sums things up. "I have more respect for Jay than for any person other than my father. He makes you realize your responsibility as a member of a team. He makes you realize that setting goals and having skills won't allow you to accomplish what you want to accomplish. You have to work harder than anyone else, prepare yourself mentally and physically, and then ... make the right decisions when you have the opportunity."

Asked what setting the record would mean to Martin, the players returned to the word "team." "He's a very humble man, and it will be about the success of the team. He won't put the spotlight on himself." But when the players say what Jay's setting the record means to them, it's a different story. To these men, Martin's recognition coming at the same time as a national championship is "well-deserved," "appropriate," "fitting," "mind-boggling," "a wonderful gift," and "a great movie script." In short, it means absolutely everything.

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OWU's Soccer Program: Legacy of Great Leadership

UNDER HEAD COACH JAY MARTIN, OHIO WESLEYAN HAS BECOME THE ALL-TIME LEADER IN NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S SOCCER PLAYOFF APPEARANCES WITH 34, BUT THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD SETTING THAT RECORD WERE TAKEN LONG AGO.

Ohio Wesleyan's legacy of success in men's soccer dates all the way back to 1955, when Dick Gordin took over the coaching reins as the sport first attained varsity status.

That year, Phil Carter '56 received All-America honors, an uncommon occurrence for a Midwest soccer team, but certainly an outstanding one for a team in its first varsity season.

In 1957, Fred Myers took over as the Bishops' head coach, posting a winning record in his first season and building Ohio Wesleyan into a regional power. The NCAA began sponsoring a single men's soccer championship in 1959, with regional competition in what was then known as the College Division following shortly thereafter.

Myers guided Ohio Wesleyan to its first regional tournament appearance in 1963, with the Bishops defeating Wheaton and Akron to win the title. The Bishops would advance to regional play in the next three seasons as well, and after a three-year hiatus, would return to regional competition in 1970 and 1971 to cap a run of six postseason appearances in nine years.

College Division competition went to a national scale in 1972, but Ohio Wesleyan did not receive a bid despite a sterling 9-2

record, and the Bishops were passed over in 1973 despite winning the Ohio Athletic Conference title with an 8-0-1 record.

The NCAA Division III tournament began in 1974, and Myers soon had Ohio Wesleyan near the summit, leading the Bishops to a national semifinal appearance in 1975, at the time the furthest advancement ever by an Ohio Wesleyan team. The Bishops stormed through the OAC South Division, winning all five games, before defeating Wooster in the conference championship game.

Ohio Wesleyan then defeated Wheaton, 6-1, in an NCAA Regional first-round game—tying the school record for goals in an NCAA playoff game—before taking the regional title with a 1-0 win over MacMurray. Babson blanked the Bishops in a national semifinal contest, but Ohio Wesleyan bounced back to edge Johns Hopkins, 1-0, in the national third-place game.

The Bishops returned to the NCAA playoffs in 1976, but Wheaton exacted its revenge for the previous season's blowout loss by defeating Ohio Wesleyan in overtime in what would be Myers' last game.

Ohio Wesleyan would miss the 1977 playoff after an overtime loss to Wooster in the OAC championship game, but the 1978 season would see the Bishops begin a string of 18 consecutive NCAA Division III playoff appearances, a record that still stands.

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Soaring



By Gretchen Hirsch



Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education name Jed Burt 2011 Ohio Professor of the Year

When we say that academics and athletics go hand in hand at Ohio Wesleyan, it's a fact. During the same week the men's soccer team was winning the national championship and Jay Martin was setting a personal record, the campus also was congratulating zoology professor and internationally known ornithologist Jed Burt on his selection as Ohio Professor of the Year.

Burt's love affair with ornithology began, he says, when he was two years old. "My mother said I watched birds all the time when I was that age. At three, I made a papier mâché duck. In the first grade, I won a birdhouse-making contest. I still have the bird squeaker that was given as a prize, and it still squeaks, but I don't think it ever would—or ever did—call any kind of bird," he says, smiling.

That passionate interest continued all the way through college. "My roommate was the grandson of the college ornithologist, and I would go with him to his grandparents' house for Sunday dinner. He went for the food. I went to hear the stories his grandfather told." As a freshman in college, Burt received a grant to study birds, and as a sophomore, he was already an undergraduate teaching assistant in ornithology; in his junior and senior years, he served similar positions in microbiology and vertebrate anatomy, which included a week of lectures on the anatomy of birds. By that time,

“You, the students, are the essential elements of my life. Each year, I look forward to the new ideas, new perspectives, and yes, new challenges you bring to campus. What fun to work with people who are so eager, so optimistic, so enthusiastic to explore life’s possibilities.”



Left photo: **Jed Burt** and **Jack Stenger '09** on a field trip at the Delaware Wildlife Preserve.

Right photo: **Sean Williams '11** and **Burt** at an ornithological conference during which Williams presented a paper.



the die was cast. “I knew I wasn’t going to be a doctor, but I also knew I wanted to stay in biology.”

After acquiring his Ph.D., Burt arrived at Ohio Wesleyan in 1977 as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor in 1983, professor in 1988, and Cincinnati Conference Professor of Zoology in 2001. He continues to hold that appointment.

Burt’s latest scholarly work is *The Art and Science of Alexander Wilson: The Father of American Ornithology*. “My students and I, and many other ornithologists, attended and presented at meetings of the Wilson Ornithological Society, but most of us didn’t really know much about Wilson himself,” Burt says. “Unlike Audubon, who was an artist, Wilson was a poet and weaver in Scotland before coming to the United States, and he taught himself to paint so he could illustrate the birds he discussed. His nine-volume book, *American Ornithology*, was the first American scientific treatise. And because of an American embargo, it was the first truly American book. For the

“I have been privileged to collaborate with and teach some remarkable students, but I hope I have also helped some struggling students find themselves and realize their passion—even if it is outside science.”



first time, the paints, the paper, the print font, and everything else were produced in the United States because nothing could be imported from England. ”

During the course of his research, Burt uncovered six Wilson sketches in Paisley, Scotland, that were unknown to exist. “Most of the others are easy to find because they’re at Harvard. Wilson didn’t start to sketch until he was in the United States; it’s possible he sent these sketches back to his family, so no one else knew about them.”

Beyond his scholarly pursuits, Burt’s professional activity is prodigious. Just a sampling of his accomplishments includes:

- ☞ Delivering 115 presentations at national and international scientific meetings and writing 52 research papers, with four more in preparation.
- ☞ Writing four books, in addition to the Wilson text.
- ☞ Serving as president of the American Ornithologists’ Union, the most prestigious ornithological society in the western hemisphere.
- ☞ Receiving 16 research grants for more than \$3MM, and three equipment grants, which allowed Ohio Wesleyan to purchase its first scanning electron microscope and now to replace it with a new scanning transmission electron microscope.
- ☞ Receiving the President’s Award from the Ohio Alliance for the Environment for leadership in working with the public to evaluate Ohio’s environmental problems.
- ☞ Winning OWU’s Bishop Herbert Welch Award for Excellence in Teaching.



“My career has been guided by this [OWU] community.”



Clockwise from top: 1. On an alumni trip in Belize, Kelly Callwell Watkins '95, Jean Koepeke, daughter Melora, and Burt. 2. Burt visiting Fulbright Scholar Kristen Lear '11 last year during her bat research experience in Texas. 3. Burt with Melanie Hill '05 and friend, doing research in Louisiana.

And countless other mentions, recognitions, and honors.

What is most interesting in Burt's extensive list of achievements, however, is how often he has shared them with students. Of those 115 presentations, 53 of them were co-presented with different students. Of his 52 research papers, 24 were co-authored with his students. The research grants included stipends for 89 students. In his teaching statement for the Professor of the Year program, Burt wrote, "As I introduce each student to professional science, I want them to understand how to do science, but also how to obtain funding for their scientific interests. I show them how to take their ideas and turn them into successful research projects. Along the way, we become colleagues and, often, co-authors. ... I fulfill my dream of sharing the pursuit of science when I work closely with a student to realize his or her dream."

Burt feels lucky to have had many, many bright students who were intensely knowledge-driven and passionate about science, but he also takes a special delight in working with

non-majors who learn to acknowledge the importance of science. "I want persons in other professions to have a genuine appreciation of what the process of science is and how elegant good science can be. It's a challenge to stay ahead of the great science students, but it's especially rewarding to deal with students who initially don't 'get it,' but then suddenly break through."

Burt's mother, grandmothers, and a grandfather were teachers, and he feels he was called to the profession. "If I were to start over in college, I would do the same. I can't imagine any other life. I'm so privileged to be a part of the lives of my colleagues and a trusted confidant to several generations of students." His students return the affection. When the latest honor was announced, comments from students and former students included:

"What a wonderful honor for a true scholar and a remarkable human being."

"So thrilled for Dr. Burt! I was honored to return to the Galapagos with him in 2006, 20 years after my first trip with him. He was a wonderful guide and teacher."

“Thank you to my colleagues and all the students for nurturing me. I appreciate that you have let me be a part of your lives. You have been my life. Thank you for a wonderful life.”

"Wow! Finally recognized for all he has done over the years. He has been my inspiration and friend for over 30 years since my undergraduate days. Congratulations, Jed!"

"Certainly well-deserved. Jed was a great mentor."

Adds President Rock Jones, "[Jed] changes lives every day—and at Ohio Wesleyan, we have the privilege of watching him do it."

The entire Ohio Wesleyan family concurs. Well done, Jed!

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CHARTING A



GLOBAL COURSE

By Pam Besel

Morten Arntzen '77 introduces several members of the OSG board of directors to the captain, while on tour of the TI Africa, one of the largest crude oil tankers in the world. The vessel has since been converted to a floating storage and off-loading vessel.

In today's world, no one nation can be self-sufficient. What happens on economic, political, and environmental fronts in one country impacts numerous others. No one knows this better than Morten Arntzen '77, President and CEO of Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG), the largest U.S. shipping company operating worldwide—and biggest mover of crude oil in the world.

Morten Arntzen was just four years old when he and his family immigrated to the United States on the M/S Bergensfjord from Oslo, Norway. He remembers, to this day, sailing past the Statue of Liberty as he was about to start his new life in Rye, New York.

During high school, Arntzen played soccer, a good thing for Ohio Wesleyan, because it was a longtime friend of his, George MacGlennon '76, an OWU soccer player, who urged Arntzen to come to OWU.

Besides the soccer possibilities, Arntzen really wanted to attend a smaller school, where he could work closely with his professors and learn how to learn, he says. Shortly thereafter, Arntzen enrolled at OWU. He double majored in politics and government and history, and followed in MacGlennon's footsteps as captain of the University's soccer team, coached by Fred Myers. Both started on the team that took third in the NCAA Championship in 1975.

It was that very opportunity to interact with his professors, as well as his decision to live in Bashford Hall's Intercultural Center, that opened Arntzen's eyes further to world issues and current events—and bolstered his inclination to pursue a master's degree in international studies at Columbia University, where he went immediately after graduating from OWU.

"I remember that Corinne Lyman (professor emerita of politics and government) organized a group of five of us to discuss all the works of Henry Kissinger," says Arntzen. He recalled getting welcome writing help from Lyman and another history professor, Robert Shimp. And while he never actually took a course with Libby Reed (HON '91), renowned professor emerita of English, Arntzen sought and received her assistance with his essay for graduate school.

After Columbia, he embarked on a banking career with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company and was very quickly put to work analyzing the global shipping industry. "Everyone assumed that as a Norwegian, I knew about the shipping industry," says Arntzen, laughing. At the age of 26, he was sent to the Oslo office to be an account officer for shipping and energy



Morten Arntzen '77, President and CEO of Overseas Shipholding Group.

Headquartered in New York, the company is one of the world's biggest movers of crude oil, refined petroleum products, and liquefied natural gas. More than three-quarters of OSG's 4,000 employees work on ships, while the remainder of the on-shore staff are working out of offices in Newcastle, London, Athens, Manila, Singapore, Montreal, Tampa, Doha, and Houston. The company has 111 ships on the water today all over the globe, and four new ships are being built in South Korea and China.

Sporting names such as Overseas... Rosalyn, Fran, London, and Aegean Wave, to name but a few, OSG's fleet includes crude oil tankers that are medium, large, and very large in size, (Afamax, Panamax, Suezmax, and VLCC/Very Large Crude Carrier) and transport anywhere from 500,000 to 3,200,000-plus barrels of crude oil. OSG is, in fact, the only major tanker company with a significant International and U.S. Flag fleet.

companies. Then, with the shipping industry in a crisis across the globe, he returned to New York in 1984 to set up and run the bank's Global Shipping Group. Among his clients then was the CEO of the CY Tung Group, Tung Chee-hwa, who later served as the first chief executive officer of Hong Kong after it was returned to the Chinese in 1997. Arntzen helped restructure and preserve Tung's shipping empire, which today thrives as Orient Overseas Container Line, Hong Kong's biggest shipping enterprise.

After three years restructuring shipping companies all over the globe, Arntzen spent five years in London for the bank, with ultimate responsibility for the northern half of Europe. He then ran the Global Transportation business of Chemical Bank, following its merger with Manufacturers Hanover, and then the same position at Chase Manhattan Bank following its merger with Chemical Bank. He then left the banking world to run a small financial boutique, American Marine Advisors (AMA), which advised and invested in the shipping industry worldwide, and ran a successful restructuring process. Arntzen then was recruited to become CEO of Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG), the largest U.S. shipping company and a market leader in

global transportation of energy products. Arntzen mentions his varied roles as head cheerleader and coach, reporting routinely to shareholders, meeting with investors, politicians, legislators, and customers. And at the top of the priority list for Arntzen is hiring the right people at OSG and giving each employee the opportunity to continually learn and advance.



During a trip to Dalian Shipbuilding in China, Arntzen listens to a translation of the steel-cutting process under way on several new OSG ships.

“The last three years, we put the equivalent of one small commercial water bottle’s worth of oil in the water from all of our ships.”

Discussing the goals and business growth strategies of a company that generated more than \$1 billion dollars in revenue last year in an economically challenged world economy, Arntzen puts it in simple terms.

“I want our company to be the best and most valuable energy transportation company in the world,” he says. For Arntzen and his employees, that translates to operating the safest, cleanest, and most reliable fleet of ships in the industry.

“The last three years, we put the equivalent of one small commercial water bottle’s worth of oil in the water from all of our ships,” says Arntzen proudly. Controlling his company’s environmental footprint also means consistently traveling at a ship’s optimal speed to save fuel and doing whatever is necessary to reduce fuel consumption, and through that, carbon emissions. Being stalwart environmental stewards and operating within the shipping

industry’s comprehensive global regulatory network is integral to all who are part of the OSG corporate culture.

“Last year’s Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico only reinforced for me the importance to shipping companies of having high-quality in-house technical management,” says Arntzen. “Over the past five years, we have built and maintained a strong “Do It Right” safety culture in our fleet for which we never take shortcuts or sacrifice safety, and never make economic decisions that may increase the risk of accidents or injuries.” Indeed, it was one of OSG’s shuttle tankers that assisted with the BP oil spill cleanup, Arntzen shares, “because of our modern equipment and our expertise to perform.”

Being the best in the industry when the economy is the worst it has been in 40 years means, for Arntzen, continuing the same corporate strategies—operating the cleanest, safest, and most reliable fleet in the industry—

while looking for new market possibilities, such as in the ultra-deep waters of the Gulf. It also means always being ready for the unexpected.

“We are an American company impacted by [Somali] pirates, but we’ve not had a ship taken yet,” says Arntzen. Still, it is one of those nasty scenarios that keeps him awake at night. OSG crews take every precaution, but, says Arntzen, “It’s an enormous ocean and piracy is on the rise.” Two OSG ships have been approached recently by pirate ships.

“Our strategy is to stay in contact with the military and let them know where we are and from them where the mother ships are,” he says. “We spend \$60,000 on fuel per ship each day, running at full speed when we are in pirate-occupied areas, so that they can’t approach us.” While security teams are aboard each vessel and razor wires are utilized, confrontations must be avoided.

With business-related travel that takes Arntzen around the world more than 120 days during the year, he also serves on the boards of OSG, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. (on the audit committee, and environment safety and security committee), the Maine Maritime Academy, and the Seaman’s Church Institute in New York and New Jersey.

“One of the keys to our [company’s] success is that we hire the right employees—people with integrity, and who have a desire to keep learning as well as the ability to operate across the globe,” says Arntzen. For the oceans of the world connect all people and cultures, with unlimited possibilities for increased understanding and stronger global relationships.

“I’ll soon have a business meeting in Hong Kong, along with people from Greece, Italy, China, Norway, and Belgium,” says Arntzen, adding that “Ohio Wesleyan helped prepare me for the smaller world we live in today. Thanks to the enormous help and patience from the OWU faculty I came in touch with, I learned how to write, and I learned the importance of thinking and acting globally.”

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Arntzen (seated left) and Zhu Xinqiang, vice chairman of CEXIM (seated right) signed on the dotted line at the office of the Export-Import Bank of China in Beijing. The credit agreement was the first extended to a U.S.-based company.

Building Leaders with Leader

“LeaderShape pushes students to listen actively; learn about themselves; discover their passions, characteristics, and behaviors; and experiment with their personalities.”

— Holly Gilbert '12

SHARIF KRONEMER '12 BELIEVES THAT “A LEADER CAN BE ANYBODY, AND EVERYONE CAN BE A LEADER.”

But not all college students are, as he is, athletes, campus leaders, and academic all-stars. Kronemer, who is a neuroscience major and philosophy minor; president of the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs; and co-chair of OWU's Healthy Bishops, a campus initiative dedicated to the health and fitness of the community, attended a LeaderShape national conference during the summer of 2010. Then, heading into his junior year at OWU, he found new ideas and inspiration as well as challenges to the traditional definition of what it means to be a leader.

LeaderShape, a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 to encourage young adults to be leaders, is an annual program lasting six days. It teaches undergraduates to possess “a healthy disregard for the impossible,” says Dean of Students Kimberlie Goldsberry. “We choose several students who display leadership qualities within the OWU community and offer them the opportunity to attend national conferences during the summer.”

“LeaderShape taught me how to be an active listener, make eye contact, and truly be present during a conversation,” says senior Holly Gilbert '12, who is co-captain of the women's swim team, co-chair of the President's Ball committee, and vice president of education for Kappa Alpha Theta. “If one listens, one can process the information and accomplish what needs to be done. Each day built off of the previous one and Day One started off with introductions and establishing a vision or a goal to work toward.” Gilbert explains that the program starts out broadly. “For instance, my vision was literacy, but I whittled that down to children's literacy, and then narrowed that down to a specific plan of action. I wanted to have children write stories and send them overseas to other children who don't have access to books.”

LeaderShape assists students by defining what they believe in, discovering their motivations, helping them understand how to communicate, and pushing the limits of their expectations. Nancy Rutkowski, assistant director of student involvement, defines a leader as someone with energy around a vision, with the motivation and

know-how to see that vision to the end. Rutkowski reaches out to administrators across OWU's campus and recruits students to attend these conferences. “It's important to be open and truly immerse yourself in the program,” she says.

Those who attend learn that the program builds a network—a community of student leaders—who take the benefits of the program back to their home campuses throughout the nation. The curriculum for these conferences stays the same, but the groups of students change with each conference. Goldsberry explains that there are more than 60 LeaderShape conferences held on university campuses and eight national sessions each summer. During the past two years, Ohio Wesleyan has sent four and six students to the national conferences.

The impact this program has on students and instructors alike is phenomenal. “The value is a little bit different for each person based on where they are with their own leadership skills in their developmental journey,” says Goldsberry. “Some may take away new discoveries about their own leadership style, feel more empowered, and begin to understand themselves better as they strive

Shape

By *Brittney Graham '12*



L-R: Guanyi Yang '13 and Holly Gilbert '12 with friends at a recent LeaderShape conference.

to create positive changes. Others may come away with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a part of a greater group, cause, or organization. Oftentimes they can really move their organizations. Almost uniformly, students come away with an experience in a very safe and supportive community that they rarely have experienced before, which leads them to understand that it is possible to create that environment, and that inspires them to contribute to a supportive and safe environment for all people.”

Holly Gilbert smiles as she reflects on the impact of LeaderShape on her leadership style. “I feel like I learned a lot about myself as a leader and what works best with my leadership personality. Different personalities need different things. I learned about what mattered

to me and what values were important in defining what I believe in. I am using many things that I learned from attending the conference, such as communicating clearly, active listening, and pushing for open-minded discussions.”

Kronemer returned from the LeaderShape workshop with new insights into what it means to lead. “I learned that there is no set definition of a leader. I came back and actively involved myself with Healthy Bishops. I came back and wanted to make WCSA a center point of productivity and progress. LeaderShape inspired me to be a leader in a unique way and to inspire others to be leaders themselves. It really changed the dynamic of how organizations run. I’d like to bring organizations together across the Ohio

Wesleyan campus.”

Craig Ullom, vice president of student affairs, is pleased with the students’ responses. “LeaderShape is a wonderful program that provides students with exceptional opportunities to develop their leadership capacities in the context of a personal vision. The highly positive feedback we continue to receive from OWU student participants underscores the value of the LeaderShape experience.”

LeaderShape has had such an enormous impact that Goldsberry and Rutkowski collaborated with other universities such as Ohio Dominican, Capital, Otterbein, The College of Wooster, Wittenberg, Kenyon, and Denison, to host a LeaderShape conference in central Ohio. Rutkowski and six students, in fact, applied for a Theory-to-Practice Grant in 2010.

“We were over the moon when we were awarded the grant,” says Goldsberry. “It was extremely validating that the University was supportive.” Due to economic circumstances, there weren’t enough collaborators to contribute this year. The funds that were allotted for hosting the LeaderShape conference will be dedicated to sending more students to national LeaderShape conferences this summer.

“We will certainly continue to have a vision of hosting a LeaderShape event sometime in the future. It just may take a little longer than we hoped.”

Brittney Graham is an English major at OWU and student intern for the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine.



By Amanda Zechiel '09

THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD:
A Vision of Hope

COULD THE GREATEST MOVEMENTS FOR CHANGE THAT OUR WORLD WILL EVER SEE BEGIN IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM? NIDA ALAVI '05 ANSWERS WITH A RESOUNDING YES. AND ALAVI DOESN'T JUST BELIEVE IT; SHE'S DEDICATED TO MAKING IT A REALITY.

A freelance educator in Pakistan, Alavi also volunteers as the leader of the country's Design for Change program. An international organization, Design for Change began in India and is rooted in the idea that children can truly change the world. When the program first expanded globally last year, Alavi knew she had to get involved.

"Essentially, Design for Change invites school children to design solutions to challenges that they face in their community," she explains. "The problems can be seemingly tiny to very large-scale. Anything is fair game." Indeed, problems have ranged from flood victims in need of assistance to issues of maintenance around the school. Student groups at participating schools ask questions and discuss why their chosen problem exists, and they brainstorm possible solutions. After deciding on the solution that can have the most impact in one week's time, the group spends a week working toward fixing the problem.

Finally, the students submit stories of change in the form of photos, videos, slideshows, and other presentations. The stories are judged by a Design for Change jury composed of leaders in areas such as social justice, education, and design, and winners are chosen in seven categories such as Easiest to Replicate, Maximum Potential, Quickest Impact, and more.

For Alavi, it's all about fostering engaged,

motivated youth who want to make a difference. "We know that what children experience at an early age sticks with them," she comments.

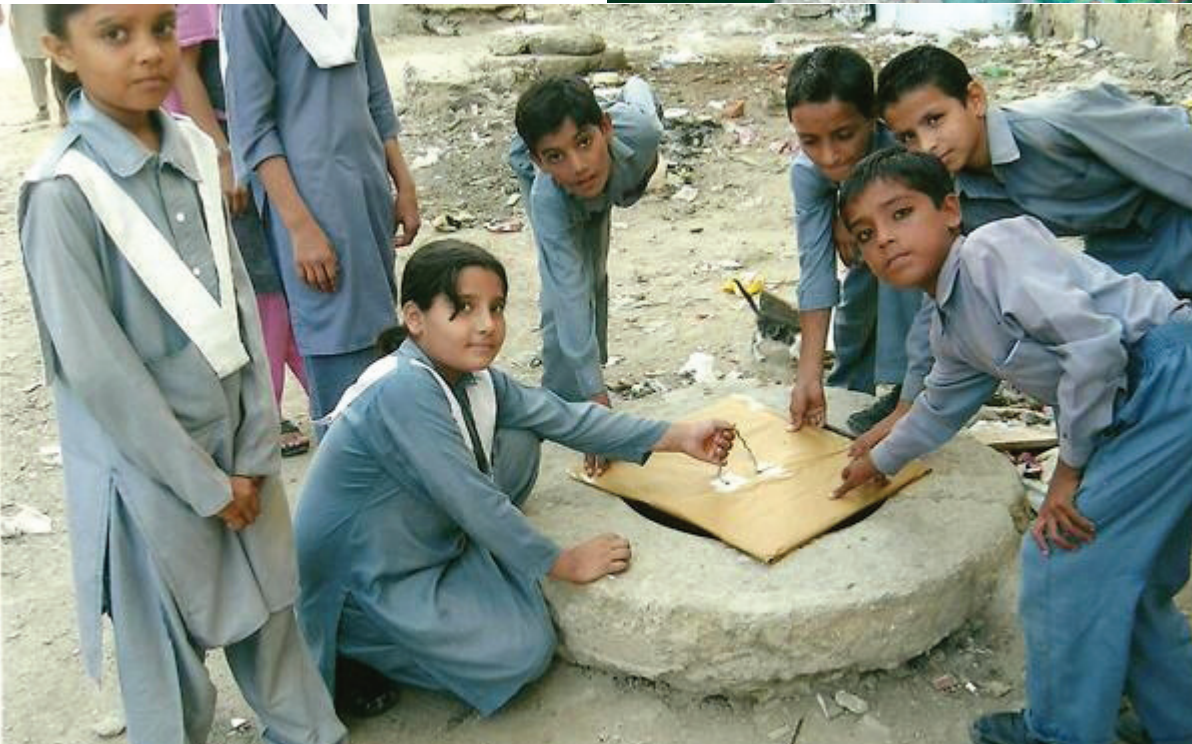
"We want to nurture a generation of children who are actively involved in coming up with solutions and not sitting around waiting for someone else to do it. And if we give them experiential learning from an early age, it will stay with them, and they will



Photo above: **Nida Alavi** (far right) with the core staff team at Design for Change Pakistan.

"IT'S THE STORIES OF CHANGE WE HEAR THAT MAKE IT ALL WORTH IT."

Left photo: **Pakistan children** are replacing and guarding manhole covers in the street.





Alavi (far right) is meeting with DFC teachers and students.

continue to be positive agents of change in their communities.”

Design for Change strives to be inclusive, with a diverse range of schools involved in the program.

“Public, private, urban, schools for children with disabilities—we really want everyone to be involved,” Alavi explains. And her knowledge of the participating schools is extremely personal, as her leadership role with Design for Change requires her to be the liaison between schools and the Core Team who help her to lead the initiative in Pakistan.

For Alavi, leadership in educating and developing young people is familiar ground. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. After taking a gap year in Karachi, Pakistan, to teach children with disabilities, she returned to the United States for graduate work at Vanderbilt University, receiving her M.Ed. in Special Education. Alavi then returned to Pakistan and has been training teachers and parents of young children for the past four years.

Alavi’s Ohio Wesleyan experience has proved invaluable to her leadership with Design for Change, as well as her career in education. “From mission trips to interfaith groups to community service and tutoring, OWU gave me a deep education and a

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sounding board for many ideas and opinions,” she recalls. “At OWU, you study with so many people who are passionate about so many different things, there never seemed an option to say that an idea couldn’t work or wasn’t valid.” But Alavi’s strong education also helped to prepare her for the challenges of leading Design for Change in Pakistan.

Uncertainties in the environment of the country are hard to ignore, she notes, and harsh realities such as flooding cause constant anxiety. At the same time, she’s charged with managing many volunteers and classroom partners—certainly a complicated task.

Still, the rewards of Design for Change always shine through. “It’s the stories of change we hear that make it all worth it,” she says. “I love how real and actionary this

initiative is. There have been other initiatives involving thinking or writing about a better Pakistan, but there haven’t been enough that go beyond the idea and then go out and implement it. What sets DFC apart is that we don’t stop at the idea.”

According to Alavi, Design for Change is particularly important to Pakistan at this time. “Pakistan is going through one of the toughest intersections in its history. We all feel that it’s imperative to nurture a young generation of Pakistanis who don’t think that change is insurmountable.”

And that’s just what Alavi is helping to do. It requires long hours, intense coordination, and great patience, but she is always up for the challenge.

“What it makes me realize is how much OWU stays with me,” she says. “I’ve been through a lot of things since my time in Delaware, but I always come back to the initiative it instilled in me: To believe in myself, in other people, and to keep believing in positive change for the world.”

To learn more about Design for Change, hear it straight from the children and teachers at www.bit.ly/pkhope

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African Artifacts Added to Museum Collection



It takes an artist to truly understand the importance of strengthening an art collection—especially one belonging to that artist’s college alma mater. So when painter Terrence LaNoue ’64 offered to give Ohio Wesleyan some of the African artifacts from his African, Oceanic, and pre-Columbian art collection, Justin Kronewetter listened with great interest.

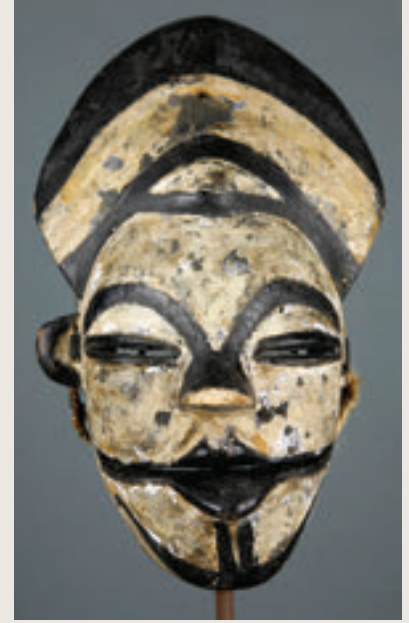
“The orientation of OWU’s Ross Art Museum Collection is primarily works on paper—mostly photographs and prints of all types” says Kronewetter, OWU fine arts professor and the museum’s director. As he thought more about his conversation with LaNoue, it seemed that OWU would indeed be an appropriate and welcoming home for the 15 artifacts being offered.

“Ohio Wesleyan emphasizes reaching out globally by encouraging students to engage in study opportunities beyond the continental United States,” says Kronewetter, mentioning that he also had met with a cross section of several professors and administrators early on to discuss how these artifacts would be utilized in educational pursuits. “Part of our [museum] mission



is to have items in our collection that will be of educational value, not only to people in the fine arts department, but campus wide. We’ve recently acquired works by Native American, African American, and Hispanic artists, and we have a reasonable collection of works representing Asian cultures. All of those works have helped form the core of the non-Western art holdings which are worthy of being recognized as significant components of the museum’s permanent collection.

To secure the donation, Kronewetter assured LaNoue that the artifacts would be made available to more than art students alone. And he promised that the objects would not be squirreled away in the museum’s archives, but made available to a broad group of students as well as other



members of the campus community as soon as appropriate display cases are available. Students of Fine Arts Professor Carol Neuman de Vegvar recently observed and wrote papers about several of the artifacts that are currently displayed on pedestals and in newly constructed cases located in the Ross Art Museum.

“This is a remarkable and wide-ranging collection of art—mostly from West Africa and Nigeria—dating back to the 19th and early 20th centuries,” says Neuman de Vegvar, who teaches an array of art history courses at OWU. Many of the pieces, she says, are made from biodegradable material, and therefore won’t last for great lengths of time.

“We see different media specific to various cultures,” says Neuman de Vegvar. Masks, a grave marker, standing figures, and terra cotta heads are prevalent pieces of this collection.

“I am hopeful that people will soon come to recognize that these acquisitions are important additions to the collection and consistent with OWU’s mission,” says Kronewetter.

Pam Besel is Director of Internal Communication and Editor of the OWU Magazine.

THE 1842 SOCIETY

WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

For the Ohio Wesleyan family—plenty, if the numbers are 1 8 4 2, the year in which the University was founded. Preserving that heritage and dedication to higher learning—members of The 1842 Society are putting their money where their hearts are. The only membership criterion is that alumni and friends give \$1,842 or more to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund. Here is what some of our members have to say.

“Why am I part of The 1842 Society? One simple reason: Legacy. Not because my father, Barry '59, also is an alumnus, but the legacy we leave to those who follow begins with what we give. *A dear friend of mine taught me something while I was a student at OWU: 'What I have, I have lost. What I give, I will have forever.'*”

DAVID LIVINGSTON '94
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

“Ohio Wesleyan has had a profound impact on my life. It has shaped me to become the person that I am today and who I want to be in the future. I know that all of my experiences at OWU have equipped me well for the real world. I also feel that I have a responsibility to give back to my alma mater because it has given me so much, and I want to allow other students the opportunity to have the many wonderful experiences that I had while at OWU.”

JEFFREY THONGSAWATH '10
Groveport, Ohio

Ed. Note: OWU's young alumni graduating during the last decade have an opportunity to contribute \$100 for each year they have been out of college—a great stepping stone for developing both patterns for and increased giving to Ohio Wesleyan.

“I joined the Parents Council mostly because I am impressed with President Rock Jones and would like to help with his agenda. I want to have a natural avenue to meet parents of other OWU students, especially those who live near us. *I would like to contribute to the school that my son, Andrew, is attending and be knowledgeable about what is going on at OWU.*”

MICHAEL FEAGLEY
Lake Forest, Illinois

“I am a Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive surgeon. I enjoy what I do and it allows me to help patients, which is personally rewarding. I am inspired by my wife, Lisa; my son, Kendall; and my daughter, Olivia. I also am inspired by my father and brother who graduated from OWU and encouraged me to go there. By my donations to OWU, *I feel like I'm giving back for the many great offerings and encouragement I received from the faculty and staff at Ohio Wesleyan. I love the opportunity to participate in The 1842 Society, again, in memory of my father, as well as the opportunity to 'give back.'*”

JOHN W. DERR '75 MD FACS
Goshen, Kentucky

“Returning to campus is inspiring for me. Meeting the students and hearing the stories about spring break mission trips, seeing the preservation of historic buildings on campus while creating environmentally friendly buildings like the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center, and listening to Rock Jones envision Ohio Wesleyan's future, inspire me and encourage my involvement. While at OWU, I spent a good portion of my time involved with Kappa Kappa Gamma, and it was through a blind date at Kappa that I met my husband, John, during my senior year. Supporting Ohio Wesleyan financially is important on many levels. *As a student, I received financial aid and wouldn't have been able to attend without it. My giving a gift to Ohio Wesleyan allows yet another student to have an opportunity to experience all that this school has to offer.* The academic opportunities that now incorporate travel and real-life experiences are invaluable in educating today's generation, and Ohio Wesleyan's programs grow every year. In my role on the Alumni Board, I have met students on campus who have been involved in athletics, WCSA, as class president, in Greek life, and in the Chaplain's office, and they are truly impressive. We feel fortunate to be part of the continuing story at Ohio Wesleyan.”

SHEILA PLECHA '84
Rochester, Michigan

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TOWER SOCIETY TALK

“We wanted to try to give back as best we could.”

David Papoi '65 and Patricia Frasher Papoi '66



The Papois with the OWU Bishop

IT BEGAN AS A DISCUSSION AROUND THE DINNER TABLE DECADES AGO WHEN THE NOW-GRANDPARENTS WERE JUST BEGINNING TO PLAN THEIR FUTURE. “How can we give back to the University that educated us, helped shape us, and ultimately may educate our daughter?” asked David Papoi '65 and Patricia “Pat” Frasher Papoi '66.

But it wasn't until 1988 when the Papois were touring colleges with their daughter, Kristin Papoi '94, that they more seriously pondered the legacy they wanted to leave. “We had wills previously that were oriented toward the concerns of younger people,” says Dave, who spent his career at Procter & Gamble. “But now that we were older people, we wanted to look at our legacy. We wanted to try to give back as best we could.”

The Papois established a charitable trust, and in their estate and financial planning also decided to leave a portion of their wealth to Ohio Wesleyan. That choice made them members of OWU's Tower Society, established in 1990 to recognize alumni and friends who include OWU in their estate plans. There are more than 460 living members of the society.

Admittedly, the Papois say they were on a 20-year hiatus from the University—from their graduation until their daughter began

her college search—busy with childrearing and working. But they quickly realized it wasn't too late to be involved. Walking around campus in 1988, and looking now through the eyes of parents and alums, Dave and Pat suddenly saw all the good things OWU had going on.

“With our daughter as a student, we were on the Parent Council, and that was a very good way for us to see the workings of the University,” says Pat, who is retired from McAlpin's department store in Cincinnati. “The more we saw, the more we liked.”

Being a member of Tower Society means you have included Ohio Wesleyan in your estate planning. Perhaps you have agreed leave a percent of your assets to the University, or you have identified a lump sum to set aside for OWU. The Papois believe that we all have a role to play. And to them, OWU is at the top of their list.

“Don't feel bad because you haven't participated since the day you graduated,” says Dave, who is now a two-term Trustee and honorary chairperson of the Tower Society. “It is never too late. You don't need to be a millionaire. That's the wonderful thing about it.

“I would encourage someone who is young to think about joining,” Dave says. “You got something out of OWU, and it is time to give back. It would be a great shame to say you wanted to do something for OWU, but you were waiting until you retired. People never know when they

are going to die, and what if you don't make it to 60?”

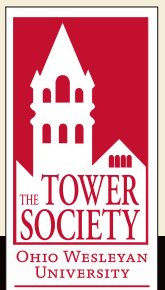
For Dave, one special OWU relationship has lasted more than four decades. Dave, a history major at OWU, has maintained a connection with his OWU advisor, Emeritus Professor of History Richard W. Smith. They see each other regularly and communicate through letters.

The Papois are grateful they rekindled their relationship with the University. “I have seen the struggles, triumphs, and defeats, and I have come away feeling as though this place really knows what it is doing,” Dave says.

Dave's involvement with OWU, particularly as a Trustee, has opened his eyes to the processes and decisions the University makes in raising and spending money. And he approves. “[OWU] is in the business of generating brilliant students, and it is doing a phenomenal job. We believe this is a great institution with a great president, provost, and faculty. These people are sacrificing a lot themselves to further the education of these students.”

To learn more about giving to Ohio Wesleyan, visit: <http://community.owu.edu/page.aspx?pid=356>

— Andrea Misko Strle '99



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LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

James DiBiasio '12: Leader, On and Off the Playing Field

THE DIBIASIO NAME HAS BEEN A FAMILIAR ONE AT OWU SINCE THE 1970s. James DiBiasio '12 is, in fact, the fifth member of his family to attend Ohio Wesleyan, and while he is following in his family's footsteps, James has been making his own mark as a leader, accomplished student, and star athlete during the past four years.

A physical education major, James is a varsity member and starter on the OWU Bishops baseball team. He was named NCAC Newcomer of the Year two years in a row and also serves as vice president and fraternity resident house director of Sigma Phi Epsilon. But one of his main passions is the Balanced Man Program, for which he is a board member. James helped to start the program, which focuses on teaching men to develop the

ideals of "sound mind, sound body." Run by members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the program is geared toward unaffiliated students and new fraternity members, helping them to build social skills, create resumes, and become aware of community outreach and partnerships opportunities.

"Ohio Wesleyan is what you make of it," says James. "There are plenty of opportunities for involvement." OWU, he says, taught him how to work hard for something—to set and reach goals that "I never thought were possible." Developing leadership skills has been important. James credits his father, Tony '74, as being the one who helped James achieve the mindset he has now. "My dad always encouraged me to work hard for what I want, whether it is

baseball, my academic life, or extra-curricular pursuits," he says.

"It is important for coaches and players to be successful leaders, either by being vocal or leading by example," says James. He takes time to map out his schedule weekly and daily. He thinks about the legacy he'll leave at OWU when he graduates this May.

"I hope I've been able to have some impact on the younger players on my team and other fraternity members, and I hope I can be a teacher or a positive role model after college, leading by example and through good work ethic," he says.

Rebekah Tompkins '14

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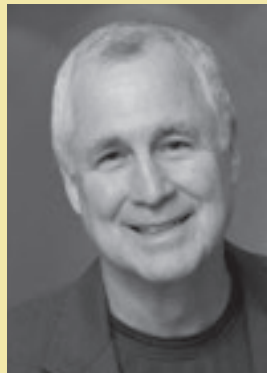
Sally Christiansen Harris '76

Sally Christiansen Harris '76 graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a major in theater. The first decade after graduation, she worked in public relations and marketing for various organizations in the metro New York area, all the while staying active in the New York City OWU alumni group and the alumni admission program. She was elected to the OWU Alumni Board in 1984. During her second term, the Assistant Alumni Director position opened at OWU and she was hired. Eventually she became Director of Alumni Relations. While on campus, Sally served as an administrative representative for the student government, was on the judicial appeals board, and was an advisor to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. In 1998, she moved back to Greenwich, Connecticut, and married Mike Harris. For the first five years, she continued working for Ohio Wesleyan as the admission representative in Connecticut, as well working with the Alumni and Development offices. Most recently she was capital campaign director for The Greenwich Country Day School, where she was the staff person responsible for a successful \$50 million capital campaign. As a volunteer, she has been involved in many local organizations including the Junior League of Greenwich and Greenwich United Way, where she chaired the annual campaign for two years and served as the chairman of the G UW board of directors. She received the Spirit of Greenwich award for volunteerism, and she and husband Mike were honored as Citizens of the Year by the Greenwich Rotary. Sally has many Ohio Wesleyan alumni relatives including three sets of aunts and uncles, numerous cousins, and her sister, Karin (Christiansen '69), and brother-in-law, Scott '68 Fowler.



Edward E. Haddock, Jr. '69

Edward E. Haddock, Jr. '69 (incumbent) graduated with a B.A. in English literature and Economics from Ohio Wesleyan. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1972 and is Co-Chairman and CEO of Full Sail University. Ed is a member of the Florida and Virginia Bars and the American Bar Association; National Finance Committee Chair, Obama for President; Co-Chair of the Obama Inauguration Committee; Entrepreneurial Board, Rollins College Crummer Graduate School of Business; Orlando Advisor of the International Justice Mission; Executive Board member of the Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America; Trustee of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce; Founding Trustee of Global Pastors Network; and is a member of the Board of Directors of Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government. Ed is a former student body president at OWU and member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.



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A Champion for OWU

FOR DAVID GRIFFITHS '51, LOVE CAME IN MANY FORMS.

Love of his home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio; of baseball; of the Republican Party; of his career in law; and unparalleled love for his close-knit family. His love of Ohio Wesleyan University, however, was one like no other, and one that defined much of his life. It is no surprise, then, that the news of David's passing on September 25, 2011, brought a deep wave of sadness to the Ohio Wesleyan community.

David was truly a dear and lifelong friend of OWU. Graduating in 1951, he received his law degree in 1956 from Case Western Reserve and practiced law in Chagrin Falls through the end of his life.

While notably dedicated to his career, David always made time to support and participate

beyond these measures. For him, loving OWU was a way of life—and no one knew this better than his family. The OWU legacies in his family include two daughters and two granddaughters who share his deep love for the University. They recall the huge role OWU played in their lives and the example David set for them.

"Above all, Dad's ongoing involvement with OWU set the example for our family on how to be a loyal supporter of something you have benefitted from," explains David's daughter Karen (Griffiths) Leary '78.

Indeed, David's loyalty to OWU has been a staple of the family's life. As granddaughter Sarah Bruno '10 puts it, "Not many people have the level of passion that Grandpa did—about anything! As soon as he started talking about OWU, his face just lit up. And the day I told him



David Griffiths '51

Jones offered a eulogy, commenting: "One of our faculty members, a native of Chagrin Falls, commented to me that it seems as if his entire class knew Dave, if Facebook chatter is any measure of social relationships."

Mark Shipps '70, special assistant to Jones and a friend of David's, knows well David's close relationship to OWU. "David raised money, he recruited students, he organized events, he helped fellow alums find jobs and homes, and he was Mr. Ohio Wesleyan in Northeast Ohio. I often wonder how he did it all. David treated his OWU family like members of his own family—with care, grace, integrity, warmth, and genuine affection," he says.

Indeed, the loss of a true Ohio Wesleyan family member such as David merits a moment of deep gratitude and remembrance for all that OWU meant to him—and all that he meant to OWU. Words may inadequately describe the pulse that flowed between OWU and David Griffiths, but one thing is clear: Ohio Wesleyan University was one of the great loves of David's life. And that's not something to be taken for granted, as Mark Shipps is sure to note. "Another David Griffiths may come along some day," he says, "but I doubt it."

— Amanda Zechiel '09 is a freelance writer in Columbus, Ohio.



L-R: Karen Griffiths Leary '78, Kim Leary '09, Sarah Bruno '10, David Griffiths '51, and Gwen G. McCuaig '85.

in the OWU community. He served OWU in many official capacities: as a respected member of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2003 and then as a Life Trustee from 2004 until his death. He also served on the Alumni Board and as past Chair of the Ohio Wesleyan Associates. His financial support of OWU was consistently generous, leaving a lasting impact on the campus community.

To David, however, loving OWU went

I would be attending, too? I've never seen him smile that big." Granddaughter Kim Leary '09 agrees, adding that "all Grandpa wanted was for the entire family to have the same great OWU experience that he did."

David's family was the number one thing in his life, but they're quick to note that Ohio Wesleyan was always a close second. "OWU was a family unto itself for him," Sarah says. At David's memorial service, OWU President Rock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown. To RSVP for an event, please visit www.owualumni.com or call (740) 368-3325.

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

FEBRUARY

February 2 — West Palm Beach, FL
Alumni Luncheon, Marriott West Palm Beach

February 3 — Sarasota, FL
Alumni Luncheon at The Field Club

February 4 — Naples, FL
Alumni Luncheon at Quail Creek Country Club

February 9 — Cleveland, OH
Alumni Reception and featured speakers Bob DiBiasio '77 & Jim Henke '76 at the Union League Club of Cleveland

February 10-11 — On Campus
OWU Mock Convention Alumni and parents urged to participate! Contact Irena Pandzic at atimpandzi@owu.edu or check on the Mock Convention website at <http://mock2012.owu.edu>

February 16 — Boston, MA
Reception and discussion with Dr. Ezra Vogel '50.

February 16 — New York, NY
Book signing event with Professor Sean Kay at Fordham University

MARCH

March 20 — On Campus
Columbus Monnett Club—Evening at Pritchard House, featuring Jed Burt and several of his students

March 23-25 — On Campus
FIJI Pig Dinner

March 30-April 1 — On Campus
Parents Leadership Council

APRIL

April 10 — Grove City, OH
Quarterly Bishops Service Night at Mid-Ohio Foodbank

April 21 — Westerville, OH
Columbus Monnett Club—Central College and the Underground Railroad

April 19-21 — On Campus
Alumni Board of Directors

April 20-22 — On Campus
Phi Union

MAY

May 18-20 — On Campus
Alumni Weekend 2012

May 26 — On Campus
2nd Annual Marv Fry 5K for Team OWU

JUNE

June 15-16 — Greenwich, CT
Audubon program with Professor Jed Burt

SEPTEMBER

September 28-30 — On Campus
Parents & Family Weekend

OCTOBER

October 26-28 — On Campus
Homecoming 2012

For event information go to:
www.owualumni.com/events

SAVE THE DATE:

25th Cluster Reunion for the classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989 during Homecoming 2013.

Keep your eyes open for events coming to the Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; and Nashville, TN, areas, spring of 2012!

We are also planning several **"Election 2012"** events featuring OWU Politics & Government Professor Craig Ramsay.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS FOR HERITAGE DAY 2012!

Each year Heritage Day honors an aspect of Ohio Wesleyan's rich history. Heritage Day 2012 will focus on the places that students have liked on campus, and the Heritage Day Committee is looking for photos of on-campus living spaces that are especially memorable to OWU alumni. Photos will be accepted throughout the 2011-12 school year in an effort to collect photos that capture each stunning season. Photos can be taken indoors or out and may include people. If you have some great shots, send your photos to heritageday@owu.edu with a short description that includes the OWU residence building featured in the photo. Selected photos will be featured in the 2012 Heritage Day book.

CLASS NOTES

1942

Ruthanne Huff Trutner recently was inducted into the Highland County, Ohio, Women's Hall of Fame. Ruthanne, while not originally from Highland County, has resided in the county for more than six decades. She served as a school teacher at McClain High School in Greenfield for many years. She began directing plays at the school while her daughters attended.



Albert B. Albrecht '48

1948

Albert B. Albrecht has been awarded a grant by The Association for Manufacturing Technology to place copies of his book *The American Machine Tool Industry—Its History, Growth & Decline* in the engineering libraries of 90 of the leading engineering colleges and universities in the United States. Albert is married to **Nancy Cecil Albrecht '47** and they live in Richmond, Indiana.

1949

Charles G. Cooper was honored in April 2010 by SHORE Community Services of Skokie, Illinois, for his 27 years of service to the organization's board of directors. Charles was honored with the Thomas & Lois Lloyd Humanitarian Award, which is named for the agency's founders. The award recognizes individuals who have shown an outstanding commitment to SHORE's mission of improving the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. Charles is a retired executive vice president from Washington National.

1956

Sue Goetz Doody was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame in November 2011. Sue is the president and founder of Lindey's Restaurant, a well-known Columbus eating establishment. She also is the author of *As the Tables Turn: Biography of a Bistro*. Sue is a member the Central Ohio Workforce Board Investment Corporation and is chair of the Central Ohio Workforce Youth Council. She is secretary of the Franklin University board of trustees and member of the Ohio Cancer Research, Ohio Team; and the United Way-Women's Leadership Council.

1959

Carolyn Callenbach Nelson has been elected president of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC). Previously, Carolyn was the NFMC first vice president and vice president for the north central region. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.



Carolyn Callenbach Nelson '59



Humanitarian Award

Meridith Murray, SHORE's Board President, Charles Cooper '49, and his daughter, Marie, after Charles received the Thomas and Lois Lloyd Humanitarian Award.

1961

Paul J. Szaniszlo, professor emeritus, Section of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, The

University of Texas at Austin, was awarded the 2010 Rhoda Benham Award by the Medical Mycological Society of the Americas for Meritorious Contributions to Medical Mycology.

1962

David Jamieson received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Canadian General Counsel Awards in Toronto in June 2011. David joined J.D. Irving, Limited in Saint John, New Brunswick, as its chief legal officer in 1978. Today, he is executive vice president and secretary. David had spent the previous ten years in private practice with Dewey Ballantine in New York City and Peabody Brown in Boston.



OWU BATTLEPOINT PICNIC July 30, 2011

The event took place at **Tom Wenzlau '50** and **Nancy Allen Wenzlau's '50** cabin. It was attended by members of the Battlepoint Association. The banner is being held by **Katie Pappenhagen '13** and **Annie Pappenhagen '15**, both OWU students. *(Second Row, L to R):* **Ginny O'Grady Shipp's '70**, **Winnie Hansen Stephany '66**, **Val White Stultz '69**, **Paula Ruopp MacIvor '58**, **John Reed Hon. 2004**, **Libby Reed Hon. 1991**, **Nancy Allen Wenzlau '50**, and **Melissa Lollar Jones**. *(Back, L to R):* **Ron Stead (former Dean of Men)**, **Scott Stephany '92**, **Ron Stephany '66**, **Mark Shipp's '70**, **Buck Stultz '66**, **Jennifer Montgomery Burgess '94**, **Bob Montgomery '63**, **Kathy Wenzlau Comer '76**, **Frank Montgomery '66**, **Kathleen Montgomery '70**, **Shawna Scott Hewitt '98**, **Cameron Hewitt '98**, OWU President **Rock Jones**, and **Tom Wenzlau '50**.

Paul Schimmel, a biotech industry leader, has been named a member of the WaferGen Scientific Advisory Board by WaferGen Biosystems, a leading developer of state-of-the-art genomic analysis systems. Paul has been the Ernest and Jean Hahn Professor of Molecular Biology and Chemistry and a member of the Skaggs Institute for Chemical Biology at the Scripps Research Institute since 1997.

1963

Harry Faulkner celebrated a milestone on October 19, 2011, marking 45 years since he passed the bar and became a practicing attorney in 1966.

1965

Sandra J. Thompson's *Close-Ups*, winner of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, has been reprinted by University of Georgia Press. It was released October 1, 2011, and is also available online from amazon.com, bn.com and other retail websites. Thompson is a recipient of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation.

1967

Caren S. Goldman has published the book *Restoring Life's Missing Pieces: The Spiritual Power of Remembering & Reuniting with People, Places, Things & Self*. The book was published by SkyLight Paths in August 2011. For more information visit www.skylightpaths.com.

1968

Roy W. Kiefer recently concluded six years as a board member, executive committee member, and vice president of the Duke University Alumni Association. He received Duke University's 2006 Charles A. Dukes Award, which is Duke University's leading honor for alumni/volunteer service and leadership.

1969

William S. DeArment was the 2011 recipient of the coveted Winslow Award which was established by

the Economic Progress Alliance of Crawford County in Pennsylvania. William is the president and chief executive officer of Meadville's Channellock, Inc.

Robert M. Talcott Jr. has retired as president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries Erie, Huron, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties Inc. in Ohio, after heading the nonprofit agency for more than 13 years.

1971

Holly McKinney Kunkle and her husband, Steve, live in California in Ventura County, west of

MONNETT CLUB MEETS AT THE COLUMBUS ART MUSEUM

October 8, 2011

L to R front: **Carol Bowling '61**, **Sara McKinley '68**, **Wendy Johnson '74**, **June Moncur '49**, **Debbie Tavenner '77**, **Dusky Reider '51**, **Martha Noreault '66**, **Liz Long Downey '06**, **Carol Green '51**

L to R back: **Laura Bump '58**, **Jan Kisting '93**





Thetas Reunite

Four 1964 Kappa Alpha Theta members enjoyed a reunion in Stowe, Vermont. Pictured from left to right are: **Kay Zollar Miller**, **Karen Massie Purves**, **Kathy Newman Feld**, and **Kathe Law Rhinesmith**.

Los Angeles. She works as the lone library staff for a public elementary school that has become a science magnet school.

1974

Carol Harnois Potter has been named the new financial development and marketing director of the YMCA of Youngstown, Ohio.

1975

Melissa Moorhead Conrath retired as superintendent of Worthington City Schools, Ohio, this fall. Melissa has been in education for 36 years throughout Ohio. She served 11 years as superintendent at Big Walnut Local Schools in Galena before coming to Worthington. She received a master's degree from Bowling Green State University and earned a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

1976

Paula M. Kalamaras' company, Scribes Unlimited, LLC, recently added the new service of investment facilitating. After years of writing business plans, the company is now able to assist clients in locating funding sources for their projects and businesses. The company's fifth book, *The Savvy Guide to Digital Photography*, was published last fall. Paula can be reached at paulamari@adelphia.net.

R. Steven Kestner has been elected by the Cleveland Museum of Art's Board of Trustees as its next chairman. He will serve as a key representative in the community for the museum. He joined the board in 2004. Steven is the executive partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP.

1977

Robert "Bob" DiBiasio has been promoted to senior vice president of public affairs for the Cleveland Indians. Bob is in the midst of his 33rd season in Major League Baseball and 32nd with the Indians. He will maintain duties as primary Indians spokesperson and utilize three decades of experience as a resource to broadcasting, community outreach, sales, and communications efforts. He will continue his role as host of the popular Indians Alumni Roundtable show on STO.



CLEVELAND INDIANS GAME

August 11, 2011

(L to R) **Chris Hanus**, **Jesika Keener '09** and **Chris Meadows '10**.

SAN DIEGO ZOO • Summer 2011

(L to R) **Robert Brandt**, **Carole Fritts Wilson '64**, **Amanda Brumenschenkel '07**, **Gay Johnson Grossman '88**, **Lilly Grossman**, **Steve Grossman '87**, **David Chambliss**. *Not shown, but attended:* **Cheryl Bastian Alden '51**

1980

Jeanne R. Derber, O.D., is the only U.S. classifier for the International Paralympic Committee for visually impaired athletes. She evaluates the level of disability of blind athletes competing at international sporting events. Jeanne continues to be the vision consultant at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, a position she has held since 1988. She practices optometry in Colorado Springs.

1987

Terry V. Irving recently received a master's in education from Strayer University. He has been teaching for 23 years and currently is employed with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services in Rockville.

1988

Charlie Blanchard has been named the new head coach of the Bryant University men's golf program. Charlie is a six-time Rhode Island Golf Association Player of the Year and captured the R.I. Amateur Championship in 2002. He is a three-time United States Golf Association (USGA) sectional qualifier. Charlie played professional lacrosse as a member of the Boston Blazers from 1990 to 1997. He was inducted into the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

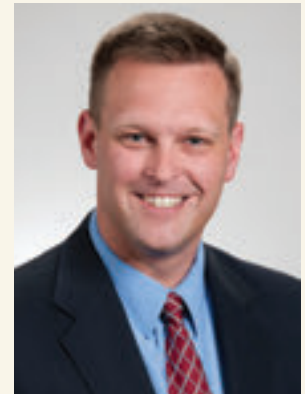
1990

Richard E. Fischer has been appointed by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS) to head its Indonesia securities business. Richard will head up RBS's securities entity and will also be responsible for enhancing RBS's strong client relationships with local Indonesian corporates. Richard joins RBS from TC

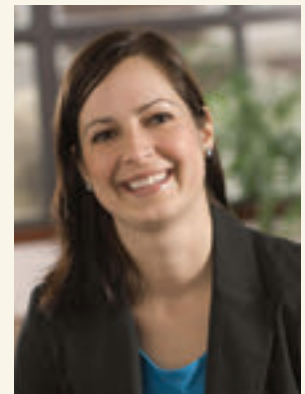




Delta Tau Delta Members of DTD fraternity gathered in June 2011 at the St. Michaels, Maryland, home of **Dick Hottel '58** and **Margie Keller Hottel '60**. The original 1958 pledge class had 22 members and 13 to 15 still turn up for their annual gathering. The group says the strong "Band of Brothers" celebrations also have strengthened its ties to OWU. Pictured are (back row, from left to right): **Charlie Brown '58, Bob Wilkinson '58, Bob Barnhouse '59, Roger Manton '58, Fred Rice '58, Mike Geehan '58, Jim McHolland '58, Bob Stevens '58, Bill Russell '58, and Vick French '60** (front row, from left to right): **Jack Batty '59, Jim Eickhoff '58, the late Jack "Spider" Benson '58, Dick Hottel '58, and Ed Whipps '58.**



Sean Harris '97



Jackie Lynn Hager '97

Capital, where he was a managing director since 2009. He also was a director at PT Indorub, an Indonesia plantation company. Before TC Capital, he was with Merrill Lynch for more than 12 years.

Alaska Heather Black Hults completed a master's of science at The Pennsylvania State University in August 2011. She is continuing her graduate studies at Penn State in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction through their doctoral program. Her research interests are in the activity of concept development in English Language Learners (ELL), how that activity can be mediated by Vygotskian-inspired pedagogies such as dynamic assessment and concept-based instruction, and how best to prepare student educators to work with ELLs.

1992

Katherine "Penny" Haskell McDowell has been named the new principal of Morrison-Gordon Elementary School in the Athens City School District, Ohio. McDowell received her master's in reading from Bowling Green State University and her master's in educational leadership from Antioch University Midwest in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She has worked as a classroom teacher of various subjects in different grade levels.

1993

Deydre Smyth Teyhen has been in the U.S.

Army for the last 18 years and recently became the commander of the Public Health Command Region-South. She is the first physical therapist to be given such an honor and only the second female lieutenant colonel to be asked to command this type of unit.

1995

Amy Murphy recently was named by the *Worcester Business Journal* among the top 40 under 40. After OWU, Amy attended the University of South Carolina where she received a master's in education and worked for a small liberal arts college. She came to Holy Cross to run the college's recruiting program. After two-and-a-half years, she was named the founding director of the college's summer internship program. In July 2010, she became the director of the career planning center.

Julie Kenney-Smith is the new principal at Etna Road Elementary School in Whitehall, Ohio. She spent seven years in the classroom teaching reading in the Cardington Public Schools in Morrow County, and as principal of St. Vincent de Paul School in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for five years. Most recently, Julie was the assistant principal at Licking Heights Middle School in Licking County.

1997

Jackie Lynn Hager became a partner in the law firm Carlile Patchen & Murphy in July 2011. She joined the firm in 2008. She concentrates on active real estate

tax litigation practice. Jackie received her law degree from Capital University Law School. She is a member of the Columbus, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Sean Harris recently was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America for 2012*. He is a partner with Kitrick, Lewis, & Harris Co., L.P.A. in Columbus, Ohio, where he focuses his practice on wrongful death, product liability, and personal injury litigation. He currently serves on the board of trustees of the Ohio Association for Justice and is a director of the Central Ohio Association for Justice.

Erin K. Ardale Koepfel and her husband, David Koepfel (Cornell, '98), live in Bethesda, Maryland, with their two daughters, Abby, 5, and Emma, 2. Erin is a partner at K&L Gates LLP in Washington, D.C.

Eric Nassau is teaching at the Columbus Children's Theatre and making music full time. He is planning to play a concert in Nairobi, Kenya, in March 2012. For details: www.reverbNation.com/ericnassauandfriends

1998

Sandra DeWitt Engle has earned her doctorate in physical therapy. Sandra has worked as a pediatric

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physical therapist at Texas Children's Hospital for the past nine years. She resides just south of Houston with her husband, Robb, and two girls, Addison, 6, and Aida, 3.

Nicholas Eugster of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, law firm Messerli & Kramer, has been appointed to serve on the Make-a-Wish Foundation™ of Minnesota board of directors. His term runs from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2014. Nick is a senior associate in Messerli & Kramer's business litigation group.

Lesley A. Yoder graduated from Boston University in May 2011 with her Ph.D. in French language and literature. She lives in Nahant, Massachusetts, and currently is a lecturer in writing at Boston University and an adjunct professor of French at Lasell College. She also recently contributed calligraphy to the 2012 line of greeting cards from Cartolina Cards. See her Letter Be Etsy shop for information on her calligraphy services: <http://letterbeonetsy.etsy.com>.

Clockwise: Edward Canterbury '02, Sarah Carsten Hailey '09, and Matthew Bagley '01.



2001

Matthew Bagley has been named head coach of the English National Lacrosse Team. He worked at both the American High School and University levels for nearly a decade on three different continents. Matthew spent four years playing for Ohio Wesleyan. Matthew currently teaches 6th grade English and history at TASIS (The American School). He is a native of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Priscilla McDowell Van Wynsberghe has been hired as an assistant professor of biology at Colgate University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Prior to Colgate, Priscilla worked at the University of California-San Diego and Syracuse University.



2002

Edward Canterbury has achieved board certification in real estate law. He is an attorney with the law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes, & Holt, P.A. in Florida. Edward is an attorney in the firm's real estate division. Certified attorneys are the only Florida lawyers allowed to identify or advertise themselves as specialists or experts. Edward received his law degree from Ohio Northern University, Pettit College of Law, in 2005.

Megan Rose Forman McCaulla a 1998 graduate of Big Walnut High School in central Ohio, recently was inducted into the school's Wall of Fame. At Ohio Wesleyan, Megan played on the 2001 NCAA Division III Women's National Soccer Championship team. Prior to attending OWU, she was a key contributor to Big Walnut's success in girls soccer and basketball during her four years at the school, leading the teams to division championships in both sports. She currently teaches third grade at General Rosecrans Elementary School in Sunbury, Ohio.

Melissa Schoger has been promoted to director of planning and financial analysis for RPM International Inc. Melissa, who has a strong background in accounting and finance, will continue to be responsible for monitoring RPM's monthly performance, forecasting, and supporting plan development. During her nine-year tenure with the company, which included a stint in its European office, she has worked in internal audit and corporate finance. Melissa is a certified public accountant. She resides in Medina, Ohio.

2006

S. Marie Gudz received her Masters of Science from The Ohio State University, College of Nursing, on August 28, 2011, specializing in midwifery and women's health. She is employed as a certified nurse-midwife and women's health nurse practitioner for Northern Berkshire OB/GYN in North Adams, Massachusetts, and says she is very glad to have found her calling as a professional "baby catcher."

Lynn Kelly-McClish recently launched a new business called The Cranberry Bog. The collection consists of handmade children's one-piece outfits and T-shirts. To learn more, visit www.thecranberrybog.com.

2009

Sarah Carsten Hailey founded Wildflower Special Events in Spring 2011. Her company specializes in weddings, engagement parties, corporate meetings, and other special events in Washington, D.C., area. Learn more at www.wildflowerspecialevents.com or email her at Sarah@wildflowerspecialevents.com.



OWU Friends Come Together for "Unlock the Cure"

Recent breast cancer survivor and KeyBank vice president **Melissa Brundjar Werner '90** and her husband, Bill, were joined in September 2011 by some of Melissa's former OWU roommates and other friends. They supported KeyBank's "Unlock the Cure" team by walking in the Northeast Ohio Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

(Front row, from left to right): **Renee Dadik Hagan '91**, **Karen Berger Stacy '91**, **Kim Pfahler Deiderich '92**, **Melissa Brundjar Werner '90**, **Angela DiTeodoro** (back row, from left to right): **Heather Williamson** and **Bill Werner** (University of Findlay '85).



Kim Rybold '05 and her husband, David Sherer, on their wedding day, April 2, 2011.



Whitney VanderHyde Tibor O'Keefe '02 and her husband, Marshall O'Keefe, on their wedding day, June 27, 2011.

Marriages

1970

O. Ross Long was married to Sally Blum Weithman on October 8, 2011, at Malabar State Park near Mansfield, Ohio. In attendance at the ceremony was **Melissa Long Goers '67**. The couple resides in Delaware, Ohio.

2000

Theresa A. George Prince '00 married Jason Prince on September 25, 2010, in Randolph, Ohio. **Whitney Woodland '01** attended as a bridesmaid. **Stephanie Meyer '00**, **Nancy Clarke '00**, and **Carrie Miller Verdell '00** were in attendance. The couple resides in Hubbard, Ohio.

2002

Whitney VanderHyde Tibor O'Keefe and her husband **Marshall O'Keefe** were married June 27, 2011, on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina. The couple currently resides in Canton, Michigan.

2002 and 2006

Jason Downey '02 and **Elizabeth Long Downey '06** on their wedding day on November 6, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio. They were married at First Community Church in Marble Cliff, Ohio and held their reception at Scioto Country Club in Upper Arlington, Ohio. *(photo on page 45)*

2005

Kim Rybold and her husband, **David Sherer**, were married on April 2, 2011, at North Bank Park



*Leanne Lamusga Karrigan '06 and husband, Brian Karrigan, on their wedding day, May 29, 2011. They are joined by their wedding party, including attendants **Deanna Probst '06** (pictured left of bride) and **Erin Miller Switala '05** (second from right).*

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Pavilion in Columbus, Ohio. The couple resides in Arlington, Virginia.

2006

Leanne Lamusga Karrigan and Brian Karrigan (The Ohio State University, '06) were married at Glenmoor Country Club in Canton, Ohio, on May 29, 2011.

2006 and 2008

Julia Prince Hatfield '06 and Cody Hatfield '08 were married on June 4, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

2008 and 2009

Daniel Dyer '08 and Megan Quinn Dyer '09 were married on Saturday, October 22, 2011 in Grove City, Ohio. The couple resides in Dayton, Ohio.

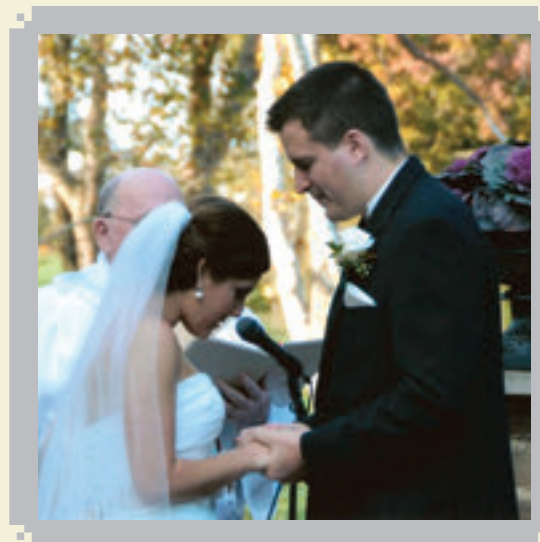
2010

William Heistand '10 and Taylor Donson were married on Saturday, August 13, 2011 in Germantown, Ohio.

Julia Prince Hatfield '06 and Cody Hatfield '08 on their wedding day, June 4, 2011, with Ohio Wesleyan alums (from left to right): Cheryl Napoli '06, Gabe Below '03, Hayley Clinger May '06, Justina Ludvik Davy '06, Leah Thomas '06, Julia Prince Hatfield '06, Cody Hatfield '08, Sam Valerius '08, Gabi Vari '08, Sarah Steele Alverson '06, and Wendy Farrell '07.

Top photo: **William Heistand '10** and Taylor Donson on their wedding day, August 13, 2011, with Ohio Wesleyan alums (from left to right): **Traci Kennedy Brockfield '01, Mike Brockfield '03, Gretchen Croll '10, Emily Koly '10, Matt Miller '07, Amanda Miller '07, Julia Blyth '10, Eric Brockfield '09, Megan Shoemaker '10, Natalie James Dunlap '10, Taylor Donson Heistand, Nick Goulette '10, William Heistand '10, Dwight Parsons '10, Eric Wise '10, Forrest Radarian (Raub) '09, Janna Dagley Radarian '09, Dustin Green '12, Rob Williams '12, Seth O'Loughlin '12, Kit Faiella '11, Tyler Laws '10, Devinda Hiripitiyage '10.**

Photo on right: **Daniel Dyer '08** and **Megan Quinn Dyer '09** on their wedding day, Saturday, October 22, 2011.





Back Row (Left to right): Kevin King '73, Christopher Goble '73, Paul Greve '73, Douglas Sheffield '73, Daniel Sharpe '06, Anthony Ott '99, Jason Job '02, Aniket Braganza '02, Karl Shrom '99, Christopher Kittredge '02, John Juliano, III '00, Joseph Rosato '06, Kraig Noble '71, John Gwin '98, Michael Sawkiewicz '01, Gerard Oakley, III '02
Second Row (Left to right): Constance Decelle Copeland '76, Virginia Zabriskie Goble '74, Sarah Kieta '06, Mildred Newcomb '41, Brittany Born '06, Samantha Wallace Sharpe '09, Melissa Janosek Smith '04, Britton Lombardi '07, Laurie McGregor Connor '77, Jonathan Noble '06, Jason Nemitz '01, Heather Strom Sawkiewicz '02
First Row (Left to right): Christopher Copeland '73, James Long '09, Margaret MacGregor Nichols '39, Jason Downey '02, Elizabeth Long Downey '06, James Long '73, Vincent McGinniss '02.

Births/Adoptions

1993

Scott McBride and Jennifer Taylor McBride are proud to announce the adoption of their son, Nathaniel Elias, on July 18, 2011. Nathan celebrated his first birthday on September 9, 2011, with his new parents and proud new sisters, Alana Grace, 8, and Maegan Olivia, 5. Scott and Jennifer first met Nathan in a Russian orphanage in May, and after two more trips, spent a week with him in Moscow before returning home.

1998

Dana Fiordaliso Martin and her husband, Mac, welcomed their second child, Jackson Joseph, on June 30, 2011. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Jackson joins his big sister Emily, 2.

Stephen C. Yoder and his wife, Alyssa Weir, welcomed their first child, Nicholas Weir Yoder, on September 18, 2011. Nicholas weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length. The family resides in Washington, D.C.

2000 and 2001

Heather Hover Seddelmeyer '00 and **Joe Seddelmeyer '01** had a girl on August 2, 2011. They named her Mckinley Mae Seddelmeyer. She joins brother, Quincy Hover Seddelmeyer, 4, and sister, Dublin Page Seddelmeyer, 2.

2001

Sarah Campana Hughes and Johnny Hughes welcomed Paige Augustine on January 25, 2011. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Paige joins proud big sister, Maris, 3. The family resides in Westlake, Ohio.

Matthew T. McGonigle and wife, Nicole, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Trey Thomas McGonigle, on January 16, 2011. The family resides in Hartland, Wisconsin, where Matt is the owner of a financial marketing company and Nicole is a dietician.

2001 and 2002

Ayobami Bell Torrence '01 and **Adam Torrence '02** had a daughter, Anaiya Bell Torrence, on January 20, 2011. She was 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 21 ½ inches long. The family lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

2004 and 2005

Laura Nienaber Sedziol '04 and **Michael Sedziol '05** welcomed Esme Rose Sedziol on August 22, 2011. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

2006

Andy Warnock and his wife, Ashley, welcomed a boy, Cason Daniel Warnock, on October 13, 2011. He was 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and 21 inches long. Proud uncle **Matt Warnock '04**, grandmother **Kathi Sisterhen Warnock '76**, grandfather **Doug Warnock '75**, and great-grandmother **Natalie Orth Sisterhen Rych '53**, welcome Cason.

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In Memoriam

OWU alumni may submit full obituary information for posting online on the myOWU Web site at <http://community.owu.edu>. Please continue to submit your information to our Class Notes Editor, Andrea Strle, at amstrle@owu.edu. This modification of In Memoriam will allow for more comprehensive information sharing.

Alumni

1937

John W. Hardwick, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on August 4, 2011, at the age of 96. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1938

Robert B. Lloyd, of Youngstown, Ohio, died on August 15, 2011, at the age of 97.

Marjorie Conn Widmer, of Westlake, Ohio died on August 25, 2011, at the age of 94. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

1940

Beatrice Knapp McDowell, of Akron, Ohio, died on September 25, 2011, at the age of 93. Bea was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1941

Mary Alice Crow Austin, of Bradenton, Florida, died on August 13, 2011, at the age of 92. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

1942

Virginia M. Smith Thomas, of Bay Village, Ohio, passed away July 1, 2011, at the age of 91. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

1943

Janet Kiess Spreng, of Bucyrus, Ohio, died on September 8, 2011, at the age of 89. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

1944

James Dowling “Jay” Cherry, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland, died on August 24, 2011, at the age of 89. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Ruth Schieber Greenberg, of Pacific Palisades, California, died on October 7, 2011, at the age of 89. Ruth was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Hugh A. Harter, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, died on August 13, 2011, at the age of 89. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

1946

Helen “Jeanette” Brown Augsburger, of Mentor, Ohio, and Venice, Florida, died on September 11, 2011, at the age of 86. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Jane Kuhn Titus, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on August 19, 2011, at the age of 87.

1947

Adelaide E. Sauers, of Greenwich, Ohio, died on August 26, 2011, at the age of 85.

1948

Glenn A. Lehmann, of Washington, D.C., died on August 19, 2011, at the age of 86. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Marjorie Middleton Long, of Kettering, Ohio died on September 11, 2011, at the age of 84. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Gervaise F. Peters, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died on October 10, 2011, at the age of 87.

Emilie Wagamon Wacker, of Dublin, Ohio, died on September 2, 2011, at the age of 85. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1949

Judith Lappin Coleman, of Powell, Ohio, died on August 26, 2011, at the age of 84. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

1950

Stanley Robert “Bob” Miller, of Delaware, Ohio, died on September 14, 2011, at the age of 86.

John C. Priest, of Lewiston, New York, died on July 28, 2011, at the age of 87. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Barbara Boyd Weber, of Los Angeles, California, died on December 8, 2010, at the age of 82. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

1951

David E. Griffiths, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away on September 25, 2011, at the age of 81. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. *(Please see story on page 36)*

Stanley R. Schultz, of Delaware, Ohio, died on August 23, 2011, at the age of 86. Stanley was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

1952

Joyce Reaney Jeffers, of Ashland, Virginia, passed away on February 23, 2011, at the age of 80. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

1953

John Stidger Peckinpaugh, of Pine Island, Florida, died on August 5, 2011, at the age of 80. He was member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Alice C. Fitch Zeman, of Paw Paw, Illinois, died on July 28, 2011, at the age of 79. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

1955

Robert “Bob” Clasen, of Aurora, Ohio, died on August 30, 2011, at the age of 78. Bob was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

John N. Dimlich, of Venice, Florida, died on August 10, 2011, at the age of 78. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Jerome Shisler, of Gilbert, Arizona, died on June 15, 2011, at the age of 77. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

Thomas J. Timmons III, of London, Ohio, died on August 6, 2011, at the age of 78. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1956

Dudley M. Ferguson, of Gloversville, New York, died on August 1, 2011, at the age of 77. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Cullen Maiden, of London, England, died on August 5, 2011, at the age of 77. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Patricia A. Fleigh Moles, of Rockville, Maryland, died on July 23, 2011, at the age of 77.

1958

Robert A. Mohr, of Norwalk, Connecticut, died on October 3, 2011, at the age of 75. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Jack “Spider” Benson, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on August 10, 2011, at the age of 77. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1962

Donald E. Gartrell, of Warner, New Hampshire, and Swans Island, Maine, died on September 13, 2011, at the age of 70. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

E. Dennis “Murph” Murphy, of Erie, Pennsylvania, died on July 29, 2011, at the age of 70.

1966

Don H. Smith, MD, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on October 12, 2011, at the age of 66. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1969

Delbert Leon Brandt, of Liberty Center, Ohio, died on September 14, 2011, at the age of 84. He received his master’s degree from Ohio Wesleyan.

1973

Leslie A. Kent, of Oakton, Virginia, died on June 2, 2011, at the age of 60. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

1978

William Massey, of Pleasanton, California, died on August 5, 2011, at the age of 55. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

1994

Kevin E. Cheney, of Milford Center, Ohio, died on September 21, 2011, at the age of 39.

Faculty/Staff

Pam Anderson, who began her 36-year career at Ohio Wesleyan in 1974 working in the purchasing and accounting offices, passed away on October 23, 2011. Pam retired in January 2011. She is survived by son **Chris Anderson '98**.

Hugh A. Harter '44, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, died on August 13, 2011, at the age of 89. He was a retired professor emeritus of Ohio Wesleyan, author and translator. He taught at OWU from 1966 until 1984. For many of those years he served as chairman of the Department of Romance Languages. He also was the Robert Hayward Professor of Modern Foreign Languages from 1976 to 1984. He found time to teach abroad including at the University Catolica de Santa Maria, Arequipa, Peru, in 1969 and as director of academy program in Segovia, Spain, from 1969-1998, serving as the director of the International Institute of Spain, where he was named professor emeritus. Hugh was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Sympathy

Chris Anderson '98 for the loss of his mother, Pam Anderson, a 36-year employee of Ohio Wesleyan, who passed away on October 23, 2011.

Howard Austin '69 for the loss of his mother, and **William Austin '06** for the loss of his grandmother, **Mary Alice Crow Austin '41**, who died on August 13, 2011.

Shane Benson '95 for the passing of his father, **Jack "Spider" Benson '58**, on August 10, 2011.

Marsha Blue Cheney '97 for the passing of her husband, and **Michael "Mike" Cheney '97** for the loss of his brother, **Kevin E. Cheney '94**, who died on September 21, 2011.

Mary Ann Warne Clasen '57 for the passing of her husband, and **Cindy Clasen Barhoff '78** and **Jeffrey Clasen '80**, for the loss of their father, and **Marilyn Clasen '59** for the passing of her brother, **Robert "Bob" Clasen '55**, who died on August 30, 2011.

Carl R. 'Dick' Coleman '50 for the passing of his wife, and **C. David Coleman '77**, for the loss of his mother, **Judith Lappin Coleman '49**, who died on August 26, 2011. Nephew **Paul Botkin '79** also mourns.

Sally Hardwick Digman '76 and the **Rev. Elaine Hardwick Prince '66** for the passing of their father, **John W. Hardwick '37**, who died on August 4, 2011.

Suzanne Haviland Ferguson '57 for the loss of her husband, and **Susan Ferguson Endean '61** for the passing of her brother, **Dudley M. Ferguson '56**, who died on August 1, 2011.

Mark Keleshian '80 on the loss of his wife, and **Katie Keleshian '09**, for the loss of her mother, JoAnn Keleshian, on August 31, 2011.

Cheryl Persch Hughey '66 and **Gayle Persch '62** for the loss of their mother, Ruth Sylvester Persch, on October 16, 2010.

Karen Griffiths Leary '78 and **Gwen Griffiths McCuaig '85** for the passing of their father, and **Kimberly Leary '09** and **Sarah Bruno '10** for the loss of their grandfather, **David E. Griffiths '51**, who died on September 25, 2011.

Margaret "Peggy" McDowell Lloyd '70 for the passing of her mother, and **Philip "Phil" Lloyd '69** for the loss of his mother-in-law, **Beatrice K. McDowell '40**, who died on September 25, 2011. Phil also lost his father, **Robert B. Lloyd '38**, who died on Aug. 15, 2011.

Donald C. Meek '57 for the loss of his wife, Mary, on October 16, 2011, which happened to be their 76th birthdays. Also mourning are Mary's son, **Steven Meek '82**, brother-in-law **Phil Meek '59**, and sisters-in-law **Marilyn Meek Webster '63** and **Nancy La Porte Meek '59**, and nephew **Mark Hofelich '02**.

Stephen E. Perkins '77 for the passing of his wife, Marlin Perkins, who died on September 19, 2011, at the age of 58.

Mary Ellen Oliver Priest '51 for the passing of her husband, **John C. Priest '50**, on July 28, 2011.

Marilyn "Sunny" Wright Reeve '49 for the loss of her husband, Harry R. Reeve, on January 30, 2011.

David Reaney '50, **John Reaney '54** and **Rachel Reaney Hubbard '61** for the loss of their sister, **Joyce Reaney Jeffers '52**, who died on February 23, 2011.

Nancy Schultz '51 for the loss of her husband, **Stanley R. Schultz '51**, who died on August 23, 2011.

Teresa "Teri" Sell '64 for the loss of her mother, Louise Crabb Sell, who passed away September 30, 2011, in Delaware, Ohio.

Nancy Sheeber '69 in the loss of her aunt **Ruth Scheiber Greenberg '44**, who passed away on October 7, 2011.

Patricia Kelly Shisler '55 for the loss of her husband, and **Conrad Shisler '53** for the passing of his brother, **Jerome Shisler '55**, who died on June 15, 2011. Also mourning are niece **Katherine Shisler Bonaccorso '84** and nephew **Kurt Shisler '81**.

Flynn Skidmore '12 for the loss of his grandfather, and **Mary Jean Walter Stephens '43**, for the loss of her husband, William H. Stephens Jr., who died on July 22, 2011.

Robert St. John '64, **Michael St. John '65**, and **Thomas St. John '68** for the passing of their mother, and **Sandra Bastian St. John '65**, for the passing of her mother-in law, and **Elizabeth St. John '93**, for the passing of her grandmother, Edna R. St. John, who died on May 1, 2011.

Sarah Selkirk Timmons '56 for the passing of her husband, **Thomas J. Timmons III '55**, on August 6, 2011.

Mary-Jett Dimlich Woodring '55 for the passing of her brother, **John N. Dimlich '55**, who died on August 10, 2011.

A TRIBUTE TO HUGH A. HARTER '44, Professor Emeritus 1922 - 2011

What do you say when a former teacher, dear friend, and a special mentor since freshman year some 40 years ago passes away? It's a dilemma I've pondered since August 13, 2011, when Dr. Hugh A. Harter, Professor Emeritus of Romantic Languages, succumbed to old age at nearly 89. Preceded by his wife, Fran, who passed in 2006, Hugh was active and prolific up to his final days. An author of more than 23 books including novels, biographies, and poetry, he still could be found at the local coffee and book shops reading his latest works of art to adoring fans only weeks before his passing. Frequently honored as a prominent liberator in post D-Day France, several streets and even a traffic circle are now named in his honor, and his home in Manhattan and later in Portsmouth, NH were revolving doors for visitors and dignitaries from here and abroad. Most importantly, it was always open to me when I needed some shelter from a storm....

I first met Hugh in freshman Spanish, and from there developed a friendship over our four years together, as he was also an occasional employer, a senior year teacher when I took *Hispanic Masterpieces in Translation* as a tribute to our friendship, and ultimately an inspirational mentor. Unlike most other friends and OWU acquaintances, I've managed to visit with Hugh almost every year for the past four decades and have read most of the books and poems he's either written or translated. I was with him in NYC on 9/11, attended Fran's funeral in 2006 in Massachusetts, and spoke with him on the telephone every few months even though almost 3,000 miles and 30 years separated us. His bio and accomplishments were the stuff of *Who's Who in the World*—in fact, you'll find him in there. Such a friendship, the great and sad times we shared, and the inspiration he provided are part of my life's memories that I'll treasure forever. Very few people of this caliber walk into your life and stay there. I was certainly graced by his presence, which has left its indelible mark and will be sorely missed.

With respect and gratitude,
Ken Moll '74
San Francisco, CA

Fifteen Days in September

By *Andrés Duarte '65*

I usually travel to Delaware several times a year, as a Trustee who thoroughly enjoys these three-day periods of what I have become accustomed to calling my “private spiritual retreat.” There, I continue my education by offering voluntary opinions—and money—that Trustees are supposed to give, while making decisions that hopefully enhance the welfare of the school I attended more than 40 years back. I recently discovered that there is a big difference between coming for short periods of time to Ohio Wesleyan and spending a full two weeks right in the middle of the educational cycle of events.

Earlier this year, I met with economics professors and co-directors of the Woltemade Center, John Boos and Alice Simon, who, along with Jim Franklin of the politics and government department, discussed a shared interest. We brainstormed about the possibilities of enticing Trustees and friends of OWU to spend time in Delaware, working with students—an endeavor that goes well beyond the usual one-day visit. This possibility became a reality for me in September, when I was invited to become the first guest to experiment with this scenario, to which was added another invitation—to be the speaker at the 2011 Robert L. Milligan Lecture Series. For 15 days, I actually lived and shared dorm life with a well-chosen group of scholars living at the former Sigma Alpha Epsilon house on Williams Drive, now baptized as the Bigelow-Reed House. What a terrific living and learning opportunity this is for those students who are interested in business!

The agenda of events, spread over a two-week period, has left an imprint on my life that will never be forgotten. OWU President Rock Jones has spearheaded an ambiance for students and faculty around a theory-to-practice curricular program, and I was right in the middle of it! I was fascinated by the fantastic student response to my class visits, having made eight different class presentations and discussions in a multi-disciplinary schedule including economics, economics

management, geology, and business law. Questions from students ranged from how to secure summer jobs and decide on a major field of study, all the way to ways of looking at graduate school options as a freshman in college, and finding out about various relevant options to consider within a liberal arts program. We talked about double majors, problematic situations within my country, and the OWU of 45 years ago versus Ohio Wesleyan today. I offered career advice to more than 40 students who signed up for appointments with me. I had very little free time once my visit began, and on many days, I walked back to my apartment at the Bigelow-Reed House after daylight had disappeared. Toward the end of my first week on campus, my “housemates” sponsored a Venezuelan dinner at the Bigelow-Reed House, reminding me of how hunger and long study hours correlate directly! None of the students were shy; all were curious, seeking information, advice, always testing the validity of their knowledge learned in and out of the classroom.

A career in international business—especially in today’s tumultuous world—requires not only a strong foundation in business, but also an understanding of politics, business law, management, the sciences and, yes, a great deal of strength and perseverance. Future business leaders, especially in the 21st century, need to know how to thrive personally and professionally amid economic downturns, environmental and natural resources challenges—and even political unrest, including the one originating on Wall Street.

Living in Venezuela today, we see an “experiment” launched by President Hugo Chavez, called “socialism of the 21st century,” which has led to a mass exodus of citizens from that country. Results have included a 30 percent annual inflation rate for the past six years, the highest violent crime rate in the world, and lowering of educational standards that combine to make the country a sure winner for the “Race to the Bottom” award and an immense brain drain. As a business CEO and developer in South America and the Caribbean for the past 30 years, I and so many others in my country faced corporate difficulties, losing business interests by strokes of a pen, in the Chavez regime.



This is very hard to explain, but it does happen in the 21st century.

A message I really wanted to convey to the students during my recent visit was that during their lifetimes and careers, they would surely face obstacles, and that through their frustration, they must remain calm and push through diversity. For me, that meant separating myself from my business temporarily, and enrolling in a graduate program at Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy—the oldest member of the class! I came away with a different perspective on my personal future and new ways of dealing with severe corporate difficulties. Those experiences, combined with my two-week visit with students and professors at OWU, gave me resilience and a renewed desire to stay active and not simply retire from my long business career.

As I listened to students describing their theory-to-practice and travel-learning experiences that have taken them to more than 30 countries and five continents of the world, I also observed a new Delaware, Ohio—practically a suburb of Columbus—now successfully working side-by-side with Ohio Wesleyan for the benefit of all. I came away very impressed with yet another example of that theory-to-practice strategy efficiently moving ahead. My wish is for other OWU Trustees—especially those with corporate experiences—to witness these material results.

My 15 days in September spent with OWU students and faculty made me a better citizen who now has found new horizons for learning, challenges, and activities, where higher learning is the center of gravity.

Thank you, Ohio Wesleyan.

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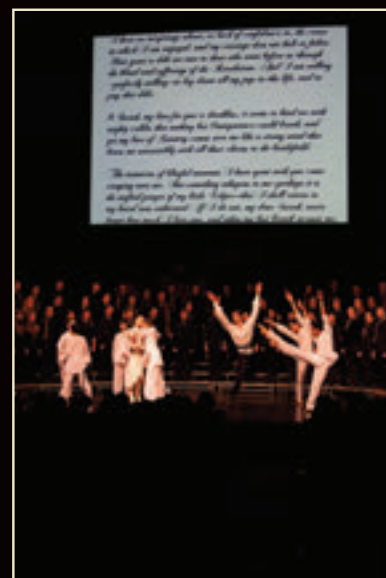
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Civil War Reflections

On December 4, Ohio Wesleyan University presented *Civil War Reflections*, a multi-media choral presentation conceived and directed by Jason Hiester, assistant professor of music.

For the program, Hiester combined music performed by members of Ohio Wesleyan's Choral Art Society, Chamber Choir, Women's Ensemble and Men's Ensemble with projected images, dramatic readings, poetry, historic speeches, and

heart-wrenching letters written by battle-worn soldiers. The program also featured dancers from Columbus Dance Theatre.

"It's not just music in a box, where you sit in a chair and watch." Hiester told *Columbus Dispatch* writer Ken Gordon. "This grabs you, surrounds you and involves you."

And, indeed, it did. The performance ended with the spiritual, *There is a Balm in Gilead*, which Hiester chose as a way to end the program on a hopeful note.