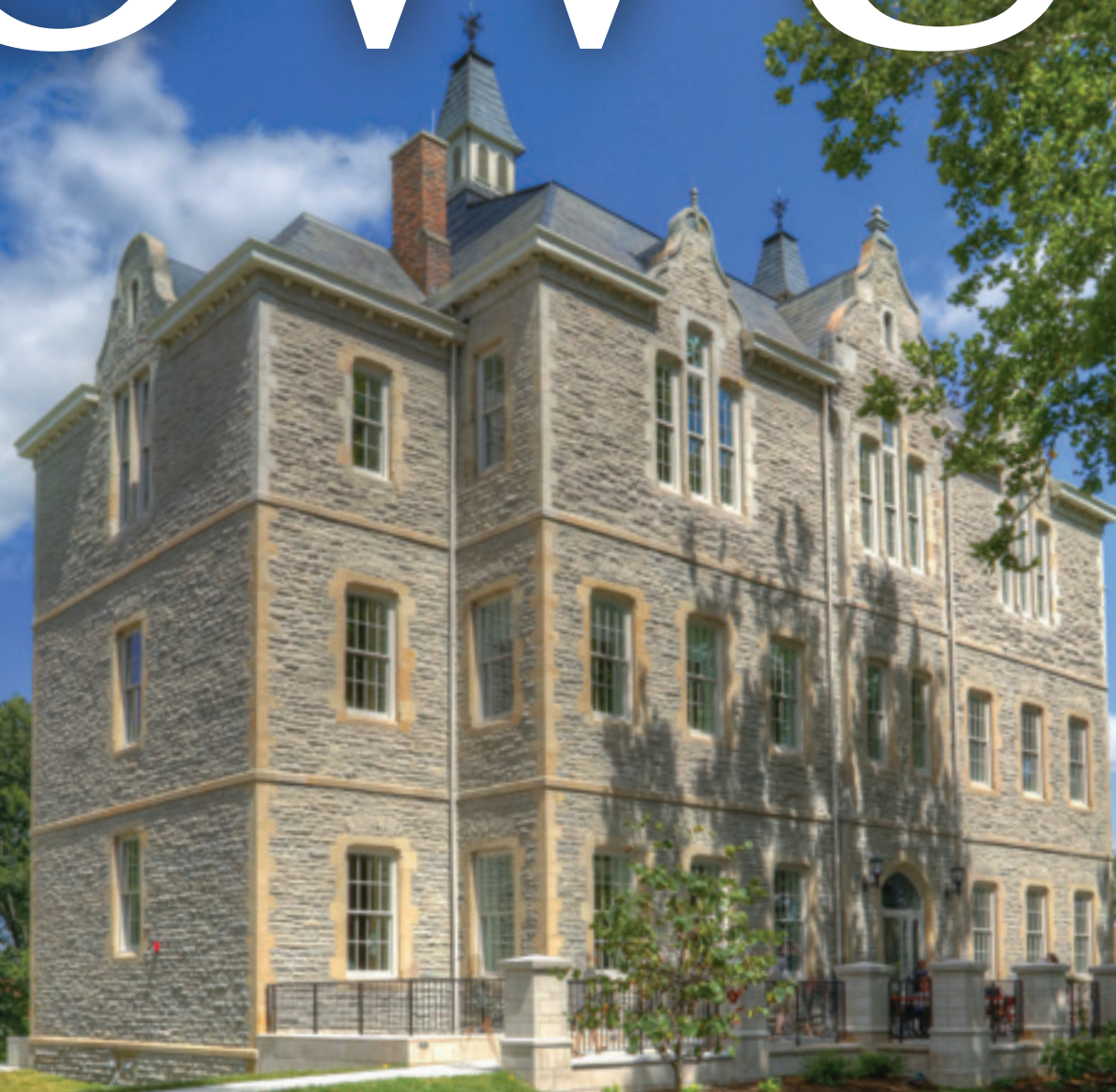


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# THE LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION AT OWU

## *Ignites the entrepreneurial spirit*

**F**orbes magazine recently published a list of the most entrepreneurial colleges in America. The publication



ranked the colleges and universities “based on the entrepreneurial ratios—the total number of alumni and students who have identified themselves as founders and

business owners on LinkedIn, divided by the school’s student body.” **Ohio Wesleyan ranked No. 17 in the country—and No. 1 in Ohio.**

Ohio Wesleyan has a long history of producing alumni who embody the entrepreneurial spirit. I have met many alumni across the country who share a similar story—at some point in life they chose to leave the security of a job in order to pursue a dream. They took the risk, perhaps stumbled a time or two along the way, and with tireless effort and the support of many people, saw an idea take shape and fulfilled a dream. I am not surprised to see Ohio Wesleyan listed among the most entrepreneurial colleges in America.

Perhaps more interesting is the fact that 17 of America’s top 20 entrepreneurial colleges are members of the Annapolis Group, an association of the nation’s leading liberal arts colleges. At a time when some in the media and in public office question the value of a liberal arts education, the *Forbes* list affirms that a liberal arts education has enormous social benefit as measured in entrepreneurial activity.

A liberal arts education challenges students to hone the creativity, ingenuity, determination, persistence against the odds, and other characteristics necessary for entrepreneurial success. These characteristics are shaped by a

curriculum that requires students to think for themselves, to pose questions for which there may be no clear answers, to explore complex problems from multiple perspectives, to value both analytical thought and creative expression, and to communicate persuasively while learning to listen empathetically to those with other points of view. These traits become the marks of leadership and the qualities of an educated citizen.

The creative, entrepreneurial spirit is the backbone of this country. Innovation drives advancement that touches every aspect of our collective human experience, improves the quality of life, and strengthens the structures of societies. The *Forbes* list is a powerful reminder that the best preparation for entrepreneurial accomplishment happens

### **THE FORBES LIST AFFIRMS THAT A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION HAS ENORMOUS SOCIAL BENEFIT AS MEASURED IN ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY.**

at places like Ohio Wesleyan. A liberal arts education prepares students to pursue their passions and to make a difference in the world, indeed, to change the world.

This issue of *OWU Magazine* was planned long before *Forbes* published its list, but the content of the magazine reflects the *Forbes* ranking. Here you will read a handful of stories of young alumni who have embraced the entrepreneurial spirit. We could have told numerous other stories in their place. And our entrepreneurs reflect virtually every major in the curriculum.

You also will read about the fabulous renovation of Merrick Hall, which reopened this summer and is home to The OWU Connection. Merrick Hall will be the place where students find support to design experiences that reflect their personal interests and that connect their classroom learning with practical, real-world experience. The OWU Connection provides students with opportunities to extend their education through travel-learning courses, internships, undergraduate research, cross-cultural experiences, service learning, and independently-designed study-travel experiences, many of which are supported financially by generous donors.

As students design an education that reflects their passions and their individual learning objectives, they bring the entrepreneurial spirit to their OWU education. They create experiences that enrich their learning and prepare them for success in their chosen field of endeavor.

When people question the value of a liberal arts education, they often are concerned with the outcomes that accompany a liberal arts degree. Last fall we surveyed alumni who graduated the previous spring. With a high response rate, we learned that 97 percent of the class of 2014 were enrolled in graduate school or engaged in full-time jobs or internships. Our graduates get jobs. And they create jobs that build our economy and strengthen the fabric of our society.

Our founders established Ohio Wesleyan’s mission as a liberal arts university. Our mission is enduring, and the impact is great. Thank you for your affirmation of this noble and historic mission.

**Rock Jones**  
President, Ohio Wesleyan University

**OWU Journalism Stars**

The journalism article (Spring 2015) is great. I especially like the magazine cover! Perfect.

—Tom Goodman '76

**Honoring Quentin**

I thought that the article in your spring issue on OWU journalism graduates was wonderful, but I must concede that I liked the article in that issue on Quentin Brelsford even more. Ohio Wesleyan has produced many legendary track and field athletes over the years—Bob Davis, Bert Reuss, Dit Kane, John Gutknecht—but in my opinion, Brelsford is the greatest of all of them. In my day at OWU, *The Transcript* had bound volumes of past years, and I spent a lot of time back then reading about Brelsford and the others. Thank you for writing about him.

—Roger Allaway '67

**More Memories of Libby Reed**

While I'm sure others mean well, I am struck by references (Spring 2015) to Libby Reed's "red pen" and the "rigor" of her instruction. I remember Mrs. Reed's gentle humor and encouragement as well as her high standards.

In 1966, unsure of my major but eager to take literature courses, I enrolled in both her American Image and Short Story and Novella courses. In both, she provided not only stimulating lectures but also many questions, encouraging independent thought. In American Image, I asked if researching the Southern Appalachian roots of the (then) modern folk music revival would be a fit subject. In Short Story I asked if writing a short story would be a fit honors project. Her approval of both meant a great deal to me then, and when I became a teacher I wanted to do for others what she had done for me—provide opportunities for students to connect personal interests to the discipline. I wonder how many of Mrs. Reed's students learned from her example of how to teach with both rigor and warmth.

—Larry Levy '69

In the fall of 1969, I arrived at Ohio Wesleyan University unprepared for what I would find. Libby Reed was teaching American Image that quarter,

and I was fortunate enough to have been placed in that class, along with other freshmen and quite a number of upperclass students. While we were reading classics like "Young Goodman Brown," I got the idea that I could do some honors work in the course and went to Libby with a proposal to write some poetry about early American society.

She readily agreed to this, and I set out to write some narratives in verse. A week or two later I met with Libby to go over my poems, and knowing what I know now about poetry, I admire her considerable self-control. She kindly informed me that my poetry really wasn't poetry. Actually the word she used was "nothing." She gave me some instruction about what poetry is really about, and we agreed that I might try again another quarter.

While I had a number of memorable professors at OWU, Libby may have left the strongest impression because she helped me wake up to the fact that I wasn't in high school anymore. I had no more classes with her, but her American Image course (and her kind critique of my poetry) taught me more of literature's value than all of my high school English classes.

After graduating, I had little contact with Libby. I did, however, continue my literary education in a verse-writing course with Bob Flanagan, and I have continued writing off and on, for many years now.

My next and last contact with Libby came when my wife Mary (Hunt) Newcomb '79, died in April of 2006. Though we hadn't had seen or spoken with each other for almost 30 years, Libby sent me a card. I responded with a poem, which, upon learning of the passing of Libby and her husband John in the Spring 2015 issue of the *OWU Magazine*, I offer as a tribute to Professor Libby Reed.

—Michael Newcomb '73

You can read Michael Newcomb's poem to Libby Reed online at [www.owu.edu/magazine](http://www.owu.edu/magazine).

**Travel with Howie Strauch '50**

The day I received my red and black catalogue of courses—May 1950—I also received a call from the Admissions Office. The caller identified

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himself as Howard Strauch, a recent graduate who had been hired as a temporary admissions counselor. Howie said he was to be in the Cleveland area to escort two prospective students to the campus, that they had room in the car for one more, and asked if I would like to join them.

I said yes, and on the appointed day, we headed down Route 42. Upon arrival we first went to the office of Jim Bridges. Then we went off by foot to Selby Field, the Sulphur Spring, Edwards Gym, and

the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house. Along the way we met and had chats with the director of athletics, George Gauthier, and a delightfully quirky professor of religion, Goldie McCue.

Then it was on to Bun's Restaurant for Bunwiches.

Until that day I was considering Cornell University, my parents' school. But after my trip to OWU, Cornell did not have a chance.

Besides the positive impact of the OWU I saw that day, I was impressed by

the fact that Howie had (when his day was over) driven over 12 hours for the benefit of three prospective students.

Howie, I want to tell you two things: First, thank you for being my friend and mentor these past 66 years. Second, most of the good things in my life I can trace back to that trip with you to the Ohio Wesleyan University campus in your beat-up Studebaker.

Thank you Howie Strauch. Thank you Ohio Wesleyan.

—Carl Harris '56

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### An Editor Retires

On June 30, I departed from Ohio Wesleyan after 33 wonderful years and a total of 40 years of service to higher education. It is with sadness, but also excitement for this next chapter of my life, that I write this farewell.

Together, we have utilized *OWU Magazine* to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of our alumni, professors past and present, and students who continued to amaze me with their intelligence and thirst for knowledge and "all things global." Together we also have mourned for OWU family members who no longer are with us, but whose legacies continue to strengthen the foundation of this great university.

I am eternally grateful to our winning teams comprising talented writers, editors, designers, photographers, and an ever-helpful magazine printer. It is, perhaps, that teamwork and collegiality that I'll miss the most, as I carve out the next steps in my life's journey. Included, of course, will be more family time, travel, and continued writing endeavors, for as a 1948 OWU alumnus recently told me, "Everyone has a story that needs to be told." It has been both my pleasure and honor to have been able to do just that during the past three decades.

—Pam Besel

Editor "Emerita," *OWU Magazine*

*All of Ohio Wesleyan sends warm wishes for a happy retirement and a big "thank you" to Pam Besel for telling the Ohio Wesleyan story with flair and love. We will all miss her.*

*As we move forward, Lisa Lopez Snyder, a long-time editor, journalist, writer, and educator, will assume the position of Managing Editor, and I will oversee the content, direction, and production of the magazine. We are both grateful to be working with such a dynamic, vibrant publication, and we look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts about the magazine.*

—Will Kopp

Chief Communications Officer

Forbes ranks OWU as one of the **Top 20** entrepreneurial colleges in the nation—and **No. 1** in Ohio.



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## OWU to Dedicate Edwards, Simpson Querrey Buildings Oct. 1



Everyone is dancing for joy—and pumping weights, pedaling stationary bikes, and generally hooping it up—in celebration of the opening of Ohio Wesleyan’s newly refurbished Edwards Gymnasium and newly created Simpson Querrey Fitness Center.

The buildings will be dedicated at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 1 on the west lawn of the Simpson Querrey Fitness Center—the former Pfeiffer Natatorium. The dedication ceremony is expected to feature remarks from the project’s lead donors, **Lou Simpson '58** and his wife, Kimberly Querrey. The couple contributed \$8 million toward the \$10-million, two-building renovation.

The new Simpson Querrey Fitness Center features a 4,350-square-foot fitness center, including mezzanine, with cardiovascular equipment, free weights, and more; a 2,425-square-foot dance studio with spectator seating; and a Health and Human Kinetics studio, where students are learning how best to teach health- and fitness-related activities.

The fitness center also connects with Edwards Gymnasium, which opened on campus in 1906. As part of the gymnasium renovation, the building’s second-floor basketball court, red tile roof, and signature skylight all were restored to like-new condition. In addition, the weight room was refurbished in 2012 with a generous gift from **Bob Morrill '59** and his wife, Barbara. Athletics Director Roger Ingles says the new Battling Bishop weight room is “the best in the (North Coast Athletic Conference).”

Both the gymnasium and fitness center will be open for tours in conjunction with the Oct. 1 dedication and again during the Oct. 2-3 Homecoming and Family Weekend. All donors will be recognized and thanked at the dedication. While on campus, guests also are invited to tour the newly renovated Merrick Hall, home of The OWU Connection. ■

## How OWU Stacks Up

OWU is ranked 50th among all colleges and universities in America in a list of “**Best Colleges for Female Athletes**” (niche.com).



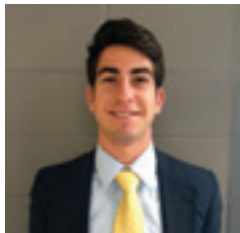
OWU is No.3 among the top “**25 Great Small Colleges for Animal Lovers**” (greatvaluecolleges.net).



## Students Earn Academic, Service Honors

Ohio Wesleyan students continue to earn prestigious academic scholarships and other recognition for their academic accomplishments and selfless service to benefit others. Examples of awards announced during spring semester include:

**Matt DiCesare '16** was recognized for excellence in finance, economics, and/or accounting by the Central Ohio chapter of Financial Executives



International (FEI). Matt, a double major in accounting and finance economics from Westerville, Ohio, earned a \$1,000 competitive scholarship from the organization.

"I hope (this award) will open up a new network for me that I can look to for guidance as I move along in my professional development," said DiCesare, who previously has completed internships in OWU's accounting office, in the Columbus office of specialty food company T. Marzetti Co., and at LaSalle Capital Group in Chicago.

At LaSalle, Matt reported directly to two vice presidents, providing information on financial modeling and analyzing extensive corporate research used to make decisions about investing and buying small companies. In recognition of his work, the partners sent him a note proclaiming him to be the best undergraduate intern they've ever had.

**Daisy Glaeser '16** was awarded a Microscopy Society of America (MSA) Undergraduate Research Scholarship to study the evolution of parasitic pinworms. Glaeser, a microbiology major from Brunswick, Ohio, will conduct her research under the guidance of Ramon Carreno, Ph.D., associate professor of zoology.

Glaeser also will write an abstract of her completed research for publication in the peer-reviewed scientific journal *Microscopy and Microanalysis*.

"My main focus for this research is to

become more adapt with the scanning transmission electron microscope and to contribute to parasitology by helping identify possibly new parasites and cleaning up the phylogeny of the order these parasites belong in," said Glaeser, who knows she wants her future career to involve using the powerful microscope. She currently is considering pursuing either parasitology or wastewater management.

**Annie Pappenhagen '15** earned a 2015 Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award from the Ohio Campus Compact, a coalition of colleges and universities working to promote and develop the civic purposes



of higher education.

Pappenhagen, a psychology and sociology-anthropology double major from Wilmington, Delaware, was recognized for her work with the indigenous peoples of the Lakota Nation in South Dakota. Pappenhagen had visited the Pine Ridge Reservation three times before coming to Ohio Wesleyan, and she has returned five times since through a variety of programs, including spring break mission trips and a Travel-Learning Course on Native American Literature.

In between her junior and senior years, Pappenhagen conducted three weeks of on-site independent research on "Historical Trauma and Cultural Embeddedness in the Lakota People: Links to Narrative Characteristics."

"These findings," Pappenhagen said, "have implications for both the ways in which we conceptualize Native

identity as well as potential client-patient relationships when working with indigenous persons."

**Madeline Vroom '16** was awarded



an American Society for Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship—making her only the fifth student in OWU history to earn the honor. Vroom's \$4,000 stipend will support research on how preen oil and bacteria affect the degradation of bird feathers.

Vroom will be mentored by Laura Tuhela-Reuning, part-time professor of botany/microbiology and zoology and scanning transmission electron microscope technician. Vroom, a microbiology major from Chicago, will present her findings at the 2016 American Society for Microbiology (ASM) meeting.

"I anticipate pursuing a research-based career and am currently interested in developing vaccines and treatments against microbial diseases for which none currently exist, or researching new antibiotics," said Vroom, whose mother, Sallie, is a 1981 Ohio Wesleyan graduate.

Previous OWU student-recipients of ASM Undergraduate Research Fellowships include **Chloe Hamrick Williams '11**, currently enrolled in medical school at Michigan State University; **Max Schroeder '09**, a Ph.D. candidate in microbiology at Emory University; **George Hamaoui Jr. '07**, a Ph.D. candidate in microbiology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst; and **Heather Costello '05**, Ph.D., a scientist at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. ■



## SLU and Improved: Construction Begins on New Small Living Unit Building

Ohio Wesleyan's first student housing construction in 50 years is under way on Rowland Avenue. In fall 2016, students will move into the completed "SLUplex," a Small Living Unit building that houses two SLU communities.

OWU students and administrators began holding focus groups in spring 2014 to discuss how to maintain the unique living and learning communities created by the SLUs while providing more contemporary, comfortable dwellings for the sophomores, juniors, and seniors who live there.

The resulting "SLUplex" will share a common wall to reduce potential maintenance issues, but feature distinct and private entrances as well as unique interior finishes to support each SLU's creativity and individuality. The building design was created by North Carolina-based Little Architects, which has worked on more than 45 college campuses nationwide.

This and future student housing construction is being funded by donor gifts. As of this writing, Ohio Wesleyan has received three significant "Connect



Today, Create Tomorrow" capital campaign contributions to support SLU construction: a \$750,000 gift from an anonymous parent couple, which received a \$250,000 major-gift match, a \$100,000 gift from **Rich Alexander '82**, and a \$1.5 million gift from **Doug Dittrick '55**.

Ohio Wesleyan's SLUs are intentional communities of students who share an interest in a specific topic, such as social justice or environmental rights.

Collectively, the students explore relevant issues and work to increase awareness among the campus community.

Current themed houses include the Citizens of the World House, House of Black Culture, House of Spiritual Athletes, Inter-Faith House, Modern Foreign Languages House, Peace and Justice House, Tree House, and SAGE (Sexuality and Gender Equality) House. ■

## Ohio Wesleyan Receives \$50,000 Luce Foundation Grant

### Funds Support Collaboration with East Asian Universities to Study Waste Disposal, Recycling

Ohio Wesleyan is using a new \$50,000 Exploration Grant from The Henry Luce Foundation to work with universities in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan to learn how their countries are successfully reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Ohio Wesleyan received the grant in April, and faculty members Ji Young Choi, Ching-Hsuan Wu, Anne Sokolsky, and Jim Peoples traveled to East Asia over the summer to meet with representatives from Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea; International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan; and Yonsei University in Seoul to learn how initiatives there may benefit waste-management efforts here.

Peoples, director of East Asian studies, also is one of three OWU campus

coordinators for the Luce Foundation-supported project, sharing duties with John Krygier, director of environmental studies, and Nick Crane, part-time geography instructor. They are planning a grant-related symposium for fall and then will carry the recycling and waste-management themes into the Sagan National Colloquium, planned for spring 2016.

Ohio Wesleyan's 2015 Exploration Grant is one of only five such grants awarded nationwide. It is part of the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE), which encourages "innovative approaches to Asian studies teaching and research at the undergraduate level through the lens of the environment and sustainable development."

President Rock Jones says, "Ohio Wesleyan's research will trace waste-management concepts and practices in Taiwan, Korea, and Japan using perspectives from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Faculty and students will apply intellectual and practical insights gleaned from the East to the West. This study is a perfect fit with our liberal arts focus."

The exploration project will culminate in a roadmap of future integration of East and West perspectives on waste, sustainability, and the environment. This roadmap will enable Ohio Wesleyan to apply for a follow-up Luce Foundation Implementation Grant to continue sustainability efforts on campus and beyond. ■

# ALUMNI HONOR OWU *with* GIFTS, COMMITMENTS

Both Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty will benefit from nearly \$5.6 million in alumni gifts and gift commitments announced this spring.

Of his \$1.5 million gift, Trustee-at-Large **Frank Quinn '78** says: "Giving back is the right thing to do. I am grateful for the education I received at Ohio Wesleyan and grateful for the mentors and friends I met there who have become part of my life. Ohio Wesleyan continues to provide transformational opportunities for students, and I want to recognize and support those efforts."

Also announced this spring were a \$1.59 million gift commitment from Life Trustee **Doug Dittrick '55**; a \$1.5 million gift commitment from **Eugenia "Gena" Davis Mills '63** and her husband, Bob; and a \$1 million estate gift from **Beatrice Knapp McDowell '40** (deceased).

In making his gift, Dittrick echoed Quinn's sentiments. "Ohio Wesleyan has had such a profound impact on my life," he says. "I am happy to be able to give back to the university. ..."

Quinn's gift is eligible for a \$250,000 major-gift match from anonymous donors, and is benefitting the Jon E. Sanger Endowment for Faculty Support. Quinn created the endowment in 2011 in honor of Sanger, who taught botany-microbiology at Ohio Wesleyan for 27 years before retiring in 1996. The endowment supports current faculty in their work to enhance global-learning opportunities and to link classroom theory with real-world experience for OWU students.

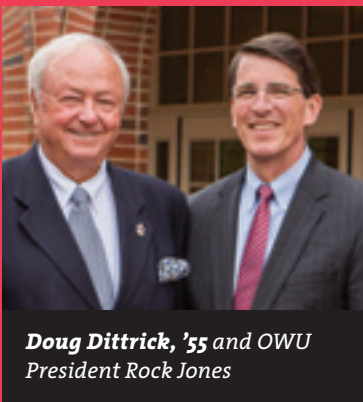
His gift, which includes a \$1 million estate commitment, also benefits the Ohio Wesleyan Fund, an unrestricted account that supports campus operations, and the President's Circle, a group of alumni, parents, and friends who aid the president with strategic initiatives.

Quinn double-majored in botany-bacteriology and economics at OWU and currently is the senior vice president of UBS Financial Services Inc., an international wealth management, investment banking, and asset management company headquartered in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland. He lives in Chicago.

Dittrick's gift includes \$1.5 million to build one of Ohio Wesleyan's first new student housing development in 50 years. His gift is funding construction of a small living unit (SLU) complex on Rowland Avenue. The new building will



**Frank Quinn '55**



**Doug Dittrick, '55 and OWU President Rock Jones**

house two SLUs, each with its own unique entrance and décor.

Dittrick's latest gift also includes \$50,000 to benefit the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and \$40,000 to enhance Mowry Alumni Center's Dittrick Patio, which he built in honor of his father, a 1931 OWU alumnus and former accounting professor.

Dittrick, of Naples, Florida, studied accounting and economics at Ohio Wesleyan. He has spent his career in the cable television industry and currently is president and CEO of Douglas Communications Corp.

The \$1.5 million gift commitment from Gena and Bob Mills is being used to establish the Eugenia Davis Mills '63 Endowed Fund for Faculty Support. The contribution from the La Jolla, California, couple includes a \$1 million estate bequest. After receiving the bequest, Ohio Wesleyan will transition the fund, per the couple's wishes, into the Eugenia Davis Mills Professorship in English.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Davis Mills majored in English. After graduating a year early, she married Mills, a 1960 alumnus of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The couple spent the next 30 years working for the Central Intelligence Agency with shared assignments in Thailand, Indonesia, Ukraine, Poland, New Zealand, and Mexico.

The \$1 million estate gift from Beatrice Knapp McDowell of Akron is being used to create an endowed faculty chair in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. McDowell majored in mathematics and education and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

In 2000, she created the Beatrice Knapp McDowell Legacy Scholarship. She also was a member of the Tower Society, which recognizes those who make estate gifts to the university. She died Sept. 25, 2011, at age 93. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, **Margaret "Peggy" McDowell Lloyd '70** and **Philip Lloyd '69**.

All four gifts support Ohio Wesleyan's Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, launched in July. The seven-year campaign, which remains in its leadership phase, already has generated more than \$78 million in gifts and commitments. The campaign's primary objectives are to enhance access and affordability for students through scholarship endowment; recognize and reward faculty excellence and innovation; and improve the physical campus.

# TRAUMA RECOLLECTED

## *Memoir Recalls a Tangled Friendship*

AWARD-WINNING WRITER'S MEMOIR RECALLS CONFLICTED ALLEGIANCES

For writer and assistant professor of English Amy Butcher, the life-shattering events of a fateful April evening in 2009 forever changed the way she thought about friendship, trauma, and memory.

Five weeks before Butcher graduated from Gettysburg College, Kevin Schaeffer, her close friend since freshman year, walked her home from a bar. Later that night, Schaeffer stabbed Emily Silverstein, his ex-girlfriend, to death. Grappling with the trauma, and struggling with depression, grief, and guilt, Butcher became consumed by the crime, searching for ways to make sense of the tragedy.

"It was a coming of age overnight," she says. "This was someone I trusted. [Before], it was easy for me to think that violent crime wouldn't happen to me, around me, or with people I knew."

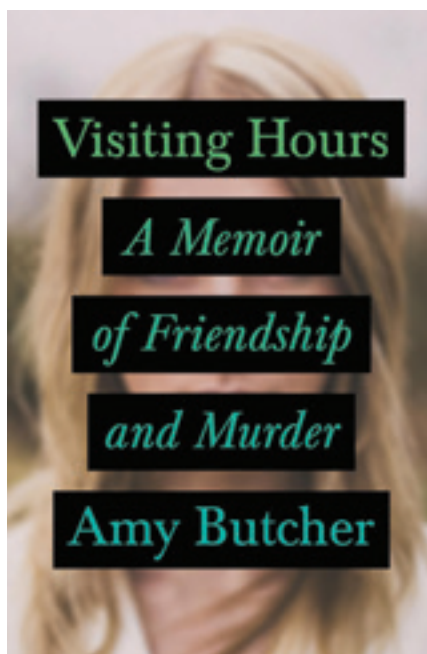
Butcher went on to graduate school, and began to write about the person she knew before the murder, experimenting with essays at first, then conducting research on depression, and writing letters to Schaeffer when he was initially incarcerated in a maximum-security prison.

Butcher, who teaches creative writing, recalls the friendship in her first memoir, *Visiting Hours: A Memoir of Friendship and Murder*, released in April this year and published by Blue Rider Press, an imprint of Penguin Books USA.

In *Visiting Hours*, Butcher explores the dichotomy between the Kevin she knew—a boy who had grown up in a small, quiet Pennsylvania town some 30 miles from her own—and the one he had become: a convicted murderer.

She recalls Schaeffer as a kindred spirit with "a shared origin" of identical childhood snacks, favorite television shows, and music. Butcher writes of being "conscious of our privilege, our good fortune."

Because of this connection, she wrote Schaeffer while he was in prison "out of a sense of care and concern" for him. Butcher



*"[Before] it was easy for me to think that violent crime wouldn't happen to me, around me, or with people I knew."*



Photo: Ben Leddick

also sought to understand his actions, leading her to conduct extensive research. She unearthed public records detailing mental health evaluations, detectives' notes, evidence, court testimonies, and search warrants, as well as Schaeffer's confession.

Mental health records indicated Schaeffer had been suffering from severe depression. In *Visiting Hours*, Butcher writes that she would learn after his arrest that Schaeffer was experiencing "symptoms of abrupt withdrawal from Sinequan, the antidepressant medication he had been prescribed for over a year." Butcher had known Schaeffer had been depressed, but "had no idea, that April night, just how bad my friend was feeling."

"Obviously it terrifies me that he was someone who was responsible and sane, until suddenly he wasn't," she says. "I felt as though as a friend I had failed him."

Butcher's book also touches on the intricate balance between memory and trauma, referencing famed neurologist Oliver Sacks' discussion on how vivid memories can activate the brain's sensory areas, and how the past can be reinterpreted differently each time it's recollected. She details some of the medical research on mental illness, including psychiatrists' comments on the unpredictable nature of some disorders, and the social stigma around the mentally ill.

Butcher's work has earned critical acclaim. An excerpt, "Reenacting," received the 2014 Iowa Review Award in nonfiction from guest judge David Shields, a *New York Times*-bestselling author. Her essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review* online, *Tin House* online, *The Iowa Review*, *Salon*, and *Gulf Coast*, among others. *Visiting Hours* can be found at

independent and major online bookstores.

Learn more about her work at [amyebutcher.com](http://amyebutcher.com) and [twitter.com/AmyEButcher](https://twitter.com/AmyEButcher). ■

- Lisa Lopez Snyder

## Dan Hitchell ● *Business, Buildings, and Bikes*

Dan Hitchell, chief financial officer and VP of finance and administration, seems comfortable and at ease almost anywhere on campus—and he knows every inch of the 200 acres. His easy chuckle and small-town-friendly manner belie his keen focus on the bottom line and his strict attention to detail.

Dan oversees finance, accounting, human resources, building and grounds, construction, insurance, cash flow, and large contracts (such as

dining and housekeeping). He joined OWU in 2013, following stints at Webster University and St. Louis University.

Though comfortable walking the campus with the grounds crew or meeting with trustees, Dan says his real comfort zone has become the seat of his yellow 2009 Yamaha FZ6R. “When I return from riding my bike to the office, I’m calm, refreshed, and ready for work,” he says.

### 1 The Bike

Dan began riding six years ago, when his son, Jason, turned 16 and they took a Harley-Davidson four-day introductory riding course together. “It was great driver education,” Dan says. “Jason slowed down and became a better driver.”

### 2 It’s a Bird. It’s a Plane. . .

A motorcycle racer from Dan’s hometown, Owensboro, KY, is a Moto GP world champion, and Dan and his wife, Beth, have become racing fans. He loves the athleticism as drivers turn corners while leaning nearly parallel to the ground. “When I lean my bike over 15 degrees, I think I’m Superman.”

### 3 New Life for Old Treasures

In the past year, Dan has overseen major projects to renovate Merrick Hall, Elliott Hall, Edwards Gymnasium, and Simpson Querrey Fitness Center (the former Pfeiffer Natatorium). This work is transforming the core of the campus, providing OWU’s most innovative classrooms and enriching the student experience.

### 4 This Old House

Dan’s Building & Grounds team maintains 67 buildings on the OWU campus, from 1833’s Elliott Hall—on the national registry of historic places—to the 2010 Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center.

### 5 Weed Walks

Dan and a few members of his team take “weed walks” in July, when they walk across campus to set the grounds crew’s work schedule for the month leading up to student move-in. “We want to make the best impression possible on families here for move-in week.”

### 6 The OWU Household Budget

Dan’s Samsung Mega-Galaxy serves as his calculator, always on hand and frequently used in meetings about OWU’s \$60 million budget. Dan’s office takes care of paying the bills at OWU, including an annual electric bill of some \$1.35 million.

### 7 Building a Great Team

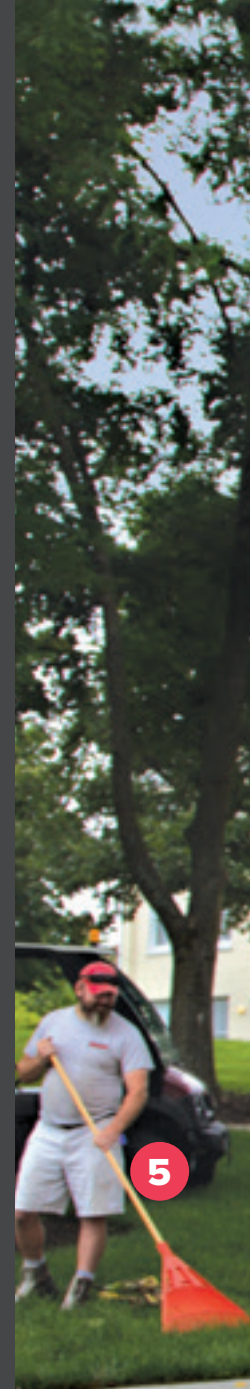
Dan oversees Human Resources—and the recruitment and retention of some 400-plus employees at OWU.

### 8 Old School

At the end of 2012, Dan and his family moved here from St. Louis, where he had worked 21 years at Webster University and Saint Louis University. After years in the big city, he now enjoys strolling the streets of downtown Delaware with his wife, Beth, and browsing in the antique shops.

### 9 Picture Perfect

Dan loves the history of the campus core—around University, Elliott, Slocum, and Merrick halls. In fact, he and his wife collect postcards from the early 20th century that show OWU as it was in that era. “They show that you’re a steward. There was a CFO in 1915, and there will be one 100 years from now,” he says. “Be thankful for what people did before you, and don’t screw things up for those who’ll come after us.”





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# REGAL REBIRTH:

## A 'New' Merrick Hall Transforms Campus

*By Lisa Lopez Snyder*

“Our gift to Ohio Wesleyan is actually a gift to ourselves—to enable us to offer future students what OWU did for us in our formative years—anchoring the two of us for a wonderful life together, enhanced with educational and cultural curiosity first instilled in us on the Ohio Wesleyan campus.”

- Anonymous alumni donors





The first floor houses the office of The OWU Connection.

**A**n old treasure shines anew. Some 130 years after Merrick Hall was built—and thanks to an anonymous \$8 million gift—the historic 19,684-square-foot building has been thoughtfully renewed, greeting visitors with a bold, new look. On the outside, its grand architectural style, including its locally quarried blue limestone, is restored. Inside, contemporary features beckon students, alumni, and guests with advanced classroom technology, and creative learning and event spaces.

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educational and cultural curiosity first instilled in us on the Ohio Wesleyan campus. We thank YOU!”

President Rock Jones says the renovation signals OWU’s commitment to the preservation of its historic campus. Further,

he says, the reconstruction “reflects OWU’s mission as a residential liberal arts university in ways that preserve our historic values while embracing the most effective methods for teaching and learning in the 21st century.

“The building exemplifies our commitment to an education that cultivates moral leaders for a global society through rich exposure to classical liberal arts disciplines complemented by robust opportunities for learning beyond the walls of the classroom and the borders



Ribbon-cutting Re-dedication: (l to r): Chris Wolverton, Susan Dileno, Kara Trott '83, Rock Jones, Jerry Lherisson, Chuck Stinemetz

of the campus.”

Named after Frederick Merrick, president of Ohio Wesleyan from 1860 to 1873, Merrick Hall was once known as “Science Hall” or “Alumni Hall,” housing various departments over the years, including a third-floor natural science museum. Following the recommendations of a faculty and staff Merrick planning committee chaired by Professor Dale Swartzentruber, Merrick now will be home to The OWU Connection on the first floor, and state-of-the-art classrooms available to all disciplines on the second floor. A ballroom-like event space on the third floor will be dedicated to meetings, lectures, dinners, and informal gatherings.

“The donors were interested in making a gift that had transformational impact,” says Colleen Garland, vice president for university advancement. “Ultimately they said, ‘We’ll fund the entire amount.’ It’s an incredible example of selfless generosity.”

That selfless act means The OWU Connection, an innovative curricular and co-curricular program that helps students connect academic theory with real-world practice in a global context, will thrive even more.

“Students will visit Merrick to explore opportunities for international travel and study abroad, internships and apprenticeships, undergraduate research and independent study, and cross-cultural programs that prepare them for global citizenship,” President Jones says.

Visitors from partner programs abroad also will have a vibrant space for these interactions, says Darrell Albon, administrative director of The OWU Connection. “The importance is that there’s a focal point on campus for all the opportunities for The OWU Connection,” he says, “and also for prospective students to come (and explore) our innovative academic programs.”

## PIGEONS, PLASTER, AND A QUARRY

The renovation was a one-year process that first involved a

major spring cleaning. Vacant for some 30 years, Merrick, whose style has been referred to as “Eclectic Elizabethan,” had more than a few grubby scars, requiring everything from shuttering pigeons from the top floors and gutting the entire interior, to refurbishing and replacing parts of the limestone facade.

Peter Schantz, Ohio Wesleyan’s director of physical plant planning and operations, says the summer 2014 demolition was aimed at determining how the initial conditions affected the building’s structure. He and the project team found exterior plaster walls, and a building that had naturally settled.

The original roof was replaced some 10 years ago thanks to a generous gift from **Rich Alexander ’82**. Also, about 95 percent of exterior limestone remains. “It’s been cleaned and left in place,” says Schantz, whose team found several stockpiles from a quarry to use when stones needed to be replaced.

“We saved and reused elsewhere,” he says. “The front door was on the north side originally. We converted that doorway into a window.” The south side now features an arched doorway, framed by repurposed window quoin stones.

Inside, new electrical systems, insulation, and windows are key additions, with “great pains taken” to preserve the original trusses on the third floor, which also features hardwood flooring, large four-by-eight-foot wood panel wainscoting, and a nearly 22-foot-high ceiling. New changes showcase the academic learning and interactions that faculty and students need today, Schantz says. “It feels very alive inside.”

Several of professor Jeff Nilan’s photography students captured Merrick’s transformation pre- and post-reconstruction. “All the layers of history were literally peeled back,” Nilan says. Students’ early images reveal all the “things left behind,” he says, from the dust-covered windows and the wood beams in the ceiling, to the exposed brick and patina on other walls in the later stages. Nilan and the students used a number of the photos to create a book for the donors.

## Frederick Merrick:

*Fierce Spiritualist, Education Advocate, OWU Leader*

Born January 29, 1810, the son of a Massachusetts farmer, Frederick Merrick eventually went on to become professor of natural science at Ohio University, and the pastor of the Methodist Church in Marietta, OH.

Between 1843 and 1894, Merrick served in a number of capacities at Ohio Wesleyan, first as a financial agent, and later as professor, auditor, lecturer, and



trustee. He was instrumental in helping to fund OWU, traveling by stagecoach or on horseback to solicit donations. His tireless efforts garnered a new library, Thomson Chapel, and other buildings.

The late OWU historian Henry Clyde Hubbard called Merrick “unequaled in his solicitude for the spiritual and moral welfare of the students, and in his zeal... for the college.” Merrick invited the poor to stay at his house and welcomed “all classes in the community,” deeds for which Hubbard dubbed him “The Grand Old Man of Delaware.”



## MERRICK HALL: *Before & After*



The third floor once housed a natural science museum. Today, the spacious ballroom-like event space, with its nearly 22-foot-high ceiling, will play host to meetings, lectures, dinners, and other gatherings.



Traditional classrooms of the past, with front-facing desks and chairs, are now collaborative and interactive learning spaces with state-of-the-art technology.



Students in professor Jeff Nilan's photography class captured images of Merrick before the new construction.



## A BEDROCK OF MEMORIES

Alumni wrote to recall fond memories of the historic structure they're excited to welcome back.

**Peter Chase '74** remembers visiting the animal labs in the basement of Merrick in the 1950s when his father, the late **Dr. John N. Chase '49**, was a professor of zoology. "Years later, when I was a student at OWU," he says, "...all of my Romance Language classes were in the very same building that had occupied such a treasured place in my childhood."

"Some of my most memorable educational experiences at OWU were spent in the first floor...in the geology lecture hall listening to Dr. Crowl talk about the different fossils that comprised the different geological periods," writes **Arden Veley '65**. "Who can forget the gigantic fossils that were staring down at the students from the walls...?"

**Nancy Wade Korth '70**, has recollections that may speak for many alumni. "I remember climbing the back steps and wondering how many students had done the same," she writes. "Each step was deeply hollowed from the tread of many feet."

"I'm proud that my alma mater values its history as much as I do." ■

*Lisa Lopez Snyder is managing editor of OWU Magazine.*



## Merrick Hall Memory, November 1963

*A generation of Americans remembers where they were when they learned about President Kennedy's assassination. **Andy Duarte '65** was in Merrick Hall.*

"I spent more than three years in Merrick Hall. I was a geology major, and that's where the action was for our group.

"On the afternoon of November 22, when JFK was assassinated, I was in Merrick Hall attending a mineralogy class that was taught by Dr. Robert Shanklin. Our class was small, with only five students. I was a junior at the time.

"It was a very sober and darkish afternoon. About the middle of the class period, a departmental secretary entered the room and asked Dr. Shanklin to accompany her to a corner, and they exchanged words. Dr. Shanklin then told us that President Kennedy had been killed in Dallas and that all class activities were suspended.

"Merrick Hall was a very sad place, with lights on, but totally deserted 15 minutes later.

"Being a student with a Catholic background—with 12 years of Jesuit school—I then walked to St. Mary's church and sat there for about 90 minutes, not knowing what else to do, except pray. Slowly, more people came. I later walked to my dormitory and sat watching TV for the rest of the evening, and the next morning again attended mass at St. Mary's.

"I don't think that I would have originated that whole sequence of events between Merrick and St. Mary's had I not been a student at Merrick Hall. There is something that separates that building from all the rest—age, a feeling of dignity, and a connection for its ongoing activities and the outside world."

*Students find the third floor perfect for quiet time with an old technology.*



“Students will visit Merrick to explore opportunities for international travel and study abroad, internships and apprenticeships, undergraduate research and independent study, and cross-cultural programs that prepare them for global citizenship.”

- Rock Jones



*Clockwise from top left: first-floor cafe; giant OWU Connection touchscreens; first-floor study and Connection zone; Merrick patio, one of the prettiest spots on campus.*

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# AND ON THEIR WAY

**For many young entrepreneurs, their risk-taking, make-a-difference spirit was born and nurtured in the liberal arts atmosphere of OWU.**

*By Jeff Bell*

**I**t may not have seemed like it at the time, but some free-wheeling conversations about business between **Eric Korn '04** and his Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers at Ohio Wesleyan were to play a role in him becoming an entrepreneur.

“There was a group of us,” he says, “and we would sit around and talk about ideas for businesses. Everybody would come up with something—some silly things, some really ridiculous things, and some good ideas. That process of talking, vetting, and thinking helped form what I’m doing here today.”

“Here” is Irvington, NY, a picturesque town that hugs the Hudson River about 25 miles north of New York City. It’s been the home base for Korn’s first business, the Good-Life Gourmet catering company, since 2008, as well as his fledgling restaurant, Wolfert’s Roost, which opened in November 2014. He also recently added an outdoor

wedding facility that can accommodate up to 500 guests. In July this year Wolfert’s Roost was voted “Best New Restaurant” by *Westchester Magazine*.

It’s been a rapid rise for Korn, 32, and he says it started at Ohio Wesleyan with those business bull sessions and his developing a passion for cooking in the fraternity house’s kitchen. That led him to his first kitchen job as a cook at Avesta Eclectic Cuisine in Delaware while still an OWU student. Then it was off to a French culinary school in New York City and

working for some caterers before taking the entrepreneurial plunge with Good-Life Gourmet. Not bad for an economics major who points out he was not the best of students at OWU, where he also spent a lot of time studying English literature and psychology.

“I loved being at Ohio Wesleyan,” Korn says. “It’s a liberal arts school ... so it’s not like I got a specific education for what I was going to

**“A liberal arts education centers on critical thinking and exercising the mind. It also prepares you to be flexible in business.”**

*Dan Charna,  
Assistant Professor of Management*



**Company** | Anusha Lalwani '08  
**Home Base** | Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  
**Major** | Fine Arts—Photography, Digital Imaging

**What Matters:**

“My classes in economics helped me understand the market and work out my own budgeting systems, while psychology classes laid the foundation for my market research.”

do (in the culinary business). But there are a lot of positives to being part of that culture and environment, and being with the people there. I really learned how to think at Ohio Wesleyan.”

### CRITICAL THINKING AT WORK

Learning how to think—that comment weaves its way into conversations with other young entrepreneurs from Ohio Wesleyan about how their liberal arts educations have influenced them in their business ventures.

“A liberal arts education teaches you how to think critically, how to take an issue and split it into the most important parts and solve it,” says **Evan Reas '07**, founder and chief executive officer of TenXList, a social networking company in Palo Alto, CA. “The world moves so fast ... so we need to learn how to

learn. That’s what the liberal arts provide.”

Such an education can be an immense help in running a business, says **Anusha Lalwani '08**. She has turned a passion for art and fashion into her eponymous brand of hand-painted, hand-crafted clutch hand bags that she launched upon returning home to India after earning her Ohio Wesleyan degree. The resulting collection of eye-catching clutches in a variety of shapes and colors has been featured in *Vogue India*, *Elle India*, *Cosmopolitan* and *People* magazines, and are worn by Indian celebrities.

“My classes in economics helped me to understand the market and work out my own budgeting systems,” Lalwani says, “while psychology classes laid the foundation for my market research. The exposure to different types of people

**ERIC KORN '04**

Company | **Good-Life Gourmet**  
 Home Base | **Irvington, NY**  
 Major | **Economics**

**What Matters:**

“There was a group of us and we would sit around and talk about ideas for businesses. That process of talking, vetting, and thinking helped form what I’m doing here today.”



due to the international nature of (OWU) helped solidify my cultural perspective—something I think has had a very positive impact on my dealings with clients and buyers across the world.”

That type of well-rounded education is essential to starting and operating a business successfully, says Dan Charna, an Ohio Wesleyan assistant professor of management with a specialty in entrepreneurship. He joined the faculty in 2013 after a successful run in the food industry.

“You need to know the functional things about running a business such as accounting and finance,” Charna says, “but what really helps is that a liberal arts education centers on critical thinking and exercising the mind. It also prepares you to be flexible in business. Nothing ever happens the way it should, so you have to be able to pivot to be successful.”

Charna also points out that would-be entrepreneurs at OWU can tap the resources of the university’s Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship. The Woltemade Center’s mission is to be the premier institute fostering future generations of business and world leaders.

“The Center serves as a connector for students of all majors and disciplines, faculty, the community, and business leaders around the world,” says Alice Simon, Simpson Faculty Director of the Center and James Heisler Professor of Economics. “Economics, business and entrepreneurship are the core of what we do,” she says, “and provide the guiding principles for our programming and events on and off campus, as well as in and outside of the classroom.”

Current areas of interest include business ethics, international business, entrepreneurship, economic research,

accounting, finance, social media, and marketing. “Professional mentorships and internships are also a major part of our mission,” Simon adds.

Among the Center’s myriad offerings is the Corns Business and Entrepreneurial Scholars Program, which encourages and nurtures the entrepreneurial ambitions of Ohio Wesleyan students. Established in 1985, the Center was among the first university programs in the United States to offer entrepreneurship classes, the earliest of which were taught by John Boos, **Alton Doody '80**, **Richard Gordon '62**, and **Rusty McClure '72**. Guided by an active alumni advisory board, the Center regularly hosts prominent guest speakers and visiting alumni entrepreneurs, some of who return to teach.

**THE DRIVE TO THRIVE**

Reas’ business ambitions already are being realized. The launch in 2014 of TenXList, a professional network that highlights women engineers, followed his success as founder and chief executive of CircleApp, a social network with more than 12 million users. He started that company after studying at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where his experiences included a trip to India, where he helped create an agricultural device that helped farmers shuck corn. His business experience dates back to 2005, when he was cofounder of Lentigen Inc., a gene therapy company in Baltimore, MD, while still a student at Ohio Wesleyan.

It all seems fitting for someone who traces his entrepreneurial roots to when he opened a lemonade stand as a kid growing up in little Ashton, WI. Reas’ interest in business influenced his decision to enroll at Ohio Wesleyan after he saw

**EVAN REAS '07**

Company | **TenXList**  
 Home Base | **Palo Alto, CA**  
 Major | **Economics**

**What Matters:**

“A liberal arts education teaches you how to...take an issue and split it into the most important parts and solve it.”



**JULIE HIGGINS PODOLEC '07**

Company | **Modern Pop**  
Home Base | **Laguna Beach, CA**  
Major | **Fine Arts—Photography**

**What Matters:**

"We're trying to get back to the basics so we know what we're feeding our children."



a survey by Standard & Poor's that ranked OWU among the top liberal arts schools to produce business leaders over the prior 50 years.

Reas credits OWU economics professor Alice Simon, who he says challenged every student in her classes, and management professor John Boos, who weaved “real-world applications” into his lectures. Reas also remembers how speech instructor Eric Gnezda was “really tough” as he pushed hard to get students to improve.

The entrepreneurial drive also took hold of Lalwani at a young age—she started her own hand-made jewelry brand as a 14-year-old. She continued to make and sell jewelry at Ohio Wesleyan, using the proceeds to benefit the India Literacy Project. Back in her home country after graduation, Lalwani put her fine arts degree to good use by working full time in the photography department at Vogue India for three years while devoting much of her free time to establishing her hand-

catering menu at a Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Podolec says she and her husband, a finance professional, are exploring potential deals that could put Modern Pop products on shelves nationwide.

A fine arts major with a concentration in photography, Podolec draws on her education in several ways in her business life, including taking photos for Modern Pop's promotional pieces and leveraging the communications skills she honed during her college years.

Podolec and another Ohio Wesleyan grad-turned-entrepreneur, **Chris Myers '08**, also say the lessons they learned from coaches on the athletic fields at OWU are serving them well in their business ventures. Podolec remembers field hockey coach Marge Redmond as always positive, inspiring, and big on teaching the value of hard work. Myers, cofounder and managing partner of Bespoke Search Group, an executive recruiting firm in New York City, credits legendary soccer coach Jay Martin.



### WANDIA CHIURI '05

Company | **Reaction Power**  
Home Base | **San Francisco Bay Area**  
Major | **Chemistry**

#### What Matters:

“I had never thought about having my own business. It was something I moved into because of my passion about making a difference in people's lives.”



crafted handbag business.

“I started my brand with a very small amount of seed capital and have gradually built it,” she says. “The idea for it came out of my love for art and fashion. I wanted to wake up every day excited about what lay ahead.”

Another emerging entrepreneur, **Julie Higgins Podolec '07**, has created a business niche as cofounder, chief executive, and brand ambassador for Modern Pop, a start-up ice pop company in southern California that she believes can become a national player in the healthy foods movement.

She and her husband, Brad, got the idea for the business about three years ago when they were unable to find a healthy ice pop to give their teething infant son, Brooks. They started experimenting by making ice pops from fresh fruit in their kitchen and created a business plan after getting some encouraging feedback from friends with young children.

“The whole idea behind our ice pops is that there is a movement to ‘put the food back into food,’” Podolec says. “We’re trying to get back to the basics so we know what we’re feeding our children.”

The ice pops are sold in Bristol Farms grocery stores, a Whole Foods Market in southern California, and are on the

“Jay was the type of figure who made you hold yourself to a higher standard than your peers,” Myers says. “He taught me discipline, and that hard work is the only way to achieve things.”

For Myers, Ohio Wesleyan was a springboard into business and eventually the launch of Bespoke two years ago. He majored in accounting, landed a job as an auditor at Ernest & Young after graduating, and quickly discovered that a traditional accounting environment was not for him.

“I’m much more people-oriented and into networking and working in groups,” he says. “I decided to use my accounting, finance, and networking skills to get into recruiting.”

He spent four years working as a recruiter for firms in Washington, D.C., and New York. Along the way, he met another recruiter, Matthew Santoli, and the two formed Bespoke in 2013. He and Santoli now have three consultants working for them in an office that’s part of a business incubator in Manhattan. Bespoke specializes in recruiting and placing candidates in accounting and finance positions, and is carving a niche by helping find key people for the other start-ups based at the incubator.





## CHRIS MYERS '08

Company | **Bespoke Search Group**

Home Base | **New York, NY**

Major | **Accounting**

### What Matters:

“Jay (Martin) was the type of figure who made you hold yourself to a higher standard than your peers. He taught me discipline, and that hard work is the only way to achieve things.”

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD AND AT OWU

Entrepreneurship seems to be in Myers' blood. Both of his parents—fellow OWU alumni **Marion Myers '77** and **Paul Myers '74**—have owned their own companies. Myers says his mother, who has a public relations firm in northern Virginia, is one of his business mentors, emphasizing the importance of paying forward by helping others.

With that in mind, Myers commits a lot of time to helping his alma mater, including his involvement in Ohio Wesleyan's alumni chapter in New York City, serving as an advisor to the university's economics department, and leading the annual “Things I Wish I Knew Then” career workshop in which he helps OWU students sharpen their resumes and job-search effort.

**Wandia Chiuri '05** is another Ohio Wesleyan graduate whose commitment to being an entrepreneur is driven in part by her belief in helping others. Her current venture, Reaction Power, is a prime example. Chiuri is one of eight principals in the Silicon Valley-based tech firm that is developing an online business hub to provide an all-in-one digital marketing solution for small business owners and social enterprises.

Reaction Power is another career adventure for Chiuri, whose resume includes stints at Fortune 500 companies Eli Lilly and Johnson & Johnson, as well as work at the Maji Mazuri

Center, a micro-enterprise and social empowerment program in sub-Saharan Africa.

“I had never thought about having my own business,” says Chiuri who majored in chemistry and minored in philosophy at OWU. “It was something I moved into because of my passion about making a difference in people's lives. That was something I cultivated at Ohio Wesleyan.”

Chiuri, who grew up in Kenya, found OWU while searching for a U.S. college with a reputation for academic excellence and campus diversity.

“I felt totally accepted, and there was a lot of programming to support international students,” she says. “The community there gave me a global view of the world. It was not uncommon to be sitting at a table with people from the States, India, China, Canada, and Pakistan. It was absolutely amazing.” Chiuri, who lives in San Jose, says her Ohio Wesleyan education and experiences prepared her for the challenges of the corporate world and rollercoaster ride of being an entrepreneur.

“My liberal arts education provided me not just a degree but an ability to learn,” she says. “Every opportunity I've had and every project I've worked on required me to learn quickly and be confident that I could get the needed information and work with it. Ohio Wesleyan gave me that confidence: ‘Bring it and I can handle it.’ It's been so incredible.” ■

*Jeff Bell is a freelance writer in Westerville, Ohio.*

## Woltemade Supports Future Leaders

The Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship, a start-up itself in 1985, fosters innovative business teaching and leadership, and hosts a number of guest speakers. Among the 2015 presenters:

Barb Girson, CEO/President, My Sales Tactics, LLC  
 Carol Drake, director, external affairs, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System  
**SJ Barakony '98**, owner/founder, SBSL  
 Scott Nystrom, senior economic associate, Regional Economics Models, Inc.  
 Terry Rumker, certified financial planner  
**Kevin McGinty '70**, board chair, Woltemade Center  
 Scott Griffin, chief sustainability officer, Corporate Communications Greif, Inc.

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# OF MISSIONARIES AND EDUCATORS

## OWU's Lasting Link with China

By Ezra F. Vogel '50

Ohio Wesleyan has a proud legacy of mission service in China, particularly during some of the country's most pivotal times.

As early as 1860, **Nathan Sites, Class of 1859**, joined the Foochow (now transliterated as Fuzhou) Mission in Fujian Province. **Hiram Harrison Lowry, Class of 1867**, joined the same mission shortly after graduation, and in 1870 he was joined by two of his classmates, George Ritchie Davis and Leander William Pilcher.

James Bashford, the fourth president of Ohio Wesleyan (1889-1904), who presided over the construction of Gray Chapel, Slocum Library, Perkins Observatory, and the extension of Monnett Hall, was remarkably successful in raising funds and recruiting missionaries to China, including many Ohio Wesleyan graduates. Edward Kingsley Lowry served from 1893 to 1894 as private secretary to the U.S. minister to China and instructor at Peking University.



Thos. Child,

Peking.

Methodists were among the western missionaries to arrive in China in the 1800s. Leander William Pilcher (left) was among the first OWU graduates to serve in Fujian Province.

By 1895 missionary work was so central to OWU life that the OWU religion department was then called the "Missions and Religion Department."

In 1904 Bashford himself left Ohio Wesleyan for China, where he became the first resident Methodist Episcopal bishop. At the time, Protestant churches were trying to rebuild their Chinese missions following the disastrous Boxer Rebellion at the end of the 19th century that claimed the lives of some 186 Protestant missionaries and thousands of Chinese Christians (James Bashford, *China and Methodism*). In 1911, while Bashford was still in China, Sun Yat-sen led a revolution that ended not only the last dynasty but also the 2,000-year-old imperial system, and he became the co-founder and first president of the new Republic of China. Bashford immediately wrote a letter to President William Howard Taft encouraging him to support China's new president, for he believed in the leadership potential of Sun, who was also a Christian. Before Sun died in 1925, he requested that the funeral

service be conducted by a Christian friend who, in turn, requested **Bliss Wiant '20** to be in charge of music for the service.

Within two years of Sun's death, political chasms split the nationalists, led by Chiang Kai-shek, and the communists, who had cooperated during Sun's last years. The country was in chaos until the communists unified the country in 1949. Despite the turmoil, many missionaries, including hundreds of Ohio Wesleyan graduates, braved the fighting, diseases, and poverty to bring Christianity to China, including to remote rural areas. They served not only in missions, schools, and universities but also in hospitals, where they helped bring modern medicine to China. Through their teaching and the institutions where they worked, they left a legacy that survived communist victory in 1949.

## MISSIONS CONTINUE GROWTH IN 1920S

In the early 1920s as many as 103 Ohio Wesleyan graduates were serving in China. Faculty and students at OWU collected funds for their missions in China and elsewhere. Missionaries returned to Delaware during their sabbatical years; others retired in Delaware. After retirement, some alumni, like Guy Sarvis, became professors at Ohio Wesleyan.

Herbert George Welch succeeded Bashford as OWU President (1905-1916) and post-term, left Ohio and went on to serve as bishop in Japan and Korea and, from 1932-1936, as bishop in China. Bishop Welch remained active in Methodist affairs until his death in 1969 at 106.

On New Year's Day 1913, Bishop Bashford baptized William Hung, a 19-year-old Chinese student at the Anglo-Chinese College in Foochow. Shortly thereafter, Hanford Crawford, a trustee at Ohio Wesleyan and a wealthy businessman from St. Louis, visited that college. Hung was described to him as the brightest student at the college. Crawford immediately offered to pay all his expenses for study in the United States. Heeding Bishop Bashford's advice about where to study, Hung enrolled at OWU as a junior and majored in chemistry and mathematics, graduating in 1917.



From left: George Ritchie Davis, Hiram Harrison Lowry, and Leander William Pilcher were among the first OWU missionaries in China.

Years later Hung told his biographer, Susan Chan Egan (*A Latterday Confucian: Reminiscences of William Hung*, 1987), that there was an "exuberance in everything he did during those two years at OWU." Hung said Ohio Wesleyan was not an isolated parochial college. Discipline was strict and chapel was required, he said, but the faculty, through the influence of Bishop Bashford and others were "large minded." Hung said the faculty member whom he held in highest esteem was a Bible professor, Rollin Walker, whom students nicknamed "St John." Walker, he said, had inherited money and donated to the university each year more than he received in salary.

Hung worked part time while at OWU, including at the alumni office, where he put stamps on letters; his supervisor was "**Pinkie**" **Raymond Thornberg, Class of 1915**.

Before Wiant graduated from OWU in 1920, he became engaged to classmate Mildred Art, and two years later

they were off to China, where Hung joined the faculty at Yenching University and where Wiant was hired to build a music department (Allen Artz Wiant, *A New Song for China: a Biography of Bliss Mitchell Wiant*, 2003). Both men had met while at OWU, and found themselves together again, teaching at Yenching. The institution fulfilled Bishop Bashford's vision of uniting several Christian colleges into one university (Yenching). The university was completed in 1919, just a few months before Bashford's death.

## WIANT INFLUENCES CHINESE HYMNS

Wiant brought Western music and especially church music to Yenching University where, year after year, he, his colleagues, and students performed Handel's Messiah to large enthusiastic audiences. Mildred, a talented singer, sang solos in the church choir and taught voice. Through his concerts and his hymnals, Wiant's impact extended beyond Yenching to churches throughout China. To show his respect for Chinese culture, he adapted Chinese melodies and words for hymns and wrote the accompaniments. In 1931, Wiant published, for the first time in history, a hymnal with Chinese words and Chinese

melodies, some 50 of them, arranged with accompaniments that he wrote. In 1936, China's first interdenominational hymnal, "Hymns of Universal Praise," appeared, with some 512 hymns, including some 70 Chinese hymns, edited by Wiant.

In 1928 when Yenching University moved to its new location, Wiant who had been raising money in the United States and consulting with architects to build his home on the new Yenching campus, moved into a large residence that combined Western convenience and a Chinese style exterior, where they lived until April 1951 (*History of the Wiant Memorial Residence at Number 63 Yen Nan Yuan*, 4 pages).

Meanwhile, Hung, at only 30, became dean of Arts and Sciences of Yenching University. The first president of Yenching University, Leighton Stuart, hired a missionary known to be a good fundraiser, Henry Winter Luce (whose son later founded *Time* magazine) as vice president, and Luce invited Hung to travel with him in the United States to raise funds. As Hung raised funds, he often turned to OWU friend "Pinkie" Thornberg for help. In 1926 Yenching arranged with Harvard University to set up a joint institute, the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Hung and Luce established an endowment with funds from the estate of Charles Martin Hall (an Oberlin College graduate), inventor of an inexpensive process for making aluminum, who had died in 1914. These funds helped turn Yenching University into a first-class institution, widely recognized as the most outstanding of the 13 Christian colleges in China.

## REVOLUTION PROMPTS CHANGE

In the 1930s, while president of Yenching University, Leighton Stuart presided over a troubled era as political protests, sometimes anti-missionary, broke out and disrupted university life. As dean, Hung had difficulty controlling the student demonstrations. The Japanese invasion prompted a halt of missionary work, and Hung was put in jail. Released at the end of the war, Hung traveled to the United States where in 1946 he delivered the Merrick Lecture at OWU,



*James Bashford, the fourth president of Ohio Wesleyan (1889-1904), raised funds and recruited missionaries to China. In 1904, he left for China and served as the first resident Methodist Episcopal bishop.*

describing the situation in China. Hung spent his later years at Harvard University conducting research as a scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute. In 1946, Stuart, who was beloved by students as well as faculty, was named U.S. ambassador to China, the last U.S. ambassador before communist takeover.

In May 1948, Wiant became controller of Yenching University. On January 9, 1951, Prime Minister Zhou Enlai personally came to Wiant's office and told him that because of the housing shortages, the faculty-occupied residences would have to be shared with other faculty. Due to a political movement to make all Chinese religious groups independent of any foreign connection, missionaries were no longer welcomed. In April 1951, Wiant formally turned over the keys to the entire university to the communists. He, Mildred, and their family returned to the United States. As part of

Chinese university reform then being completed, all the liberal arts faculties of all the universities in the Beijing area were combined into one university—Peking University. Yenching University, like the "old" Peking University, ceased to exist. The chancellor of Peking University, the top official in the nation's most prestigious university, moved into the now former Wiants' residence.

After Wiant left China, the United States lost diplomatic contact with China until Henry Kissinger's visit in 1971. Virtually no Chinese except a handful of specialists are familiar with any of the history of Ohio Wesleyan missionary pioneers in China.

As the world continues to shrink and Chinese power grows, current and future Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff who come in contact with China will encounter a

nation far more prosperous and confident than the one met by their predecessors. But they have reason to take great pride in and inspiration from their brave and dedicated predecessors, who not only helped bring innovative learning and medical practice to China, but also created lasting connections that continue to shape and strengthen the lives of individuals in both countries. ■

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*The Sky Lantern Lighting Ceremony has been a popular part of China Week on the OWU campus. Students today also travel to China through Travel-Learning Courses and Theory-to-Practice Grants.*

# LOST & FOUND: RECLAIMING ART

## '73 Fine Arts Alumna Rediscovered Sculpture

**Lorry Haycock Luikart '73** is an artist who first truly discovered her love for creating art 10 years ago. Since then, she has been determined to push her knowledge and artistic talents to their greatest potential—with a little help from her friends.

This past spring, Luikart could be found in Haycock Hall laboring over her most recent piece of sculpture under the tutelage of Jon Quick, adjunct associate professor of fine arts, who teaches sculpture and 3-D design.

A member of the Richard M. Ross Museum's Board of Directors, Luikart was invited to stay on campus for a week following the spring board meeting to work with Quick on her sculpture, which involved creating a ceramic shell into which molten bronze was poured. She plans to return in October to join Quick and the sculpture students for iron casting.

"It was good to work with Lorry," Quick says, adding that the students appreciated her energy and dedication to her work. They, in turn, inspired Luikart as everyone learned together during her visit.

Luikart majored in fine arts at Ohio Wesleyan and had a propensity for figure drawing as taught by sculptor and then OWU art history professor Dorothy Getz.

"I actually bought a piece of her bronze sculpture during my junior year in Rome while learning about art history and Italian art," recalls Luikart, the mother of Erin, Ben, and **John '14**, and wife of **Jack '71**, an OWU Trustee. But it wasn't until a decade ago, thanks to the advice of a friend, that Luikart realized how much she had been missing as an artist. Today, she has a hard time imagining what life would be like without her art.

Luikart continued her education after she and Jack married, moved to Cleveland, and started their family. Obtaining her master's degree in communications from Kent State University, Luikart taught K-9 art education in Euclid for several years,

followed soon after by the birth of their second child and a move to San Francisco for Jack's work in 1988.

"By the time our third child was born, I never thought about doing art," says Luikart—not until she took a few classes in botanical watercolor and sculpture years later. "I discovered I really like 3-D art, working from live models and creating sculpture."

Luikart gets her love for art from her father, Ebb Haycock, OWU emeritus professor of fine arts, and the driving force behind creating the University's foundry in Haycock Hall (named in his honor) and developing the cast metal program. Haycock's passion and talent for sculpture is seen on campus in his largest bronze cast, Oracle, located outside Beeghly Library, and in the busts of Branch Rickey (1904) and Butler A. Jones. Haycock retired in 1985 after a 35-year career and remains one of Luikart's strongest supporters.

Luikart can't say enough about the excellence of the fine arts program at OWU. "The art department and facilities are gems of the University, and we need more prospective students to know

about that," she asserts. "The fact that we have bronze pouring is fantastic and signifies that the sky is the limit for whatever students can imagine and want to do."

Back at home in San Francisco, Luikart uses the nearby college's facilities including a kiln, raku, and live models. She also belongs to a sculpture cooperative with a few artists.

"I enjoy every bit of the artistic process of sculpting," Luikart says. She believes it has taught her to be increasingly observant, to notice details around her, and, like her dad, to appreciate better the grandeur of our world. ■

*Pam Besel is the former editor of OWU Magazine.*

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*Lorry Luikart returned to OWU this spring to work with Jon Quick.*

**E**rin Flynn looks the part of a rock 'n' roll frontman. Tall and lean with a Mick Jagger strut, he prowls the stage at a pub in downtown Delaware. He's dressed sharply in a burgundy three-piece velveteen suit, and he's glammed up his appearance with a touch of eyeliner. On this warm Saturday in early May, Flynn leads his band, The Stolen Fire, through a raucous set of 1970s classic rock standards, covering everything from Neil Young to Led Zeppelin.

It's about 11:30 p.m., early for the Ohio Wesleyan University students, but about 30 young people already crowd in front of the small stage. Spring classes finished at OWU earlier in the week, and these students have come to celebrate the end of the school year with The Stolen Fire, one of the most popular local rock bands at OWU.

During a break between songs, Flynn sips from a bottled water and engages in some chitchat with the audience. "This is a song we learned from our parents," he announces. John Stone-

in the house. Everyone cheers, and then the band dives into another bluesy classic, Led Zeppelin's "The Lemon Song." The crowd roars its approval.

## A DEVOTED FOLLOWING

The members of The Stolen Fire live double lives. During the day, they're respected OWU academics, lecturing about post-modern literature, German philosophy, and Latin American politics, among other topics. At night, they channel their inner rock 'n' roll animal, using their music to enrich the community, shatter expectations, and (most important) have lots of fun.

Over the past three years, the band's lively and eclectic shows—usually four to six every academic semester (excluding the summer)—have attracted a devoted following, especially among students.

"The reception has been really overwhelming, both from OWU students and faculty," says Stone-Mediatore, a lecturer

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Mediatore, the band's lead guitarist, launches into the familiar opening riff of "All Right Now" from the British hard-rock band Free. The crowd erupts—yelling, clapping, and dancing. The song is ancient in pop-music years, released more than two decades before many of the people in this bar were born. Yet everyone acts as if it were the latest chart-topper, singing along with the lyrics.

The Ohio Wesleyan community is out in force on this night. Not only are students here, but so is a large contingent of OWU professors and staff, who congregate in a pocket of booths and tables behind the dance floor. These wine-sippers aren't the traditional demographic for a campus bar, but The Stolen Fire is no ordinary cover band. Made up of four OWU faculty members, the band tends to break down barriers that separate people around the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

"Happy end of the semester," says Stone-Mediatore after the band finishes the song.

"Happy graduation," adds Flynn.

Stone-Mediatore proposes a toast to the graduating seniors

**"THEY'RE NOT  
JUST TEACHING  
YOU. THEY'RE  
ALSO ROCKING  
THE STAGE."**

-AVI BISWAS '14

in comparative literature. "Literally hundreds of people show up to some of our shows, and the crowds are just amazing. They're so enthusiastic. We feel really grateful for the support and appreciation that the OWU community has given us."

At first, the novelty factor draws people to the shows. Many can't help but wonder what the four middle-aged guys with fancy degrees will sound like

when they hop on stage.

"Generally, the expectation is, 'A bunch of old professors—it's going to be lame; it's going to be watered down versions of 'Brown Eyed Girl' and 'Mustang Sally' and crap like that,'" says Mark Gingerich, the band's bass player and a professor of history.

But when they hear the band for the first time, audiences are often pleasantly surprised. These old-school musicians are loud, aggressive, and they know how to play.

"We've been in bands a long time," says Jim Franklin, the band's drummer and a professor of politics and government. "John is just a fabulous guitarist; I don't know if you can find



# ROCKS!

**PROFS INSPIRE IN THE CLASSROOM—  
AND ON THE ROCK 'N' ROLL STAGE.**

*By Dave Ghose*



## ROCK PROFS ∞ AT WORK AND PLAY

*LEFT: Mark Gingerich plays bass at night and teaches history by day.*

*MIDDLE: John Stone-Mediatore launches into riffs from British band Free's "All Right Now."*

*RIGHT: Erin Flynn belts out yet another song that gets the crowd going.*

*BOTTOM: Drummer Jim Franklin (politics and government) keeps the beat for The Stolen Fire on stage—and holds forth with his students in class.*



a better guitarist than him. And Erin has an incredible voice." Flynn, by day, is an associate professor of philosophy.

The band specializes in Led Zeppelin covers, something few other bands attempt because of the soaring vocals and the intricate interplay between the lead guitar and the rhythm section. "This is the first band that I've been in that can do a lot of Zeppelin," Franklin says.

Karen M. Poremski is an associate professor of English who sings with the group on occasion. "I used to sing in a chorus years ago, and sang in a rock band many years before that," she says. "I hadn't realized how much I missed that feeling in performance of creating a moment that the audience is sharing with you. It's transcendent."

Poremski is especially grateful when she sees her colleagues

in the audience. "They are always an appreciative audience," she says. "Perhaps they like seeing another side of us. I know that when I first came to see the band, it was to support my colleagues in a fun activity. Then I heard them play. Now I go see them because it's really fun to hear good musicians playing live music."

**Avi Biswas '14** admits The Stolen Fire perplexed him when he arrived on campus. Standing on a sidewalk outside while the band takes a break, the comparative literature senior describes his initial reaction.

"It was disconcerting," says Biswas, a native of India. "Professors are supposed to be staid, stick-to-the-book kind of people, and here they were in a rock band." But Biswas came around after seeing a Stolen Fire performance, especially when



he heard them play Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" at a show. "I was like, 'That's my song!'" The band also allows Biswas and other students to see a much different side of the professors and interact with them in a setting outside of school. "They're not just teaching you," he says. "They're also rocking the stage."

"One funny moment that happens again and again," Poremski says, "is when a student who doesn't realize the 'faculty band' is playing walks in the door...and does a double take, or the student's jaw drops open. Some of them are so shocked, seeing us in that role. It's pretty funny."

"In any case, it's...a moment of fun outside the classroom, and that's a pretty good experience."

In many ways, The Stolen Fire exemplifies the unique relationships that OWU students develop with their professors. Because of the school's community-focused culture and small size, students get to know faculty members on a more personal basis. The Stolen Fire adds "an extra dimension," says biology graduate **Alex**

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- ZACK LONG '14

**D'Amore-Braver '14.** A singer-songwriter who used to play in a student rock band himself, D'Amore-Braver bonded with the members of The Stolen Fire over their shared love of music, even participating in a jam session with Stone-Mediatore following an aesthetics class. "He's very good at bridging that gap," D'Amore-Braver says.

Indeed, rock bands have served as a unique way for faculty members and students to get to know people outside of their immediate circles. In the summer of 2013, Zack Long, an associate professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan, began taking bass guitar lessons at the Delaware Music Academy. Through the academy, he formed a band called Twisted Britches with two fellow DMA students—**August Nesbitt '14**, a drummer, and Mike Dummitt, a local guitarist and singer—and the trio played its first gig in Delaware in March 2014.

After forming the band, Long was surprised to learn that Nesbitt was an Ohio Wesleyan student. "It was sort of nice that we didn't know that about each other first," Long says. "We got to know each other on a musical level before we were unveiled, as it were."

Adds Nesbitt, who has a degree in management economics: "It was a fun experience. There is a lot of intimacy between the professors and the students at Ohio Wesleyan, so it wasn't a particularly jarring experience."

Nesbitt left central Ohio following graduation, but Twisted Britches lives on. Long recruited Pete Szabo, a



## MUSIC A TUNEFUL FORCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Sean Kay (politics and government) plays occasional gigs at fundraisers and benefits.

For the past year, Sean Kay has been speaking with some of his musical heroes. Researching a book about rock music and major change in America and the world, the OWU politics and government professor has interviewed 75 artists and industry figures, including David Crosby, Graham Nash, the B-52s's Katie Pierson, George Clinton, Serj Tankian (of System of a Down) Michael Franti, and Rolling Stone founder Jann Wenner.

"One of the most exciting things personally was being able to bring my wife, Anna-Marie, around to meet with Graham Nash," Kay says. "She's a pre-school teacher, and his song, 'Teach Your Children Well,' has been a defining soundtrack of her own career and devotion to educating our young people today."

The book—tentatively titled *Chimes of Freedom: How Rock and Roll Changed America and the World*—explores how rock music has helped bring about social change, from racial justice and gender equality to political revolutions to anti-war movements.

"I'm not trying to say that rock and roll causes change, like rock and roll ended the Cold War," Kay says. "But I am trying to show how it became part of a major sort of mass communication, amplifying ideas."

An expert on international politics and global security, Kay says the project grew out of a 2011 book he wrote about Ireland and its economic crisis. He interviewed Sinéad O'Connor and other Irish artists for the book. "It dawned on me, 'Well, if I'm able to get access to some of these pretty major figures historically, maybe I can do more of that,'" he recalls.

Kay hopes to finish the manuscript in September and release it in early- to mid-2016 through an academic publisher. The book represents a big change from his usual global security research, but it's not completely out of character. A guitarist, Kay used to play in a duo with another OWU faculty member—David Pengra, now at the University of Washington—that performed regularly in Delaware about 15 years ago. Kay no longer plays regular gigs, but he still performs on occasion at fundraisers and benefits around Delaware.

Kay also is following in the footsteps of his grandmother, **Anne Laylin Grimes '33**. A musician and writer, Grimes worked as the folk music critic for the *Columbus Citizen Journal*, interviewing the likes of Pete Seeger and Harry Belafonte.

"So maybe it's in my blood," Kay says.

By Dave Ghose



drummer and former OWU music librarian, to replace Nesbitt.

“What makes music cool is it’s a way that people from different parts of the same community—faculty and students, town and gown—can come together,” Long says.

## STEALING FROM THE ROCK GODS

The Stolen Fire finishes its second set just before midnight. It’s getting late for the band’s older fans, as well as for the musicians, to be honest, none of whom are night owls. Several OWU faculty decide to call it a night as the band takes a break between sets, saying goodbye to the musicians before heading for the door. The Stolen Fire, however, aren’t anywhere near done for the night. The musicians are scheduled to play until 2 a.m., and their final set always attracts the biggest crowds. “It’s just mayhem,” Flynn says. “The students are completely into it—singing along, erupting in applause.”

The band enjoys performing for several reasons: creative expression, the challenge of live music, and



*TOP: A standing-room-only crowd rocks out to The Stolen Fire. Zach Long (English) formed a band called Twisted Britches, which played its first gig in 2014.*

*Award-winning songwriter Eric Gnezda (public speaking, journalism) is also an Emmy-nominated journalist.*



bonding with other band members and fellow music lovers. But the main goal is always to have fun—and to help others do the same. “If we’re helping them have a good time, that’s quite rewarding,” Flynn says.

The Stolen Fire name comes from Greek mythology—the story of how Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to humankind. The OWU professors are doing something similar. As a cover band, they say they’re stealing the fire of Hendrix, Clapton, and other rock gods, and sharing it with audiences.

On this night in May, OWU students seem eager to touch that flame. As the band takes a break following its second set, students pour in. This is just the beginning of the onslaught, and by the end of the night, people will fill the bar wall-to-wall. Stone-Mediatores sits outside, grabbing a little fresh air with his wife, Shari, a professor of philosophy at OWU. He chuckles at the band’s popularity. “It’s the closest I’ll ever be to a rock star,” he says. ■

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## TALKIN' 'BOUT CONCERTS FOR MY GENERATION

Track and field, tennis, basketball, and volleyball athletes aren't the only ones who've rocked campus over the years. Many rock concerts have filled the stage. In 1970, Chicago played before a packed house, with vocalist and bass guitarist Peter Cetera on center stage (top photo) in Gray Chapel. That year the band released its second album, "Chicago II," with record-breaking hits "25 or 6 to 4" and "Make Me Smile."

Other headliners who came to OWU in the '60s and '70s included Bo Diddley (1963), The Byrds (1968), Jefferson

Airplane (1969), Lou Reed (1973), and Hall and Oates (1975).

Drake Bell, former star of Nickelodeon's "Drake & Josh," performed at Gordon Field House at the first Bishop Bash (formerly Springfest) on March 28 this year (lower photo). "There's nothing to compare to playing...in front of a live audience," Bell told *Transcript* sports editor **Matt Cohen '16**, before the singer went onstage. The field house is named in recognition of the gift of **Richard Gordon '62**, a standout OWU tennis player.

## MEN'S LACROSSE RECLAIMS NCAC TITLE, MAKES NCAA QUARTERFINAL APPEARANCE

The Ohio Wesleyan men's lacrosse team put together a magical 2015 season, reclaiming the North Coast Athletic Conference championship and compiling a school-record winning streak on the way to an 18-1 record and a national quarterfinal appearance—the Battling Bishops' first since the 2000 season.

OWU opened the season with wins over playoff teams Augustana College and Otterbein University, and posted a 15-8 win over Franklin & Marshall to take a 3-0 record into their spring break trip.

Kyle Foster's goal just a minute into overtime gave the Bishops a 9-8 victory over Salisbury University, OWU's first win against the Sea Gulls since March 10, 2002. The Bishops completed their spring break with a 10-5 verdict over Washington (Md.) and a 20-3 win over Oberlin College in the NCAC opener.

The highlight of the NCAC slate came on April 12, when John Umbach scored with just 19 seconds left in the game. The Bishops withstood a last-minute man-down situation to post a 9-8 win over Denison. OWU clinched the NCAC championship with a 13-6 win over Wooster, giving the Battling Bishops their first NCAC title since 2011 and their first outright NCAC championship since 2007. The Wooster win also raised OWU men's lacrosse



overall record to 14-0, marking the first time in school history that the Battling Bishops completed the regular season undefeated. Ohio Wesleyan completed the 1983 regular season with one loss, and matched that during the 1985, 1988, 1993, and 1998 seasons.

A 15-3 win over Kenyon in an NCAC tournament semifinal matchup set up a rematch with Denison in the conference tournament title game, and that contest

was another 9-8 nail-biter, this one decided on Luke Leyden's goal with 33 seconds left in the first overtime period. The win was the Bishops' 16th in a row, tying the school record set by the 1985 team, which also won its first 16 games of the season, and gave OWU the NCAC's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Bishops opened the playoffs with a 14-6 win over Carthage (Wis.), then moved on with a 12-11 win over Albion (Mich.) on Foster's goal with 1:59 left on the clock.

The two wins extended Ohio Wesleyan's winning streak to a school-record 18 games and set up a national quarterfinal matchup against undefeated Gettysburg. The ride ended there, however, with the Bullets defeating the Bishops by a score of 9-5. ■

## OHIO LACROSSE HALL OF FAME INDUCTS DAN O'NEILL '85

### Former goalkeeper joins list of other Bishops standouts

**Dan O'Neill '85** was inducted into the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame on June 13 in Dublin, Ohio.

During his Battling Bishop career, O'Neill was a 2-time All-American goalkeeper. He was named Division III Goalkeeper of the Year as a senior, also taking Player of the Year honors from the Midwest Lacrosse Association and the North Coast Athletic Conference. As a junior, he was a third-team All-America, second-team All-MLA, and first-team All-NCAC selection after leading the NCAC in saves percentage. His sophomore year, he was a second-team All-MLA and All-NCAC pick. He set school and conference career records for saves percentage. O'Neill was inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame in 1992.

"It was a humbling experience overall," O'Neill says of the Hall of Fame recognition. "I didn't really know what to expect. The others who were being inducted were pretty incredible, (with) some of the things they had accomplished. It gives you a



chance to reflect on what you've done and your experiences. You can't do anything as a goalie that's good without having a good team and coaches around you.

O'Neill is the 10th former Ohio Wesleyan player or coach to be inducted into the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He joins the following OWU men's standouts in the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame: Coach Joe Horn (inducted in 1994), Coach Fred Myers (inducted in 2001), **Bob Sargent '76** (inducted in 2005), **Steve Meinsen '77** (inducted in 2005), **Richie Seiler '72** (inducted in 2006), **Toby Boucher '88** (inducted in 2007), **John Hildebrand '76** (inducted in 2008), **Charlie Blanchard '88** (inducted in 2012), and **Blair Morrison '85** (inducted in 2013).

"It's amazing how many people from Ohio Wesleyan are in the Hall of Fame," O'Neill says. "To have a little school like OWU with that kind of representation is pretty unbelievable." ■

# Class of '65 Celebrates at Alumni Weekend '15

For the Class of 1965, 50 years passed in a finger snap. We found big changes on campus—impressive new buildings interwoven with old familiar ones; memories of the famed Sulfur Spring, deer licks, and 3.2 beer; and small classes with top-notch professors. We noted with pride how the OWU chapter of Delta Delta Delta fought to pledge an engaging young woman who was African American. We remembered deceased classmates, celebrated the lives of John and Libby Reed, and laughed with friends old and new.

We had too much fun for a full recap, but here are highlights:

- Andy Duarte's illuminating Alumni College presentation on the alarming events in his beloved Venezuela
- The Siudy Garrido flamenco performance (arranged by Andy), with mesmerizing dancers holding the audience rapt, and a downpour drumming along with the guitarist's solo
- The rockin' '60s music CD that Dave Papoi made for our class

- President Rock Jones, OWU's dynamic, far-sighted leader, calling eloquently for "educating moral leaders for a global society"
- Our class's indoor picnic—OWU planners turn on a dime when the skies open
- Memorabilia display, '61-'65, set up in Beeghly Library
- Golden Key fundraising goals met

Salutes to OWU staff and student volunteers for an event-packed reunion capped by memories and friends, old and new.

--Edith Hope Fine '65



*In honor of its 50th reunion, the Class of 1965 raised \$1,217,953 in support of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and a newly created class endowed scholarship. The Class of 1965 50th Reunion Endowed Scholarship will be one of the class's legacies and ensure future students the opportunity to attend the institution they care so deeply about. Thank you to the Class of 1965 for your commitment and dedication to Ohio Wesleyan University.*

# CLASSnotes

## 1940s

**Betty Gotshall Dornan '43** was featured on thesuburbanite.com on May 10, 2015. The article features Betty's recent move into a nursing home to be closer to her daughter with special needs.

## 1950s

**David Williams '50** has been appointed to the board of directors for Laurel Lake Retirement Community, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Hudson, OH.

**James Meredith '54** was honored at this year's Lima Memorial Foundation Memorial Golf Classic in Lima, OH. James received his law degree from Ohio Northern University, then worked at his family law firm, Meredith & Meredith, until retiring in 2002. He also served on numerous boards throughout the Lima/Allen County area and won several awards for his dedication to the community.

**William Shepler Jr. '54** was inducted into the Roosevelt High School Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame on March 30, 2015, in Wyandotte, MI. William was recognized for his success as a business executive, a ski instructor, and a promoter of tourism throughout Michigan.

**Joseph Goetz '55**, an artist in Dayton, OH, was featured in *The Dayton Daily News* on February 8, 2015. Joseph displayed 35 portraits and landscapes in the Epiphany Gallery at South Park United Methodist Church in Dayton at the beginning of the year. He was a fine arts major at OWU.

**Lynn Brown White-Shelby '56** was named the 28th Congressional District Woman of the Year at a luncheon on March 20, 2015. Representative Adam Schiff paid tribute to Lynn's dedicated volunteerism and efforts improve the quality of life in the district.

**Charles "Vic" Brown '58** published the book "Vampire Resurrection" on March 17, 2015.

## 1960s

**John Guy '60** published *Into the Ditch: A '60s Portent of the U.S. Auto Industry Demise*, a book that takes an in-depth look at the American auto industry. John spent a decade working in the auto industry.

**Roger Cook '61** was honored with a 2015 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year award in the intellectual property category for his work in the *Kilopass Technology, Inc. v. Sidense Corp.* patent litigation case.

**Paul Schimmel '62** has been appointed to the board of directors for Tocagen Inc., a clinical-stage cancer-selective immunotherapy company. Paul is the Hahn professor of molecular biology and chemistry at The Scripps Research Institute.

**Linda Lee Ware '62** has been named the 2015-2016 board president for the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters in Madison, WI. The organization is dedicated to producing programs and publications that "explore, explain, and sustain" Wisconsin thought and culture. Linda previously served on the organization's board for seven years as member-at-large, then as vice president of arts and vice president of letters before accepting this new role.

**Robert "Bob" Warner '63** has been elected president of the North Carolina Train Host Association. This volunteer organization includes more than 100 people who serve as train hosts on the North Carolina-sponsored Amtrak trains, offering assistance to passengers and crew. Last year the organization provided over 7,800 hours of volunteer service.

## ALUM RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM



**John Long '68** was recognized on April 8, 2015 by the Central Ohio chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists with its Appreciation Award, presented to an individual or organization who has made a notable contribution to journalism in central

Ohio. John is pictured here receiving the award from the organization's president, Sarah Mills Bacha. The award was presented at the chapter's annual Founders' Day celebration. John worked for 30 years at *The Courier-Journal* in Louisville, KY, as a writer, editor, executive, and ombudsman, and for 10 years as a *Wall Street Journal* copy editor, sharing in a staff Pulitzer Prize at each paper. Before that, he served on the founding staff of the Peace Corps, helped his father edit the *Knox County Citizen* in Fredericktown, OH, worked as a reporter for *The Columbus Dispatch*, and received a journalism degree at OWU, where he was the nation's first college newspaper ombudsman.

Retired from *The Wall Street Journal*, he teaches journalism at Hofstra and St. John's universities in the New York, NY, area and directs the Main Street Free Press Museum in Fredericktown. A 43-year member of the Society of Professional Journalists, he is a board member and past president of the New York chapter, a past president of the Louisville chapter, and a member of Central Ohio Pro. He lives with his wife, Paulette, in Manhattan. His son, Mark, is a *Wall Street Journal* news editor.

**R. S. Dawson '64** was honored by the Ohio Funeral Directors Association at its annual meeting this spring, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of receiving his state funeral director's license. He is retired from the Dawson Funeral Home Service in Coshocton, OH.

**Edward Miller Jr. '64** has been elected as a trustee at the University of Rochester. Edward was the first CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine, dean of The

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and vice president for medicine of The Johns Hopkins University. He retired in 2012.

**Dianne Weary Almendinger '66** was honored on International Women's Day, March 8, 2015, by the P.E.O. Sisterhood's Chapter CW in Delaware, OH. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing increased opportunities for higher

education to women. Dianne has been a member of the organization for 65 years and is a strong supporter of education for women around the world. Through her work with P.E.O., Dianne has served many times as chairwoman of the International Peace Scholarships Project, and Chapter CW honored her by contributing to the Partners in Peace Program of the International Peace Scholarships Project.

**Woodrow Clark II '67** was featured by CBS Sacramento on February 15, 2015. Woodrow is one of the contributing scientists of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Nobel Peace Prize, a former energy advisor for past California Governor Gary Davis, and the author of nine textbooks. In Sacramento, Woodrow consults with organizations and influential leaders to help them address climate change through sustainable infrastructures and agile energy systems.

**David Colby '67** retired after nearly 17 years in various leadership positions at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In June Oxford University Press published *Medicare and Medicaid at 50: America's Entitlement Programs in the Age of Affordable Care*, co-edited by David.

**Thomas Carnes '68** retired from his career as Portage County, Ohio's longest-serving juvenile and probate court judge on February 6, 2015. He reflected on his 40 years of service in an interview with the *Record-Courier* newspaper, published on February 7, 2015.

**Charlene Dwyer Davis '68** was honored by the United States District Court for the District of Delaware on April 8, 2015, for her role in establishing and implementing the Federal Re-Entry Legal Assistance Program. The Re-Entry Legal Assistance Program provides legal services in civil matters for those on supervised relief after being imprisoned in a federal correctional facility.

The services are provided by both legal interns from Widener University School of Law and lawyers from Wilmington-based law firm Bayard, P.A. Charlene is a director at Bayard.

**Richard Cromwell '69** was inducted into the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame on June 11, 2015.

## 1970s

**Victoria King Heinsen '70**, a professor at Terra State Community College and an online M. Ed. professor at Concordia University, has been approved for a grant from Concordia University in Portland, OR, for professional development and research on a technique for teaching vocabulary. Victoria's research will be completed in partnership with Dr. Patric Taylor, a professor at Irvine Valley College in Irvine, CA. Victoria will use contextualization and collaboration as bridges to further teach the technique in her classrooms. The goal of the partnership is to promote student understanding and retention of vocabulary that will be meaningful to their careers. The team expects to conclude the project in one year and then to present their results at professional conferences.

**Elizabeth Whyte Schulze '70** had her woven-fiber art displayed at James Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA, in spring of 2015. Elizabeth was the recipient of a Fellowship for Crafts from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in 2009.

**Charles Barton '71** retired from his position as judge on the Eleventh Judicial District Court in Colorado on July 1, 2015. Charles was appointed to the court in 2003, prior to which he was a deputy district attorney in both the Tenth and Eleventh Judicial Districts.

**Lawrence Lesick '72** was named interim vice president for enrollment management at Hilbert College on May 4, 2015. Lawrence has more than 30 years of enrollment management experience in higher education.

**Wendie Malick '72** was featured on ohio.com on May 30, 2015, for her role on the television show "Hot in Cleveland."

**Alex Shumate '72** was featured in the April 2015 issue of *Columbus CEO* magazine as one of the "2015 Columbus CEO Top Lawyer" honorees.

**Beverly White-Seals '72** received the 2015 Brava! Award from *SmartCEO* magazine, honoring her as a female CEO who demonstrates entrepreneurship and community involvement. Beverly is the president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Howard County, MD.

**Douglas Ezell '73** has retired from medicine after 33 years practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Billings, MT. During that time he delivered more than 7,500 babies and gladly helped untold hundreds of couples overcome their struggles with infertility and become parents themselves.

Douglas will continue to perform as a multi-instrumentalist (piano, organ, fiddle, mandolin, autoharp, harmonica, and bass) in the classic rock band The Midlife Chryslers ([www.themidlifechryslers.com](http://www.themidlifechryslers.com)), and in the acoustic band Banish Misfortune. He will also continue to produce "Strings and Things," a weekly Bluegrass radio program on Yellowstone Public Radio, now in its 29th year of production.

**Paul Greve Jr. '73** spoke at the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Professional Liability Conference in June 2015. Paul is executive vice president/senior consultant in the Willis Health Care Practice.

**Eleanor Haney MacLellan '73** published *Sole to Soul*, a book about her personal journey of heartbreak and restoration as she struggled with a rebellious son. The book is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Westbow online bookstores.

**Christine Burns Knisely '74** was named city council president in Athens, OH, in January 2015.

**Anne Donnelly '75**, director of the University of Florida's Center for Undergraduate Research, was honored with the national Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. Anne and 14 other award winners were nominated by colleagues, administrators, and students in their home institutions or through professional affiliations, and were honored at the White House for their mentoring contributions.

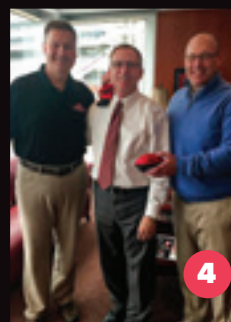
**Kevin Cellars '76** has been elected vice president of construction at PSEG Power LLC. Kevin has been with the company since 2009.

**Joseph Costabile '76** received the 2015 Peter W. Rodino Jr. Citizen's Award, one of the 2015 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine awards given by MDAdvantage Insurance Company. Joe is a general and vascular surgeon with Virtua Surgical Group.

**Carol Galante '76** was interviewed by the *San Jose Mercury News* on May 15, 2015, on the topic of affordable housing. Carol is a member of the faculty at UC Berkeley.

**Laura Word Williams '76** was awarded the 2015 George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. The award acknowledges and supports cooperative preservation projects and rewards individuals or groups that foster collaboration for preservation goals.

**Wendy Eberhardt '77**, a physician and geriatric psychiatrist at San Rafael California Kaiser Permanente, was awarded the 2015 Sidney R. Garfield Exceptional Contribution Award by the Permanente Medical Group. Each year, the organization recognizes physician excellence and highlights outstanding achievements in innovation, research, teaching, and leadership through a series of awards.



### 1 | Columbus Monnett Club

The Columbus Monnett Club, a women's alumni group in Columbus, OH, recently gathered. Pictured from top left to bottom right are: Vickie Sheets '72, Jan Thome Kisting '93, Sara Olinger McKinley '68, Elizabeth Shipp's Yeater '01, Elizabeth Long Downey '06, Janice Kaye Fritz '57, Laurie McGregor Connor '77, Rayna Patton '77, Ginny O'Grady Shipp's '70, Carol Ann Johnson Bowling '61, Carol Fox Green '51, Jeannie "Dusky" Johnson Reider '51, Meg Gilbert Flack '70, Sue Semans Kneubel '57, June Snow Moncur '49, Marjorie Werstler Horrocks '56, Betty Jackson Smith '52, Ann Armstrong Knodt '61, Selene Elliott Butters '49, Laura Pierce Bump '58, Martha Hart '70, Barbara Patten Unverferth '67, and Jennifer Ripper '14.

### 2 | Welcoming a "Bishop baby"

OWU friends recently came together to celebrate the second child born to **Carly Jean '07**. Pictured from left to right are: **Kelli Lester Rudegear '08** (married to

**Dustin Rudegear '08** and holding Kate Douce, daughter of **Jaime Scharf Douce '08**, **Carly Palmer Jean '07** (married to **Jessie Jean '08** and holding her daughter Evelyn Jean), **Brittany McDaniel Bianco '07** (married to **Brandon Bianco '07** and holding Oliva Albeit, daughter of **Leslie Ranz Albeit '07**), **Leslie Ranz Albeit '07**, **Megan Ballinger '07** (holding her son Henry Ballinger), and in front, **Jaime Scharf Douce '08** (married to **Caleb Douce '08** and holding her daughter Morgan Douce).

### 3 | "The Gapers" meet in Chicago

A group of alumni who fondly refer to themselves as "The Gapers" recently reunited. Pictured from left to right are: Bill Dickinson '66, Steve Tate '67, Mike Zollar '66, Geoff Hirt '66, Bill Beyer '66, Todd Coryell '66, and Chuck Price '66.

### 4 | 1982 grads reunite at University of Arkansas

OWU friends from the class of 1982 met at the University of Arkansas, where Jeff Long '82 is vice chancellor and director of athletics. Pictured from left to right are: Mike DeLauder '82, Jeff Long '82, and Chris Bacquet '82.

### 5 | Gathering at the pub

OWU friends met at Finnegan's Wake, the Irish pub and restaurant in Winston-Salem, NC, owned by Philip Kirby '96. Pictured from left to right are: Susan Thomas Kirby '65, Philip Kirby '96, Matt Kirby '93, and Alan Kirby '95. (Not pictured is Jill Kirby Podolan '92).

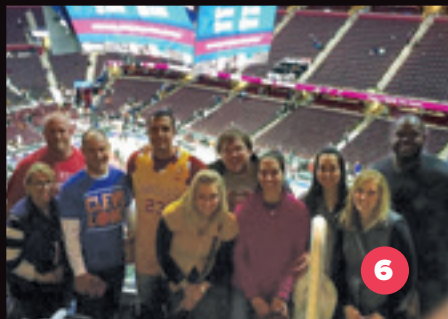
### 6 | Cheering on the Cleveland Cavaliers

A group of alumni gathered at a Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game on March 29, 2015. Pictured from left to right are: Jaime Scharf Douce '08, Caleb Douce '08, Brandon Bianco '07, Dustin Rudegear '08, Kelli Lester Rudegear '08, Ryan Yoder '08, Steffi Graf Yoder '08, Carly Palmer Jean '07, Brittany McDaniel Bianco '07, and Jesse Jean '08.

### 7 | 60 year anniversary

Marty Bowman Ebeling '54 and Harry Ebeling '54 celebrated 60 years of marriage on December 22, 2014.





### 8 | 50 years of marriage

Dave Papoi '65 and Pat Papoi '66 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party on the Riverboat "Belle of Cincinnati" on June 6, 2015. Among the 83 guests who attended were the following alums, pictured from left to right: Tom Shindledecker '63, Don Evans '66, Bob Alspach '65, Nancy Lowe Hancher '57, Bob Hancher '56, Nancy Willisford Evans '66, Dave Papoi '65, Bonnie Mowry Shindledecker '65, Pat Frasher Papoi '66, Kristin Papoi '94, Ann Slutz Flanagan '70, and Rob Flanagan.

9 | **100-Plus Years Strong**  
Ann Tillou '35, who is 102 years old, was honored with a silver teapot by OWU at her residence at Penney Retirement Community in Green Cove Springs, FL, on Thursday, June 18. Tillou has been a resident at the retirement community at 3495 Hoffman Street since 1979.

**Thomas Rosenberg '77**, a partner in Roetzel's law office in Columbus, OH, was named a 2015 Ohio Super Lawyer in the field of construction litigation by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Douglas Gordin '78** was featured on ncaa.com on May 19, 2015, for his work as Florida Southern College's head men's golf coach.

**Elaina Roberts Griffith '78** received her master's of library and information science from San Jose State University. Elaina manages resource-sharing services for the Furman University Libraries in Greenville, SC.

**Guy VanHorn '79** finished earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in world history and culture from Georgia's Kennesaw State University. Guy graduated summa cum laude and the history department faculty honored him with the 2015 Outstanding Senior Award. He started at Kennesaw State's Master of Arts program in Professional Writing in the fall.

## 1980s

**Thomas Carto '80** has been named president-CEO of the State Theatre in New Brunswick, NJ. Thomas has over 25 years of arts administration and leadership experience. He assumed his responsibilities in the new role on April 15, 2015.

**Greg Cielec '80** published a novel titled *A Poem on a Bar Room Wall* on May 15, 2015. For more information and to read an excerpt, visit [www.gregcielec.com](http://www.gregcielec.com).

**Kim Gorsuch-Bradbury '81**, one of IBM's first executive consultants, now runs the start-up business Weeva, a memory and photo book company that collects memories and turns them into hardcover coffee table books.

**Daniel Glaser '82** published an opinion piece in *U.S. News and World Report* on May 11, 2015, titled "The Risky English Major? Not So Fast." In the article, Daniel argues that students should not let false economic assumptions

deter them from a liberal arts degree.

**Jeffrey Long '82**, athletic director at the University of Arkansas, was recently re-elected as the chairman of the College Football Playoff's 12-member selection committee. He was been the chairman since October 2013. He was also named the 2015 Sports-Business Journal and SportsBusiness Daily Athletic Director of the Year.

**Bruce Tall '82** was featured in the *Charleston Daily Mail* newspaper on April 20, 2015, for his career as a football coach.

**Glenn Cummings '83** is now president of the University of Southern Maine. Glenn was formerly speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

**Kenneth Nunnenkamp '83** recently joined global law firm Dentons as a partner in its U.S. Export Controls and National Security practice. Kenneth is a renowned legal expert in the areas of international trade and national security.

**Kara Trott '83** was named executive of the year as a part of *Columbus CEO* magazine's 2015 HealthCare Achievement Awards.

**Sarah Stanton Andre '84** released her debut novel, *Locked, Loaded and Lying*, on June 16, 2015. For more information on the romance suspense novel, visit [www.SarahAndre.com](http://www.SarahAndre.com).

**Bill Fandrich '85** was named executive vice president and chief operating officer at Beacon Health Options on April 8, 2015.

**Carol Corbett Layton '85** was featured in the *Mansfield News Journal* on February 3, 2015. She was profiled as one of the newest members of the Mansfield City Schools Hall of Fame. Carol was a distance runner, a high school state medalist, and a college cross-country All-American.

**Colin McMahon '85** has been named associate editor of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper. Colin has been with the Tribune for 28 years.



## National Forum for Black Public Administrators Honors '80 Alum

**Gregory Dyson '80** was awarded the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' (NFBPA) highest honor, the National Leadership Award, for his dedication and hard work in public service administration.

Gregory received the award July 23, 2015, at the NFBPA's 12th National Leadership Dinner themed "Selma: The Dream—The Journey," held in Washington, DC. Among the other honorees were DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, and Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell.

Gregory is senior vice president, and chief operations and marketing officer at DC-based ICMA-RC, where he oversees the company's mission to serve local and state governments in building retirement security.

**Mark Miller '85** has been working since January as a credit review officer for Mizuho Bank (one of the Big Three Japanese banks) in New York, NY.

**Todd Fitch '86** has been promoted to offensive coordinator for the Boston College football team. He was previously wide receivers/passing game coordinator for the school.

**Donald MacKinnon '86** was appointed chief executive officer and president of American Realty Capital Trust V, Inc. on April 19, 2015.

**Michael Stout '87** read his poetry at the Poetry at Perkins: In Celebration of the Night Sky event on May 16, 2015 at Perkins Observatory at OWU. The event was sponsored by *Full/Crescent Press*, an independent press in Dublin, OH, with proceeds benefiting the observatory.

**Kenneth Young '87** has been promoted to executive vice president of planning and development and general counsel at United Church Homes in Marion, OH. Ken has been with the organization for 10 years.

**Douglas Brooks '89** is now vice president at Grandbridge Real Estate Capital in Columbus, OH.

## 1990s

**Doug Pierson '92** has continued his Seven Summits climbs—the next one he will tackle is Vinson Massif in Antarctica, which if successful, would be the fourth of the highest mountains on each continent. He was also promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps last November, and is currently serving as senior program manager for the Nokia integration effort at Microsoft.

**K. Rumi Shahzad '92** was featured on mlive.com on May 10, 2015. Rumi is the founder and operator of New Hope Valley, an assisted living, memory care, and soon-to-be independent living facility in Michigan, with plans to expand into a new location in Bay County, MI.

**Andrea Fisher Berlin '93** delivered the Viktor Karp Memorial Lecture at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple in Beachwood, OH, on May 15, 2015. Andrea is a rabbi and principal of Berlin Consulting.

## DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER EXPLORES CRICKET IN INDIA



**Sushrut Jain '97** directed and produced the 2013 feature-length documentary film “Beyond All Boundaries.” An economics and mathematics major at OWU, Sushrut continued on to earn his Master’s degree in economics from Stanford University—but he always felt drawn to storytelling. After working for several years as an economist in San Francisco, he earned his MFA in film production in 2008 at the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts in Los Angeles.

In “Beyond All Boundaries,” Sushrut follows three Indian cricket fans during the 2011 World Cup of Cricket in India, exploring their unique passion for the sport and its influence on Indian culture. The film has won a variety of awards at film festivals around the globe, and it made its national television debut on India’s Zee TV network on March 14, 2015, with over a million viewers tuning in. It also available for download from Amazon and iTunes.

“The most rewarding part of working on this film was the journey of it,” Sushrut says. “It was a great experience to travel through India and see it through the eyes of the three people who were the main subjects of our film. My crew members and I formed strong personal bonds with each other, with the film’s subjects, and with so many amazing people along the way who welcomed us into their homes and their lives. Ultimately documentary film-making is about telling true stories of real people and the authenticity of the connections we made shines through in the final film.”

Next up for Sushrut is a scripted feature-length film—he currently has two scripts in development.

**William Day '93** was featured in *Colorado Homes and Lifestyles* magazine for his work as an artist of large-scale abstracts in Boulder, CO.

**Jason Milligan '93** joined Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. as the director of service for all locations. He earned his MBA from Franklin University.

**Mark Dinovo '94** was featured on [www.theproducenews.com](http://www.theproducenews.com) on May 27, 2015, for his work as co-manager of the Clayton Rawl Farms in West Columbia, SC.

**Katharine Herron-Piazza '94** has been called as the new priest at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Weston, CT. Katharine earned her master of divinity degree from General Theological Seminary in New York, NY.

**Christopher Peer '94** has joined Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook and Batista law firm in Avon, OH. Christopher received his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

**Irfan Nooruddin '96**, an associate professor at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, led a discussion titled “India Changes Course” at the William Street United Methodist Church in Delaware, OH, on March 27, 2015.

**Dina Myers Stroud '96** is marking three years as executive director of the Fisk-Vanderbilt Master’s-to-PhD Bridge Program, whose mission is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce and academe. The program is 11 years old and has become a national model for increasing diversity in STEM.

**John “Sean” Harris IV '97** was elected treasurer of the Ohio Association for Justice at the organization’s annual convention in May 2015. Sean is a partner at Kitrick, Lewis, and Harris Co., LPA.

**Molly Baker Meister '98** and her husband Frank Meister renewed their wedding vows on February 14, 2015, at Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton, OH.

**Ana Piquienala '99** was featured in a recent issue of *Columbus Business First*.

**Joshua Shade '99** joined Commerce Bank of Arizona, Inc. as senior vice president. Previously, he was the vice president and senior relationship manager at Bank of the West in the National Banking Division.

## 2000s

**Matthew Bagley '01** has been appointed head lacrosse coach of the senior German Men’s National Team, leading them in preparations for the European Championship 2016 in Hungary. Previously, he was senior head coach of the English Lacrosse Men’s Team for the 2014 FIL World Championships in Denver,

CO, where he led his team to a fifth place finish.

**John Hanning '01** recently joined KBKG in its Ohio office. John has significant experience in tangible property repair regulations, cost segregation, construction tax planning, and fixed asset depreciation reviews.

**Nicole Hildebrand Smith '01** ran the Boston Marathon on April 20, 2015, in support of Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo. Nicole was the team captain of the zoo's marathon team, and she has been an employee of the zoo for over 12 years. She is currently a lead zookeeper within the Tropical Forest Pavilion.

**Megan Forman '02** has been appointed principal of General Rosecrans Elementary School in Sunbury, OH. Previously, Megan was principal at Hylen Sounders Elementary School in Galena, OH.

**David Schaub '03** returned this past season for his second year as the third base coach for the Kansas City T-Bones baseball team.

**Travis Schwab '04** was appointed head coach of Muskingum University's men's basketball team in April 2015. Previously, Travis spent 8 years at Wittenberg University.

**Dan O'Brien '05** has been promoted to director of political affairs at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). O'Brien began working at NAFCU in 2011 as associate director of political affairs. Previously, he was the mid-Atlantic finance director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and PAC and political representative at the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

**Driss Sekkat '06** was awarded the Bronze World Medal at the 2015 New York Festivals on April 14, 2015. The New York Festivals honored the best TV programs and films from more than 50

countries. Driss was recognized for his work as the executive producer of a documentary for Alhurra Television's "Street Pulse" show about Egyptians living in cemeteries.

**Julie Carr Higgins Podolec '07** was featured on womanaroundtown.com on March 20, 2015. Julie was interviewed about her business, Modern Pop, which sells "So-Cal Inspired Frozen Fruit Bars" made with no sugar.

**Callie Seltzer '07**, a graduate student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was awarded the 2015 Lowell Richards Fellowship for Leadership and Public Service by Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, a nonprofit housing agency serving Boston and 32 surrounding communities. Through this fellowship, she interned during the summer with the Massachusetts Port Authority, working on projects related to the planning and execution of real estate projects on Massport-owner land in South Boston, East Boston, and Charlestown, with a focus on enhancing economic development opportunities and creating great places. In awarding the fellowship, the review committee sought an individual who demonstrated leadership, integrity, loyalty, commitment, and ambition, as well as a passion for a career in public service.

**Thomas Thome '07** completed his first season as head coach of the Twinsburg High girls track team in Twinsburg, OH.

## 2010s

**Claire Everhart '10** was a member of the all-women team of runners who completed seven marathons in seven days along the shores of Lake Kivu in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in May 2015. This Run Across Congo was intended to raise awareness and funds for female coffee farmers, farming families, and cooperatives working toward gender equality in the region. Claire recently completed a fellowship with the

Eastern Congo Initiative, where she served as the development and operations coordinator. Claire also interned with Canaan Fair Trade of Palestine, and she is now working for the United States Agency for International Development's Development Credit Authority.

**Anne Worth '10** graduated from medical school at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 9, 2015. She will be starting in Family Medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH.

**Lindsey Gardiner '11** is now government affairs manager with the Greater Ohio Policy Center. In this new role, Lindsey is responsible for advancing Greater Ohio's urban revitalization and sustainable development agenda. Before her position with Greater Ohio, Lindsey served as clerk of Ashland City Council. Lindsay is particularly passionate about her new position, as Ohio has been nationally recognized for its nonprofit work in economic development and revitalization.

**Robert McDonald '11** is now deputy director of the elections office in Lake County, OH.

**Sean Williams '11**, a PhD student at Michigan State University, participated in Global Big Day on May 9, 2015, an effort led by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology to tally half of the world's bird species in a single day to benefit bird conservation. **See page 48.**

**Patrick Embleton '12** is now director of football student-athlete development at University of Illinois.

**Kristen Suarez '12** graduated from The Ohio State University with her master's degree in social work with an aging and health specialization on May 10, 2015. She now works at Jewish Family Services as a clinical geriatric therapist.

**Brendan Bouchard '15** is now vice president of sales and operations at Bouchard Transportation Co Inc. in Melville, NY.

## Marriages

### 1990s

**Doug Pierson '92** was married to Maggie Cha on November 15, 2014, in Miami, FL.

### 2000s

**Phillip Murphy '01** was married to Emily Geismar on July 27, 2014, at Point Lookout in Northport, ME.

**Jessica LeSure Assomull '07** and **Avin Assomull '06** were married on May 25, 2014.

**Leah Hively '14** was married to Ricky Allen Hooks II on January 3, 2015 in Circleville, OH.

## Births

### 1990s

**Amelia "Amy" Winner Yates '98** and **Adam Yates '98** announce the birth of another son, Wyatt Oliver Yates, born December 31, 2014, in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Ruth Skowronski Eliason '99** and **Jason Eliason '99** welcomed their third child, Nicholas Christian Eliason, on May 3, 2015.

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Include your name and class year as well as a daytime phone number, should we need to reach you. Photos are welcome. Submissions may be edited for space.

## 2000s

**Rebeca Davison-Balyeat '00** and **Peter Balyeat '01** celebrated the birth of a son, **Graham Jefferson Balyeat**, on March 8, 2015.

**Thomas Williamson '03** welcomed a son, **Fletcher Marshall Williamson**, on March 14, 2015.

**Eryn Jackson '04** and her husband, **Keith Hamilton**, welcomed their second child, **William James Jackson Hamilton**, on August 20, 2014. William weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. William joined excited big sister **Bryn**, 4. The family currently resides in **Collegetown, PA**.

**Courtney Cook Scheff '04** and her husband **Matt** welcomed their second child, **Andrew Michael Scheff**, on January 26, 2015. Also celebrating is uncle **Matthew Cook '01**.

**Rachel Fleming Pritchard '08** welcomed a baby girl, **Lucy Marie Pritchard**, on March 21, 2015.

## In Memoriam 1930s

**Margaret Marion Haney '32**, of Concord, NH, died on March 23, 2015, at the age of 102. She was predeceased by her husband, **George Haney '32**, a sister, **Elinor Marion Perez '37**, and a cousin, **Betty Nesbitt Aschinger '29**. She is survived by two sons, **Frederick Haney '63** and **Douglas Haney '67**, and **Eleanor Haney MacLellan '73**, and a granddaughter, **Hilary Holmes Cessna '09**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Please see a longer version of this obituary online.

**Jean Randall Ludwig '34**, of Columbus, OH, died on April 29, 2015, at the age of 103. She was predeceased by a sister, **Edna Randall Brown '36**, and a nephew, **Randall Brown '72**. Jean was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

**Harriet Edwards Gamper '36**, of Irvington, NY, died on March 10, 2015, at the age of 101. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Josephine Edwards 1903**, and is survived by a daughter, **Jo Ann Gamper Eder '62**. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Anne Paterson Dugdale '38**, of Eastham, MA, died on April 20, 2015, at the age of 97.

**Jane Richards Kyle '38**, of Lakeside Marblehead, OH, died on January 21, 2015, at the age of 98. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Kyle Sr. '38**, and is survived by two sons, **Robert Kyle '61** and **William Kyle '64**. Jane was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Merrill Osborn '38**, of Willshire, OH, died on March 10, 2015, at the age of 99.

**Donald Williams '38**, of North Ridgeville, OH, died on May 17, 2015, at the age of 100. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Sarah Frampton Williams '37**, and was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

**Doris Randt Nichols '39**, of Wilmington, DE, died on May 1, 2015, at the age of 97. She was predeceased by a cousin, **Jeanette Reisser Bauer '31**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

## 1940s

**William Nutt '41**, of Delaware, OH, died on January 13, 2015, at the age of 96. He is survived by three sons, **W. Rodger Nutt '65**, **Charles Nutt '74**, and **David Nutt '76**.

**Jean Welch Tiedemann '41**, of Valparaiso, IN, died on May 20, 2015, at the age of 95.

**Frances Wilcke Erskine '42**, of Centerville, OH, died on January 18, 2015, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by a sister, **Audrey Wilcke Evans '39**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Anna Deem Bailey '43**, of Concord, NC, died on May 22, 2015, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert Bailey '40**, and is survived by a daughter, **Ann Bailey Ketchie '69**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Jane Keller Davis '43**, of Elizabethtown, KY, died on February 17, 2015, at the age of 93. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Charles Bovard '44**, of Dallas, TX, died on May 25, 2015, at the age of 91. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta sorority.

**J. Ardys Sprague Gallagher '44**, of Bethlehem, PA, died on March 8, 2015, at the age of 92.

**Merilyn Baker Graham '44**, of Jacksonville, FL, died on April 4, 2015, at the age of 92. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Gloria Hemmings Johnson '44**, of Salt Lake City, UT, died on January 6, 2015, at the age of 92. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

**Mary Magee Sell '44**, of Boulder, CO, died on January 31, 2015. She was predeceased by a brother, **John Magee '42**.

**Betty Zeller '44**, of Morongo Valley, CA, died on April 19, 2015, at the age of 84.

**Don Hoffmann '45**, of Goshen, NY, died on February 5, 2015, at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife, **Frances Wright Hoffmann '49**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Kathryn Cuthbertson '46**, of Peoria, IL, died on April 6, 2015, at the age of 90. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Margaret Diehl Robinson '46**, of Barnesville, OH, died on January 14, 2015, at the age of 90. She is survived by a brother, **James Diehl '52**, and a niece, **Malinda Moore '69**. Margaret was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Robert Constien '47**, of Findlay, OH, died on February 2, 2015, at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his father, **George Constien '23**.

**Mary Reese Cottrell '47**, of Tequesta, FL, died on March 26, 2015, at the age of 90. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Patricia Fraser Kyllonen '47**, of Saint Clair, MI, died on February 16, 2015. She is survived by a son, **Robert Kyllonen '77**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Rita Reedall '47**, of San Mateo, CA, died on April 4, 2015, at the age of 90.

**James Williams '47**, of Columbus, OH, died on January 25, 2015.

**Sara Benjamin Castle '48**, of Sidney, OH, died on March 30, 2015, at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Helen White Benjamin '22** and **Charles Benjamin '21**, and a sister, **Mary Ann Benjamin Klipstine '51**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Evelyn Long Mauck '48**, of Worthington, OH, died on November 2, 2014, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Dorothy Crates Long '22**, and two brothers, **Albert Long '51** and **William Long '51**. Her husband, **Robert Mauck '48**, died just over a month after her passing. She is survived by a daughter, **Cynthia Mauck Groupe '80**, a son, **Robert Mauck '77**, a brother, **Thomas Long '51**, a sister-in-law, **Helen Simester Long '52**, two nephews, **James Simester Long '81** and **Ross Long '78**, a niece, **Lucy Long '79**, and a grand-niece, **Alicia Long '07**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. *The magazine apologizes for an error that appeared in this note in our spring issue.*

**C. Katherine Prater '48**, of Conroe, TX, died on January 25, 2015, at the age of 88. She

was predeceased by a brother, **Warren Smith '45**, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Patricia Kuenzli Roach '48**, of Hilton Head, SC, died on March 3, 2015, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her husband, **Samuel Roach '47**, and a cousin, **Dale Bischel '48**. She is survived by a daughter, Juliet Roach '80. Patricia was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Mary Van Brunt Robinson '48**, of Holland, OH, died on January 28, 2015, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ellis Robinson '48**, and is survived by a daughter, **Susan Robinson Baldwin '80**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**D. Gwen Cowan Rotterman '48**, of Dayton, OH, died on March 19, 2015. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Martha Stevenson Stormon '48**, of Niagara Falls, NY, died on April 22, 2015, at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Francis Fountain Stevenson '21** and **Clinton Stevenson '18**, a brother, **Clinton Stevenson '45**, a sister, **Sally Stevenson Neptune '47**, and an aunt, **Lucile Smith Stevenson '21**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Mary Yamanaka Teshima '48**, of Walnut Creek, CA, died on February 24, 2015, at the age of 89.

**Grove Amos '49**, of Elyria, OH, died on March 20, 2015, at the age of 89. He was preceded in death by an uncle, **Harold Rorick '22**, and is survived by his wife, **Helen Henderson Amos '55**, and two cousins, **William Rorick '63** and **Richard Rorick '60**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**William "Bill" Bair Jr. '49**, of Richland, WA, died on May 26, 2015, at the age of 90. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Bill was the recipient of an OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation.

**Barbara Blackford Holmes '49**, of Findlay, OH, died on October 10, 2014, at the age of 87. She is survived by a daughter, **Tracey Holmes Mason '73**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Blunden Lane '49**, of Akron, OH, died on February 20, 2015, at the age of 87.

**Frances Moore '49**, of Zanesville, OH, died on February 3, 2015, at the age of 96.

**Russell Patterson '49**, of Lexington, OH, died on January 19, 2015, at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by a niece, **Carolyn Patterson '55**, and a brother, **David Patterson '48**. He is survived by two nieces, **Charlotte Hill '57** and **Jane Patterson '62**, and a nephew, Alan Patterson '74. Russell was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**Clarence Spangler '49**, of Dallas, TX, died on February 15, 2015, at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his father, **John Spangler 1918**, and his mother, **Maria Bartenfeld Spangler '22**. He is survived by a brother, **Paul Spangler '52**, and a nephew, **Brad Spangler '78**. Clarence was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

## 1950s

**June Weir Baron '50**, of New York, NY, died on February 12, 2015. She is survived by a sister, **Phyllis Weir Wilkie '45**, and was a member Alpha Chi Omega sorority. June was scheduled to receive the OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation this past June.

**Joy Sutton Hemann '50**, of Phoenix, AZ, died on February 17, 2015, at the age of 86. She is survived by her husband, **Charles Hemann '49**, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Betty Maerkle '50**, of Lakewood, OH, died on April 24, 2015, at the

age of 86. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Sterling Rinear '50**, of San Diego, CA, died on May 10, 2015, at the age of 93. He is survived by a cousin, **Charlotte Culbertson Hott '55**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Joseph Strohl '50**, of Delaware, OH, died on February 24, 2015, at the age of 88. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

**Charles Vainer Jr. '50**, of Thomasville, GA, died on March 28, 2015, at the age of 88.

**Virginia Talley Williams '50**, of Hudson, OH, died on April 13, 2015, at the age of 86. She is survived by her husband, **David Williams '50**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Marjorie Yost '50**, of Wooster, OH, died on April 17, 2015, at the age of 86.

**Dorothy Baroody '51**, of Geneva, NY, died on February 6, 2015, at the age of 86.

**William Lewis '51**, of Tecumseh Island, Indian Lake, OH, died on May 28, 2015, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, **E. Lea Erbach Lewis '49**, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Mary Belt Means '51**, of Tracy, CA, died on March 1, 2015, at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by two brothers, **LeRoy Belt '42** and **John Belt '49**. Mary was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Nancy Watters Smith '51**, of St. Louis, MO, died on April 4, 2015, at the age of 85. She was predeceased by two sisters, **Ruth Watters Colgrove '48** and **Carol Watters Pastor '53**, and a brother, **Donald Watters '51**. She is survived by a brother, **Will Watters '49**. Nancy was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

**Edith "Didi" Conger Stedman '51**, of Gaithersburg, MD, died

on December 2, 2014, at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Gertrude Conger Horowitz '58**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Please see a longer version of this obituary online.

**Kenneth Wooley '51**, of Westlake, OH, died on March 16, 2015, at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, **Nora Schreier Wooley '51**, and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Frederick Hibbert '52**, of Toledo, OH, died on November 30, 2014, at the age of 84. He was predeceased by his parents, **Gladys Harbage Hibbert 1918** and **George Hibbert 1918**, and two aunts, **Lois Harbage '21** and **Eleanor Harbage Wilson '31**. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Wintermute Hibbert '53**, two daughters, **Helen Hibbert Kirk '79** and **Cynthia Hibbert Smithy '84**, a son-in-law, **Phil Kirk '79**, and a sister, **Martha Hibbert Boice '53**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. *The magazine apologizes for an error that appeared in this note in our spring issue.*

**Patricia Fowler Hoefer '52**, of Urbana, OH, died on March 15, 2015, at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Hoefer '52**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**John Otto '52**, of Palm Springs, CA, died on April 12, 2015, at the age of 85. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

**Roswald Shrull '52**, of Fort Worth, TX, died on February 10, 2015, at the age of 85. He is survived by a sister, **Janis Shrull Hunt '53**, and was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

**J. Daniel Burke '53**, of Bristol, RI, died on January 23, 2015, at the age of 83.

**Betty Byall Marsh '53**, of Elyria, OH, died on May 22, 2015, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **General Marsh '53**, and a son, **Steven Marsh '81**.

She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Elisabeth Boyd Taylor '53**, of Lexington, MA, died on February 10, 2015, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **Thomas Taylor '52**, and a nephew, **Stephen Taylor '82**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Sam Turner '53**, of Bethesda, MD, died on May 1, 2015.

**James Berry '54**, of Boynton Beach, FL, died on March 20, 2015, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his wife, **Heather Duncan Berry '56**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. James was the recipient of an OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation.

**Nancy Haines Edris '54**, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, died on March 12, 2015, at the age of 83. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**David Stoner '54**, of Galion, OH, died on March 18, 2015, at the age of 82.

**Wendell Holloway '54**, of Potomac, MD, died on February 12, 2015, at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Kay Trent Holloway '58**. Wendell was a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees and a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

**Paul Kisseberth '54**, of Beacon Falls, CT, died on May 8, 2015, at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, **Ann Grinton Kisseberth '54**, a daughter, **Mary Kisseberth Bedson '79**, and a son, **John Kisseberth '85**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**Wayne Marks '54**, of Kettering, OH, died on January 23, 2015, at the age of 82. He is survived by a sister, **Carlene Marks Burroughs '52**, and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Robert Fry Smith '54**, of Maple Heights, OH, died on March 31, 2015, at the age of 82.

**Orlo Smith '54**, of Salem, OH, died on May 31, 2015, at the age of 82.

**Margret Jung Thomas '54, of Cincinnati, OH, died on January 26, 2015, at the age of 82. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.**

**Fred Blakeslee '55**, of Utica, NY, died on February 8, 2015, at the age of 88. He was predeceased by a brother, **George Blakeslee '50**, and is survived by a niece, **Elizabeth Blakeslee Jagannatha '12**.

**William Johl '55**, of New London, CT, died on March 12, 2015, at the age of 83.

**Patricia Pringle Murray '55, of Murrysville, PA, died on April 12, 2015. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.**

**Diane Ward Nason '55**, of Vero Beach, FL, died on May 13, 2015, at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband, **Thomas Nason '55**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**J. Allen Vlerebome '55**, of Lancaster, OH, died on February 11, 2015, at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his father, **Arthur Vlerebome '26**, and is survived by his wife, **Martha Rinehart Vlerebome '57**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**June Mandel Winold '55**, of Westlake, OH, died on March 19, 2015, at the age of 81. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**Virginia Mason Cochran '56**, of McLeansville, NC, died on January 9, 2015, at the age of 80. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Jane Dodge Kenan '56**, of Dunwoody, GA, died on May 24, 2015, at the age of 81. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Nancy Caldwell Sorel '56**, of New York, NY, died on February 5, 2015, at the age of 80. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Patricia Brown Kropp '57**, of Maumee, OH, died on December 2, 2014, at the age of 79. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, **Howard Brown '29** and **Helen Janney Brown '30**. She is survived by her husband, **Kenneth Kropp '57**, two sons, **Kenneth Kropp '80** and **Bradley Kropp '83**, a brother, **Howard Brown '62**, and a niece, **Kristine Brown Mahar '88**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. *The magazine apologizes for an error that appeared in this note in our spring issue.*

**Lincoln Young '57**, of New Hartford, CT, died on April 4, 2015, at the age of 80. He is survived by two children, **Lincoln Young '81** and **Katherine Young '82**. Lincoln was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**William Wolfe '56**, of Indian Lake, SC, died on May 27, 2015, at the age of 80. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Kenneth Hardin '58**, of Aiken, SC, died on January 27, 2015, at the age of 78. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Fred Learey '58**, of Oakland, MD, died on January 18, 2015, at the age of 78. He was preceded in death by his father, **Fred Learey '28**, and an uncle, **Karl Learey '30**. Fred was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**R. Douglas Paton '58**, of Brant Lake, NY, died on June 8, 2015, at the age of 79. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Tom Ross '58**, of Lincoln, CA, died on March 17, 2015, at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Carol Ross, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Martha Anderson Schmid '58**, of Santa Ana, CA, died after a lengthy illness on March 6, 2015, at the age of 78. Martha is survived by a sister, **Janet Anderson Todd '61**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Adelaide Kieser Strassberg '58**, of Clearwater, FL, died on March

24, 2015, at the age of 79. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Rhoda Rippey Votaw '58**, of Charleston, SC, died on April 14, 2015, at the age of 78. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Thomas Walworth '58**, of Zionsville, IN and Marco Island, FL, died on February 12, 2015, at the age of 78. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Donald Eliot '59**, of Columbus and Grandview Heights, OH, died on April 14, 2015, at the age of 77. Don was preceded in death by his parents, **Charles Eliot '26** and **Claudia Shields Eliot '26**, and an aunt, **Jean Eliot Tunison '27**. He is survived by his wife, **Jill Shanks Eliot '59**, two daughters, **Ann Eliot-Naille '85** and **Julie Eliot Gulisano '93**, a sister, **Sara Eliot Williams '48**, two nieces, **Susan Williams Bauer '74** and **Jessica Bauer '02**, and a nephew, **Steven Williams '83**. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Shirley "Sherry" Shepherd Sargent '59**, of Littleton, CO, died on July 2, 2015. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Jeanine Shephard Swaim '62**. She is survived by her husband, **Frank Sargent '59**, and stepmother, **Annabelle Wade Shepherd '40**. Sherry was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

## 1960s

**Mary Corbin Trimbur '60**, of Girard, OH, died on March 13, 2015, at the age of 76. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Robert Bright '61**, of Rochester, NY, died on January 5, 2015, at the age of 75. He is survived by a sister, **Elizabeth Bright Stallings '64**, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Martin Curtis '61**, of Zanesville, OH, died on February 23, 2015, at the age of 75. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Bruce May '61**, of Kalispell, MT, died on April 23, 2015, at the age of 78.

**Ralph "Tony" Hirsch '62**, of Worthington, OH, died on February 2, 2015. He is survived by a son, **Ralph Stewart Hirsch III '87**. Tony's wife, Gretchen, worked in the Ohio Wesleyan Office of University Communications for several years. Tony was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Patricia Lemon Stegner '62**, of Issaquah, WA, died on January 24, 2015, at the age of 74. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Barbara Lord Mannewitz '63**, of Sachse, TX, died on June 16, 2014. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Judith Moore Ufferman '63**, of Indialantic, FL, died on January 31, 2015, the age of 73. She is survived by a sister, **Alice Moore Batchelder '64**, and a brother-in-law, **William Batchelder '64**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Z. Lucile "Lu" Rodee Wiley '63**, of Virginia Beach, VA, died on January 21, 2015, at the age of 73.

**Sandra Elliott '64**, of Rockford, IL, died on March 1, 2015, at the age of 72. She is survived by her husband, **Jan Elliott '62**, a son, **Michael Elliott '92**, and a brother, **Richard Howe '72**. Sandra was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Kevin Krejci '65**, of Mesa, AZ, died on February 22, 2015, at the age of 71.

**Charles McCoy '67**, of Albuquerque, NM, died on June 3, 2015, at the age of 70. He was predeceased by his mother, **Margaret Ashley Kelley '45**, and is survived by a sister, **Sharon McCoy Lorish '68**.

**John Moorhead '68**, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, died on March 29, 2015, at the age of 68. He is survived by an aunt, **Jane Moorhead Feller '43**, and an

uncle, **Dallas Moorhead '49**. John was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Jeffrey Bornstein '69**, of Orwigsburg, PA, died on May 8, 2015, at the age of 67.

## 1970s

**Raymond Jackson '70**, of Cottage Grove, WI, died on May 12, 2015, at the age of 67. He is survived by a sister, **Mary Jackson Guiler '72**, and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**Michael Minney '70**, of Lancaster, PA, died on April 2, 2015, at the age of 66. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Robert Starck '70**, of Moon Township, PA, died on March 20, 2015, at the age of 67. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

**Richard "Dick" Innis '71**, of Milburn, NJ, died on September 1, 2014, at the age of 65, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife, **Katherine Langrall Innis '72**, three daughters, and four grandchildren. Dick worked for Potem and Partners for 40 years, following his tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

**Nancy Steel Morris '72**, of Taos, NM, died on January 28, 2015, at the age of 64. Please see a longer version of this obituary online.

**John Muhler '76**, of Camano Island, WA, died on April 26, 2015, at the age of 60.

**Robert Chaffee '78**, of Sharon Center, OH, died on May 1, 2015, at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Kubach Chaffee '78**, two brothers, **Roger Chaffee '80** and **Paul Chaffee '83**, and a nephew, **Nathan Chaffee '15**. Robert was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Carrie Grove Givens '78**, of Alliance, OH, died on January 31, 2015, at the age of 59.

## 1980s

**Karen O'Connell '85**, of Boston, MA, died on February 26, 2015, at the age of 51. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**Jonathan Jefferson '87**, of San Diego, CA, died on February 2, 2015, at the age of 50. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

## Faculty/Staff

**Armine Cuber**, a former member of the OWU faculty, died on September 15, 2015, at the age of 98.

**Mary Ferguson**, of Pittsburgh, PA, and a former OWU professor, died on April 9, 2015, at the age of 96.

**Patty Jacobus**, of Delaware, OH, and a former OWU employee, died on March 26, 2015, at the age of 56.

**Beatrice Amzibel Quaranta**, of Columbus, OH, died on February 3, 2015, at the age of 85. She was formerly a member of the Ohio Wesleyan faculty.

**David Shaw**, a former chef at Ohio Wesleyan, died on March 10, 2015, at the age of 57.

**Melisa Spradley**, of Portsmouth, NH, and a former professor at OWU, died on March 27, 2015, at the age of 58.

## Sympathy to

**Charlotte Culberston Hott '55** for the loss of her husband, **Donald Hott**, on May 3, 2015, at the age of 95.

**Nancy Crichton Day '61** for the loss of her husband, **Joseph Day**, on March 9, 2015, at the age of 78.

**Susan Oatey Junge '65** for the loss of her husband, **Art Junge**, on March 16, 2015.

**Sue Darlington Woods '65** for the death of her father, **Luther Woods**, on March 15, 2015.

**Gale Weidenbusch Wallar '71**, **Coleman Weidenbusch '72**, and **John Weidenbusch '86** for the death of their mother, **Alice Weidenbusch**, on April 27, 2015.

**James Kizziar Jr. '73** for the loss of his mother, **Gladys Kizziar**, on April 30, 2015, at the age of 91.

**Rebecca Monroe Wick '73** for the loss of her mother, **Jeanne Monroe**, on November 24, 2014, in Findlay, OH.

**Brooke Barthelmas Larger '76** and **Deborah Barthelmas Hunter '92** for the death of their father, **Ned Barthelmas**, on May 16, 2015, at the age of 87.

**Diane Manos '76** and **Joni Manos Brown '78** for the death of their mother, **Georgia Manos**, who died on February 19, 2015, at the age of 91. Georgia was predeceased by her husband, **Peter Manos '47**. Also mourning the loss is Georgia's grandson, **George Brown '10**.

**Marianne Haenlein Alciati '78** for the loss of her husband, **Lawrence Alciati**, on May 12, 2015.

**Elizabeth Kane '85** for the loss of her father, **George Kane**, on May 9, 2015.

**Sara Nichols Wilson '03** for the loss of her father, **Henry Nichols Sr.**, on March 9, 2015, at the age of 66. Henry served as a mentor/tutor through the Upward Bound program at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Lynne Albers Lees '08** for the loss of her husband, **Ryan Lees**, on May 12, 2015, at the age of 29.

**Amy Siemon '13** for the loss of her father, **Chuck Siemon**.

# 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 email [alumni@owu.edu](mailto:alumni@owu.edu).

## SEPTEMBER 2015

**September 26 | Boston, MA**  
OWU Night with the Red Sox

**September 26 | On-Campus**  
Honorary Football Captains Weekend

## OCTOBER 2015

**October 1 | On Campus**  
Edwards Simpson Querrey Fitness Center Dedication

**October 1-2 | On Campus**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

**October 2-3 | On Campus**  
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Homecoming/Family Weekend

**October 2-4 | On Campus**  
(Delta Gamma Reunion, Sigma Chi 160th Anniversary Celebration, Sigma Phi Epsilon Centennial Celebration)

**October 5 | On Campus**  
Labyrinth Dedication

**October 10 | On Campus**  
Men's Soccer 60th Anniversary

**October 11-17 | Various Locations**  
Bishops in Service Week  
Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland, OH; New York, NY; Washington, DC

**October 17 | Boston MA**  
Head of the Charles Regatta

**October 22 | Greenwich, CT**  
OWU Gathering at the Bruce Museum of Arts and Science with President Rock Jones

**October 24 | Boston MA**  
Bishops in Service Event

## NOVEMBER 2015

**November 20 | Washington, DC**  
Group Tour of the Washington Monument

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end of the station's land. Here, I cashed in on many species only found in this area, such as Wattled Jacana, Rufous-fronted Antthrush (woohoo, that was a load off my mind!) and Agami Heron. I beat it back to the station for lunch, harvesting calls from the canopy on the way—a repeating “spew” here (Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo), a soft trill there (Pygmy Antwren).

Halfway through the day, I made a mental list of birds I still hoped to encounter. I counted 38 antbirds and a handful of hummingbird species. To fill the major holes in my list, I set off to the high terrace forest

on the northern half of the property. The afternoon produced few forest birds, but later, as the sun began to set, I dashed to a high overlook above a marshy oxbow lake, where I desperately sought my final species. Suddenly, new species emerged; some Horned Screammers sang duets, Masked Crimson Tanagers aerially pursued each other, and a few hidden Rufous-sided Crakes burst into their raucous quaver. Night fell, producing the final species of the day—a Long-tailed Potoo, species number 282.

In the end, my 282 species logged in 18 hours of rigorous birding, was a new

personal record. My three teammates were able to find an additional 26 species, bringing our total to 308. I was all but debilitated, physically and mentally. I trudged into bed and attempted some critically necessary sleep, waiting for the next Common Pauraque to ring into the night.

Worldwide, almost 6,000 of 10,000 bird species were recorded that day among 12,000 participants. Peru was the No. 1 country in the world for species, with almost 1,200, and 308 was one of the highest species counts recorded for Peru. ■



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# IN SEARCH OF THE RUFIOUS-FRONTED ANTTHRUSH

## ...and 281 other bird species in a single day



*Sean Williams '11, a Ph.D. candidate in integrative biology at Michigan State University, had an incredibly successful Global Big Day at the Los Amigos Biological Station in the Peruvian Amazon. He recounts his experience participating in the bird conservation and education event to tally half of the world's bird species in a single day.*

While I was attempting critically necessary sleep before a “Big Day” on May 9, 2015, the vocalization of a Common Pauraque rang out, breaking my slumber at 3:15 a.m. The pauraque was the first of many bird species I would encounter that day. In addition to my three teammates and me, thousands of birders across the world participated in this Global Big Day event with two goals in mind: to encounter as many bird species as possible within the 24 hours, and to find as many endemic species (species that are specific to a certain area) to contribute to the overall worldwide species count. A big day is a rigorous race that tests one’s physical endurance, will, and most of all, skill at bird identification.

My backyard in the Peruvian Amazon held more than 500 species in an area the size of Central Park, and I could not extinguish the blazing thoughts of the species I would encounter that day. Would I

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**Large-headed Flatbill?  
“Bwow bwoa!” Check!  
Peruvian Recurvebill?  
“Hyuak-ak-ak-ak?”  
Check!**

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count 200? 250? Would I be able to find the endemic Rufous-fronted Antthrush? What about the equally range-restricted Peruvian Recurvebill?

Finally, at 4 a.m. I got out of bed. I stood by the misty cliff near my cabin in the dark and listened. For the next hour, I picked up only a few owls and nightjars. This was not a great start for a day that should end with more species than I’d ever recorded in my home county in Michigan. At the first hint of daylight, I headed into the bamboo thickets, where many species live that can only be found in southeast Peru and western Bolivia.

Though it was still too dark to see, the

bamboo produced the expected endemic species with few exceptions. In the early morning hours, when the dark forest is illuminated by hundreds of singing birds, the strategy is to slowly creep and listen. Species that are heard also count for the Big Day list. A single, soft “pep” is enough to count the Long-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, a bird whose name is bigger than the bird itself. Large-headed Flatbill? “Bwow bwoa!” Check! Peruvian Recurvebill? “Hyuak-ak-ak-ak-ak?” Check!

I continued through the primary rainforest, which is like a gallery of wooden giants, and then the river’s edge, a crammed procession of palms and powerful cicadas. In order to count the most species possible, I needed to visit the most habitat types possible.

As the morning progressed, I made my way to the lower terrace forest, and finally to dense thickets and ponds in the southern

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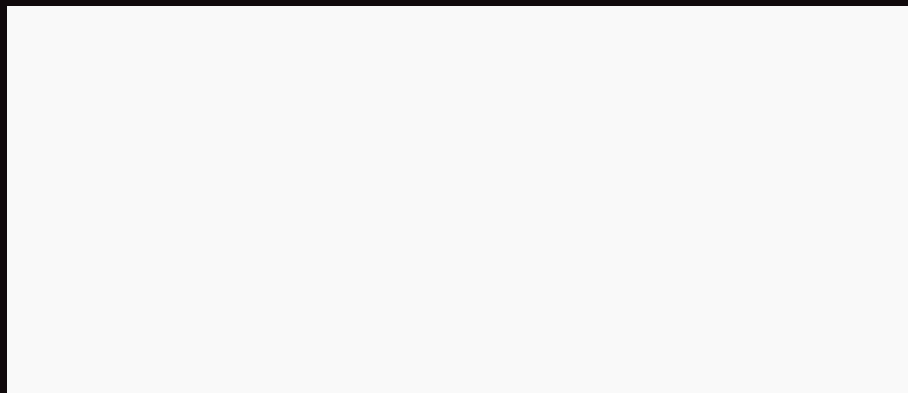
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New freshman Jase Jacobson, from Portland, Oregon, and his fellow classmates celebrate as they march between a double-line of cheering orientation leaders immediately after their Convocation ceremony August 20.

