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where they live."

# A Laboratory for Learning

**RECENTLY I FOUND MYSELF WONDERING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF AT ALUMNI WEEKEND, I INVITED SELECTED MEMBERS OF REUNION CLASSES TO TAKE ME TO THE THREE PHYSICAL PLACES ON CAMPUS WHERE THEIR OWU EDUCATION WAS SHAPED MOST SIGNIFICANTLY.** I imagine that most alumni would begin with academic spaces – perhaps a particular classroom or laboratory, a studio or performance venue, or the office of a professor whose influence may have changed the course of a life for the better. But I suspect our walking tour of places of influence would extend beyond those spaces associated with the academic program. They might include an athletic competition venue or locker room, a residence hall suite or Greek house, the meeting room of a campus organization, an area of the library, or an outdoor spot on the campus that provided respite and a place of quiet contemplation. If I were to ask about the people who most shaped the education of these alumni, I am confident that I would hear stories of faculty members, of staff at all levels throughout the

Ohio Wesleyan organization, and of fellow students.

Where and how do students at Ohio Wesleyan learn? Our students are blessed to live in a close-knit community of teaching and learning that touches every spot on the campus and every moment in the week. Everything that happens on this campus has the opportunity to shape the education of a student and to form the character of a future leader. Much of the teaching and learning is intentional and by design. But a part of the intent and design is the creation of a culture that allows teaching and learning to happen almost by osmosis, in the normal experience of living in an academic community and of interacting in a host of different ways.

Living and learning at Ohio Wesleyan is enhanced by the rich diversity of our student body and the opportunity our students have to live in close proximity with individuals whose life experiences vary greatly, one from the other. In today's society, most people live in neighborhoods or buildings where those around them are of roughly the same socio-economic sector, life experience, and, often, even political and religious persuasion.

On the campus of a residential liberal arts university, a first year student can find herself in a suite that includes other students of vastly different backgrounds and life experiences – urban and rural, conservative and liberal, religious or non religious, wealthy or not.

The grand experiment of American higher education and the liberal arts college is grounded in the belief that it makes a difference for students with widely varied perspectives, experiences and interests to come together for life in a community of teaching and learning that affects all aspects of the human experience. In the context of such a community, we can be intentional in our concern for nurturing intellectual curiosity and sophistication, social interaction and responsibility, ethical values and spiritual commitments, and care for the physical body. Indeed, a University committed to preparation of the next generation of moral leaders for a global society cannot fulfill the commitment it has made to itself and to its students without this broad concern for the whole of the human being and the



*OWU President Rock Jones shares his culinary talents with students.*

entirety of the human experience.

This takes me back to the campus and its many and varied places of learning. I like to think of the entire campus as our laboratory for learning. As such, the campus requires attention and care. And from time to time, the laboratory requires renewal. In the past year, Ohio Wesleyan has benefitted from philanthropic commitments that have supported significant investments in enhancing our laboratory for learning. These gifts have supported renewal of academic facilities, including all of the teaching spaces in Phillips Hall and a new light system in Chapplear Drama Center; enhancement of athletics facilities with the new Morrill Strength and Conditioning Room and the Lutinger Tennis Center; beautification of the campus with renewal of the JAYwalk and construction of a fountain that gives the space between Hamilton-Williams

Campus Center and Beeghly Library the feel of a European square; new furnishings and technology in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center; and continuation of the Student Housing Master Plan with improvements in Welch Hall and the stunning restoration of historic Stuyvesant Hall. Each of these improvements contributes to the intellectual and social vitality of our campus and to the community of teaching and learning that reflects the soul of OWU.

In this issue of the *Magazine*, we reflect on the ways in which students live and learn on the OWU campus. As you read stories of today's students, I invite you to think about your own experience as an undergraduate. Where, how, and from whom did you learn? What difference did the campus and the people on the campus make in your education? What difference did that experience make in your life today?

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to live and learn in the OWU community. That privilege has the potential for a life-changing impact, the kind of impact that prepares leaders for the future. That privilege is made possible by the collective commitments of students' families enhanced by loyal and generous alumni and friends. Thank you for your faithful support of Ohio Wesleyan and the education that accompanies living and learning through the enterprise of a liberal arts college.

Rock Jones

*President of Ohio Wesleyan University*

## Mellon Grant for OWU

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded Ohio Wesleyan a three-year, \$600,000 grant to support the continued development of the OWU Connection curricular plan, including expansion of the plan's Course Connections networks. The grant follows OWU's receipt of a two-year \$100,000 Mellon Foundation grant in 2010 to support pilot projects by the University's faculty to create a model liberal arts curriculum for the 21st century.

"The work by Ohio Wesleyan's faculty to envision and create the OWU Connection and its Course Connections networks represents one of the most significant curricular efforts in the University's 170-year history," said OWU President Rock Jones. "Both students and faculty quickly embraced the changes and already are benefitting in measurable and immeasurable ways."

Using the Mellon Foundation grant, Ohio Wesleyan will expand the Course Connection networks by two to three offerings during each of the next four years, with the long-term goal of having 12 to 16 networks available at any given time.

Learn more about OWU's Course Connections networks at <http://owuconnection.owu.edu/courseConnections.html>.

## Impact of Recession Discussed at Economic Outlook Conference

Seriously impacting the U.S. and world economy since 2008, the recession is thought to be the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Offering their views on the recession and initiatives that offer promise for the future was a panel of economists participating in this year's Economic Outlook Conference held at OWU on October 11. Economics professor Goren Skosples moderated the conference, which was co-sponsored by the Department of Economics and the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and



*Professors David Johnson and Karen Poremski talking with students at Mingo Park (formerly a Native American encampment), as part of OWU's first American Landscape Course Connection.*

Entrepreneurship.

Leading off the discussion was James Bang, assistant professor of economics at St. Ambrose University, who offered an overview of the extent to which our global partners are being affected by the recession. The region least affected, he said, is East Asia, with Africa recovering well and Latin America growing robustly. The Middle East has, however, shown an economic decline, and Eastern Europe and Central Asia remain seriously affected by the recession. Bang said that there are more international links between countries today—much stronger than 30 to 50 years ago. Although economic recovery is underway, there has been a 20 percent drop in world trade. He noted that returns on students' college investments will increase over the course of their lives to the \$2-\$2.5 million range, and advised students to be savvy about politics, political institutions, and global affairs throughout their lives.

As for the overall outlook for the U.S. economy, Pedro Amaral, senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of

Cleveland, said the economy is expanding at a slow pace, and in a rather lackluster fashion. He believes it will take about three years to normalize the economy to a six percent unemployment rate and an inflation rate of not more than two percent. It will be interesting, said Amaral, to see what happens in January. As Kenny McDonald, chief economic officer of Columbus 2020, discussed the challenges of building the economy in central Ohio, he shared the outcomes of recent visits with 400 companies. One-third of them, he said, are expanding and need skilled employees. His job is to help connect those companies wishing to expand with necessary capital. Since January 2010, more than 40,000 new jobs have been gained, and unemployment in the Delaware and surrounding area is 4.9 percent. In addition, there are 18,000 job possibilities in the Columbus area waiting to be filled. To keep this momentum, McDonald said the population base must grow, and college graduates must be encouraged to stay and work in the area. Opportunities exist, he noted, but must be pursued.

## If These Walls Could Talk: Heritage Day 2012

This year, during Heritage Day (November 13), an annual celebration of Ohio Wesleyan's fascinating history, participants were transported back in time during their Race Through History. In groups of five to seven people, OWU teams traveled to designated spots on campus to learn historical facts about places students have lived, and about people such as Mary Monnett, Adam Poe, and Hiram Perkins, while hearing about the future of residential life at OWU. As teams followed the race map, they became eligible for the grand prize—a trip into the Stuyvesant Hall bell tower. In addition to the race, students were encouraged to create posters providing information about the history of a particular living unit (themed houses, small living units, fraternity houses, residence halls, sorority lodges). The posters were judged and the winner received a \$100 Chartwells gift card.

“Heritage Day was great,” says Nancy Bihl Rutkowski, who coordinated the event. “Students from 19 residences participated and said they learned a lot about OWU’s history.”



*Students visiting Perkins Observatory met Hiram Perkins (a.k.a. Professor Tom Burns) and heard about “the wonders of the Universe.”*



*And the winners are, left to right: freshmen Julia Stone, Camille Mullins-Lemieux, Sarah Lucas, Josh Brown, Raina Graham, and Zoe Morris*

## OWU Newsbytes

### Foreign Policy Discussed at Corinne Lyman Lecture

Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Case Western Reserve University law professor Michael P. Scharf discussed “Shaping Foreign Policy in Times of Crisis” at this year’s Corinne Lyman Lecture on International Studies. He and the Public International Law and Policy Group were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 for their efforts to help prosecute major war criminals such as Slobodan Milosevic, Charles Taylor, and Saddam Hussein. Scharf has written more than 50 scholarly articles and seven books, including *Balkan Justice*, *Peace with Justice* and *The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda*. The lecture series honors OWU Emerita Professor of Politics and Government Corinne Lyman, who was instrumental in creating OWU’s International Studies Program in 1979.

### Award-Winning Filmmaker Speaks at OWU

Marking the 20th presentation of the University’s Butler A. Jones Lecture, award-winning filmmaker Anne Makepeace lead a screening and discussion of her documentary, “We Still Live Here,” exploring the revitalization of the language of the Wampanoag tribe of New England, on November 7 at OWU. The tribe’s ancestors greeted and assisted the Pilgrims when they arrived in the New World on the Mayflower in 1620. The documentary follows Wampanoag linguist Jessie Little Doe Baird, who has worked to bring her people’s native language, Wopanaak, out of obscurity after more than 100 years. Makepeace has received critical acclaim for several of her works and has served as a Sundance Institute documentary fellow. Her films have been broadcast internationally and screened at the Smithsonian and the Museum of the American Indian. Presentations also are scheduled to be streamed online at <http://stream.owu.edu>.

## *Scenes from Homecoming and on Family Weekend 2012*

OWU students, staff, alumni, and families came together for two special fall weekends to celebrate the colors of the season, along with fun-packed events, lectures, music, athletic competitions, a campus tailgate, reunions—many, many reunions—and even the re-dedication of the elegant and beautifully restored Stuyvesant Hall, OWU's oldest residential living facility. Here is a sampling of our two weekend events!



# 2012

# Family Weekend & Homecoming Weekend







To enjoy photo galleries showcasing Family Weekend, September 28-30 and Homecoming, October 26-28, visit [links.owu.edu/homecoming](http://links.owu.edu/homecoming), and [links.owu.edu/familyweekend](http://links.owu.edu/familyweekend)





## The Tower Society Opportunity

# Good Stewardship: A Case for Early Planning

*The Millers (left to right): Jackson, Elizabeth, Mark, and Kevin.*

**ELIZABETH MILLER '92 BELIEVES IN THOUGHTFUL PLANNING—BE IT FOR MATTERS INVOLVING HER FAMILY'S FUTURE, EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS, OR HER COMMITMENT TO HER ALMA MATER, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**

That Elizabeth and her husband, Mark have decided on estate planning early on in their lives sends a message about the benefits of such planning. For Elizabeth—a journalism major with minors in French and economics management—Ohio Wesleyan was a very special place, certainly, where classroom teaching was superb, but so was the time her professors devoted to mentoring and relationship building outside of the classroom. A

Presidential Scholar at OWU, Elizabeth gave up the scholarship before her senior year, graduated from OWU, and moved on to pursue—and obtain—her Master's degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. In Atlanta, Elizabeth met her husband and entered the world of international sales and marketing. Her global travel increased sizably, but by the time she and Mark had their first son, the travel became more challenging. "I really wanted to teach," says Elizabeth, and so began a new chapter of her career. She taught first at Pace Academy for seven years — followed by a move with her husband and two sons to become Upper School Head at Hutchison School in Memphis, where she has worked for the past four years.

"Young people like us who relocate, as we have, need to update their wills and estate planning. I thought about how Ohio Wesleyan had changed the trajectory of my life and I wanted to include OWU in our planning," says Elizabeth. "Our insurance policies provide for our sons, Kevin and Jackson, and we have informed our family members, so everyone is on the same page. Good stewardship can and should occur at any age."

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Ford Milligan '15, Kathie Bradford Milligan '83, John F. Milligan '83, Pat Frasher Papoi '65, David Papoi '65, Karen Griffiths Leary '78, Jane Griffiths, Mark Shipps '70, Ginny O'Grady Shipps '70, Rich Alexander '82

## SIX FAMILIES INDUCTED INTO FOUNDERS CIRCLE

ADAM POE'S DREAM TO CREATE A UNIVERSITY IN DELAWARE, OHIO BECAME A REALITY. HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON MOTIVATING THE PEOPLE OF DELAWARE MORE THAN 170 YEARS AGO, TO PLEDGE THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE LAND ON WHICH OHIO WESLEYAN NOW SITS. With the Rev. Poe's good work, the seeds were planted for today's Founders' Circle, a devoted group of OWU alumni, parents, and friends who share a vision of and commitment to supporting a university dedicated to preparing students to be global leaders in the 21st century.

"The Founders' Circle is a visible reminder of the philanthropic impact of individuals, families, and foundations whose generosity through the decades has given Ohio Wesleyan the opportunity to provide a life-changing liberal arts education," says OWU President Rock Jones. "The names reflected in the Founders' Circle are associated

with buildings on campus; with endowments supporting faculty positions, academic programs, and student scholarships and financial aid; and with much of what happens for our students every day."

The Founders' Circle comprises members who have cumulatively contributed more than \$1 million to OWU, as well as associate members, who have given more than \$500,000 to the University. Last spring, six OWU families were inducted into the Founders' Circle. The inductees include:

- **Richard B. Alexander '82 and Kim Alexander** - with more than 25 years of experience in domestic and international property, casualty, and reinsurance, Rich works for Starr Indemnity Insurance as the General Middle Market Profit Center Manager and is a member of OWU's Board of Trustees. He earned his M.S. from the London School of Economics. Kim is an active community leader, serving as a trustee of the Rowayton (Connecticut) Library Board and is a board member of the Rowayton Civic Association.

- **David E. Griffiths '51\* and Jane J. Griffiths** - longtime residents of northeastern Ohio, the Griffiths have been active supporters of Ohio Wesleyan within their community. Considered to be the "dean" of attorneys in both Geauga and Cuyahoga counties, David established the firm of Woodward and Griffiths in Chagrin Falls, following his service in Korea and graduation from the Case Western Reserve School of Law. David founded the Liberty State Bank and the *Chagrin Valley Times* newspaper, and was a member of OWU's Board of Trustees. Jane graduated from Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and worked as a nurse and counselor at the Case Western Reserve student health center. She has been highly active in state and local politics.

"The lasting legacies reflected in the Founders' Circle allow Ohio Wesleyan to fulfill its mission and to continue its work of preparing the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

Our strength and opportunity today are the results of their vision and generosity," OWU President Rock Jones.

- **Charles A. Hurth, Jr. '58 and Carolyn Carrico Hurth '60** - After graduating from OWU, Charles earned an LL.B. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1965. In 1970, he formed the partnership of Hurth & Yeager. Today, Hurth, Sisk, and Blakesmore LL.P still provides legal counsel and representation to people and businesses in Boulder County and surrounding areas. The Carolyn C. Hurth Endowed Fund for Renovation and Renewal was established in honor of Carolyn's commitments to and accomplishments at Ohio Wesleyan.

- **Robert "Bill" Milligan '22\* and Mary Cook Milligan Hon. '02\*** - Coming from a long line of OWU graduates, Bill had a distinguished career with the Pure Oil Company, becoming President of the company in 1964 and serving as Chairman from 1965

until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of OWU's Board of Trustees and became a Life Trustee in 1979. Mary served in an array of Chicago-area organizations, including more than 20 years as director for the Women's Board of Presbyterian Homes.

- **David E. '65 and Patricia Frasher Papoi '66** - Dave spent his career with Procter & Gamble, becoming manager of Global Beauty Products. He served as chairman of the board of Anderson Hills United Methodist Church and was a board member of the Great Oaks Career Development Center, At OWU, David has been a member of the Board of Trustees, president of the Alumni Board, and Ohio Wesleyan Fund decade chair for the 1960s. Pat has served as an annual giving volunteer and alumni admission representative. She and David were members of the Parents Council and have received Alumni Awards for their service and dedication to OWU.

- **Mark H. Shipp's '70 and Virginia O'Grady Shipp's '70** - A member of one of Ohio Wesleyan's premier legacy families, Mark was president and one of the founding members

of American Environmental Group, Ltd., in Brecksville, Ohio. Prior to that, he was president of Organic Waste Technologies, a subsidiary of the IT Group and vice president of the EMCON/OWT Solid Waste Division of the IT Group. He has served on OWU's Board of Trustees and as vice president for University Relations. He now is special assistant to the President. Following OWU, Ginny attended graduate school at Boston University and now is active in the Columbus Monnett Club. Mark and Ginny are very involved in the Delaware community with the Strand Theatre, Delaware City Schools, Delaware County Bank & Trust, and Grady Memorial Hospital.

"We are honored to become part of the Founders' Circle," says Alexander. "To give back to the place that has given me not only the skills and tools to succeed in today's world, but also friendships that last a lifetime is something very meaningful and rewarding. We cherish this honor and our relationship to the University."

## New Endowed Scholarship Created for Logan County Students

**A TRAINED ARCHITECT, AUSTIN E. "DUTCH" KNOWLTON SPENT HIS LIFE DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING MORE THAN 600 BUILDINGS, INCLUDING HOSPITALS, LIBRARIES, AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ON EVERY MAJOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CAMPUS IN OHIO.** Today, his non-profit foundation continues to serve as an architect of dreams, endowing scholarships for students from his beloved Logan County, Ohio, where he grew up and attended high school.

Ohio Wesleyan will work with his Cincinnati-based foundation to build strong futures for Logan County students interested in mathematics or related fields through the University's new Austin E. Knowlton

Foundation Endowed Scholarship, which has been created with a \$100,000 grant from the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation, Inc.

"Dutch Knowlton holds a place of honor in the Ohio Wesleyan family," says OWU President Rock Jones. "During his lifetime, Dutch helped to build several residential and educational facilities here on our campus, including Smith Hall and Hayes Hall student residences and our magnificent Chappelle Drama Center. He also contributed generously to the University, endowing a scholarship to aid students diagnosed with learning disabilities and provide funds to support building and campus maintenance." Knowlton passed away in 2003 at the age of 93.

The new OWU scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2013, with preference given

to a Logan County freshman applicant. As long as the recipient remains in good academic standing at OWU, the scholarship will continue for four years. If no Logan County applicant meets the scholarship's criteria, the funds will be used to support a freshman from anywhere in Ohio, with an interest in mathematics or related fields.

"This is an exciting moment for Ohio Wesleyan and a life-changing opportunity for Logan County students," says Jones. "We are grateful to Dutch Knowlton for his vision and to his foundation for endowing this new student scholarship. We look forward to strengthening and expanding our ties with the foundation in the future."

## THANKS TO *YOU...*

## A Better, Brighter, Bolder OWU

BETTER, BRIGHTER, BOLDER. Ohio Wesleyan alumni, parents, and friends attending the November 10 “Thanks to You” celebratory end-of-campaign event felt a sense of accomplishment and pride as OWU President Rock Jones spoke about the milestones of the past seven years. More than \$172 million was raised during that timeframe, with the finale occurring during OWU’s 170th year of existence. He emphasized the stellar leadership from campaign co-chairs Evan Corns ’59 and Patsy Belt ’63 Conrades, from Mark Shipp’s ’70, whose vice presidency at his alma mater mobilized the volunteer base and staff he built during the earlier years of the campaign; and from a number of what Jones calls “key moments,” when people stepped up to provide significant momentum as visionaries and through their generous financial support.

Kicking off the evening, Corns and Conrades described how meaningful it has been for them to both serve and give back to their alma mater. Echoing thoughts expressed in a 2007 *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine* interview, the campaign co-chairs again emphasized the important roles each person has played in the campaign as well as the continuing responsibility to give and “pay it forward to the best of our abilities.” Jason ’02 and Liz Long ’06 Downey, OWU’s youngest President’s Circle members, talked about how OWU affected their lives, saying, “When we were students, loyal alumni invested in us. It is now our duty to invest in future generations.” Adding further to the evening’s luminosity were comments from Jay McCann, OWU’s public safety officer, who is featured in a campus poster supporting this year’s faculty-staff campaign. For McCann,



*Evan Corns '59 and his campaign co-chair Patsy Belt '63 Conrades reminisce about their road to the campaign's successful conclusion.*

participation in the campaign “increases the value of the institution and gives me an opportunity to associate myself with this 170-year-old community.”

Moments to cherish, said Jones, during the past seven years, include creation of a growing planned giving initiative enriched by substantial resources from Gordon ’54 and Helen Crider ’56 Smith, which has yielded \$83 million in newly documented and newly realized gifts (47 percent of the total campaign effort), and another early substantial commitment from Corns. In 2007, OWU received the largest estate gift in its history, a \$7 million bequest from Robert C. Manchester,

M.D., to fund the Ida Manchester Scholarship. Just the next year, Phil ’59 and Nancy LaPorte ’59 Meeck came forward to fund the majority of the cost for the Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center—the “crown jewel” of the *Remembering Mr. Rickey Campaign*, providing restoration and renewal to OWU’s athletic facilities. During that year, OWU’s Board of Trustees approved a strategic plan outlining a heightened commitment to initiatives connecting theory to practice in a global context—The OWU Connection—a plan calling for philanthropic support of that initiative, including faculty growth, an increased investment in financial assistance, and restoration of the



residential campus. Thanks to the ongoing support of The President’s Circle, The OWU Connection is offering students the opportunity to connect theory to practice in more than 30 countries and six continents through internships, undergraduate research, service commitments, cross-cultural experiences, and other forms of off-campus study.

“Thanks to you, our students are connecting theory to practice in a global context, and they are preparing to be among the next generation of moral leaders in a global society,” says Jones. Noting the added importance of supporting faculty

excellence, he emphasized a major commitment to fund a neuroscience program at OWU because of generous support from George ’61 and Patsy Belt ’63 Conrades. Paul ’62 and Cleo Ritz ’62 Schimmel made the largest-ever commitment to the endowment to support excellence in the faculty and student body. And on the residential side of campus in need of enhancement stands the newly restored Stuyvesant Hall, thanks in large part to the Smiths and more than 40 other major donors.

“From the beginning, this campaign was

about something more than the dollars to be raised,” said Jones. “This campaign grew out of the passion of people who care deeply about Ohio Wesleyan and about the enterprise of liberal arts education. Thanks to you, Ohio Wesleyan is today, a better, brighter, and bolder institution than was the case seven years ago.”

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

## The Jay Martin Soccer Complex Named to Honor ‘Winningest Coach’

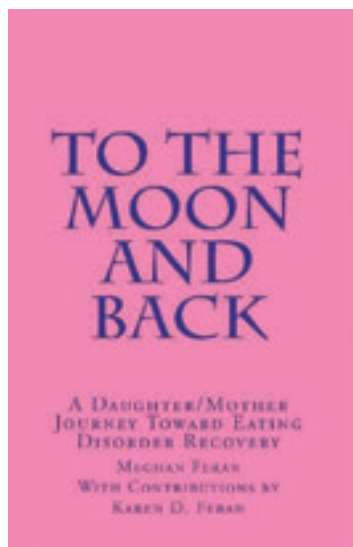
OHIO WESLEYAN IS RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY BATTLEING BISHOP MEN’S SOCCER COACH JAY MARTIN HON. ’08—THE ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACH IN ALL DIVISIONS OF U.S. COLLEGIATE MEN’S SOCCER—BY NAMING THE SCHOOL’S SOCCER FACILITY IN HIS HONOR.

The Jay Martin Soccer Complex houses Roy Rike Field and practice areas used by the Battling Bishop men’s and women’s soccer teams. The University will begin using the new name officially for the 2013 season. The decision by the University’s Board of Trustees to honor Martin, health and human kinetics professor and men’s soccer coach, through the naming of the soccer complex, was announced during Homecoming Weekend as Martin and his 2011 NCAA Division III national championship-winning team were recognized during the weekend.

“Coach Jay Martin leads and inspires his players on and off the field,” says OWU President Rock Jones. He is the personification of leadership, sportsmanship, intelligence, and determination. Jay is a wonderful role model for all of us, and it is exceptionally fitting that our soccer complex be named in his honor.”



*OWU men’s soccer coach, Dr. Jay Martin.*



## Meghan “Meggie” Feran ’06 To the Moon and Back: A Daughter/ Mother Journey of Eating Disorder Recovery

*Self-published in 2012.*

*Reprint with Tate Publishing  
forthcoming.*

MEGHAN “MEGGIE” FERAN ’06 PROVIDES AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT HER PERSONAL STRUGGLE WITH ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA AND HER ROAD TO RECOVERY in *To the Moon and Back: A Daughter/Mother Journey of Eating Disorder Recovery*. Her self-published book has since been picked up by Tate Publishing and will be reprinted later this year, Feran says. She is hopeful her very honest story will help other women confronting the same struggles.

Feran says her eating disorder began manifesting itself when she entered graduate school at John Carroll University following her graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in 2006. She was diagnosed with anorexia the summer of 2007 while training for her first marathon. She continued to starve herself as she trained for marathon after marathon.

“I used the stress of graduate work as an excuse to deprive myself from food, thinking it would somehow make me feel better,” Feran shares. “I didn’t feel like I had a spot in the world and I was unsure as to what I wanted to do with myself. I began to feel worthless, and I turned to my once passion, long-distance running, and began obsessing about calories, numbers on the scale, fat grams, and miles run.”

Now that she is in recovery, Feran says she wonders how her body survived. And while she began to get some help in 2007, she says she was in denial. Feran admits she became a shell of who she once was. She became a slave to calories, exercise, and isolation, avoiding social gatherings.

“I would never be good enough, so at least I could try to be thin...that was my mentality,” she says. “No matter what the scale said, I was never happy. That’s when I realized it wasn’t about the food or the number on the scale or the appearance of my body. It was about feeling like I couldn’t be as perfect as everyone else, so I turned to self-deprivation as a means of punishment. It was about low self-esteem and loneliness.”

While still battling her disorder, she graduated with her master’s degree and enrolled in a doctoral program at Kent State University. While traveling to Kent State twice a month on weekends, she worked at Ohio Wesleyan University, first as the coordinator of student and young alumni

programming and then the assistant director of alumni relations. Her anorexia dwindled at this time while her behaviors became more bulimic, she says.

But her world was shaken one day when she got in a serious car accident on her way home from work. It opened her eyes, Feran says. She realized she wasn’t living her life anymore. “My eating disorder had become my life,” she says.

She sought help at this point, taking medical leave to go to Remuda Ranch in Arizona for a 45-day intensive inpatient treatment program. It saved her life and she has been in recovery since December 2010, with ups and downs along the way, she says.

Her goal then became to share her story about battling anorexia and bulimia in hopes of lessening the taboo surrounding the topic and the stigma that it is a self-centered lifestyle choice limited to adolescent females. Feran used her journal, which she kept while at Remuda, to document her daily struggles, and her mother’s corresponding journal while she was away, as the basis for her book. “I combined our thoughts to write this book, giving a mother-daughter perspective of eating disorder recovery. Originally, I had self-published the book to give it to my family and close friends as a Christmas present upon my return from Remuda. A few months later, I decided I wanted to share my story with others.

“I want to be raw and honest because I truly believe everyone has their struggles, their skeletons in their closets, and though some believe you must keep them to yourself, I think keeping the eating disorder mindset a secret is resulting in lost lives,” Feran says. “Those with anorexia and bulimia need professional help, and I hope that by sharing my story someone might feel more comfortable to reach out rather than hide.”

While in treatment, Feran says, she was hurting and alone. She didn’t have her family or friends, no cell phone or Internet. She was forced to face her biggest fear six times a day – food – at three meals and three snacks. She relied on her journal and her correspondence from home to share her thoughts.

“My mom sent me a card with a picture she



snapped of a full moon the night I first went to treatment,” Feran says. “She said that no matter how far away I was from her and my family/ friends, the same moon was hovering over us in the sky. Everything was going to be okay. That’s where I got the name of my book, *To The Moon and Back*, remembering how we have always said to one another, “I love you to the moon and back.”

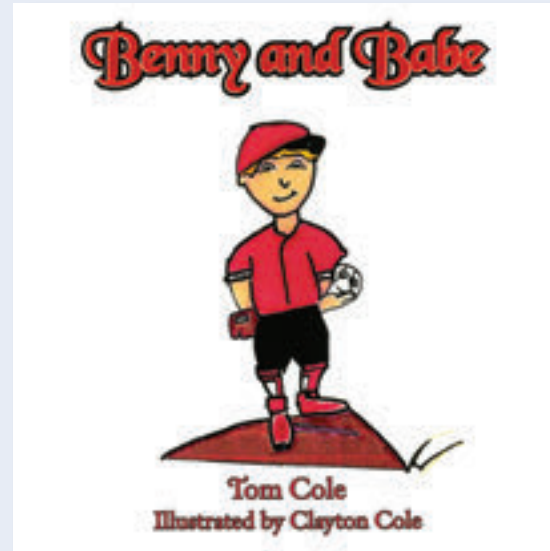
In addition to her writing, Feran works as an income development representative at the American Cancer Society in the Central Ohio Office. She also is a part-time doctoral student in the higher education program through Kent State University’s weekend cohort. She hopes to teach at the college level or become a public speaker on the issue of eating disorder awareness.

Feran’s book can be found on Amazon.com, at Barnes & Noble, and through Create Space E-store at <https://wwwcreatespace.com/3757607>. As of August 2012, her book was picked up by Tate Publishing and the new version of the book will likely be released by late fall 2012.

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*Meghan Feran '06 and her mother, Karen.*



TOM COLE '73 BELIEVES THAT CONFIDENCE IS EVERYTHING— AND HE WANTS KIDS TO BELIEVE IT TOO. That’s the message he’s sharing in his new sports-themed children’s book *Benny and Babe*.

Cole’s book is the tale of a young baseball player, Benny, who may get cut from his baseball team. It’s only when Benny meets a magic talking baseball named Babe that he discovers his true potential—on the field and off—and finds the confidence he needs to perform at his best.

A football and basketball player while at OWU, Cole is a lifelong sports lover, and his career in teaching and sports was the perfect inspiration for his book. Teaching high school English and history for most of his career, Cole also coached football and basketball at Adrian College. For the past nine years, he’s been a radio and TV sports commentator for BCSN-TV in Toledo, Ohio.

“When you go schools and talk to kids, you see so much pressure on young people to be great at something right away. But of course, it may be a 30-year process to get really good at something. With some confidence and perseverance, though, kids can really pursue what they love and succeed. That’s what my story is about,” Cole says.

*Benny and Babe* is Cole’s first book, and he’s recently begun work on a second. “Writing is very satisfying for me. After doing sports writing for years, I’m enjoying translating that into a positive theme for kids.” Cole hopes to focus future books on progressively older demographics (high school and college students), but will continue to include an inspirational message for athletes and the challenges they face.

“I think it’s important for young people to be surrounded by messages of encouragement and confidence,” he says. “It’s that mentorship, in any form, that will help them to know what they can achieve. That’s what I want to do with my writing.”

*Benny and Babe* is available for purchase at Amazon.com.

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# Live & LEARN



**Late into the night**, the OWU campus is humming, as students work on class assignments, meet in study groups, catch up with friends (or sleep), and get ready for the next day. In a cornucopia of residential living opportunities, students can choose from among OWU's seven residence halls, each with its own personality, and 12 small living units and themed houses — including the Honors House; Bigelow-Reed House for those interested in business; Austin Manor, an intergenerational residential facility; and houses for members of OWU's fraternities. But what makes a house a home are the students who are living and sharing their lives. In Richard Light's *Making the Most of College*, the Harvard education and public policy professor writes about recent research that shows it is within a college's residential settings and array of co-curricular activities that a sizable amount of a student's academic learning

transpires. Vitally important are the strong friendships that develop—often for a lifetime—as a result of living and learning opportunities at OWU.

**Late into the night**, OWU students, together, plot out career journeys; ponder what they've learned about a developing country during a recent travel-learning study trip; talk about their families, fears, and futures; or just enjoy each other's company in front of a popular sitcom on TV. Living environments and learning opportunities are far from separate components of an OWU education; rather, they are intertwined daily with classrooms and labs, athletic playing fields, campus activities, theory-to-practice research projects close to home or halfway around the world—and in the living rooms, study spots—even kitchens—of OWU's residential halls and houses.

# Life in Stuy Hall

## *Sophomores Matt Hunter and Gabe Incarnato Invite Us Over*

FOR SOPHOMORES GABE INCARNATO AND MATT HUNTER, LIVING IN STUYVESANT HALL IS PROVING TO BE EXACTLY AS THEY HAD IMAGINED. AND EVEN BETTER.

Recent renovation of the three-story, 74,000-square-foot building, including the restoration of its signature bell tower and carillon, sent a wave of interest and excitement out among OWU students, including Incarnato and Hunter. They are two from among the 243 men and women in OWU's sophomore, junior, and senior classes now living in "Stuy."

Incarnato, a music education major — who wants to teach music and coach at the high school or middle school level — from New Philadelphia, Ohio, spends a fair amount of time in Sanborn Hall, home of the music department and just a stone's throw from Stuy. He is a member of the JAYwalkers male *a capella* group. Hunter, a sophomore from Lexington, Massachusetts, is a health and human kinetics major and biology minor and works in the admission office as a tour guide. Both students are members of OWU's varsity track & field team and room together in Stuy, after having secured the last available room in the residence hall. They had heard about all of the renovations in Stuy and wanted to live there.

"It's been great," says Hunter. "It feels like home, with the color of the walls and all. It's not the standard dorm room with white walls, and the open areas of the basement are something to see." Located on that lower level are a new coffee bar, a stage with table seating for 100, and a kitchen from which many unique, sometimes even mouthwatering aromas, waft through the building.

"The kitchen is a popular place," says Incarnato, known for his tasty chocolate chip cookies. There are, however, many other high points of rooming together in Ohio Wesleyan's oldest residential facility beyond the culinary possibilities, starting with the rooms themselves. Incarnato and Hunter share a double room that connects to a bathroom area and another double room.


"So it's a suite of four students," explains Hunter, noting a study room as well. "There are additional study areas on the second and third floors of the building along with common areas in the basement and the Willa B. Player Center, Carper Family Room, and McCluggage Lounge.

"I had thought about living in a Small Living Unit, and although I like the concept of the SLUs, none strongly attracted me," says Incarnato, who decidedly likes the dorm life environment. Neighbors across the hall play on OWU's soccer team. "It's been nice getting to know them, and my girlfriend lives a couple of floors above us." Activities such as the recent "Stuy-Dye" (who doesn't like tie-dyeing tee shirts?) and the "Stuyin' Up All Night" drew the campus together to celebrate Stuyvesant Hall's many improvements and to have fun.

"Our prospective students and families perk up when we visit Stuyvesant Hall during our [admission] tours," says Hunter. "They want to know what it was like before the renovations, whether freshmen can live there, and how well used the common spaces are." Both Stuy roommates agree, however, that it was a combination of factors and learning opportunities that 'sealed the deal' for them as prospective students. Living in Stuyvesant Hall is the icing on the cake!

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Susan Fuller McDonough '74 not only once lived in Stuy Hall. She later returned to help restore it.

# Reminiscing and Renovating

By Andrea Strle '99

## ARCHITECT SUSAN FULLER MCDONOUGH HAD THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TO HAVE A HAND IN RENOVATIONS OF HER FORMER DORMITORY — STUYVESANT HALL.

When McDonough was plotting ways to sneak into the bell tower of Stuyvesant Hall, helping girlfriends slip back into the dorm after curfew, and sledding down Stuy's hillside on "borrowed" lunch trays, never did she imagine that 40 years later she would be a key player in the renovation of the historic dormitory.

The re-dedication of the iconic, three-story Stuyvesant Hall was celebrated this October after a top-to-bottom, 15-month, \$14 million renovation. The celebration marked the end of a three-year labor of love for McDonough, who served as an architectural liaison for the University, assisting with every facet of the project, from selecting contractors to overseeing the construction.

McDonough had recently returned to Ohio from New York when she received a call from OWU President Rock Jones, asking if she would be interested in helping with the renovation project. For McDonough, it was a perfect fit. She offered not only experience as an architect, designer and project manager, but a passion for Stuyvesant Hall as an alumna who had lived in the dormitory.

"I was happy to do it," McDonough recalls. "It is so much fun being on that college campus and working on a special project."

President Jones says McDonough provided valuable service on the Stuyvesant renovation and continues to do so on other projects on campus. "Her background in design and project management offers important benefits to our work on various projects," Jones says. "It was a pleasure to have her professional expertise and passion as an alumna assisting us throughout the project."

## Friends Forever

During the renovation, McDonough invited three of her closest girlfriends for a tour of the renovations. For Susan Currie Morehouse '74, Leslie Jarvis Abernathy '74, and Ann Maxfield Kisling '74, it was a time warp back to their first days on campus. The women all lived in Stuyvesant, which was a female dorm in 1971. Abernathy, Kisling, and Morehouse were suitemates and McDonough lived across the hall. Kisling reminisced about the four of them giggling and chatting during their first hall meeting and being chided by the resident assistant. The women became fast friends, spending spring breaks and Easters together, and taking summer trips, traditions they have kept to this day. This summer's trip was to France to celebrate their 60th birthdays.

"From the beginning we just giggled and had fun," says Kisling, a transportation planner who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. "We haven't

stopped talking all these years. We still do all the same silly things we did before, except we use suntan lotion now ... and we don't wear bikinis."

While touring Stuyvesant under construction, the women finally made it to the bell tower, a place they had plotted to visit many times during their stay at the dorm, but were never successful.

"We always tried to sneak up to the bell tower when we were students and after all these years, with Susan as our tour guide, we finally got to see [it]," Kisling says. "Architecturally it was just so beautiful. They did a beautiful job with the courtyard. And seeing our old room and looking out the window was fun."

But for Kisling, seeing her friend in her element was a highlight of the tour. "It is just so incredible that Susan could be involved in the renovation," she says. "You couldn't find a person more passionate. Seeing her in action, she is so well-respected, it was great."

## Beaming with pride

On the day of the Stuyvesant Hall dedication, McDonough says she was filled with pride, joined by her husband, Bill McDonough '74, and son.

"I felt great about it," she says. "Three years of working on that project ... it was a labor of love."

McDonough is particularly proud of the features they were able to preserve and bring back to life, especially the building's many public spaces. While the layout of the rooms didn't change, the rooms themselves were upgraded. Plumbing was modernized, bathrooms were updated, and air conditioning was added, as was Wi-Fi.

She was especially pleased that they were able to preserve the terrazzo treatment along the corridors. The original lounge also was restored to its original woodwork around the ceiling. The Smoker in the basement was updated, but the stage was maintained and they were able to find a crystal chandelier

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*Friends forever. Left to right: Susan Currie Morehouse '74, Susan Fuller McDonough '74, Ann Maxfield Kisling '74, and Leslie Jarvis Abernathy '74, celebrated special birthdays in France last summer.*



## Chris Martin '13 Fraternity niche

There was a day when Chris Martin '13 contemplated transferring to another school. It was his freshman year, and while he liked his classes and had made friends, he just didn't feel as if he had found his niche. It was an unexpected postcard in the mail from Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity wishing him "Happy Holidays" that changed things for him. The postcard got Martin thinking about Greek life. When he returned to campus and got to know Alpha Sigma Phi, Martin decided to stay at OWU and join the fraternity.

"Since then, I've had absolutely no regrets and can confidently say that I made a great decision," says Martin, who is now president of the fraternity. "Looking back on the shy freshman I used to be, I can only thank Alpha Sig for helping me to come out of my shell and become the man I am today."

Being in a fraternity also meant living in a fraternity house, and Martin says it has worked out well for him. "I think the environment Alpha Sig has provided me has greatly complemented my education, and the resources provided by the house, and by living with all the members, has been a great experience," he says. "If you're looking to study, you can always find a couple of guys to go to our study room or to the library to study with you. If you want to watch a movie and relax, you can also find some guys that want to do that."

Martin, an economics management and international studies double major, is also chair of the International Studies Student Board and student adviser to Student Conduct, in addition to being president of his fraternity. He says he is grateful for the variety of options – both student organizations and living environments – that Ohio Wesleyan provides students who want to get involved.

"Being in my fraternity has greatly developed me as an individual," Martin says. "It has provided me with several opportunities, which I have taken, to get deeply involved in running an organization. A fraternity is an experience in self-governance, and I think that having taken on the roles that I have in the house, I have seen my organizational and interpersonal skills grow enormously."

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like the original that once hung in the room.

Looking to the future, McDonough continues to work as an architectural liaison for the University on various projects including the Guest House at 129 Oak Hill, focused improvements in Welch and Hayes Halls, and development of the JAYwalk, including the fountain.

“Rock and I spoke about the master plan for the whole campus, and I have to hand it to him; he has a real vision for how the look of the campus should be going into the future,” she says. “He demands the best out of our architects and contractors. While OWU has a lot of different kinds of architecture, we are looking at how to have some continuity throughout the campus.”

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## Kim Eckart '13

### Finding family on campus

AT THE BEGINNING OF HER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE, Kim Eckart '13 knew she wanted to connect with people who had similar interests and values and that she needed to live in an environment conducive to succeeding academically. She says she found a family on campus when she joined a sorority, and currently lives in the Honors House after spending three years in Welch Hall, the honors dorm.

Choosing to live in a theme house, the Honors House, has worked out well for Eckart, she says. The house, which has 11 residents and is located two houses from the OWU's Pritchard House, is host to academic programs, and its residents work closely with the Honors Board.

“I wanted the chance to be a little more independent and have a real home to come back to after a long day,” Eckart says. “I really enjoy having a kitchen and the ability to study at a dining room table. I feel

that people are considerate when trying to study and really like the communal house environment that we've created. It's a chance for me to connect with people on another level and still have my own space.”

An international studies and politics and government major, Eckart is a member of the Honors Board, WCSA, and the Campus Programming Board. She also serves as a student representative on the Academic Policy Committee, is judicial director of the Panhellenic Council, and currently serves in Rho Gamma as a recruitment guide and is temporarily disassociated from her sorority.

Eckart says she was drawn to her sorority because she felt a connection with the women and saw it as an opportunity to build her support network and community at Ohio Wesleyan. She pursued the Honors Board because academics are extremely important to her and she enjoys challenging herself academically. Participating on the Academic Policy Committee, a student-faculty committee that works on curriculum for the school, has given her a chance to work closely with faculty and leave a legacy at the University and for future students, Kim says.

“My involvement outside of the classroom has helped me grow into the person that I am today,” Kim says. “The leadership opportunities that I've gotten, whether through a position in the organization or as a general member, have given me the opportunity to help coordinate events and groups of people as well as develop skills that will be extremely useful in the future.

“This summer I went to Tanzania and South Africa on one of the Theory-to-Practice Grants,” she says. “I wouldn't have had the confidence to do this without the support of the family that I've found on this campus ... the support of professors and sisters. To go out and actually follow one of my passions is incredible and something I wouldn't have found at another University.”

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# PLACES TO CAN HOME

By Amanda Zechiel '99

From small living units and themed houses to honors and upperclassmen/women halls, OWU students find the best of all worlds and learn to be great thinkers and leaders.



## Welch Hall

Welch Hall provides an opportunity for students in the Honors Program to live and learn together. In a unique environment where academics are a priority, students feed each others' ideas and growth, all in a living situation that fits their shared goals.

Morgan Christie '16 is a freshman living in Welch, and she's thrilled with her decision to be a part of the Welch community. "Coming into OWU, I thought it would be a good idea to be around other people in the Honors Program," she explains. "I also knew about the 24-hour quiet hours and thought that having those in place would help make studying easier and more successful."

So far, Christie says living in Welch has been all that she hoped—a place that has helped her to focus on her classes as she adjusts to college life. "Everyone who lives here is intent on succeeding, and we are all willing to help each other out." She also points out that students living in Welch offer a diversity of interests and strengths—having taken advanced courses in a variety of subjects—and are a great resource to one another across disciplines.

But Christie's positive experience in Welch doesn't stop at academic benefits. "Welch is always very open; everyone has their doors open most of the time. It's so easy to meet people, and it's just a really friendly place!"

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The friendly atmosphere, the academic emphasis, and of course, the fun—they all add up to make the Welch experience an extremely valuable one for many OWU students.

## **Peace & Justice House**

A place to be challenged. A place to learn. A place to be loved. That's how Kamila Goldin '13 thinks of the Peace & Justice House, the Small Living Unit (SLU) where she has lived since her junior year at OWU.

With a mission of furthering social justice awareness at OWU and in the Delaware community, P&J is a place where Goldin immediately felt connected. "Before living at the house, I grew a lot just from knowing people who lived at P&J, so when I had the chance to apply and move in, I took it. I suspected that I would grow a lot from living in such an intellectual, energetic, and loving space," she explains.

The presence of the P&J house on campus has an impact, Goldin says, because the programming is diverse. Projects may range from service projects and campus demonstrations to sponsorship of discussions, film screenings, or conferences. "Most of our events are designed to help expose systems of power and challenge the systems of oppression that many of us students participate in without even realizing it," Goldin explains. "Everything from native justice to environmental justice to reproductive justice, women's rights, LGBT rights, immigrant rights, anti-war efforts, political information, meditation and cheap art workshops—these are all examples."

With these shared passions and household environment, Goldin says her relationships with housemates at P&J are uniquely supportive. "I am living with 16 other people who care. They care about me, and they care about what's on my mind. These are people committed to maintaining my health: spiritual, emotional, and intellectual."

The sense of community is profound, Goldin says, and it's evident even as you walk the halls of the house. "There are sophomores to seniors living in the same space, sharing wisdom and experiences. There are common spaces embedded with the artifacts and personalities of generations of students who lived in the house. The halls are covered in memorabilia—ticket stubs and photographs and posters with uncomfortable questions. Old student ID's, grade reports, letters



*Gene Sludge '13 in the House of Black Culture.*

between friends," she describes fondly.

Being a part of P&J has changed who Goldin is—and what her OWU experience means to her—in significant ways. "SLU residents dream big," she says. "At P&J, we share a commitment to caring about our world and our choices, and to acting on those cares. That is the attitude that I will take from P&J, both at OWU and after graduation."

## **House of Black Culture**

Gene Sludge '13 began spending time at the House of Black Culture (HBC) Small Living Unit because it was a great place to read, relax, and study. What it became, however, was his home away from home, his passion, and the place that helped make him into a leader.

HBC has five key goals: 1) To promote cultural exchanges and understanding in the OWU and Delaware communities, 2) To provide a forum for addressing minority concerns on campus, 3) To serve as a sanctuary for discussions about African and African-American issues, 4) To assist or support the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, University Departments, and student organizations in coordinating and planning events, and 5) To allow all students of color to feel accepted

regardless of their culture, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

In working toward this mission, Sludge says a true learning environment is created. "Living in the HBC is truly a rewarding experience; there are so many things you will learn about different people as to where they come from, what languages do they speak, and how they adapt to certain situations," he explains.

To help share these learnings with the broader community, HBC hosts academic and social events focused on areas such as health and fitness, socioeconomic issues, Black History Month, and more. Sludge has helped organize discussions called *Hip-Hop & Its Influence on Men and Women* and *Black Identity: What Do You Mean You Are Not Black?* "The House has given me the opportunity to truly demonstrate my leadership skills," he comments.

Sludge believes that HBC and SLU living are a truly remarkable part of the OWU experience, unlike any other. "Living in HBC has allowed me to build close relationships with my colleagues who are more than my housemates and friends; they are my family away from home," he says.

And the impact on the greater community?



"I believe that SLUs provide a significant sense of community to the Ohio Wesleyan and Delaware areas as whole," he says. They offer a rich sense of historical importance and promote academics, gender equality, social-political issues, religious tolerance, and cultural awareness." It's an honor and privilege, Sludge says, to part of something as special as that.

### **Citizens of the World House**

The Citizens of the World (COW) House is a Small Living Unit focusing on creating a community of cultural diversity on campus, and promoting understanding and curiosity about cultures around the globe. And for COW House moderator Ashley Madera '13, COW is a second home.

From the moment she first visited COW, Madera knew it was a special place. "I felt welcomed and part of this family even though I had never met a single person in the house before," she recalls.

The mission of the house really resonated Ashley her as a Mexican-American student. "COW hopes to bring all members of the OWU community together to better understand the peoples and traditions of every part of the world, as well as to celebrate just how culturally diverse our campus is. We are also interested in raising awareness about social justice issues, both in the USA and across the globe," Madera explains.

By sponsoring events and programs on campus, COW is bringing its mission to life. Among last year's events were a Native American Art Workshop and a program called Faces of Homelessness. This year, the house plans to offer events such as a Canned Food Drive for Promise Family, Mayan Prophecy Documentary, and a Global Jewelry Sale.

For Madera, living at COW has been central to her OWU experience. "We are a house of 16 students that share a universal passion. This house is more than just a place to sleep and study; it is a place where we all feel safe. This is truly a home in every meaning of the word."

Madera says living in COW has helped her to be a better learner and leader on campus, even beyond the walls of her house. "When I moved in my sophomore year, I was entering as the shy and timid freshman from the previous year. I was also the new moderator of the house, which was intimidating in and of itself. By the end of my sophomore year, I had finally been able to speak my mind, and I became more active on campus. I know that for the rest of my time at OWU I will be involved in organizations that range in topics, and I know that our programs will impact OWU students and allow them to see a culture or people in a different light."

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## **Cali Cornacchia '13**

### **Intergenerational living at Austin Manor**

When Cali Cornacchia '13 arrived on campus her freshman year she was eager to meet new people and find a place where she "fit in," she says. She got involved with several activities and organizations, many of which she is still involved with today. By her senior year, she also had determined that she wanted a more independent living environment and applied to live at Ohio Wesleyan's intergenerational living facility, Austin Manor.

"Since I am a sociology and politics and government major, many of my involvements have complimented my education by giving me first hand experiences with other communities or styles of living," Cornacchia says. "Since I've been involved with VIVA, we have brought speakers and documentaries that highlight challenges that various populations of Latinos face. With spring break missions, we go out of our college bubble to work with communities directly and learn about how they function, specific issues, and what we can bring to the table to partner and help."

In addition to her involvement with VIVA, a Latin American awareness group, and mission trips, Cornacchia also is president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and a member of the Campus Programming Board, Order of Omega, President's Club, and Mortar Board.

Living at Austin Manor has meant apartment living rather than dorm life for Cornacchia and her roommates. She says she has enjoyed the larger living space, kitchen, and the quiet, cozy feel of the building. She also has enjoyed a sense of community while still being independent. She says she especially loves the veranda that overlooks the Monnett garden and Sanborn hall – a peaceful place to take a cup of coffee and get some reading done.

"I like being a little more removed from campus and I feel that it will make for a better transition into life after college," Cornacchia says of Austin Manor.

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# Living At & Loving OWU

## REFLECTIONS OF AN OWU SENIOR

By *Claire Paniccia '13*



I REMEMBER MY FRESHMAN MOVE-IN DAY, THINKING ABOUT WHAT I WOULD REMEMBER ABOUT THAT DAY WHEN I WAS A SENIOR. I had bright eyes full of excitement and anticipation and a very large van full of everything I had deemed absolutely necessary. In three-and-a-half years, a lot has changed. The amount of stuff I deem absolutely necessary, for example, has shrunk, though I still find myself lugging around an ancient printer I haven't used in years. My hair is longer, my classes are harder, and I don't really play the ukulele anymore. I have focused my many interests, or rather, I'm more keenly aware of the fact that I can't take every single course in the Course Catalog, much as I'd like to. I've taken a few knocks in life and dealt a few myself. And here I am, alive and well, and only months from being a fully qualified grown-up.

This rather jarring prospect makes me realize how short three-and-a-half years really are. Short and long at once, and filled with sweet memories and not-so-sweet lessons about life, which, to be honest, is exactly what life itself is.

### FRESHMAN YEAR 2009-2010:

There is a tree outside Thomson Store, under which my friends and I would gather and lounge in the grass and do homework and get to know each other. That was the birthplace of my temporary alias as "Ukulele Girl." That was where most of my Italian homework was done and where lots of time was otherwise wasted in August and September sunshine. It was very picturesque, probably, like the kind of thing you see on promotional packets for so many universities. But for me, it was reality, not just a picture. It was my every day. And considering I was something of a loner in high school, this was literally a dream come true.

That winter, there was a huge snow storm, and we dubbed it fondly The Snowpocalypse of 2010. The same friends I spent warm afternoons sprawled on the grass with, I now spent huddled in the Welch basement with blankets and pizza and Swiss Miss watching the new Star Trek movie. We piled on the couches together, legs over each other's laps, using shoulders as pillows, a big cuddle fest of camaraderie. These friends and I shared one of the

strangest years I think a young person experiences: the first year of college, thrown suddenly into a new place with new people and new expectations and new freedoms. The friends of your freshman year are the ones you figure it all out with, and that's a special bond. Whether lasting or not, you never forget your friends from freshman year.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR 2010-2011:

Roommates are interesting things. You live together, in the same cramped space filled with university furniture, spending your dullest and most mundane moments together. Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn't. There's nothing wrong with that. I've experienced both. My sophomore year provided me with some of the best roommates I could have asked for. Brittany and Aubrey made dorm life sophomore year pretty great. Being a creative writing major in a room filled with science majors calls for some very interesting studying. While I was peer-editing a

stack of essays, complaining loudly about some people's inability to distinguish *their*, *there*, and *they're*, they were loudly complaining about organic chemistry homework and scientific processes I can't even attempt to explain here. We spent many very late weeknights "studying," i.e., sitting backwards in our chairs joking deliriously about hedgehogs and wind turbines and meatballs. We even had a quote wall of ridiculous things each of us had said, titled, "The Wall of Meatball," or "Wall o' Ball." I don't exactly remember why meatballs became such a big joke with us. I think it had to do with one night when I really wanted home food, which for me in that moment was represented by meatballs. It became a regular reference between us which was funny to absolutely no one else on the planet. But it, and other such jokes, made dull nights memorable.

On my twentieth birthday, I had no plans. It was an otherwise normal night besides the fact that I was officially one year older than I had been the day before. Until Aubrey pulled from our tiny fridge a massive meatball with a candle in it. The thing was the size of my face. I felt so loved and utterly happy. I think I can honestly say no one has ever made me a birthday treat as awesome as that meatball, and I know it was made with lots of love because Aubrey is vegetarian. I will never forget it. Brittany and I spent a week eating it. And it led to a big influx of quotes for the Wall.

## JUNIOR YEAR 2011-2012:

The summer before my junior year, I decided to spend five weeks backpacking alone in Europe before studying for a semester in Florence, Italy. Against the advice of my grandparents and with full encouragement from my dad, I struck out on my own in unknown territory, in every sense of the phrase. Even though I did these things on my own steam, and not through OWU programs, this is the kind of adventurous attitude that OWU encourages. I grew a lot on this trip, widening my worldview and homing in



on my own sense of self.

When I came back, after eight months of being out of touch with the whole of Ohio, I have to admit I was terrified of returning to school. I was afraid of being displaced and without friends. This was completely irrational, but it was what it was. But, OWU is a place of community, even for lone wolves like me. On my return, an old friend from freshman year that I rarely saw or talked to surprised me by showing up at my door with two coffees and time to catch up. I began spending time at her house (the House of Thought) and getting to know all kinds of new people and developing new kinds of friendships based on mutual interests and, to be frank, mutual eccentricity. These were new kinds of bonds, different from those of freshman year. These friendships began to, and still are, teaching me who I am and what I want, which is, I admit, a continual project I think for everyone.

## NOW:

And so here I am, in senior year, with only a handful of months left before official grown-up-hood. I find myself with time to take classes just for fun, the inability to cling much longer to childhood, questions about the future, and friends facing the exact same things. Professors are more like mentors to me now, providing opportunities for intellectual discussion at department gatherings. I even sometimes hang out in one professor's office, chatting about books and the writing life and soaking up practical advice about the literary world rarely mentioned in class.

If tomorrow I were to meet myself from four years ago, I'd probably think I was a puny, precocious, maybe a tad annoying freshman. I've grown, I've changed, and I love who I've become. I wouldn't give my younger self any advice because the last four years have made me who I am. The only thing I would say would be to enjoy the good stuff, because that's the only stuff worth remembering. That, and everything you need to know for tomorrow's exam.

When my friends and I walk across the stage in cap and fluttering gown, I will feel excited and terrified and one hundred percent exhilarated. And in that moment, I will look around me and see all the people who have taught me how to be who I am and how to do what I love, and I will say to myself and all my friends, "Don't be sad that it's over. Be glad that it happened." And I am oh so glad for my OWU.

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# Common Denominators

*Jija Dutt and Olivia Gillison are sharing cultures and friendship at OWU.*



By *Gretchen Hirsch*

**IT MIGHT SEEM AS IF A YOUNG WOMAN FROM KOLKATA AND ANOTHER FROM PHILADELPHIA WOULD HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON, BUT OWU JUNIORS JIJA DUTT AND OLIVIA GILLISON PUT THE LIE TO THAT NOTION.** Hayes Hall roommates during their first two years at Ohio Wesleyan, the duo is now living at Stuyvesant Hall.

As an OWU legacy (her sister, Pooja, graduated in 2009 and went on to graduate work at MacQuarie University in Australia), Dutt, a sociology/anthropology major, had come to Ohio Wesleyan once before to visit her sister. “I came when I was a sophomore in high school, and it helped me make up some of my mind. International students usually can’t do many

college visits abroad. Some of our decisions are based on Internet research. I thought maybe I didn’t want to come here because my sister had, so I also applied to Clark in Massachusetts, but OWU just felt like a good fit and the financial aid was generous,” she says.

Gillison’s decision process was somewhat more circuitous. “Someone in my high school had come here the year before,” she says. “I’m a swimmer and I wanted a Division III school so I could continue swimming in college. My guidance counselor told me to look at the Ohio Five, and of that group, I was accepted at the two schools I applied to. I chose Ohio Wesleyan because I liked it better and OWU already had a defined environmental studies program in place. To some degree it also came down to the coach,

and I really liked Coach Hawes.” And, like Dutt, Gillison mentions the attractive financial aid package. She is majoring in geography, environmental studies, and urban studies, and minoring in sociology.

As is typical of many college students today, the women met online long before they arrived on campus. “We met on the Class of 2014 Facebook group and Skyped,” Dutt says. “I think we started talking in March when I was nearing the end of high school (we finish up earlier in the year than American students), so I’d be up late at night, and we’d be in touch then.”

“When all the housing information came,” Gillison continues, “we asked, ‘Do we want to try this?’ and we decided we did.”

Dutt and Gillison arrived on campus before their other suitemates. “I came to multicultural pre-orientation,” says Gillison.

“And I came for international student pre-orientation, so we were moved in and set up before our other roommates arrived,” Dutt adds. “That was an adjustment for all of us.”

Other adjustments were easy, the woman says. “The culture shock was not so severe for me as it might have been for other international students,” Dutt says. “I grew up in a more Westernized environment, so the United States wasn’t a particularly difficult transition.

“My major problem here,” she continues, “is the more constant assessment [of learning]. More homework and more testing. Where I went to school, we had midterms and finals. Here, it’s a different academic environment.”

“Which led her to be nocturnal during freshman year,” Gillison laughs. “That was a difference between us. I swim competitively and that requires me to keep up and get things done. Spring semester is harder for me because I don’t manage my time as well. In the summers, I work in the events department of the city of Philadelphia. It’s great and fun and exciting, but it’s 9 to 5 and I don’t want to do too much once I get home. But we have so little time in school that when I’m here I want to do as many things as possible. My grades usually dip a little in the spring because I’m involved in lots of activities here.”

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About the only other area in which the roommates diverge is in how they clean. “I tend to clean about once a week,” Dutt says, “while she puts things away as she goes.”

“I’m also a stress cleaner,” Gillison says. “It relieves frustration, and yes, I have occasionally cleaned other people’s rooms. They don’t seem to mind,” she says with a smile. “Especially my guy friends.”

Although the women agree that cultural and religious differences have had no effect on their friendship, they differ somewhat in their reactions to small towns and big cities. Gillison will study in Ireland this year, specifically choosing Dublin over Cork, not only because the university in Dublin offers the courses she wants to take, but also because “I wanted a bigger city. Since I come from Philadelphia, Delaware can feel a little small.” On the other hand, Dutt, who studied recently in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, couldn’t wait to get back the

small-city atmosphere in Ohio.

Early in their roommate relationship, Dutt suffered the tragedy of losing her mother. After a couple of weeks with family in India, she returned the United States, only three days before Thanksgiving. Gillison’s family welcomed Dutt for the holiday, where, she says, she felt “very much at home. It was wonderful to get to know her family and spend time with them.” Following the break, the pair came back to OWU, where Dutt says, “everyone was so kind—my friends and all my professors. It was strange. People here had only known me for about six weeks, and yet I felt as if I had come from my family in India to another family right here at Ohio Wesleyan.” Since those early visits, Dutt has visited Philadelphia often, mentioning that Gillison’s mother has become “a mother figure” for her as well. Gillison has yet to visit India. “It’s a little bit more of a trip for her to come to my family,” Dutt says.

When they graduate, both women plan on graduate school, maybe right away, but maybe not. Some career investigation and work experience may be in the offing first. But wherever they end up, Jija Dutt and Olivia Gillison will no doubt share the kind of lifelong friendship that is common at Ohio Wesleyan.

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*Jija and Olivia, home for Thanksgiving with “Mom”, Elaine Gillison, in Philadelphia.*

# A DAY IN THE OWU



*Editor's Note: The Magazine asked freshman Karson Stevenson to carve out one day in her life at OWU, and serve it up in journal-like style for you, our readers. Karson hails from*

*Aurora, Colorado. She brings*

*with her the priceless exuberance of youth on the brink of making great discoveries about herself, those with whom she lives, learns, and plays, and about what her special contributions to the world will be.*

By Karson Stevenson '16

**1 p.m.:** From chemistry, go to Branch Rickey gym for yoga and hope I don't fall asleep. It's just too darn relaxing!

**2:40 p.m.:** Leave yoga and run back to Welch Hall to change. Field hockey practice is at 4 p.m., but we have to be there 45 minutes early to change and stretch. Montana, my fellow freshman field hockey player and best friend from California, is already at my dorm, hanging with my roommates. In the absence of longtime friends, of family and familiar objects, I've found that we are surrounded by strangers sharing our space. And it is with these strangers that we fill our voids. The relationships we've garnered in the past took time to develop—years and experiences that we shared. But we now find ourselves utterly without the convenience of that longtime comfort. So we form new bonds, not to replace the old ones but to help us carry on in our new environment. We are the same, emerging souls in a turbulent world, without any strong foundation such as childhood friends or parents to keep us intact. We seek to replicate the ease of being with kindred spirits, and so we reach out to those strangers like us and we grow close to them to such a degree that we have never done before. The luxury of time is gone. We find these people and we assimilate with them in the best ways possible. We take those experiences from home, those loved ones and the things we'd done to get to that point, and start

there. The friends I've already made at OWU are wonderful and as close as some of my best friends back home.



**4 p.m.**

Practice: My field hockey team is one of the best things about college. I've been on several sports teams in the past (be they basketball, swimming, tennis, soccer, or field hockey), and from those teams I've met some of my very closest friends. But here, where the sport is not something you can commit to half-heartedly, the team becomes a new type of family. You battle with these people, you fight harder than you've had to before, and you reach much higher heights than you ever thought possible. You grow to love your teammates and, hopefully, respect them as people as well as players. The upperclassmen hand out bits of wisdom to us "freshies" (as we are affectionately called) and take us under their wings. In return we can offer the unbridled enthusiasm of players new to the field they've grown to know so well and the game they've been living with. We are close and look out for each other, on and off the field. I'm the goalie this season and my defenders are the best I've ever played with. We all push each other to be faster, to be stronger, and to be better. And we do it with the uttermost faith that our teammates have our backs no matter what. It's a good thing we're so close; practice is every day for at least two hours and games are at least once a week.

**6:40 p.m.:** Practice is over and I'm back in Welch. My roommates are all working on their homework, joking around while discussing the devastatingly effective results of adding hydrochloric acid to the copper solutions we've been making in chemistry lab and complaining about how much homework they have. My dad used to tell me about how much I'd love college, about



**8 a.m.:** iPod alarm beeps. Turn it off and lie on it. Fifteen more minutes.

**8:30 a.m.:** Seriously, time to get up. Class starts at 10 a.m., but my suitemate Frisia and I always head out a bit early to grab coffee and some pastries at Ham-Wil bakery. Or, if the lines are too long, head over to University Hall bakery. Not getting coffee is NOT an option.

Mornings can be hard, admittedly. What I once considered a time to be fast asleep has since evolved into a time in which I find myself working to finish something up (say, 2 a.m., for example). Grab a warm sweater, jeans, and warm boots. This weather is approaching Denver status, but not quite there.

**10 a.m.:** Psychology in Law. Class ends a little early so I have some time to review chemistry notes. Grab a sandwich from the Science Center café and eat it in the atrium. Head to chemistry.

# LIFE OF KARSON

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how the people there would be like me and love learning as much as I do. He was right. My peers (at least most of them) legitimately care about their studies. They've found their passions and are pursuing what they love. Sure, some of them have no idea of what lies beyond these next couple of years. But here and now we are all striving for the knowledge we so desperately crave. I call home and talk to my parents and my younger sister and brother. I miss them a lot but don't really have time to be homesick. Besides, I love this new life of mine. My old life was superb but this one I now have...I never knew how much I wanted it until I'd experienced it. I hit the shower and then the books.

## 8:45 p.m.:

Get about a solid hour of homework before heading out with Montana and our other teammates, Venessa and Kenzie, to Athletes in Action (a religious group where OWU athletes meet at Donatos, eat delicious pizza, and discuss Biblical messages in a relaxed setting). Quite a few of my hockey girls go, as well as my friends from every other sport. There are even a few students who don't play sports and even a "townie" or two, all just wanting to discuss God.

I've joined six clubs so far. Athletes in Action, Pet Pals, Peer Health Advocate Team, Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Council (OWAC), Circle K and Neurds (the neuroscience club). And I've also gotten a job as a writer for Connect2OWU, (perhaps you've heard of it?) and this story for the *OWU Magazine!* Athletes in Action meets every Monday at the exact same time as Pet Pals so I usually have to pick one of the two. PHAT meets at lunch on Wednesdays and OWAC meets at that time as well, but every other week. Circle K has a



bevy of volunteer activities that I'm able to go to but the actual meetings are Monday nights as well, so I miss those. Neurds meets Monday afternoons in the science center atrium, which is where my chemistry class is, so I can usually stop by there, at least for a bit.

**11 p.m.:** Get a call from a classmate needing help with psychology. I'm double majoring in neuroscience and psychology, with a minor in Spanish, and I like nothing more than to help my friends out with it. When you really love something you want to help others love it too!

Chemistry homework takes a while but I don't mind. In fact, I've recently found that I'm starting to enjoy the subject, as alarming as that may sound. Good thing, too, because I'm going to need to take quite a few more chemistry classes, as well as biology, in order to major in neuroscience.

Dr. Yates is the head of the neuroscience department and also happens to be my advisor. She really helps me map out my class schedules, keeping me on the right track and ensuring that I obtain all the necessary credits. I lucked out by getting her. She is so passionate about her work that I can't help but get excited too.

**12 a.m.:** Start on my psychology notes. In high school psych was seen as a "senior class," meant to be a reward for four years of hard work. But I fell in love with it like nothing I ever have before. Each class I take in psychology is one step closer to earning my Ph.D. Two years ago, I could have assuredly told you about my plans

to become a NAVY JAG lawyer. I can't say that now. Nor can I say I know exactly what I plan on doing with my degrees. There are many, many more options than I actually know now that lie before me. It's sort of frightening, I'll admit. Not knowing. There's the nagging fear that, once I leave school, there will be nothing more for me. Or that my passions won't be available to me. Or that I will fail miserably at whatever I end up doing. Those fears are present and real. But they are small in comparison to the excitement I feel for the immense possibilities that await me.

In high school I felt that not knowing the future meant succumbing to outside powers. But I now know that not to be true. I've only been in college for a few months but my perspective on many things has already begun to evolve. My interests, my passions, my voice, they've all begun to broaden with the new world I find myself in.

**2 a.m.:** All my homework is done. My chemistry pre-lab, my chem lecture homework, my sociology paper, and my psych notes. My agenda, which basically helps me keep my head on straight, is updated with the rest of the week's events. Things are busy, yes, busier than what is probably healthy. But everything is good. Very, very good. Tell my roomies goodnight, and go to bed.

You can follow Karson's weekly blog at [blog.owu.edu/KarsonsJourneys](http://blog.owu.edu/KarsonsJourneys).



## FACELIFT FOR STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ROOM

# What do you think?



*"I play basketball at OWU and we use a lot of free weights during our workouts. In our new weight room, there are three complete sets of weights, and that has helped our team so much. I also really like the number of combo racks we have now. The room looks tremendously better, less cluttered, and more organized. I love the improvements, and I have so much pride in our new weight room."*

—CAROLINE WELKER '15

*"I am really pleased. It's not just the new paint, flooring, machines, or the amazing mural that have made an impact; there are many other additions to the facility. As the head supervisor of the SC room, I have seen the change from both a worker's point of view as well as an athlete on the women's track & field team. Working out has been more enjoyable. We have nice, new, shiny machines. Those who picked out our machines, dumbbells, and ellipticals put a lot of thought into it. As workers in the facility, we are more official—not just because of the polos we wear, or the desks we sit at, but because we have an opportunity to keep the SC room in good condition to make it last for a long time. Ohio Wesleyan IDs now are required to enter the facility, we now have towels for those who work out, and we are conscientious about keeping the equipment clean. We've had many compliments about the facility!"*

—HANNAH BENZING '13

*"I love the new graphics on the walls! The equipment is great and there are a lot of new additions. A lot of hard work went into the room's transformation, but in the end, I'm proud to say that it is the Strength and Conditioning Room of Ohio Wesleyan's Battling Bishops!"*

—JAMES TOLAND '13





# INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Designed By and For Students



*Ultimate frisbee is the game of OWU's Firedogs team.*

**DORMS, STUDYING, CLASSES—THE OWU EXPERIENCE DOESN'T STOP THERE. IN FACT, MUCH OF THE LEARNING AT OWU HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF WHAT'S REQUIRED, IN STUDENTS' FREE TIME.** And that's why Cassie Cunningham believes the intramural sports program at OWU is so critical, enriching, and wonderful.

As head OWU softball coach and director of the intramural program, Cunningham has seen firsthand the impact that intramural sports can have on students. Intramurals have been around at OWU for many years, and Cunningham has been the director for the past five. Providing athletic and recreational opportunities of many kinds to OWU students, staff, and faculty, the program has been revamped in recent years to include student directors and extended hours. This creates a link between staff leadership and students, and it allows access to varsity sports facilities.

"We offer a multitude of sports and a variety of participation options," Cunningham explains. "We offer seasonal

sports (that may last 4 to 12 weeks) as well as one-day events both for teams and individuals." Some of the sports offered include sand volleyball, soccer, flag football, dodgeball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, and racquetball. One-day events such as cornhole, whiffle ball, basketball tournaments, ultimate frisbee, and open gym basketball are also available.

In the 2011-2012 school year, 800 students participated in the program, including 25 registered teams — and Cunningham believes these students are benefitting greatly. "First of all, I think it is important to provide non-alcoholic opportunities to our students," she says. "Additionally, the health benefit of recreation is critical, but just as important is the team environment, leadership, and camaraderie created. Our students have been extremely competitive but always respectful of their opponents. The opportunity to show class and develop friendships is amazing."

Michael Cartier '13, an active participant in intramural sports, agrees. "Intramurals have allowed me to stay competitive, but in a more friendly and fun atmosphere. They've helped with my character improvement and growth

because I take the role as a player, coach, or captain very seriously."

Cartier has participated in every intramural sport available since his sophomore year. After he quit the OWU varsity soccer team, it was the perfect choice for him. "I love sports. They've been a huge part of my life growing up, and I wanted to stay involved. It is also a great way to stay fit," he explains.

Cartier also has focused on developing his fraternity's participation in the intramural program, ultimately helping to develop his leadership skills and to influence his OWU experience. "Intramurals have helped enrich my college experience because they've given me an outlet for my stress, along with enhancing my leadership and responsibility skills," he explains. "It also helps to rid the negative attitudes fraternities may have toward one another."

Similarly, Cunningham points out that students participating in intramurals have the opportunity to meet new people—both between Greek organizations and otherwise. While other interests may vary, sports bring students together on common ground, and new friendships are born. That's rewarding for Cunningham, too. "Easily my favorite part is getting to know more OWU students. I continue to be amazed by the students at OWU, their personalities, and the level of respect and compassion for fellow students. It's great to witness that every night."

Cunningham says students should participate in intramurals because the rewards are countless. "The intramural department is designed by the students, for the students to meet the recreational needs of the campus. We love suggestions for new sports or new opportunities and welcome everyone to participate regardless of their experience in a specific sport. The more students that participate, the more fun everyone has. Be brave, try something new, make friends, and be part of the action!"

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“DON’T YOU FORGET ABOUT ME,” THE 80’S HIT BY SIMPLE MINDS OWES MUCH OF ITS POPULARITY TO THE JOHN HUGHES BRAT PACK MOVIE CLASSIC *THE BREAKFAST CLUB*, AS THE FILM’S FEATURE SONG.

For Ohio Wesleyan’s version of the Breakfast Club, the words “don’t you forget about me” don’t ring out in the same upbeat melody. They carry a slightly different context and certainly a more groggy, groaning tone amongst its members — as in “Don’t forget to get me up for Breakfast Club.”

Instituted by men’s lacrosse head coach Mike Plantholt and his assistant Nick Fiorentino three years ago when they first arrived at OWU, the Breakfast Club was put in place as an academic measure to improve the team’s overall 2.6 GPA. Results quickly followed; three years later, the collective GPA has risen to a 3.0.

So what is OWU’s Breakfast Club? It’s simple really. All freshmen and a select few upperclassmen must meet at the Student Center in Ham-Wil every weekday morning at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast.

Starting the day earlier than most of their student peers helps players develop a healthy routine, get three meals, learn to develop good time management skills, and get to class.

“The way Breakfast Club works is we want the freshmen to come in the very beginning, and then we collect everyone’s grades throughout the semester,” Plantholt says. “If a freshman or upperclassman is doing well throughout the semester, we cut Breakfast Club down from five days a week to three days a week, and we’ll cut it down from three to one day if you’re doing well in school. It’s not about being nosy; it’s more about holding them accountable.” Accountability and good time management skills are important on and off the field.

“We wanted to create a type of bonus for the freshmen coming in, who need to learn time management,” Fiorentino states. “Helping them have a routine when they first come in here is only going to give them an advantage of being successful in their academics, athletics, and their social life. If they have classes at 10a.m. or nine, none of them go back to bed.

“It really teaches the guys about



# The Breakfast

By John Shimer '05

accountability,” continues the third-year assistant coach. “They want to get here, make sure everyone is here, and get a breakfast to start their days right. When you’re able to start your day right, it sets you up to take care of things you have to get done that afternoon and evening.”

Not having the opportunity to live the average lifestyle of today’s college student, such as sleeping then shuffling off for a 9 or 10 a.m. class – most of the freshmen on the men’s lacrosse team admittedly were a little disappointed to be told they were still on high school time, up by 7 a.m.

However, hardly anything is ordinary or average about the Ohio Wesleyan’s men’s lacrosse program that has made it to the NCAA tournament every year since 2005 (missing the tournament only three

times since 1995) and has won eight conference championships since 2000. The Bishops expect to get results both on the field and in the classroom. For freshmen, that begins with a bacon-egg-and-cheese sandwich or some granola and yogurt, followed by schoolwork and then classes.

“(Breakfast Club) actually got me to get up in the morning to go to breakfast, something I might not have done otherwise,” freshman Paul Anderson says. “Afterwards I go to the library and study for an hour or two depending on when my next class is. It actually allows me to get a lot of work done before class instead of afterwards. I feel like I’m a lot more productive with the Breakfast Club, and on the days I don’t have it, I find myself waking up to get breakfast because I have a routine.” It is

# Club



a pattern that continues for most.

“It helps discipline you to wake up every morning especially in the off-season,” freshman Mike Knapp says. “It shows the coaches a sense of commitment because you’re here every morning at 7:30 when you say good morning to the coaches. It helps you get your work done, as well as helping with time management.” Along with that commitment comes dependability.

“(It’s) nice to be organized, nice to have places to be because that gets you to be more dependable,” says freshman Eli Merritt. “I’m



ready [for the day].” Other advantages of the team’s early morning breakfasts involve the ongoing building of team chemistry. Although the lacrosse team has a fall schedule, the start of Bishop lacrosse season doesn’t begin until midway through second semester.

“These guys who come from all over the country, come in here and meet every day Monday through Friday for four to six weeks,”

says Fiorantino. “You’re going to get to know and communicate with each other, and create trust and a bond.” Besides the team-building advantages, the Breakfast Club is encouraging its members to use each day to its fullest.

“It’s not rocket science really; we just wanted to make sure the guys would wake up every morning and not miss classes,” Plantholt reiterated. “Start your day a little bit earlier, and we figured the earlier they wake up, the earlier they go to bed and the less they procrastinate (on work).”

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### Aaron Granger '93



Aaron is associate general counsel for Exel U.S. in Westerville, Ohio. He is vice president and a member of the Board of Trustees at South Side Learning and Development Center; a member of Leadership

Columbus, Class of 2008; served on the Community Action Agency Task Force 2007; was awarded the "Forty Under 40" by Business First, 2009; and was designated an Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2005 and 2007. Aaron received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University and a J.D.

from The Ohio State University College of Law in Columbus, Ohio.

### John L. Milligan '83



John joined Gilead Sciences in 1990 as a research scientist and was appointed to chief financial officer in 2002 and to chief operating officer in 2007. He became president in 2008. John was named

"Bay Area CFO of the Year" in 2006. He was named top biotechnology industry CFO in the U.S. by Institutional Investor Magazine in 2006, 2007, and 2008, and is a member of the Board of Biotechnology Industry Organization. John received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

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## FIRST-TERM CANDIDATES



**Michael L. McCluggage '69** Michael is a partner in the global law firm Edwards Wildman Palmer, LLP. He is based in the Chicago office. His professional experience includes representation of clients in antitrust litigation, government antitrust investigations, class action litigation, internal investigations of corporate clients and other business litigation and counseling. He has served as acting head of corporate litigation for one of the firm's largest clients. Counseling clients on matters of corporate governance, compliance and risk management have been an important part of the services he has provided to clients in recent years. He is counsel to the legal issues committee of the board of one of the largest insurers. He has been recognized by the prestigious Chambers organization for his expertise as an antitrust lawyer. He was named an Illinois Super Lawyer for antitrust litigation. He has been an active member of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association for more than 20 years, having served as chair or vice-chair of two section committees. Michael was a member of the Executive Committee of his law firm for over 25 years. During the course of his career, Michael has been active in pro bono litigation, including death penalty appeals. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Ballet Chicago for a several years. Michael is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. He was a member of the Visiting Committee of the Law School from 2004-2007. While at Ohio Wesleyan, Michael was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was President in 1968-69. He graduate Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude* from Ohio Wesleyan, and is a member of the President's Circle.

## Jason Downey '02

Jason joined Diamond Hill Capital Management in 2002, where he currently is a research analyst and section leader with a research focus on the transportation industry. He earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 2005. Jason is a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst Society of Columbus and served on its Board of Directors from 2008-2011. He received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University and was active in the Ohio Wesleyan Investment Club, as student editorial assistant for *The Historian*, and as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.



**Robert Kail '71** Rob is a distinguished professor of psychological sciences at Purdue University. His research interests are in the area of cognitive development and focus on the causes and consequences of developmental change in the speed of information processing. Rob is the editor of *Psychological Science*, the flagship journal of the Association for Psychological Science. He also is the incoming editor of *Child Development Perspectives*. Rob has written a child development textbook, *Children and Their Development* (6th edition) and is co-author of *Human Development: A Lifespan View* (6th edition). He received the McCandless Young Scientist Award from the American Psychological Association and was named a fellow in the Association for Psychological Science. Rob received an honorary degree from OWU in 2005. Rob was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society, was an undergraduate fellow, and has been an alumni admission representative. He received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.



## OFFICIAL ALUMNI TRUSTEE BALLOT 2013

### SLATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TERM 2013-2016

Vote with an "X" for or against the slate presented. Alumni couples may vote twice on the same ballot. Mail or fax to the Alumni Relations Office, Attn: Brenda DeWitt, (740) 368-3329.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: MARCH 4, 2013**

- I vote for the slate as presented.
- I vote against the slate as presented.

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To vote online go to:

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## 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 <http://community.owu.edu/events> 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](mailto:alumni@owu.edu)

### JANUARY 2013

**January 9 — Phoenix, AZ**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**January 10 — Tucson, AZ**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**January 16 — Houston, TX**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**January 17 — Dallas, TX**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**January 26 — Cleveland, OH**  
Biennial Northeast Ohio Snow Ball

### FEBRUARY

**February 7 — Palm Beach, FL**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**February 8 — Sarasota, FL**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**February 9 — Naples, FL**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**February 27 — Atlanta, GA**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**February 28 — Durham, NC**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

### MARCH

**March 13 — Kalamazoo, MI**  
Event details to be announced soon

**March 19 — Columbus, OH**  
Columbus Monnett Club, Tour of Stuyvesant Hall

**March 22-24 — On Campus**  
110th Annual FIJI Pig Dinner

### APRIL

**April 3 — Cleveland, OH**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**April 6 — Columbus, OH**  
Columbus Monnett Club

**April 11 — Cincinnati, OH**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**April 19-21 — On Campus**  
9th Annual Phi Delta Theta "Phi Union"

**April 25 or 26 — Columbus, OH**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**April 30 — Boston, MA**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

### MAY

**May 2013 — TBD Northern, NJ**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**May 2013 — TBD Denver, CO**  
Connections That Matter Tour Event

**May 17-19 — On Campus**  
Alumni Weekend 2013

### Parent/Family Weekend 2013

September 27-29, 2013

### Homecoming 2013

October 4-6, 2013

### Affinity Reunions at Homecoming 2013:

- 25th Cluster Reunion for the Classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989
- Alpha Sigma Phi – 150th Anniversary
- Small Living Units (SLUs)
- Athletic Hall of Fame

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1947

**Carol Kane Simerly's** art recently was featured in the Artists of the Rim Gallery on Main Street, in Payson, Arizona. The landscape of the West, its open sky, deserts, and mountains are reflected in her paintings.

## 1956

**Carl Harris** recently was sworn in as a Peace Corps volunteer at the American Embassy in Manila, Philippines. He has been assigned as a teacher of English language fluency at the Subic National High School in Western Luzon in the Philippines. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

## 1962

**Dick Fahrney** was inducted into Wittenberg University's Athletic Hall of Honor in October 2012. Dick made his mark at Wittenberg as a coach in three different sports between 1967 and 1976. He coached football, lacrosse, and baseball. Dick currently resides in Breckenridge, Colorado.

**Ann Pollard Manwaring** was selected for the Henry Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by The Council of State Governments. Ann has served as a Vermont state representative since 2007. She has a master's degree in information technology from Marlboro College Graduate School. Ann lives in Wilmington, Vermont.

## 1968

**David L. Johnson**, co-partner-in-charge of the Columbus office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, recently was honored as the first recipient of the "Goodness Made Visible" award by Starr Columbus. The award recognizes David's dedication and contributions to Starr Columbus over the past 20 years. He continues to serve the organization as an emeritus board member. Starr



## Thomson Hall Reunion

Members of the class of 1972 who lived on the third floor of Thomson Hall reunited in October in Williamsburg, Virginia. They have stayed in touch during the past 40 years and get together every few years to celebrate their friendship. Pictured are (bottom row, left to right): Becky Andrews O'Hara '72 and Sarah Bembower Newman '72; (second row): Betsy Mills Willis '72 and Jane Hollander Vigna '72; (top row): Janey Janson Reed '72 and Susan Remington Henderson '72.

Columbus, formerly known as the Hannah Neil Center for Children, is a nationally recognized child and family services organization.

## 1969

**Claudia Coulton**, the Lillian F. Harris Professor of Urban Social Research at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve



## An unexpected meeting

David Bennett '72 and David Bukey '67 met unexpectedly and became friends on an REI tour of the Greek Islands. The two Davids are pictured here on the summit of Mt. Zeus on the Island of Naxos. David Bukey practices law in Seattle, Washington, where he and his wife, Rachel, have lived for more than 30 years. David Bennett is CEO of Rebound Orthopedics and Neurosurgery and lives in Vancouver, Washington.

## Colorado visit

Ohio Wesleyan Development Officer Jim Mendenhall '73 recently visited Windcrest Senior Living Center in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. In the photo are (seated) Flo Taylor Figge '49, (standing, left to right): Nancy Fast Kepner '54, Jim Mendenhall '73, Mary McKendree Joslyn '50, Alan Joslyn '51, and Phil Kepner '54.

University, recently was honored as a distinguished professor by the University. Claudia has a master's in social work from The Ohio State University and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve. She joined the Mandel School faculty in 1978. Her work has been published and referenced in several journals, she has been recognized with numerous awards, and in 2010 was inducted into the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

**Susan Siedschlag Dmitriev**, also known as Susanne Marley, has reprised her role of Violet in the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning *August: Osage County* with the Santa Barbara City College Theatre Group. Susan has performed the part more than 60 times on Broadway.

## 1971

**Jonathan Holcomb** has been named the executive-in-residence this fall at the Woltemade Center at Ohio Wesleyan. Jon has more than 35 years of experience working in the auto business with the Chrysler Corporation and the American Motors Corporation. He retired in 2008 as vice president for Chrysler operations in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

## 1972

**Linda Krohn Elliott** recently was awarded Delta Gamma sorority's Cable Award. The award recognizes an alumna for personal devotion and

continued service to the fraternity. Recipients have demonstrated, through the years of serving, a level of loyalty far beyond normal participation.

**Beverly White-Seals** was named the president and CEO of The Columbia Foundation in April 2012. Beverly received her law degree from Columbia University. She began her legal career as a litigator with the U.S. Department of Labor and later worked at The Rouse Company. In 1999, after 20 years with Rouse, she went into private practice with the law firm Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz. She later served as in-house counsel with General Growth Properties. In 2009, Beverly joined The Johns Hopkins Hospital

& Health System as director, office of workforce diversity. Beverly lives in Columbia with her family.

## 1973

**Clark Winter**, an internationally known investment strategist, recently spoke at Ohio Wesleyan on the topic, "The Global Economy Going Forward: Making Sense of Apparent Nonsense," as part of the annual Robert L. Milligan Leaders in Business Lecture Series. Clark is the author of *The Either/Or Investor: How to Succeed in Global Investing, One Decision at a Time*

## Tailgate reunion

OWU alumni gathered in Columbia, South Carolina, for a University of South Carolina tailgate party in September. The men played lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan. Pictured are (left to right): Steve Herrmann '85, Rich O'Hara '82, Blair Morrison '85 and Bob Van Vollenhoven '86.





and is founder of Winter Capital International. Clark previously worked as chief investment officer at SK Capital Partners. He is a frequent commentator for CNBC, Bloomberg, CNN, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, and *Forbes*.

## 1974

**Jonathan Salkin** is the founder of the Hydration Education Foundation, a public charity that works to prevent child obesity, diabetes, dehydration, and dental disease by replacing sugar drinks with clean water. Learn more at <http://www.hydrateducation.org/>.

## 1979

**Patrick R. McDonald** has been named president and chief executive officer of Forest Oil Corporation. Patrick had served as interim CEO since June 2012.

**Lucy P. Nolan** is the executive director for End Hunger Connecticut!, which works to raise awareness of hunger in the state of Connecticut, promoting funding for and access to nutrition assistance programs, and speaking out to help eliminate the root causes of hunger. Lucy received her law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Lucy recently was chosen to speak before the League of Women Voters of Connecticut at its fall conference.



## Old friends reunite

*Luanne Broomhall Graulich '59, Judy Baldock Higbee '59 and Gail Alling Phillips '59, who were roommates and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters at OWU, spent a fall weekend together reuniting at Luanne's home on Keuka Lake, one of the Finger Lakes in upstate New York. The ladies celebrated their 75th birthdays, caught up on their busy lives, and reminisced about their many fun times at OWU. The trio also attended their 50th OWU reunion in 2009. They are looking forward to the next occasion to celebrate their long-lasting, treasured friendships.*

## TRIBUTE TO RANDALL WAGNER '60

Four Ohio Wesleyan alumni gathered at the American Institute of Organbuilders Convention held in Lansing, Michigan, in October 2012. During the convention, Patrick Murphy '83, (bachelor of music, organ performance), was elected the new vice president of the organization, and James Hammann '67, (bachelor of music degree in organ performance), presented a lecture on the history of the Farrand and Votey Organ Company. The culmination of the activities was the closing banquet, which paid honor and tribute to Randall E. Wagner '60, (bachelor of arts, English), who was retiring as vice president of Organ Supply Industries, where he had worked for 36 years. Randall is known throughout the organ-building field as a resource for technical and artistic advice.

Also attending the convention was Robert Griffith '62, (bachelor of music, organ performan), who served as chairman of OWU's music department and University organist at OWU for more than 40 years. Griffith and Hammann were both students of Rexford Keller. Wagner, although an English major, studied organ with Martha Bowlus at OWU. Murphy was a student in organ with



*Left to right: James Hammann '67, Randall Wagner '60, Robert Griffith '62, and Patrick Murphy '83.*

Griffith. All four alumni were mentored and influenced by the late Homer Blanchard, who, after a career of organ-building, returned to OWU to teach German. Blanchard and Wagner helped found the Organ Historical Society, a national organization devoted to the study and history of American organ-building. The four alumni have been active in this organization, presenting recitals at conventions and serving in elected capacities at the national level. The legacy of Rexford Keller and Homer Blanchard lives on through these men and the students and apprentices who they in turn have mentored.

—James Hammann '67

**Michael C. Stromberg** has been named managing director of the Cincinnati and Chicago offices of brand consulting and design firm Landor Associates. He is the former chief executive officer of Crabtree & Evelyn.

**Theo Woods** has joined Prospera Financial Services. Theo has more than 31 years of experience in the financial planning business. Shortly after graduating from OWU, he founded Woods Associates, which serves predominantly in the senior market.

## 1982

**Robert J. Berquist** is the president of Berquist Consulting, Inc. Robert recently announced his company's 25th anniversary. BCI has enjoyed a quarter-century of operations in Ohio serving numerous local communities and private clients. The company's focus is on financial packaging and administration of federal, state, and locally funded public works projects.

**Mark Bunner**, CFO at Stanley Steemer International Inc., recently was named CFO of the year by *Business First* magazine. He joined the

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company in 1984 and was named vice president and CFO in 1995. Mark also works with Stanley Steemer to raise funds for charitable organizations and volunteers for a variety of local agencies. He has served on the board of the St. Brendan School Athletic Department and has been an active member of the Bishop Watterson Athletic Association, in Columbus, Ohio, according to a *Business First* article about his award.

**Daniel S. Glaser** has been named the new president and CEO of Marsh & McLennan, effective Jan. 1, 2013. Daniel joined MMC in 2007 to head the retail brokerage unit, Marsh Inc. Prior to 2007 Daniel was a long-time AIG executive, although he had previously worked for MMC.

**Byron Pitts** was the guest of honor in November 2012 when the Literacy Volunteers of Union County, New Jersey, celebrated "Improving Lives through Literacy," at its 25th anniversary gala. Byron was being recognized for his accomplishments, honest discussion of his personal struggles with reading, and his outspoken advocacy of literacy programs.

**Poe A. Timmons** has been promoted to executive vice president of The Dispatch Printing Company, which owns and operates *The Columbus Dispatch* and a number of other print, broadcast and digital media properties. She previously served as CFO of Tween Brands Inc., vice president of finance at Safelite Group Inc., and as a partner in the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche.

## 1983

**Pamela Kuong** qualified for the U.S. Women's senior amateur golf tournament. Pam has qualified for eight USGA tournaments. She also is a senior vice president in Bank of America's commercial lending division.

## 1984

**Clay Smudsky** has been appointed managing director, head of distribution at Forward Management. In his new role Clay oversees all of Forward's business development and client service activities. Clay joined Forward Management in 2002. He previously served in sales management positions at RS Investments, Salomon Brothers Asset Management, and Nuveen Investments.

## 1991

**Greg Watkins-Colwell** recently was promoted to collection manager of Herpetology and Ichthyology at Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. He also was elected to the board of governors of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and elected to serve as member-at-large of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections. Greg recently was appointed adjunct professor of zoology at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Kirk Jackson** recently was inducted into the Gallia Academy High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a member of the school's football team in 1984, 1985, and 1986. Kirk also played four years of football at Ohio Wesleyan, where he was a defensive captain. He currently is an assistant coach at Columbus Beechcroft High School.

## 1992

**Keith Rucker**, a seven-year veteran of the National Football League, has returned to coach Ohio Wesleyan's defensive line. Keith previously coached the Ohio Wesleyan defensive line during the 2000 season. Keith spent portions of seven seasons in the NFL, playing for the Arizona Cardinals, Cincinnati



## Sig Ep Pledge Class Reunion

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Hunt '67 and Dave Kapeluck '67, many members of the 1963 Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity pledge class enjoyed a reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 15, 2012. Brothers came from as far away as Massachusetts and California. It had been 45 years since the men had gotten together. Pictured (in the same order as their pledge class picture) from left to right top: Jim Hunt '67, Dave Brown '67, Steve Akin '67, Dave Yochum '67, Dave Kapeluck '67, and Ron Snider '67. Seated left to right: Dave Shaw '67, Jim Falko '67, Bob Scott '67, Russ Anderson '67, Norm Forsythe '67, and Tim Cermak '67.



## TRACIE A. WINBIGLER '87 NAMED CFO OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Society's financial operation as well as its information and technology groups. The National Geographic Society, founded in 1888 to increase and diffuse geographic knowledge, is one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organizations, inspiring people to care about the planet.

"It is so exciting to be a part of this organization and what they do every day to encourage people to care about the planet," Tracie says. "The people are great to work with, they love what they do, and have taken so much time to help me learn about the organization."

Tracie studied economics with a management concentration at Ohio Wesleyan. She began as a double major in accounting, but she recalls that a professor advised her to switch to economics if she wasn't planning to be a CPA.

"I received great advice from my professors," she says. "The education in economics combined with accounting and financial management gave me a solid foundation

which I continue to draw upon in every role."

With encouragement from a student in her econometrics class, Tracie signed up for the GE Financial Management Program interview and the trajectory of her career began. She joined the two-year GE Financial Management Program upon graduation from OWU. She spent a total of 25 years with GE in a wide range of financial roles, including audit staff, quality financial leader and controller for GE Plastics, and later as CFO of GE Plastics in Japan.

Tracie most recently served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of GE Asset Management after a five year stint with NBC Universal, serving in roles such as executive vice president, finance, and chief financial officer for NBC Universal Television Group and Digital Media.

— *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

TRACIE A. WINBIGLER '87 recently joined the National Geographic Society as executive vice president and chief financial officer, a role in which she oversees the

Bengals, Washington Redskins, and Kansas City Chiefs. At Ohio Wesleyan, Keith was an All-America selection during each of his three seasons with Bishops football. He also was a seven-time All-America honoree in track & field, winning four national championships in the shot put and discus. He was inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Darcy Pennoyer Smith** has been named the communications director for the Junior League of Stamford-Norwalk, Connecticut. Darcy joined the league in 2003. She has a master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. She currently teaches English at New Canaan High School in Connecticut.

### 1993

**Will Day** exhibited his most recent work, "City of Angels," created on site at EVOQ Properties creative space, Desmond's, in Los Angeles, California. Will is from Boudler, Colorado. His work is described as contemporary.

**Jeffrey E. Molter** and **Allison Katz** recently returned from a medical mission to Ouanaminthe, Haiti. The friends have stayed connected since graduating and collaborated on a mission to Haiti. Jeffrey is a certified registered nurse anesthetist and is owner and president of

Western Reserve Anesthesia in Findlay, Ohio. He lives in Concord, Ohio with his wife, Barb. Allison is a registered nurse working in the emergency room at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut. She lives in Stamford, Connecticut, with her husband, Robert. Jeff and Allison plan to return to Haiti next year.

### 1995

**Laura Wurster Jones** has been appointed to a three-year term on the Hudson Schools Financial Advisory Committee, in Hudson, Ohio. Laura has served as supervisor of student teachers and field

### Mini DG reunion

*Marylee Gordon Schroeder '86, Noelle Shilland '86, Hillary Panas Pember '85, and Nancy Roberts Mahoney '86 are pictured here in Newport, Rhode Island, where they gather for at least one weekend a year. The women, who were all Delta Gamma sorority sisters, all moved to Boston after college. For close to 30 years they have gotten together in Newport. They plan on continuing the tradition for many years to come.*



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experience for Hiram College. She taught middle school English in Chagrin Falls for eight years where she was recognized as teacher of the year, according to the *Hudson Hub Times*. Laura received her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Cleveland State University.

**Kenneth R. Robinson** recently was promoted to regional chief operating officer for the American Red Cross in the northwestern quarter of Ohio. He also became one of 13 people in the United States to be named by the American National Red Cross as a certified emergency services program manager. Kenneth recently returned from from Hurricane Dennis where he was the director for the disaster relief operation in Florida for the American Red Cross for two weeks, leading a team of 100 volunteers from around the United States.

## 1996

**Koritha Mitchell's** book, *Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890-1930*, recently won the Society for the Study of American Women Writers book award, recognizing the best book published between November 2008 and November 2011.

## 2000

**Molly Schirner Fortune** is a school counselor at Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio. She married Todd Fortune (The Ohio State University) on July 11, 2009, and the couple has a son, Nolan, 2. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio.

**Michael Nicolson** recently was chosen by *Columbus Alive Magazine* as one of its "People to Watch." Mike, a fitness instructor, is opening his own studio in Gahanna, Ohio, called Phlex Fitness. He also donates money to nonprofits by hosting donation-admission hip-hop classes, according to the magazine.

## 2003

**Samuel Moore** has joined the St. Louis County-based Riggan Law Firm as a new associate attorney. Prior to joining the firm, Sam was an attorney with the Missouri State Public Defender System. He received his law degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in 2006.



## Alpha Sigma Phi mini reunion

Several alumni and members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity gathered in Austin, Texas, in early September 2012. Many of the men have become or are becoming fathers in the coming months. Pictured left to right are: Jamie O'Brien '02, Jeff Clapper '02, who is expecting his first child this winter, Bryan Sams '02 (with his son, Colin, who was born in March 2012. Bryan is married to Genie Boberg Sams '01), Ben Hill '03, who had his second child in May 2012, Chris Kittredge '02, who is expecting his first child this winter, Patrick Gallagher '02, who also is expecting his first child this winter, Nathaniel Cameron '03, and Patrick Blake '04.

## 2005

**Bradford Sadler** is director of *The Glass Menagerie* at the Theatre Factory in Tafford, Pennsylvania. This is his first production in the Pittsburgh area. Bradford received his master of fine arts in acting at Florida Atlantic University.

## 2006

**Sarah Ottney** has been named managing editor of the *Toledo Free Press*.

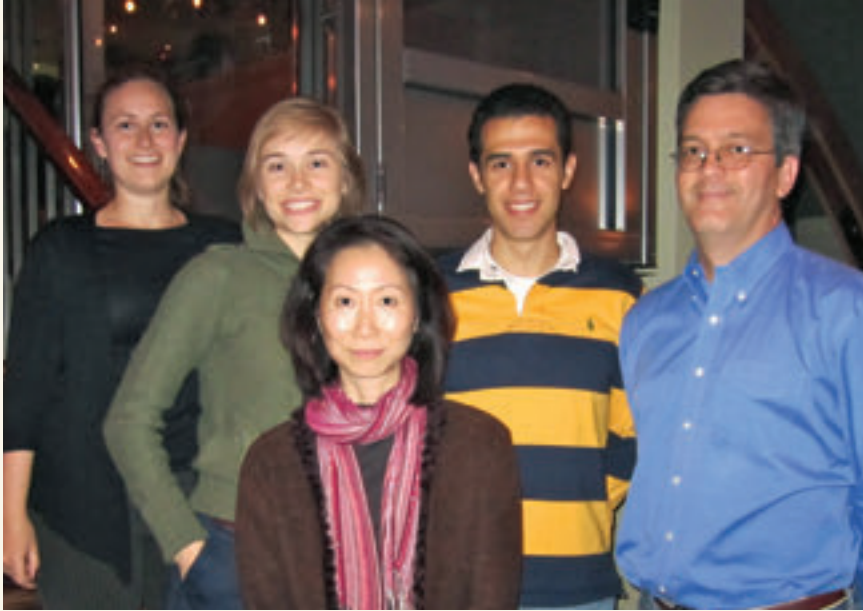
## 2007

**Julie A. Peterson** recently was recognized by the Entomological Society of America at the group's 60th annual meeting. She received a John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, given

to a graduate student to promote interest in entomology and to stimulate interest in attending the ESA Annual Meeting. Julie completed her Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky in May 2012 and is currently a postdoctoral associate at the University of Minnesota. Her research is focused on the ecology of generalist predators (spiders and carabids) in agroecosystems.



**Stephanie E. Taylor** has joined Capture Public Relations & Marketing in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her responsibilities include account management, media relations, marketing strategy and event management duties.



## London alums

Grace Poling, associate dean/director of international recruitment, met with some of the OWU London alumni on Sept. 30, 2012, while in town for Fulbrights London College Fair. Pictured left to right are: Kim Davis '10, Claire Everhart '10, Sharif Kronemer '12, Steve Taylor '82, and Grace Poling. Claire Everhart and Sharif Kronemer have just started their master's programs at the University College London, while Steve Taylor continues to run his own business. Kim Davis works in Events Management and College Recruitment.

She previously served as a public relations and social media intern at Mullen in Winston-Salem. Stephanie received a master's degree from Wake Forest University in May 2012.

## 2008

**Matthew A. Laferty** is the current pastor of the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC) in Moscow, Russia. Matthew is a United Methodist pastor and mission co-worker of The United Methodist Church. Prior to his appointment as the 20th chaplain of MPC, he served as a pastoral associate at Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church in Connecticut. He holds a master of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School.

## 2009

**Kyle Keefe** is a designer selling her goods in Singapore. Her business is called Kyle Keefe. She specializes in custom-made shoes and accessories, such as clutch bags and belts, made from leather and exotic skins. She designs products with her clients input. Visit <http://www.kyle-keefe.com/>.

## 2010

**Claire Everhart** has completed two long distance runs as part of the organization "On

the Ground." In January 2011, she participated in a 10-day, 250-mile "Run Across Ethiopia" to raise money to build schools in that country. She then participated in February 2012, in a 129-mile "Run Across Palestine" to raise funds and awareness for the fair trade olive farmers of Palestine. Claire currently is in London, England, studying for a master's degree in international policy at the University College London.

**Joanna Van Sickle** has been appointed by CATCO, in Columbus, Ohio, as an acting apprentice in a new program for the 2012-2013 season.

## Alums reconnect in Thailand

Caroline Miller '11, Sydney Parmis '11 and Mesaban "Sheph" Chiramanewong '11 recently reconnected in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Caroline has been teaching English in Chiang Mai; Sydney has been teaching English in South Korea; and Sheph lives in Bangkok.



## Australia alums gather

Several alums who reside in Australia gathered on Sept. 21, 2012 for dinner at Sailors Thai in Sydney. Pooja Dutt '09, who organized the dinner was unable to attend. Those who attended were (left to right) Betsy Kellogg Hone '66, Matt Coughlin '02, Matt's wife, Sarah, a non-alum, David Papoi '65 and Pat Frasher Papoi '66.

## 2011

**Kristen Lear** was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship in 2011. She reports today that her Fulbright journey has led her to Naracoorte, South Australia to study the critically endangered southern bent-wing bat, a sub-species that has undergone a reduction in population from about 100,000-200,000 individuals in the 1960s to about 30,000 individuals in 2009.

## 2012

**Jen Schmitt** is working at Champion Energy Services in Houston, Texas, in its pricing department.



## Marriages

### 2004

Travis Schwab married Sarah Matesich on May 19, 2012, in Granville, Ohio.

### 2005

Raashi Dua Schmitter and Matt Schmitter were married on Feb. 18, 2012. The couple resides in Chicago, Illinois.



Jerome Stenger '07 married Dana Owen '07 on Aug. 18, 2012 in Old Fort, North Carolina. The couple was joined by several OWU alums who had lived in OWU's Tree House and House of Thought small living units. Pictured left to right: Jack Stenger '10, Laura Gange '07, Kate Ball '10, Lacey Babnick '07, Dana Owen '07 (bride), Jerome Stenger '07 (groom), Eric Magnus '07, Callie Seltzer '07.

Justin Skaggs '09 and Samantha Mechler Skaggs '12 on their wedding day, Sept. 16, 2012, in North Bank Park in Columbus, Ohio. The couple resides in Gahanna, Ohio. They were joined by many Ohio Wesleyan friends, including (back row, left to right): Justin Payne '08, Grant Daniels '09, William Kenny '09, Zach Barbara '10, John Kirsop '10, Lee Schott '09, Aaron Soltis '10, and the Rev. Matt Yoder '08; (front row): Kyle Holliday '09, Sarah Marshall Holliday '11, Steffi Graf Yoder '08, Ryan Yoder '08, Dave Johnstone '07, Cailee Smith '12, Marie Abney '12, Amanda Zechiel '09, Shelby Gaiser Ashcraft '12, Kim Leary '09, Leanna Bucceri '10, bride Samantha Mechler Skaggs '12, groom Justin Skaggs '09, Nick Baker '09, Tarenne Ferenchak '09, Anthony Rosato '09, Yaser Helal '09, Ben Pigg '12, Josiah Huber '12, Barclay Richey '09, and Maggie Smith '11.

## Births

### 1995 and 2000

Megan Besel Adair '00 and Michael Adair '95 welcomed their second child, Benjamin Charles, on Sept. 20, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 ½ inches long. Ben joins his big brother, Nathan, 3. Proud "nana" is Pam Besel, OWU's director of internal communications and editor of the *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine*, and "boppy" Mark Besel.

### 1996

Cathy Barr Courtice and husband T. Ryan Courtice (Marietta College, 1996) welcomed their first child, William Ryan, on Aug. 8, 2012. Proud grandparents are former OWU President Thomas B. Courtice and his wife Lisa Schweitzer Courtice.

### 2001

Katie Shaw Holeman and her husband, Ran, welcomed their son, George Shaw, into the world on August 18, 2011.

Jamie Burroughs Hudson and her husband, Dane, announce the birth of their first child, Clayton Roger Hudson, on Aug. 24, 2011. Clayton was 12 pounds, 4 ounces, and 20 inches in length. The family resides in Westerville, Ohio.

### 2006

Charles Diemar and his wife, Abby, welcomed a son, Charles Craig Diemar Jr., born on Sept. 1, 2012. He was 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21 inches long. The family lives in Greenwich, Connecticut.

## In Memoriam

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## Alumni

### 1936

**Marion Hubbart Shipp**s, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on Nov. 9, 2012, at the age of 98. She is survived by her husband of more than 70 years, **Frazier P. Shipp**s '37, her daughter, **Nancy Shipp**s Proulx '63, sons **David F. Shipp**s '66 and **Mark H. Shipp**s '70, daughter-in-law **Virginia O'Grady Shipp**s '70, grandson **David F. Shipp**s '99 and granddaughters **Elizabeth Shipp**s Yeater '01 and **Annmarie Sorrentino Shipp**s '99. Marion was preceded in death by her sisters, **Faith Hubbart Shier** '40 and **Nancy Hubbart Baird** '41. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Marion's father, Henry Clyde Hubbart, was a professor of history at Ohio Wesleyan and wrote Ohio Wesleyan's *First Hundred Years*.

### 1938

**Neva Lucas Humphreys**, of Reading, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 29, 2012, at the age of 95. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John R. Humphreys** '39, and son, **John W. Humphreys** '70.

**Virginia Larson Patterson**, of Deerfield, Illinois, died on April 5, 2012, at the age of 95.

### 1939

**Margaret H. MacGregor Nichols**, of Columbus, Ohio, and Auburn, Alabama, died on Aug. 25, 2012, at the age of 95. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is survived by her son-in-law, **James "Jim" Long** '73, and her grandchildren, **Elizabeth Long Downey** '06, **Jason Downey** '02, and **James "Jimmy" Long** '09.

**Richard E. Probst**, of Marion, Ohio, died on Aug. 10, 2012, at the age of 95. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

### 1940

**Jean Ransbottom Karr**, of Centennial, Colorado, died on Oct. 20, 2012, at the age of 94. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

### 1941

**Pauline E. McKelvey McPeck**, of Massillon, Ohio, died on Oct. 7, 2012, at the age of 93.

**Jeyne Crooks Russell**, formerly of Worthington, Ohio, died on Sept. 2, 2012, at the age of 92. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

### 1942

**Harry A. Hull**, of Sebring, Ohio, died on Aug. 17, 2012, at the age of 92. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Frederick W. Stein Jr.**, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Sept. 13, 2012, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Elizabeth Cassells Stein** '21. He is survived by his brother, **James E. Stein** '46, and his son, **James D. "Jim" Stein** '65.

### 1943

**Edith "Jo" Gratz Brasington**, of Gainesville, Florida, died on Aug. 14, 2012, at the age of 90.

**Donald A. Burge**, of Sebring, Ohio, died on Sept. 7, 2012, at the age of 91. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**Murray M. Cochrane**, of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri, died on Oct. 18, 2012, at the age of 90. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

**Harold E. Frye**, of Avon Lake, Ohio, died on Oct. 8, 2012, at the age of 91.

**Robert S. "Bob" Taub**, of Willoughby, Ohio, died on Aug. 29, 2012, at the age of 93. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Ralph L. Windsor**, of Dublin, Ohio, died on Sept. 20, 2012, at the age of 91.

### 1944

**William B. Bartels Jr.**, of Bradenton, Florida, died on Sept. 22, 2012, at the age of 89. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**Robert M. Best**, of Binghamton, New York, died, on Oct. 10, 2012, at the age of 90. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, **Roselyn Welton Best** '44.

**Elizabeth Howes Rutkowski**, of Detroit, Michigan, died on Oct. 17, 2012, at the age of 90.

### 1945

**Dorothy Brandt Lombard**, of Seattle, Washington, died on Sept. 12, 2012, at the age of 89. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Carlos C. Page**, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Aug. 9, 2012, at the age of 88. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. He is survived by his grandson, **James "Jamie" Kennedy** '16.

### 1946

**Natalie A. Troescher Perry**, of Plant City, Florida, died on Sept. 3, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Natalie was preceded in death by her sister, **Carol M. Troescher** '49.

### 1947

**J. William "Bill" McCray**, of Elyria, Ohio, died on Aug. 13, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**John J. Roth**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Jan. 23, 2012, at the age of 87. He is survived by his brother-in-law **Joe Pennell** '50.

### 1948

**Ruth Young Sieg**, of Frederick, Maryland, died on Aug. 14, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, **Joseph L. Sieg** '48.

**Mary Lander Wilson**, of Taftsville, Vermont, died on Sept. 15, 2012, at the age of 85. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Mary is survived by her husband, **Robert Wilson** '48, and her sister, **Dorothy Lander Lincoln** '51.

### 1949

**Sally Jackson Harmony**, of Nelsonville, Ohio, died on Sept. 10, 2012, at the age of 84.

**Dorothy "Dottie" Brown Kissner**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Oct. 20, 2012, at the age of 85. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard Kissner** '49, and her sister, **Jeanette Brown Augsburg** '46. She is survived by her granddaughter, **Shawna Scott Hewitt** '98.

### 1950

**Lora Harter Blake**, of Parma Heights, Ohio, died on Sept. 29, 2012, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Lora was preceded in death by her mother, **Florence Spaulding Smith** 1917.

## DEADLINES FOR CLASS NOTES

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**Marilyn Cory Smart Gilbert**, of Marion, Ohio, died on Oct. 10, 2012, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**Jay L. Howell**, of Lafayette and New Orleans, Louisiana, died on Aug. 9, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Geraldine “Gerry” Viohl Primm**, of Darien, Connecticut, passed away on Sept. 1, 2012, at the age of 83. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Gerry was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert “Bob” Primm ’47**. She is survived by her daughter, **Deborah Primm Mills ’74**.

## 1951

**Ruth E. Ross Rider**, of Lakeland, Florida, died on Sept. 2, 2012, at the age of 84. She is survived by her brother, **Paul E. Ross ’50**.

## 1952

**Barbara Cruikshank Melvin**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Aug. 27, 2012, at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Virginia Leonard Hammond ’29**.

**Harriette Thomas Ruberg**, of Pensacola, Florida, died on Aug. 10, 2012, at the age of 81. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

## 1953

**Lois Brock Pumphrey**, of Tallahassee, Florida, died on Sept. 25, 2012, at the age of 81. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Lois is survived by her husband, **James Pumphrey ’53**.

## 1954

**Henry N. “Hank” Baldwin**, of Pleasant Hill, died on Aug. 14, 2012, at the age of 81. He was a member Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**Barbara Wiltshire Timmons**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Sept. 23, 2012, at the age of 80. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Barbara was preceded in death by an impressive list of family members who attended Ohio Wesleyan. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Frank Timmons ’52**, and daughters **Poe Timmons ’82** and **Jill Timmons Kennedy ’84**. See page 47 for more about Barbara.

## 1955

**Gilbert “Gil” Guscott**, of Prescott, Arizona, died on Aug. 16, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is survived by his wife, **Barbara Linton Guscott ’55**.

## 1956

**Phyllis “Fifi” Bolman Pfahl**, of Huron, Ohio, died on Sept. 6, 2012, at the age of 77. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

## 1957

**Carol Dixon Haught**, of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, died on Oct. 18, 2012, at the age 77. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Miriam Maxwell Dixon ’25** and **A. Imrie Dixon ’26**.

## 1959

**Sally Lee Evans Veith**, of Savannah, Georgia, died on July 9, 2012, at the age of 74. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

## 1962

**John F. Watts**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Sept. 12, 2012, at the age of 72. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

## 1965

**Robert J. Crump**, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, died on Sept. 11, 2012, at the age of 69. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He is survived by his daughter, **Alexandra Crump ’13**.

## 1970

**Margery “Margie” Grady Davis**, of Huntsville, Alabama, died on Sept. 15, 2012, at the age of 64.

## 1973

**Sarah A. “Sally” Bittaker Williamson**, of Medina, Ohio, died on Aug. 12, 2012, at the age of 60. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

## 1974

**William “Biff” Farley**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on Sept. 4, 2012, at the age of 61. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Biff was preceded in death by his mother, **Martha Kennard Farley ’44**.

## 1979

**Margaret “Meg” Heminger**, of Findlay, Ohio, died on Sept. 16, 2012, at the age of 55. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, **R. Lowell Heminger ’14**, and her father, **Edwin Heminger ’48**.

## Friends

**Margaret “Peg” Baker Flint**, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away on May 29, 2012 at the age of 100. Peg was an active resident of Austin Manor. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Roger C. Baker ’32** and sister-in-law **Elizabeth Beyer Baker Hoffman ’37**. Her graveside service was conducted by the **Rev. Jim Long ’73**.

## Faculty/Staff

**Margaret Clark Phillian**, who served for 19 years as the secretary to the vice president of finance at OWU, died on Oct. 10, 2012, at the age of 90. She is survived by her daughter **Sharon Phillian Lombardi ’66** and granddaughter **Melanie Mayer Parrott ’99**.

## Sympathy

**Richard Cromwell ’69** for the loss of his mother, and **Brian Cromwell ’02** for the loss of his grandmother, Alice McLeran Cromwell, on Sept. 4, 2012.

**Lynne Joanedis Doyle ’75** for the loss of her father, Charles S. Joanedis, who died on Sept. 19, 2012.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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## Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54: Exemplary OWU Volunteer

(May 16, 1932 - Sept. 23, 2012)



Their family legacy at Ohio Wesleyan stretches back to the early 1900s and includes more than a dozen alumni. This September, the Timmons family and the Ohio Wesleyan family lost a member who had dedicated much of her life to the arts, education, and OWU. **Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54** passed away on Sept. 23, 2012, at the age of 80 after a long and courageous battle with multiple myeloma.

Barb studied fine arts at OWU and completed graduate coursework in art at Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, and St. Martin's School of Arts in London, England. She received a master's in education from Montclair State University. A lifelong teacher and learner, Barb taught high school art and English for more than 30 years. She was an award-winning artist and teacher, an extensive traveler, and an avid supporter of her beloved grandchildren.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Barb remained connected to and engaged with the campus community. She was one of the founding board members of the Richard M. Ross Art Museum and played an integral part in the museum's early success, says Justin Kronewetter, professor of fine arts and director of the Ross Art Museum. During her nine years on board, she served as the chairperson of the exhibitions and collections committee and helped shape each year's exhibition schedule. "Without the support of a handful of persons like Barb, the museum would not have realized the goals that she and her board colleagues envisioned when agreeing to take on the challenge of creating a museum dedicated to serving the OWU campus, Delaware, and mid-Ohio communities." Barb and her husband of 59 years, **Frank Timmons '52**, residents of Delaware, often attended museum events. "Their enthusiasm for the museum was infectious," Kronewetter says.

It was Barb's selfless service as an exemplary volunteer and her lifelong dedication to Ohio Wesleyan that earned her the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Award in 2009. While a student, Barb was involved in YWCA and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She was admitted to Mortar Board, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Theta Alpha Pi. After graduation she served as an Alumni Admission Representative, a member of The Associates, and a Class of 1954 Reunion Committee member, in addition to her involvement with the Ross Art Museum.

In addition to her husband, Barb is survived by daughters **Poe Timmons '82** and **Jill Timmons Kennedy '84**. She also is survived by brother-in-laws **John P. Timmons '47**, **Richard P. Timmons '50**, **Robert B. Timmons '50**, and **James D. Timmons Sr. '61**, and sister-in-law **Marjorie Watkins Timmons '47**, as well as nephews **John Timmons '82** and **James D. Timmons Jr. '92**. She also is survived by **Nancy Allen Wenzlau '59**, a cousin by marriage, and former OWU President **Thomas Wenzlau '50**, as well as their daughter, **Katherine Wenzlau Comer '76**. Barbara was preceded in death by a many family members who attended Ohio Wesleyan, including: mother-in-law **Mary Poe Timmons '22** and father-in-law **Donald Timmons '22**. Mary's brothers **Dale Poe '22** and **George Poe '42**, and George's wife, **Kathryn Betts Poe '44**, as well as Donald's sisters **Katherine Timmons Allen '25** and **Margaret Timmons Reed '29** also preceded Barb.

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**Sally Smith Jordan '63** for the passing of her husband, Malcolm Jordan, on April 6, 2012.

**Frederic Pfening III '71** for the loss of his brother, Timothy D. Pfening, who died on Oct. 23, 2012.

**Thomas J. Winston '92** and **Earnest J. Winston '96** for the loss of their mother, and **Kelli McNairy Winston '93** and **Denise Johnson Winston '95** for the passing of their mother-in-law, Johnnie Ruth Winston, who died on Sept. 8, 2012.

# Community and the Complete OWU Experience

By *Wendy Piper*



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AT OWU WE VALUE THE TRADITION OF LIVING AND LEARNING, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEEK NEW WAYS TO BLEND WHAT GOES ON IN THE CLASSROOM WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. Whether this is through a component of the OWU Connection, involvement in a student organization, or participating in community service activities, we recognize these things add value to an OWU education. This co-curricular blending is also true of the Residential Life program at OWU. Through educational and social programming, we aim to develop the whole person, and by creating comfortable living and gathering spaces within residential communities, we hope to provide an environment where students will feel at home away from home.

The residential experience is an important pillar of the overall Ohio Wesleyan University education. Because OWU is a residential institution, students live on campus all four years, and the intent is for the living experience to contribute broadly to the development of character and resilience among students. On-campus living includes choosing compatible roommates, negotiating delicate issues, and balancing studies with social engagements. The experience also involves developing tolerance for a variety of people and lifestyles while learning

to make responsible decisions. It means learning to be resourceful, adapting to uncomfortable situations, and understanding one's own personality quirks as well as those of one's roommate or suitemate. It's all about creating relationships, memories, and community.

That is not to say the four walls surrounding a student when he or she goes to sleep at night — the facilities, the environment, the buildings themselves — don't have an impact on the experience. Indeed, they do. It is for this reason we have taken a necessary closer look at our residential facilities and invested resources into them through the development and implementation of a Student Housing Master Plan. The time is right for improvements to be made so the residential facilities add to, rather than detract from, the memories that students make here.

We have noticed a trend at OWU that is consistent with the current student housing industry: our students live in residences on campus much the way they do at home. They spread out beyond bedrooms into kitchens, study rooms, and other community spaces. Common areas are an extension of their assigned rooms. They live in every corner of the building. Gathering to watch television in a residential common space with friends is a comfortable way to wind down at the end of a busy day, and

building community comes naturally in this kind of space. If a student prepares a meal in a common kitchen, he or she might also make a few new friends at the same time. So when it came time to consider how to enhance our residential spaces, we recognized that gathering spaces needed some attention, whether that was through a major renovation such as Stuyvesant Hall or focusing improvements on visible surfaces, such as what was recently completed in Hayes and Welch Halls.

The beauty of a residential liberal arts university is that all of the things that contribute to the broader education of our students occurs right here where they live. The study rooms where students gather to prepare for an exam or presentation are the same rooms where mission teams strategize a fundraiser, or a student organization plans its next campus event. It all happens here. It is our belief that what makes the residential experience distinct is the immersion and engagement in a community where leadership skills are honed, lasting friendships are made, and life lessons are learned — all of which complement our students' classroom experiences.

*Wendy Piper is Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Residential Life at Ohio Wesleyan.*

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