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Nate Axelrod '18 was awarded the Jostens Trophy as the nation's most outstanding NCAA Division III men's basketball player on March 15 (pictured, with Coach Mike DeWitt), the first OWU player to receive the honor. The trophy recognizes a student-athlete who excels on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. Axelrod, a point guard, was also named North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the third year in a row, making him the first men's basketball player in conference history to be so honored. To read more about Axelrod, visit owu.edu.



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ART IS VITAL TO DEMOCRACY AND LIFE

When I reflect on my student experience on the campus of a small liberal arts college, I think about my major in history, the impact of faculty in a variety of disciplines, three years as a resident assistant, participation in student government, and a three-



President Rock Jones talks to **Andy Cumston '16**, a fine arts major with a concentration in sculpture who exhibited his work in the senior art show in the Ross Art Museum in April 2016. (Photo by: Spenser Hickey '15)

week volunteer experience in a Navajo community, where I met a fellow student, now my wife, Melissa Lollar. Though I was not a music major, the opportunity to sing in a college choir for four years

also was important to me, as was serving as president of the choir for two of those years. Many of my closest college friends were choir mates. We rehearsed three times a week, learned a wide range of choral music, toured twice a year, and traveled to Europe for a month, my first time to travel abroad.

I think often of my choir experience when I contemplate the ideal college experience today. Robust participation in co-curricular programs is an important educational complement to the academic experience. Participation in the arts can both enrich the college experience and provide preparation for important vocational and avocational experiences that enrich all of life.

At Ohio Wesleyan, I see the benefit of student participation in the arts, both through the experiences of those who major in the arts and those for whom the arts provide co-curricular opportunities. Our music ensembles, theatre productions, and student art exhibits all provide a glimpse into the work our students accomplish in the arts. I experienced this firsthand a few years ago when Professor Jason Hiester invited me to sing with the OWU Choral Arts Society for a semester. My section leader was a music major who now teaches music in California. Music is her vocation. In the baritone section, I took my place between a student who now teaches high school history and another who now

is a medical student at Georgetown. For them, as for me, music is an avocation.

Melissa and I regularly attend productions in Chappellear Drama Center. Most recently we enjoyed a riveting performance of *Royal Gambit*, a play centered on the wives of Henry VIII (and, of course, the king himself). Cast members included theatre majors with promising future careers on and near the stage, and students majoring in other disciplines who value the opportunity to participate in the theatre. Vocation, and avocation.

One of the highlights for me each year is the senior art show, a juried exhibit of work created by our senior fine arts students and shown at the Ross Art Museum. Each year the opening fills the museum as fellow students, faculty, family members, and people from the community marvel at the creative ingenuity of OWU students. I regularly am overwhelmed by the range and quality of work presented by our students.

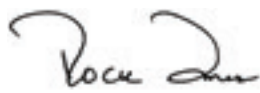
Nothing is more important to a healthy and vibrant democracy than a commitment to and appreciation of artistic creativity. The arts, whether experienced from on the stage or from a seat in the auditorium, at work in the studio or by viewing in the gallery, enrich individual human life and strengthen the fabric of our society. The arts provide a venue for the expression of human

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emotions in all of their forms – raw, sublime, brutal, beautiful, evocative, and serene. The arts provide an outlet for creative expression that tests the limits of human understanding, that stretches the boundaries of human experience, and that confronts the realities of those parts of our shared journey that are inhumane and unjust. Engagement with the arts is fundamental to the experience of being fully human. Thus, engagement with the arts is fundamental to the values of a liberal arts education. Vocation, and avocation.

Recently, the Ross Art Museum advisory board adopted a strategic plan designed to more fully align the museum with the strategic objectives of the

University and to engage all disciplines on campus with the museum. In this issue of the magazine, we share the story of those efforts. As you read about the Ross, I invite you to think about the impact of the arts on your life, about the place of the arts in the curricular and co-curricular experiences of our students, and about the many ways in which our society is enriched by artistic creativity. I invite you to contemplate your own vocation, or avocation, with the arts. ■



Rock Jones

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Ohio Wesleyan University's Department of Theatre and Dance presented *Royal Gambit*, by Hermann Gressieker in February. **Daniel Haygood '18**, as King Henry VIII, is surrounded by his six wives, portrayed by **Rose Jonesco '20** (clockwise from lower left), **Doris Ottman '18**, **Anna McReynolds '21**, **Emma Antal '20**, **Kacie Iuvara '18**, and **Nyjah Cephas '21**. (Photo by **Josh W. Martin '20**)

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A flamboyance of flamingos

Members of the Senior Class Council surprised campus with a colorful display in front of the Mowry Alumni Center on Feb. 26, putting up one flamingo for every senior class gift made to that point. Seniors were encouraged to “grow the flock,” with additional birds being added through the week as gifts were made. Checking on the flock are seniors: (from left) **Laura Lemanski**, senior class treasurer; **Madeleine Juszynski**, senior class president; **Chloe Holmes**, **Nia Stanford**, and **Paul Heithaus**, senior class gift chair. ■

Mellon grant to support team-teaching

Ohio Wesleyan University received a \$150,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in January to support “enhancing interdisciplinarity” – an initiative by OWU professors to create classes that combine different academic areas with team-teaching to deepen the educational experience for students.

President Jones was invited by the Mellon Foundation to apply for a Presidential Leadership Grant last year, and he chose the interdisciplinary focus in response to faculty interest in developing this component of The OWU Connection.

OWU named a best ‘bang for your buck’



The Princeton Review has named Ohio Wesleyan University one of “The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck” in the new book *Colleges That Pay You Back: 2018 Edition* (Penguin Random House/Princeton Review Books), based on an analysis of more than 40 factors at hundreds of U.S. colleges and universities.

Robert Franek, the Princeton Review’s editor-in-chief and book’s lead author, said the schools selected: “stand out for their outstanding academics and their affordability via generous financial aid to students with need and/or comparatively low sticker prices. Students at these colleges also have access to extraordinary career services from their freshman year on, plus a lifetime of valuable alumni support.”

According to Ohio Wesleyan’s listing in the book, OWU “strives to prepare (its) students with the necessary experience to be employed after college.” The Office of Career Services, now part of the division of University Advancement, provides individual counseling, creative programming, and technological services, and invites students and faculty to request workshops on topics they feel would benefit the student career path, such as salary negotiation or graduate school preparation. ■

The grant will support the creation of 15 team-taught courses and allow continued enhancement of The OWU Connection, Ohio Wesleyan’s signature student experience, a guided, personalized, four-year degree path that combines interdisciplinary learning with international, hands-on internship, research, and study-abroad opportunities.

Ashley Biser, associate dean for faculty development, will oversee the initiative. She is part of the five-professor interdisciplinary team teaching Introduction to Data Analytics this school year. ■



From left: **Amy Weldele '97**, **Julie Podolec '07**, **Carol Latham '61**, and **Vernita Johnson '95** discuss entrepreneurship at WOW in 2016.

Women of Ohio Wesleyan returns, Event scheduled for October

The second Women of Ohio Wesleyan event, which promotes networking, mentoring, and giving, has been announced for Oct. 19-20. The inaugural two-day event in September 2016 drew more than 100 alumnae, students, and faculty to Merrick Hall for panel discussions on philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and achievement in wide-ranging conversations and informal networking gatherings.

Kara Trott '83, the founder and CEO of Quantum Health and a member of OWU’s Board of Trustees, and **Samantha W. Sharpe '09**, clinical research program manager at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, have signed on to serve as co-chairs for the 2018 event. Planning for the event is ongoing. To learn more about volunteering or attending, please visit owu.edu/wow. ■

OMSA welcomes new leader

Charles C.M. Kellom joined OWU as assistant dean for multicultural student affairs on Oct. 16. He oversees the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, which supports underrepresented students within the campus community to encourage their personal and academic success as well as their persistence to graduation.



Kellom was previously director of multicultural student affairs at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Originally from Cincinnati, Kellom said he is excited to return to Ohio and to become part of the Ohio Wesleyan community.

"Students of color, LGBTQIA students, low-income and/or first-generation students, and any student looking to learn more about identity, power, privilege, or social justice will find a home at the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs," Kellom said. "I'm excited to collaborate with my new colleagues at OWU in the development of strategies for student success."

Kellom reports to Kristin Weyman, Ohio Wesleyan's associate dean for student success. ■

Joint entrepreneurial center planned

Ohio Wesleyan University is joining with Delaware County and the city of Delaware to create the Delaware Entrepreneurial Center, a business accelerator for local businesses and an entrepreneurial education resource for students. The center is believed to be the first of its kind as a business-assistance partnership among a college, a city, and a county.

The center will be housed in the Stewart Annex (below), 70 S. Sandusky St., and will include rentable office space for emerging start-ups, conference rooms with digital features, and shared workspaces so students can work and learn alongside new small business owners. It is expected to open in August.

OWU's Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship will contribute \$100,000 to the center's remodeling and will provide overall leadership of the Center. The city and county will each contribute \$250,000. In turn, city and county officials can have offices inside the Center to assist budding businesses.

University President Rock Jones said the joint venture will "enhance the education of Ohio Wesleyan students across all disciplines and enrich the vibrancy and economic vitality of our community across all sectors." ■



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From the field to the faculty

DAVID EASTMAN | Associate professor of religion



The career of David Eastman was foreseeable, perhaps, depending on your viewpoint, even foretold. “I always liked school — from the time I was 7 or 8 years old, they called me ‘the little professor,’” recalls Eastman, now an associate professor of religion. As a child, he was fascinated by history. As a “pastor’s kid,” religion often occupied his thoughts as well.

“My interest in ancient history and my interest in religion came together, which is how I ended up focusing on early Christianity,” he says.

After a brief semi-pro baseball career in France and two years of teaching at Yale University (where he earned his Ph.D.), Eastman joined Ohio Wesleyan in 2011. He was granted tenure last year and lives in Delaware with his wife and three children. He enjoys the close-knit community that allows him to integrate his interests, both academic and beyond. The former player enjoys working with student-athletes as a faculty athletic representative, traveling occasionally with the baseball team, and talking to coaches and prospective student-athletes and their families.

“(Being at OWU) allows me to get to know students on multiple levels. I see them competing, I see them in the classroom — they know that I care about both, and I think that actually motivates them academically,” he says.

Eastman wants more than good grades for his students. “The burden is on me to show them that what I’m talking about has any relevance to their lives,” he says.

He points to “narratives that undergird Western society ... which come primarily from the Bible,” lamenting that they are often misapplied. Eastman strives to equip his students with the knowledge and perspective to know when that’s the case.

For example, OWU students, like most college students, sometimes encounter people loudly bemoaning the sins of humanity. Many find this spewing about “fire and brimstone” to be unpleasant and choose to ignore it. But Eastman challenges his students to employ the Socratic method, suggesting: “If they

quote a Bible verse to you, say to them, ‘What’s the context of that verse?’ ”

Eastman finds it quite telling that this question often disarms those who he believes are misapplying Christianity.

“If you’re brave enough ... ask questions,” he urges his students.

Eastman tries to teach confronting ignorance with civil discourse, and, most important, he pushes students to be moral leaders in our global society, a favorite aspiration often cited by OWU President Rock Jones.

Eastman brings his open-minded inquisitiveness to his

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scholarly research. “I was taught by one of my doctoral professors not to go into (research) with a thesis. ... I don’t want to determine the outcome; the outcome may be the opposite of what I want it to be.”

This mindset has served him well. In 2013, he won “Best Article in Patristic Exegesis” from the Institute for Classical Christian Studies for his writings about the apostle Paul. The article identified and examined a schism that occurred in early Christian North Africa. Eastman may be the foremost expert on the martyrdom stories of Peter and Paul and the traditions their legacies inspired, and is a frequent resource on the subject for his peers. Eastman believes the current understanding of Peter and Paul’s impact is often too narrowly focused on the most common narratives.

“I see an area in which I think we as scholars have been sloppy; there’s some imprecision, some blind spot we have perpetuated. It causes me to stop and say, ‘Let’s look very closely at this.’”

Beyond his research, Eastman exemplifies practicing what is preached. He advocates for children and victims of human trafficking worldwide. He has helped facilitate student trips to the Love and Hope Children’s Home in El Salvador. His family sponsors three children in Haiti. In the classroom and around campus, he constantly strives to raise awareness of human trafficking.

In 2014, he was honored with the Bishop Frances Kearns Faculty of the Year Award for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service, in part because of these efforts. “I hope it means that students are getting more from me than just what’s on their tests. ... I hope it means they’re getting what the liberal arts education is about,” Eastman says. ■

— Gregory Collins

See Eastman’s Spring 2016 i³ lecture “Why are Abraham’s children still fighting?” at owu.edu/i3.



CRAMMING THROUGH THE AGES

Students study for finals (bottom photo) in December, with laptops replacing piles of papers in the undated photo, circa 1970s. Beeghly Library, which opened in 1966, is among the largest liberal arts college libraries, with more than 480,000 volumes, including many rare 19th- and early 20th- century works. The library houses the archives of Ohio United

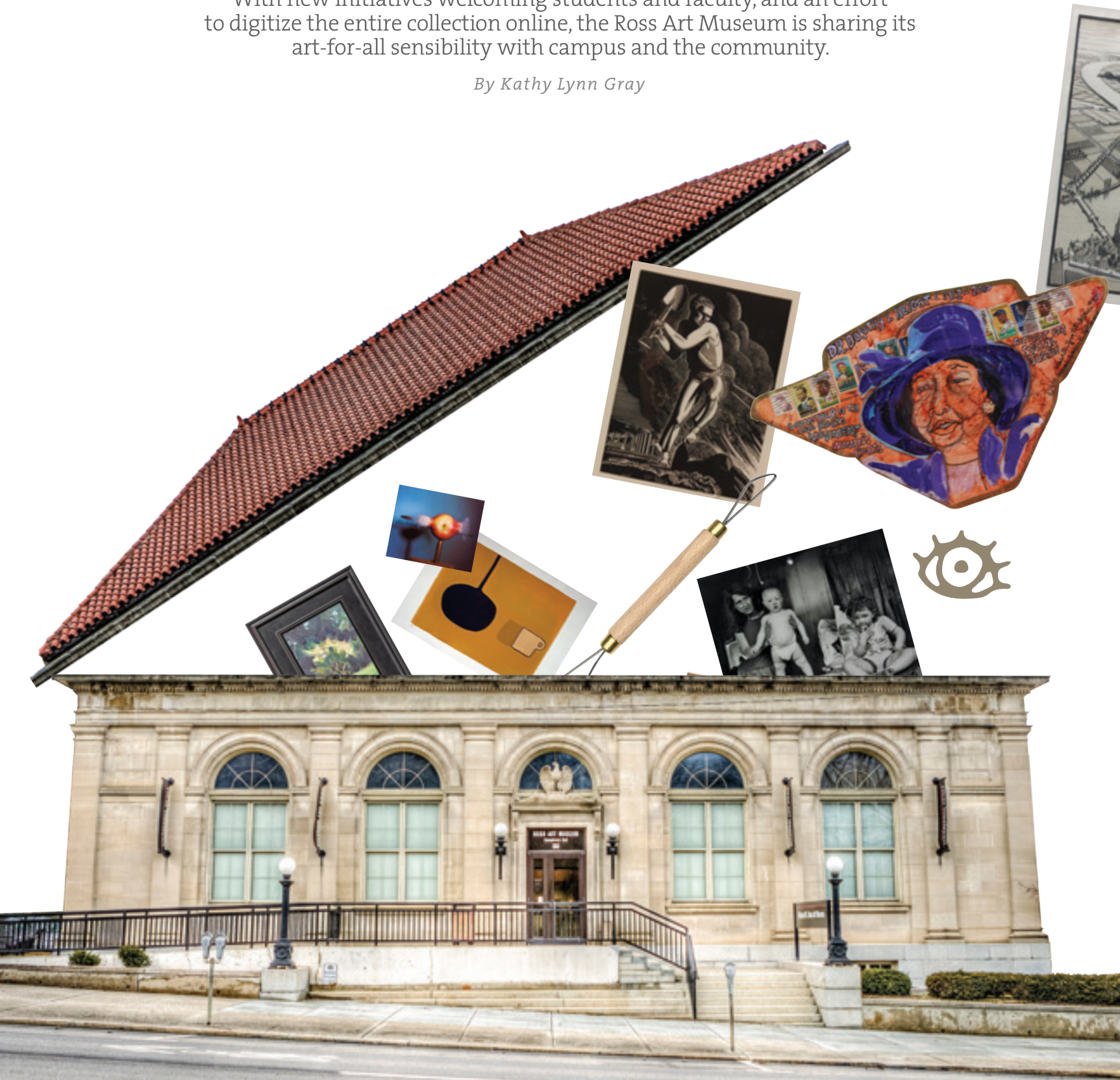
Methodism and is home to Gallery 2001, an extension of the Ross Art Museum. Students taking Art 492: Exhibition Practice with Erin Fletcher, director of the Ross, curate an exhibit in the gallery each spring. (Do you recognize yourself in the top photo? Let us know! magazine@owu.edu.)

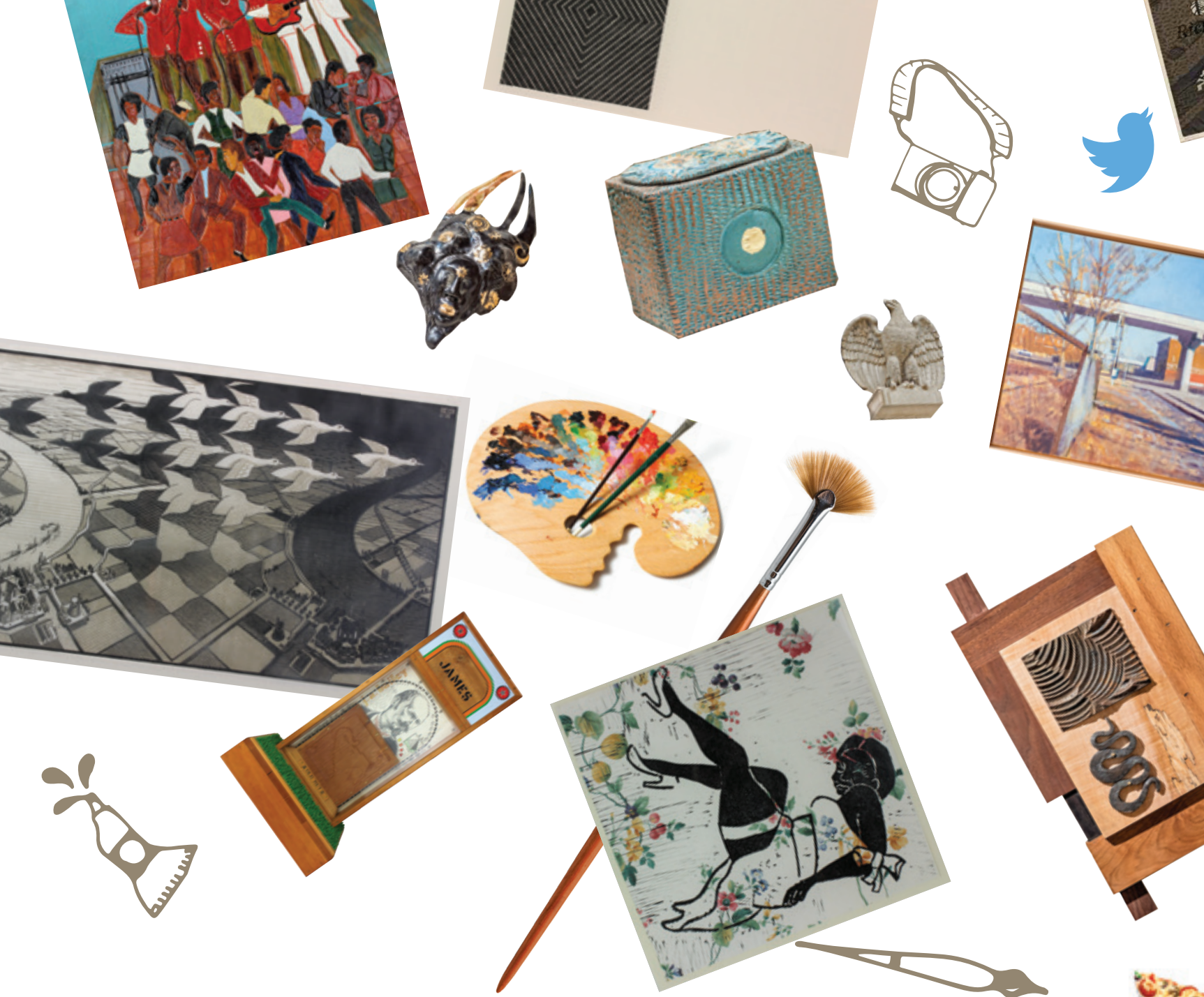
(Top photo: OWU archives, bottom photo by **Gracie Clevenger '21**)

ART-FULL

With new initiatives welcoming students and faculty, and an effort to digitize the entire collection online, the Ross Art Museum is sharing its art-for-all sensibility with campus and the community.

By Kathy Lynn Gray





Nancy Comorau was stunned when the director of Ohio Wesleyan University's art museum asked her to curate an exhibit. Comorau is an associate professor of English at OWU with a specialty in post-colonial literature and particular interest in black British literature. Art is not her forte.

But Erin Fletcher was insistent. The project would stretch Comorau's teaching chops and, better still, draw students who aren't art majors into the museum. "Just because you're not an art major doesn't mean the art museum isn't open to you," says Fletcher, who is in her second year as director of the Richard M. Ross Art Museum.

"I want a museum that makes students feel comfortable and welcome, to have meaningful opportunities to get a broader understanding of how arts can apply to many disciplines," Fletcher says.

That's a tall order for an edifice that some still might think is a post office.

But in its 16th year and under Fletcher's direction, the museum is becoming more recognizable, more integrated into campus, and more accessible beyond Delaware as the entire collection is put online. Fletcher hopes that soon every OWU student will have seen an exhibit, gone to a yoga class, relaxed before finals, or met for class in the museum.



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“It’s really a hidden jewel,” says **Sally Harris ’76**, a member of the museum’s advisory board, whose time on campus predated the Ross. The building, at the corner of Sandusky and Spring streets, was known as Humphreys Art Hall then and housed art classes, offices, and an art gallery. Before that it had been the Delaware city post office until OWU acquired it in 1969.

The idea of a University museum had been percolating since 1972, when then-OWU art Professor Justin Kronewetter persuaded a loyal alumnus and two New York-based art collectors to donate the initial works for an art teaching collection. As the decades passed, the collection grew until finally, in 2002, it had its own home at the Ross.

That came about with a sizable donation from central Ohio philanthropist Elizabeth M. Ross, who provided enough renovation money to create two main galleries, two hallway galleries, and two offices on the museum’s first floor. Neither Mrs. Ross nor the museum’s namesake, her husband Richard, attended Ohio Wesleyan or lived in Delaware, explains assistant museum director

Tammy P. Wallace ’02. But their strong passion for photography – Mr. Ross was a photographer in

his own right – and an appreciation for art led Mrs. Ross to honor her late husband with the donation.

“College and university museums such as the Ross are a vital part of the museum community and provide a different kind of learning experience,” says Nannette Maciejunes, executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art. “The Ross Museum is known for presenting work by regional artists, which adds to the rich tapestry of art offerings within the larger community.”

The museum’s collection includes nearly 3,000 photographs, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, drawings, and prints by artists including George Bellows, Pablo Picasso, and Ansel Adams.

“It’s pretty amazing that a small liberal arts school can have such a collection,” says Harris, who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, and also is an Ohio Wesleyan trustee. “Students can see these pieces up close and personal.”

The museum’s advisory board, made up mostly of alumni such as Harris, is working to ensure that the museum is a vibrant part of a student’s OWU experience.

Christopher Shanley ’17 interned at the museum before graduating in December and wishes he’d gotten familiar with the museum sooner.

*Fletcher (center), examines photographs with students in her Art 492: Exhibition Practice class, including **Corrine Race ’18** (left) from Westchester, New York, and **Hannah Jackson ’21**, of Norwalk, Ohio.*



*“Self-Rising”
by Shelby Lee Adams, 1993,
silver gelatin photograph*



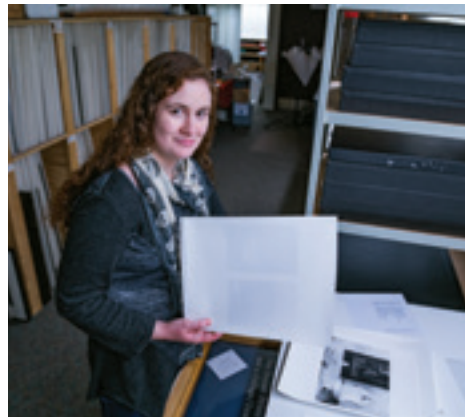
*“Dag en nacht (Day and night)”
by M.C. Escher, 1938, woodcut*



He knew little about the museum until his junior year, when he took Fletcher’s Art 492 class, Exhibition Practice, to supplement his major in medieval studies. “I had no connection with the museum before taking that class, except that I had been in there once or twice for exhibits,” he says. “It’s really a fantastic resource for students on campus to have this great museum. I really wish I’d figured that out earlier.”

Helping students figure it out is a priority for Fletcher. She recruited a student advisory board and plans events with Wallace to draw in students. One such event was a student-only “sneak peek” reception for an upcoming exhibit last fall. “It created a more welcoming, casual environment where the students were still surrounded by art but not by professors asking them questions,” Shanley says. “That can be a little intimidating.”

The student board also helped organize a successful holiday “de-stress” event before finals in December, at which students could get their hands on Play-doh, do yoga, and enjoy free food. “Some just came for the Chipotle, but some stayed and enjoyed the art,” Shanley says. “It was a definite good step in the right direction.”



Collections manager Ruth Ackermann works in the Ross Museum archives to ensure the collection is properly cataloged and searchable online.

Thalia Sallas-Brookwell '20 is a gallery assistant and member of the student board. “There’s still a percentage of people on campus who might not know it’s there,” says Sallas-Brookwell, who is majoring in art history and women’s and gender studies. “So we’re trying to have more events, more class meetings, and more collaborative exhibits here.”

Fletcher hopes that Comorau’s exhibit, tentatively called “Culinary Roots and Migratory Routes,” also will expand the museum’s reach. It will tell the story of how the food that immigrants eat influences the places where they settle, and how immigrants are involved in everything from growing and harvesting crops to integrating their food culture into their new homes through restaurants and markets.



“This is way outside of my comfort zone, and it’s a bit scary,” says Comorau. “But I think students will be able to see how ideas they’ve read about can come out in works of art, and I hope this will make them rethink all kinds of stories around immigration.”

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— Sally Harris, Ross board member



*“The Alexander Sisters”
by Winfred Rembert, 2009,
dye on carved and tooled leather*



*“Workers of the World Unite”
by Rockwell Kent, 1937, engraving*



*“Wallflower #3”
by Wanda Ewing, 2007, linocut*

Professor of fine arts Jeff Nilan will have his first exhibit at the Ross alongside Comorau's. Both are intended to go beyond engaging the campus and community by taking full advantage of the Ross collection.

Doing so depends on the work of the collection manager, Ruth Ackermann, whose part-time position was created through donor support in September. The position is funded for two years, but Fletcher hopes to be able to make it full-time as part of the effort to secure accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and raise the profile of the museum.

The Ross is currently participating in a museum assessment program through AAM, with visits from a peer reviewer and analyses of its collection. "It's a great tool to find out where you are and what parts you might need to address before you become accredited," says Wallace.

Gaining accreditation should also make the Ross more attractive to

*Jonathan Quick, part-time associate professor of fine arts, talks to **Chance Rodriguez '20** about his work at the faculty art show reception at the Ross in January.*



other museum directors as they consider where to loan pieces from their collections, further increasing the Ross' stature.

Ackermann, an art history graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design, is working to digitize the collection – putting it fully online – and update the catalog so that the art is properly documented and organized. "Having more people access the collection depends on us having a collections manager," Fletcher says.

Fletcher's goal is to have faculty members curate exhibits that engage the collection twice a year going forward. "We believe strongly that the arts can speak to all areas," she says.

In the past, that has included partnerships with the University's music, political science, and dance departments as well as math, computer science, social justice, and history classes.

Fletcher also hopes to make the museum more welcoming to the residents of Delaware by encouraging its use for community events. And she's reaching out to alumni. The Mowry Alumni Center



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*"Lost Chicken"
by Keith Carter, 1992,
silver gelatin photograph*



*"Unwritten Love Letter:
Dr. Dorothy Height"
by Aminah Brenda Robinson, 2010,
pen, ink, stamp, on envelope*



*"Un Troisième Prisonnier" by
Francisco Jose Goya,
no date, etching*

on campus routinely exhibits art by alumni, including the current **Stephen Donaldson '83** photography exhibit “Blue Light,” which will be on display until Nov. 15.

The Mowry exhibits are overseen by Wallace, herself an alumna with a degree in fine arts. She went to work for Kronewetter, the museum’s first director, as he was working to open the Ross, and 16 years later is now assistant director. “She has a long organizational memory, she works deeply to connect the museum and the community, and she brings a wealth of experience both with art practices in Ohio and with the University,” says Fletcher.

Fletcher is also excited about another upcoming alumna exhibit, that of photographer **JoAnn Verburg '72**, scheduled for fall of 2019 in the Ross (see story on the next page). She hopes to reach out more to those alumni whose time on campus predated the museum.

“A number of our alumni have wonderful collections, and we don’t know them and they don’t know us,” Fletcher says. “Many alums don’t know there is a museum, that we collect, that we regularly do exhibits of alumni artwork in Mowry, and that they can contribute

to the student experience.”

Fletcher isn’t content to let OWU’s art world end at the Ross’ doors. She has already taken this mindset to its literal realization with the “Shadows We Cast” outdoor video exhibit by Tiffany Carbonneau and Susanna Crum, which was projected onto the museum facade last fall.

And in February, Fletcher was selected to direct the University’s 2018-19 Sagan National Colloquium, which will explore issues of “Art and Engagement.”

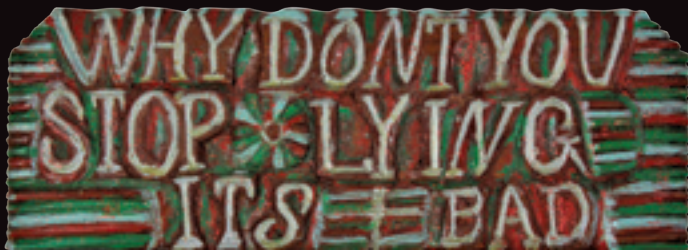
Comorau has seen firsthand Fletcher’s efforts to better integrate the museum into the Ohio Wesleyan culture, and she’s glad to be part of it. “Erin is relentless in the work she wants to do to bring more people into the museum and have different kinds of work done there,” she says. ■

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Fletcher (left) and Wallace at the faculty art show reception at the Ross in January.

During the academic year, the Ross Art Museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is handicap-accessible and admission is always free. View the museum collection at owu.edu/ross.



*“Why Don’t You Stop Lying It’s Bad”
by Elijah Pierce, circa late 1960s,
woodcarving*



*“Landscape 7”
by Roy Lichtenstein, 1967,
lithograph*

MOMA WHITNEY OWU

Verburg plans
show on campus

“I’m thrilled that Ohio Wesleyan has committed the real estate for an art museum to be part of the curriculum.”
— JoAnn Verburg '72



Verburg during her days at OWU.
(Photo by **Clark Winter '73**)



Verburg in 2007,
photo by Kristine Walsh

Photographer **JoAnn Verburg '72**, never considered art as a viable career.

She'd listened to her father when he said, "You can't take a photo, cut it a half inch thick, and put butter on it."

But four years at Ohio Wesleyan transformed her, and soon the renowned artist will be traveling back to her alma mater to exhibit her photographic works in the Richard M. Ross Art Museum. The building was still the Delaware city post office when Verburg came to OWU from her home in New Jersey as a freshman in 1968. But by the next year it belonged to the University, and school officials began moving in some fine arts classes and, eventually, offices.

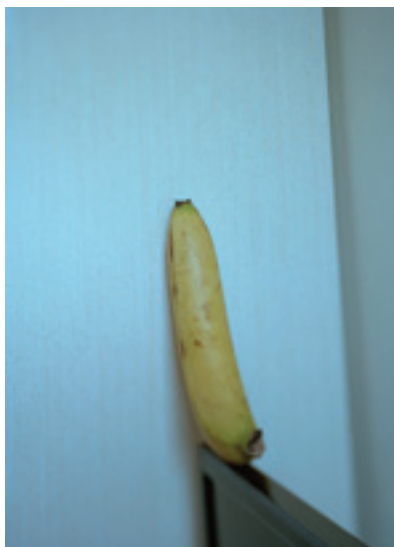
"My art classes were spread out all over the place," says Verburg from her studio and home in Minneapolis. "I had a drawing class in a house near Austin Hall and a sculpture class near the Beeghly Library. And my photo class was in the Ross."

Back then it was known as Humphreys Art Hall, and the basement was the photo lab. That is where Verburg learned to develop film and spent hours tweaking her photographs. She was a senior by then, majoring in sociology rather than art because she realized: "In my sophomore and junior years that if I took all the required classes in the Art Department, it would be design and art history, and I wouldn't be able to take as many studio classes," she says. "And I only had to take two more classes to get a major in sociology. All the rest were electives, and I could take lots more studio art."

OWU didn't offer a photography class until Verburg was a junior, and, ironically, she couldn't get into the popular class because it was filled with art majors. The professor, Steve Liebman, left after a year, but his brief tenure had so energized students that three of them began teaching their own photography class. "Students at the time were given various opportunities to develop and teach a class," Verburg remembers. The effort, she says, was linked to the nationwide campus unrest over the Vietnam War, which had spread to OWU.

For Verburg, the class was a game changer. **Peter MacGill '74**, who was one of the student teachers, taught her everything he'd learned the year before from Liebman, including how to develop film and manipulate her prints. Verburg was auditing the class, but managed to convince her sculpture professor, Everett "Ebb" Haycock, to critique her photographs so she could get independent study credit for her work. "He drew all over my photos with chalk, and would say, 'Can you do this in the darkroom?'" she said. "It was a wonderful balance with the more typical critique I got from the students."

After she graduated, Verburg headed to a job at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, then the Rochester Institute of Technology for a master of fine arts degree in museum photography. She worked in the late 1970s as project manager for the Rephotographic Survey



Project, which replicated wilderness views made by frontier photographers in the 19th century. After working as a visiting artist in Minneapolis, she moved there from Boston, and her reputation grew as she explored unusual ways of photographing friends and relatives, including her husband, Jim Moore, a poet.

She never lost touch with MacGill; he became, and remains, her art dealer.

Her works, many of which involve multi-image pieces, have been exhibited at museums across the country during her more than 40-year career and are in the permanent collections of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.; the Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, both in New York; as well as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston.

In 2007, a mid-career solo exhibition of her work was organized by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, including numerous photographs of olive trees she took near Spoleto, Italy, where she and her husband live part of the year.

The planned Ross exhibit will be her first at OWU since a survey show in the 1980s. Scheduled for the fall of 2019, it will feature a project she calls "After/Before: Trash & Objects of Desire." The photographs depict objects that have been discarded, such as a plastic water bottle or a plastic bag, and pairs them with a still life photograph of the same object purchased from a store.

"I really like the idea that this particular project addresses issues of people abandoning the same things we cared about and even fetishized," she said. "There are a million examples, from plastic bottles to political policies. What I'm hoping is that we can engage some of the faculty and students to use this idea as a point of departure at the time of the show, so that it would be interdisciplinary."

OWU biology Professor Laurie Anderson has signed on to work with Verburg on her exhibit. "I'm very excited about it," says Verburg. "I really want to go back and just be there at Ohio Wesleyan."

Verburg has been back to campus a few times, mostly shortly after she graduated, but didn't get to see the Ross Museum until her 45th reunion last year.

"It was very emotional," she says.

"I'm thrilled that Ohio Wesleyan has committed the real estate for an art museum to be part of the curriculum. Practicing art gives you the opportunity to develop a practice that allows for failure in ways that are helpful and educational and enhances your life and your understanding. But what a museum does is

pluck from history, some of the most articulate examples from people who have used that kind of art to try and understand what it means to be human." ■

— Kathy Lynn Gray



Banana still life from "After/Before" by JoAnn Verburg.

THE \$8.4 BILLION DOLLAR MAN

What makes the top money manager in America tick

By Joe Meyer



Jeff Erdmann '85 in his office at the Erdmann Group in Greenwich, Connecticut. (Photo courtesy the Erdmann Group)

Jeff Erdmann '85 navigates the rarified air of wealth management for millionaires and billionaires just like he played lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan – with a plan, with a focus on succeeding, and with determination that no one will top his work ethic.

It's working.

Forbes magazine for two consecutive years has ranked Erdmann as the No. 1 wealth advisor in the United States. Erdmann runs his own elite private wealth management team from a wing of Merrill Lynch's Greenwich office, on southern Connecticut's Gold Coast, where hedge-fund managers and high-finance pros help make the region among the most affluent in America. His 29 staff members handle the accounts of 170 "ultra-high net worth" families, with combined assets of \$8.4 billion. Ninety percent of the heads of those families are CEOs, presidents, or founders of highly successful private or public businesses.

Recognition as the best of the best in this highly competitive world doesn't surprise those who know

..... Erdmann. Personable and affable, he's a born salesman, down to earth yet devoting his focused attention to the task at hand – whether it's growing a client's fortune or volunteering at a homeless shelter.

..... Erdmann says many experiences from his days at OWU shaped his foundation and philosophy: playing lacrosse for Coach Jay Martin; taking part in the "London Program" his junior year as an economics major to study in the English capital and visit Europe; and of course, his senior-year internship with Merrill Lynch in Philadelphia. He returned to campus from Philly to finish his remaining classes and senior season on the lacrosse team, but he's been with Merrill Lynch ever since, rising in 33 years from stock broker to wealth manager.

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He often thinks back to the first day he walked into Psychology 101 at OWU. The self-described "knucklehead freshman just thinking about girls and having fun" was struck by a head-scratcher the prof had written on the blackboard: "Giving is a selfish act."

“Jeff has just always had this belief,
you can accomplish anything if you focus, set goals, have determination.”

— Bill Taylor '85

“It makes you feel good when you give,” Erdmann says of probably the first lesson to sink in with him at OWU, “so you can argue that it’s a selfish act.” Now 55, Erdmann says his philosophy on giving has ripened along the lines of the old saw he learned from Dollar Tree founder Macon Brock: “Money is like manure – only good if you spread it around.”

GO-TO ‘FOGO’ GUY ON LACROSSE FIELD

Erdmann grew up in New Canaan, Connecticut, not far from his Greenwich office and home in nearby Norwalk. He



Erdmann’s 1985 SAE yearbook photo.

attended the private New Canaan Country School and the Salisbury School, an all-boys boarding high school in northwest Connecticut.

He came to Ohio Wesleyan in no small part to play lacrosse for Coach Jay Martin. Martin may be better known for his national records set coaching the Battling Bishops’ men’s soccer teams, but as a collegiate athlete himself,

Martin was an All-American lacrosse player and also coached OWU’s men’s lacrosse teams for eight years. He won four Midwest Lacrosse Association titles, made the NCAA playoffs six times, and twice was named MLA Coach of the Year.

In the early 1980s, a scrappy New England kid known as “Erdy” struggled to persuade the skeptical coach to put him on the field as the team’s face-off specialist. “He was our FOGO guy,” says **Kevin Waldron ’88** – Face-Off and Get Off the field, to be replaced by a midfielder. Waldron was a freshman when Erdmann was a senior and only met him upon his return from the Merrill Lynch internship. At practices that fall, he didn’t expect to be impressed.

“I’m from Long Island,” Waldron says. “I’m thinking, ‘Oh Jesus, this kid from New Canaan and boarding school?’ ... But he would break your arms to get that ground ball.” In a sport where possession is paramount, the FOGO guy plays a critical role. “He was an incredibly scrappy guy. Hard-nosed. I wasn’t expecting the toughness out of a kid from New Canaan.”

Bill Taylor ’85 was Erdmann’s classmate for four years and Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother. Also from New Canaan, his memories of Erdmann’s toughness actually range back to grade school. “I went to West Elementary, the public school, and Jeff went to the Country School, the private school in New Canaan. The football teams would play once a year,” Taylor says. Laughing at the memory of playing with their names taped across the front of their helmets, he met Erdmann in a few collisions that he didn’t enjoy. “I remember trying to tackle him. He played fullback and I was a linebacker, and he would just run guys

over.” After a few encounters, “I didn’t want to have anything to do with taking on that Erdmann kid,” he says.

At OWU, Erdmann didn’t bowl over the coach at first. But challenged by that, he set his sights on earning his way onto the field. “Jeff has just always had this belief, you can accomplish anything if you focus, set goals, have determination,” Taylor says.

Erdmann has stayed close with Taylor and Waldron and gets together with them regularly. They make sure to attend the OWU Holiday Party in New York City each year. Waldron’s son and one of Erdmann’s sons roomed together in high school and both captained their football and lacrosse teams. Their wives are close friends.

Both former OWU classmates are proud of their friend’s high achievement. Neither is surprised.

In college, Taylor says, Erdmann wasn’t a straight-A student but unlike most their classmates, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. “Jeff was always headed to Wall Street, was always going to be an innovator,” Taylor says.

“He’s a great mentor to so many thousands of finance guys” these days, lecturing at universities and speaking at seminars across the country. His story is “about your determination and your goals and going at it every day.” And it was about that back in the ’80s at Ohio Wesleyan.

FAMILY FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD

Erdmann likes to say he’s blessed with three families. First, there’s his actual family: Barbara, his wife of 25 years, and their three sons, ages 23, 21, and 13 ; his parents, and his brothers.

The Erdmann family on vacation in Alaska last year: Jeff (left), sons Charlie, Tom, and Will, and wife Barbara. (Erdmann family photo)



**“Honesty is key.
Because guess what:
People do business with
people they like and trust.”**

—Jeff Erdmann '85

Barbara is an accomplished photographer with a growing offering of large-scale, fine art photography. (Check out her work at barbaraerdmannphotography.com.) She donates all proceeds from sales to charity.

He calls his team at the Erdmann Group his second family. Assembled over his career at Merrill Lynch, the Erdmann Group team now has a roster of 29 players. “No one works for us. We all work for the clients,” he says. And he adds, “No one in 33 years has volunteered to leave my team.”

He says he’s worked to create a family atmosphere at the business, with everyone focused on serving his third family, the Erdmann Group clients, a roster that includes Scarsdale, New York, custom builder Ron Parlato.

Black Monday in 1987 cost Parlato, by his estimate, two-thirds of his first fortune, built in the mechanicals business. But he counts it as maybe “the best thing that ever happened to me,” because through it, he became the client of a young up-and-coming money manager, Jeff Erdmann.

Now a client for more than 25 years, Parlato counts Erdmann as a friend and considers his character and financial skills the best he’s ever encountered in decades of dealing with high-finance money handlers. Parlato extols Erdmann’s “360-degree business model,” which starts with creating a custom core-holdings plan for each client, followed by constant monitoring of the mix of stocks, bonds, and alternative investments – including regular check-ins from the Erdmann Group members to assess his comfort level. “Ninety-six to 97 percent of the time, I go with them,” he says, acknowledging the inevitable roller-coaster ride of the financial markets.

Parlato has learned to trust Erdmann. From 1992 to 1997, Parlato was heavy into dot-com investing as the bubble built, but Erdmann gradually maneuvered his core portfolio out of those allocations, granting Parlato a side pool of money to play with.

Then the dot-com bubble burst in 2001. Parlato’s “side money” was gone, but thanks to Erdmann, his core was undamaged. “He never said anything. He never said, ‘I told you so.’” But after the NASDAQ tumble, “He had a grin on his face like Warren Buffett gets,” as he planned to “go and pick off stocks at 50-percent value.”

MORE THAN A MONEY MANAGER

Erdmann is a pioneer in what *Forbes* calls “Freud Meets Finance.” Today’s top money managers are helping clients think beyond their balance sheets, to what they actually want out of life. Money managers want to be involved in investments, and also when a family crisis strikes. They want to grow their client’s wealth, and help plan how they spend it and give it away. “Our business has a tagline: the Ultimate Client Experience,” Erdmann says. “The outcome is the families are happy. Referrals build. ... It’s all about focus on the client and what matters most in their lives.”

Hired by Merrill Lynch as a broker after graduation from OWU in 1985, and assigned to the same Philadelphia office where he interned, Erdmann saw a different scale of need for wealthy clients very early in his career. “Five or six years into it, I went to the chairman and said, ‘Hey boss, none of our clients want or need a stock broker,’” Erdmann says. “What wealthy and successful families need and want is a team of professionals who can help them plan and manage all aspects of their planning and finances.” Eventually, Merrill Lynch

allowed him to establish the Erdmann Group within the private banking division of the global financial services giant.

Erdmann says he spends a third of each day talking with clients about things that have little to do with their investments. He wants to know about events going on in their lives that are important to them, regardless of whether finances are directly involved.

“I want to get that call if, God forbid, there’s a tragedy, if someone is considering selling their business, if there’s problem with a child” or some personal issue that’s not finance-related.

“Honesty is key. Because guess what: People do business with people they like and trust.”

Erdmann (left), with his fellow Open Door Shelter board member Rick Kleeman, in front of the recently completed Smilow Life Center in Norwalk, Connecticut (Photo courtesy Open Door Shelter)



FOLLOWING HIS OWN ADVICE

These days, Erdmann thinks almost as much about how to give money away as he does how to make it. He counsels clients to treat philanthropy as part of their portfolios, suggests they find causes they are passionate about, and work to put their financial support of them to substantive, effective use. For Erdmann, this



means turning a couple of miles from his Norwalk home to a pocket of urban blight surrounding the Norwalk Open Door Shelter. He has served on the shelter board for many years and recently co-chaired a major capital campaign. “Look, I live in a very nice house, on the

water.” But two miles away, he notes, people are struggling in poverty.

Jeannette Archer-Simons, executive director of Open Door, says the organization is fortunate to have Erdmann involved. Her initial fundraising campaign goal was \$8 million. The board told her to expect maybe \$3 million. With Erdmann and the other co-chair’s leadership, the campaign exceeded all expectations and raised \$10 million, including \$4 million in government grants and significant contributions from a local hospital.

The money is funding creation of the Smilow SoNo Life Center. Converted from a dilapidated empty warehouse a half-block from the shelter, the center will have 14 supportive housing apartment units, two respite hospital beds for people leaving the hospital, a health clinic to provide basic health services as well as mental health and drug/alcohol dependency treatment, classrooms for jobs training, and a computer lab. Various community partnerships will allow for additional services and skills training to support independent living. Next, the shelter will focus on expanding its services with acquisitions in the surrounding neighborhood.

“Jeff has a real vision for creating affordable housing, for addressing issues that make (shelter residents) homeless,” Archer-Simons says. “He’s just committed to us being excellent at what we do ... (and) to make sure we’re helping people move forward.”

Erdmann says he’s inspired by the shelter. The plan for self-sustainment being put in place, he hopes, can be a model across the country. He loves popping in with his family members, and the fact that his 13-year-old, whose dad is responsible for billions of dollars each day, feels at home in the neighborhood. “I’m very proud of it,” he says. “It makes me tick.” ■

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YOUNG ALUMNUS GAINS FORBES NOTICE



Living in Wooster, Ohio, **Kyle Adams '09** is a world away from Jeff Erdmann in Connecticut, but they orbit the same financial-planning universe.

Adams was ranked No. 100 on *Forbes*' 2017 list of America's Top Next Generation Wealth Advisors, which recognized

500 advisors across the country, all born after 1980. In February, he made *Forbes*' Best-in-State Wealth Advisors List, coming in at No. 50 for Ohio. (Erdmann was No. 1 in Connecticut.)

The 31-year-old Adams is director of investments at the NiemiecAdams Financial Group of Wells Fargo Advisors in Wooster. His partner is his uncle, Dick Niemiec, who started the business in 1972 and brought Adams on board upon his graduation from OWU. Today, Adams says, the partnership of NiemiecAdams represents 350 households with \$550 million in assets.

Adams says the *Forbes* recognition has been “kind of neat” but has no plans to leave Wooster, where that farmer in the flannel shirt working alongside him to build a new playground for the Kiwanis Club may be a multi-millionaire.

The soft-spoken native of North Canton, Ohio, said he loves Wooster, a northeastern Ohio town of 26,000 residents, home to Wooster College and the Wayne County seat. He’s put down roots and hopes to raise a family there. He lured his fiancée to relocate from Columbus, and the two are to be married in June. He already serves on the Wooster Planning Commission, is an active member of the Wooster Kiwanis Club, and in the fall, volunteers as the running-backs coach for the college.

Wooster reminds him of Delaware. He relishes the days he spent at close-knit OWU, where he played running back for the Battling Bishops football team and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity as he worked to earn his degree in economics.

The technology of money management is pretty much the same in Wooster as it is in Greenwich, Adams points out. To take care of its clientele of 350 families, NiemiecAdams is licensed in 33 states. One thing Adams imagines is different in his corner of the financial universe is his client base. Typically unassuming, they are certainly low-key about their wealth. “There’s a lot of millionaires next door. You would have no idea,” he says. “They don’t like to flaunt it, for sure.”

— Joe Meyer

1988 BASKETBALL CHAMPS LOOK BACK 30 YEARS LATER

By A.L. Davies '19

When the 1988 Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball team became the first in OWU history to win an NCAA championship, Coach Gene Mehaffey called the win the biggest thrill he'd ever had. "It's something that we will never forget," he promised.

Thirty years later, Mehaffey is being proven right, as members of the team look back fondly on their decisive and defining win over the Scranton Royals.

"We started five seniors that came into the team together, and we ended with a national championship," star player **Scott Tedder '88** recalls.

"It brought the whole school, the town, and everyone in central Ohio together. People would be lined up outside the gym to get in," says Tedder. The victorious Bishops even scored an invitation to meet President Ronald Reagan.

Tedder was OWU's first first-team All-American in two sports, and was named 1988 NCAA Division III Basketball Player of the Year. Good thing, too, because at the team's 1987 postseason banquet, Tedder promised his teammates they would win the national championship the next year. "I was half-joking," Tedder said at the time. "But *The Delaware Gazette* had it in big headlines: 'Tedder promises national championship.'"

When he graduated, Tedder held the OWU record for all-time leading scorer in basketball (2,501 points) and all-time leading batting average (.434) in baseball. Tedder was drafted by the Chicago White Sox and played in the White Sox and Chicago Cubs farm systems for seven seasons. Today, he lives in Hoover, Alabama, with his wife LaDonna and is a real estate manager

for Hibbett Sports in Birmingham.

Jeff Sargeant '90, had a front-row seat as a sophomore on the team. "The focus of the seniors and the coaching staff, everyone's efforts were ramped up to a new level, and this permeated down to the underclassmen, including me," Sargeant says. "You knew this was different. This was a special opportunity."

The team was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, and Tedder was inducted as an individual. "I couldn't have done it without my teammates," he says.

Casey Lee '88 still remembers hearing the Scranton Royals' coach say earlier in the championship, "If you want to watch winners, watch Scranton play."

"Their coach was really confident they'd win it all, but when we played them at the championship, we came out and were never behind the whole game," he recalls. "At the time, we won by the largest margin of victory in Division III history, at 92 to 70."

Lee, who lives in Springfield, Ohio, and works as a consultant for a safety equipment company, says the team tried to take the run one game at a time. "When we got to the finals, we were just so excited about the fact we were able to follow coach's game plan. We really jelled as a team," he says.

To this day, the championship game remains a cornerstone of the men's lives. "Everyone always asks me what was my greatest moment in life," Tedder says. "I've played professional baseball, I've played on the same (baseball) field with Michael Jordan, but winning the national championship at OWU was by far my greatest accomplishment as an athlete."

Gifts and Gratitude

MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP ONE OF OWU'S LARGEST

Jim Morris' defining trait was his belief in the value of education, according to his friend Rita Hill. Morris died Sept. 30, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 95 after a long career in medicine and a lifetime of saving his gains from the stock market. Hill is now acting as the executor of Morris' estate, which will fulfill his lifelong belief in perpetuity at Ohio Wesleyan. The **Dr. James F. Morris '44** Endowed Scholarship, established with his bequest, is expected to be the second-largest at OWU, totaling more than \$4 million for students.

"I wish I had a dollar for every time he talked about OWU," Hill says. "He so valued the education he got there. His family was really poor and uneducated; he was really smart. He had an eidetic memory, so he



Dr. James F. Morris

knew he could go to college but he didn't know if he'd be able to afford it."

But OWU offered him a full scholarship, and he graduated summa cum laude in three years with a degree in zoology. While at OWU, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He went on to obtain his medical degree from the University of Rochester (New York) School of Medicine and Dentistry. While there, he contracted tuberculosis and was forced to spend a year in a sanatorium. He took pride in the fact that he read a book a day for the entire year of confinement, according to his obituary. The experience had a lifelong impact: Among other accomplishments, he went on to become a pulmonologist and president of the Western

LEFT: Members of the championship team returned to campus in October for a reunion during Homecoming and Family Weekend and to be honored as an inaugural Team of Distinction: **Casey Lee '88**, Coach Gene Mehaffey, **Scott Tedder '88**, student assistant coach **Mike Piatt '88**; (back row) **Mark Slayman '90**, **Chris Turner '88**, **Lee Rowlinson '88**, **Jeff Sargeant '90**. **RIGHT:** Members of the 1988 OWU men's basketball team celebrate their victory in the NCAA Division III Championship.



“It brought the whole school, the town, and everyone in central Ohio together. People would be lined up outside the gym to get in.” — *Scott Tedder '88*

Tedder says the 1988 team members still stay in touch, calling one another every three or four months and texting daily about their families, jobs, and daily lives.

“It’s a forever bond that doesn’t need to be discussed every year or even every 10 years,” says Sargeant, who lives in Tipp City, Ohio, with his wife Nancy, and is president of Community Insurance Group. “We all paid our dues for that moment, from those who started every game to those whose only court time was during practice throughout that season. That is the bond.”

He remembers that after the team won the final game, the players just sat quietly in the locker room, almost in shock. “We had never won one (a national championship) before tonight, and everything hasn’t quite sunk in yet,” Mehaffey said at the time.

Even today, Sargeant realizes the depth of life lessons he received from being a part of the team. “Half of my growth in college is attributed to being part of a successful, goal-oriented team,” he says. “I personally thank all those teammates and coaches for a great start in life.” ■

Gifts and Gratitude

“He would fight for people who were underdogs.”

— *Rita Hill, friend of James F. Morris '44*

Tuberculosis Conference from 1972 to 1976.

Following his graduation from Rochester in 1948, Morris served as a resident in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for three years, finishing his training at the University of Utah School of Medicine. In his later years, Morris worked at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, then served in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps before returning to the VA as a staff physician, pulmonologist, educator, and medical director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit. He was a professor of medicine at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland.

Hill worked alongside Morris at the VA, eventually becoming head nurse. “I loved him as a co-manager because of the respect he gave the nursing staff and janitorial staff; he respected the role that all of us had. That made me love him,” she says.

Morris had exacting, sometimes demanding standards, Hill acknowledges. “He would fight for people who were underdogs that he thought were like him but also be really critical of people

who weren’t hard workers,” she says, calling him a “scrapper.”

Following a divorce decades ago, Morris rebuilt his wealth through his lifelong hobby of investing in the stock market. “He was generous to a fault with people around him, penurious to a fault with himself. He would not spend money on himself. He did not have heat in his house for several years because he did not want to spend money on heat. But then he was giving money to a friend of his who needed a hearing aid,” Hill says.

Ohio Wesleyan is not the only school to benefit from his benevolence. In 2007, he bequeathed the University of Rochester \$1 million to establish a need-based scholarship. In an article celebrating the bequest, Morris said, “Anything I can contribute to help needy medical students achieve their medical degrees and the greatest profession there is — actually a calling— gives me great pleasure.”

Jim’s brother, **Robert H. Morris '42**, also died late last year. Robert’s son, **Robert B. Morris '72**, lives in Stewartsville, New Jersey, with his wife and two daughters. ■

A SURGEON'S *Finely tuned* CAREER

By A.I. Davies '19

Larry Hill '57 pauses in the middle of sharing stories from his life well-lived one Friday morning in Beeghly Library. Hill is a semiretired pediatric surgeon and professor emeritus of surgery at both the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. While at Maryland in 1986, he led a 24-person team to separate conjoined twins. During the Vietnam War, he oversaw a surgical unit.

But at this moment, he's distracted by a T-shirt. He shouts to the student emblazoned with Phi Delta Theta. "Hey, you old Phi!"

Hill's gravelly greeting, steeped in the training of an operatic baritone, rumbles across the library's first floor. He's greeted with a handshake and invitation to the Phi Delt alumni banquet that Homecoming weekend. Hill quickly assures the brother he'll be in attendance – of that, he's certain.

Uncertainty has never been an issue for Hill, whose path ranges from Alaska to Vietnam to Johannesburg, South Africa, and to Baltimore, Maryland. "Nothing was planned. It was just step by step," he says.

Hill credits his mother with starting him on his academic path. An opera

singer, she taught him to sing at the age of 3. When he was in third grade, his teacher heard him sing and called Dr. Herbert Huffman, director of the prestigious Columbus Boychoir School, to arrange an audition. Hill was accepted and began his first of many traveling adventures. (The school moved to Princeton, New Jersey, in 1950 and became the American Boychoir School before closing last year due to lack of funding.)

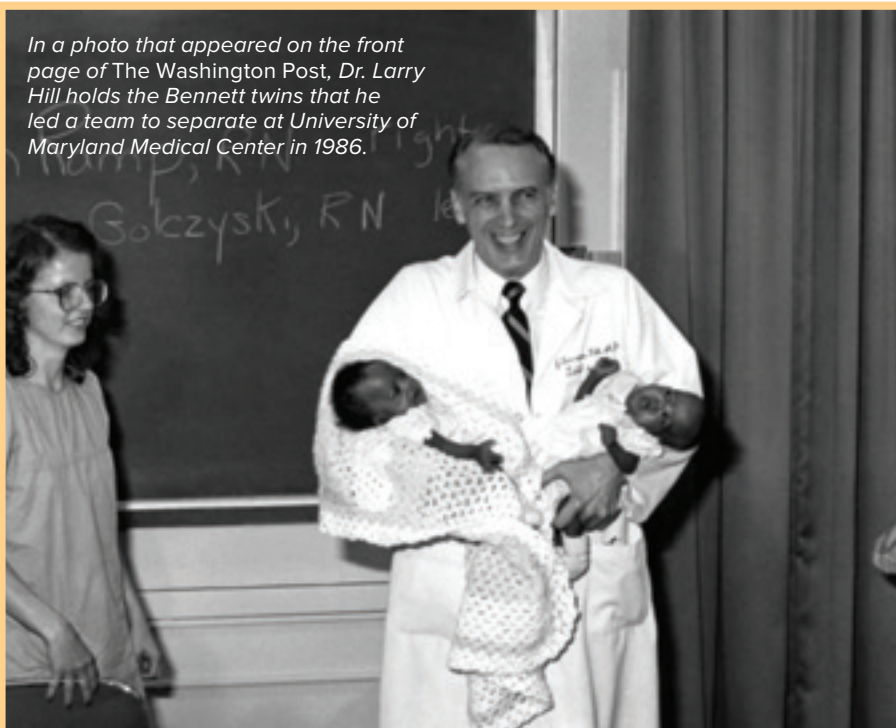
"Half of the academic year we were traveling around the country on concert tours and studying on a bus," Hill says. "It was an incredible experience. We traveled all over the U.S. and met people, learning good manners as well as how to concentrate and study."

Hill took a gap year after high school, hitchhiking from his hometown of Columbus to Alaska. Eventually, he decided to pursue a degree. "I was constantly debating whether I should

go to Juilliard for music or to MIT for engineering," he says. But then he learned about OWU.

"I got home from the swimming pool one afternoon, dripping wet, to find a gentleman sitting in the front room who'd been waiting for me for two hours." Hill was mystified, and the

In a photo that appeared on the front page of The Washington Post, Dr. Larry Hill holds the Bennett twins that he led a team to separate at University of Maryland Medical Center in 1986.



“When those tiny babies I operated on grow up and learn who their surgeon was, I get invitations to graduations, weddings, and other special occasions.”

— Dr. Larry Hill

visitor’s first words didn’t help much. “He said to me, ‘You don’t know me, but I know you,’” Hill recalls with a laugh.

The man was the director of admissions at Ohio Wesleyan and had heard Hill perform as a soloist in the high school Ohio State Choir and as second chair violinist in the high school state orchestra. He had arranged a deal with MIT: Hill could go to OWU for three years to earn his bachelor’s and MIT for two years to earn a degree in engineering, with a full scholarship.

Within two weeks of arriving at OWU, Hill rushed Phi Delta Theta fraternity – which, he proudly notes, won the fraternity chorus spring contest every year because many of the brothers were fellow music students.

Although Hill enjoyed music, especially the a cappella choir with professor of music Rex Keller, he found himself falling in love with his one elective class in his junior year – zoology. “The professors in that class were fabulous,” Hill says. “We studied everything from single-cell organisms up to the ‘tree of life’ and dissected everything from earthworms to cats to sharks.”

Hill switched course, abandoning his MIT plans, and earned the credits to graduate pre-med with a minor in music. He then enrolled in medical school at Ohio State University.

While a freshman at OWU, Hill met, and later married, **Charlotte Patterson Hill ’57**. The couple raised three children to young adulthood; their older son was killed in 2017 in a natural disaster while pursuing his special interests in the Canadian Rockies. Their grandson **Zak Hill** is a junior at OWU.

In Larry Hill’s general surgery residency, he discovered he particularly enjoyed the developing fields of pediatric and cardiothoracic surgery. In 1966, watching his fellow residents head to war, Hill decided to enlist. He was sent to serve as commander of a surgical unit in Long Binh, Vietnam. His Army surgical team eventually moved up near Da Nang to support the U.S. Marines. He worked with helicopter pilots, landing in the middle of dense jungle firefights and sometimes disobeying a general’s orders to try to save as many injured soldiers as possible.

The moment he returned to the United States, Hill found an airport pay phone and called his OSU mentor, Dr. William Clatworthy, to resume his training as a pediatric surgeon. Hill later went on to the University of Chicago, helping the university expand its pediatric surgery program and connecting the school with the Cook County Hospital. He was recruited by the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore to form a connection with the nearby University of Maryland Medical Center for a pediatric surgery training unit.

“Dr. George Zuidema, chairman of surgery at Hopkins, called and asked me to interview,” Hill says. Upon observing

the lack of a pediatric surgical unit and personnel in Maryland’s hospital, Hill knew what his calling in Baltimore was – and what his next step would be.

“I felt as though I was back in Vietnam. There was nothing at the Maryland Medical Center those babies needed for their operations,” he says. “So I came to Baltimore to be a professor of pediatric surgery and began organizing a surgical unit combining the two local medical centers.”

Hill elevated the predicted 30 annual pediatric cases at the University of Maryland Medical Center to 150 in his first year. “Together, they do almost 3,000 cases a year now,” Hill says.

In just one of those, Hill led a team of doctors in the groundbreaking 1986 operation at Maryland to separate conjoined twins. The successful 12-hour surgery involved a 24-member team and was the first time twins were separated at the Medical Center. Ciera and Tiera Bennett were born face to face, joined from mid-chest to abdomen. The girls shared a chest wall, diaphragm, heart, and liver before they were successfully separated at 2 months old. They both went on to make the honor roll in high school, and kept in touch with Hill.

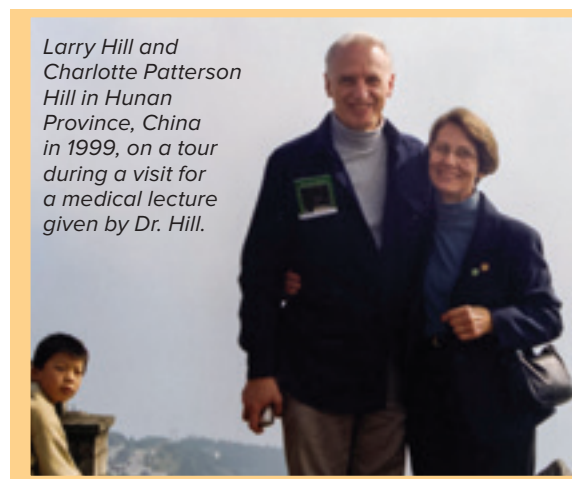
In recognition of his significant contributions to medicine, Hill was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Citation by Ohio Wesleyan University in 2017.

Hill values the connections he’s made throughout his career and views staying in touch with his patients as the biggest reward. “When those tiny babies I operated on grow up and learn who their surgeon was, I get invitations to graduations, weddings, and other special occasions,” he says.

“I feel so blessed to be a pediatric surgeon,” he says. “It’s a pleasure to see these children grow up and turn into remarkable and successful young persons.”

Sometimes he even gets asked to sing or play the violin at their weddings, keeping the musical skills that brought him to OWU and on to his life in medicine as sharp as a surgeon’s scalpel. ■

Larry Hill and Charlotte Patterson Hill in Hunan Province, China in 1999, on a tour during a visit for a medical lecture given by Dr. Hill.





2017 AWARD WINNERS

Notable alumni honored at their reunions

WOODROW “WOODY” CLARK ’67

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Woodrow “Woody” Clark ’67 says the most important skill he learned in college was how to communicate. He became an expert: a Fulbright Fellow, author of five books and more than 50 articles, and service as a governmental advisor. He also forged a career in mass and social media.

When Clark was a freshman at OWU, Professor Libby Reed encouraged him to be active on campus and in life. Clark honed his leadership skills as a member of Chi Phi fraternity and as student body president. He also was a member of the Campus Social Committee, working to bring artists of color to campus for concerts. “I got more international and global perspectives on campus for students. The Vietnam War was getting more and more important to all of us then,” Clark says.

He eventually became an internationally recognized expert on

green energy, contributing to a paper by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. In the early 2000s, he was senior advisor on renewable energy, emerging technologies, and finance to California Gov. Gray Davis.

He founded Clark Communications, a documentary and educational film production and distribution company, and Clark Strategic Partners, a strategic planning consulting firm that works with clients to implement sustainable energy solutions and infrastructures. He’s also executive producer at Clark Mass Media Co.

Clark holds three master’s degrees and a Ph.D. He served as an M.B.A. lecturer at the Anderson Business School, University of California, Riverside, and was a 1994 Fulbright Fellow at Aalborg University in



Denmark, where he is now a visiting professor.

Clark was presented with Ohio Wesleyan’s Sagan National Colloquium Award and was Sagan speaker in 2008.

His younger brother, **Wayne Clark**, is a member of the Class of 1968. ■

JO ANN HERMANN EMERSON ’72

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Putting people first is the OWU way.

Jo Ann Hermann Emerson ’72 made it a cornerstone of her professional political life.

Armed with a B.A. in political science and experience as the co-chair of the 1972 OWU Mock Convention, she served as U.S. representative for Missouri’s 8th congressional district from 1996 to 2013. She won two concurrent elections in 1996 for her seat – one as a Republican to fill the last two months of her late husband’s term, and as an independent in the general

election against two challengers.

She had a career of firsts: first independent elected to federal office in Missouri in 122 years and first Republican woman elected to the U.S. Congress from Missouri. She was re-elected seven times. While in Congress, she focused on economic development and rural policy. She retired from Congress in 2013 to become chief executive officer of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Emerson served as OWU commencement speaker in 2005. ■





LLOYD FERGUSON '62
Alumni Award

Lloyd Ferguson '62 has filled almost every role available at OWU at one time or another, including proud Bishop parent; **William Ferguson**, his son with wife Martha, is a member of the Class of 1992. Lloyd is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Ferguson was a packaging and publishing executive for 40 years as founding partner of Summit Media Group but still found time to apply his business acumen as a member of

the Board of Trustees. He is now a Life Trustee and emeritus member of the Woltemade Center Advisory Board.

Ferguson has served as an A/PART volunteer and an alumni admissions representative, helping to recruit the next generation of Bishops. He is a member of the Founder's Circle, Tower Society, and President's Circle and served as class chair for the annual fund. ■



SUSAN HAGEDORN '67
Distinguished Achievement Citation

Susan Hagedorn '67 blended unlikely disciplines into an engine for social awareness. An English major at OWU, Hagedorn holds a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where she retired from active faculty in 2006.

After retiring, she studied film and media at the New School in New York City, earning a certificate in digital video production, a graduate certificate in documentary studies, and a master's in media studies. She founded Seedworks Films and has produced over

20 films on nursing and social justice.

Hagedorn provided funding for the Center on Domestic Violence at the University of Colorado Denver and the Seedworks Nursing Professorship for Social Justice at the University of Massachusetts. ■

NOMINATE SOMEONE

Do you know an outstanding OWU alumnus/a you'd like to nominate for an award? To see full award descriptions and fill out a nomination form, visit owu.edu/alumniawards.



NANCY SEIWERT WILLIAMS '72
Alumni Award

Nancy Seiwert Williams '72 is part of a long line of OWU alumni. She has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, volunteered countless hours as an Admission representative, attended college fairs, hosted events, and made phone calls to prospective students. She also works with young alumni and parents as an A/PART volunteer and with the Office of Alumni Relations.

Nancy and her husband, **Tom Williams '72** (pictured with Nancy), are loyal supporters of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and Team OWU. They are part

of the self-proclaimed Gathering of Old Friends, or GOOF Group, alumni who get together once a year and recently established a scholarship together at OWU. The Williams' daughter, **Carrie Williams Schlegel '05**, met her now-husband, **John Schlegel '05**, at OWU.

Nancy has a B.A in fine arts with a concentration in fashion illustration and also an associate degree in applied sciences from the Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY). Professionally, she was a buyer and branch store manager for Denver Dry Goods and later comptroller for Harvey & Strait. ■

Andrew Busch '07, assistant professor of health and human kinetics, had dissertation research titled "Relationship of Pre-season Movement Screens With Overuse Symptoms in Collegiate Baseball Players" published in the *International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy* in November. He also was chosen to speak at the March 24 National Strength and Conditioning Association's Regional Conference at Eastern Michigan University on how to improve shoulder mobility in overhead athletes, those who participate in sports where the upper arm and shoulder arc over the athlete's head.

Lynette Carpenter, professor of English, published two books under the pen name D. B. Borton. In June 2017, she published *Second Coming* (Boomerang Books), about two aliens who revisit Earth after 50 years away. The novel is about celebrity in 21st-century America, the seductiveness of consumer culture, the self-destructiveness of the human race, and the very human pleasures of

friendship, dogs, and rock 'n' roll. In November, she published *Smoke* (Boomerang Books), about thieves who break into the Tehran Art Museum during the fiery early days of the Iranian revolution, carrying off what they think are 12 of the world's most valuable paintings.

Mary Anne Lewis Cusato, assistant professor of modern foreign languages, and David Counselman, associate professor of modern foreign languages, along with **Allie Eynon '19**, **Raissa Kanku '20**, **Paris Norman '20**, **Farida Rezk '20** and **Caroline Shaffer '19**, were awarded a Theory-to-Practice Grant for a project titled "A Collective Study of French Imperialism: The Cultural Tools and Consequences of Colonialism as Seen in Paris and Southern France." The group of seven will travel to France this summer and create a bilingual blog to document their experiences and reflections. The project stems from Lewis Cusato's course "The Genesis, Uses, and Critiques of Francophonie."

Christian Fink, assistant professor of physics-astronomy and neuroscience, was awarded the 2017 "Outstanding Neuroscience Pedagogy Article" honor by the *Journal for Undergraduate Neuroscience Education* for his article "An Algebra Based Introductory Computational Neuroscience Course with Lab." In it, he describes his design for a course in computational neuroscience for students without any background in calculus or computer programming. He believes this is the first such course at any institution to be required by all neuroscience majors, and it positions OWU students to have the quantitative skills that are increasingly necessary for success in neuroscience graduate programs.

Robert Gitter, professor of economics, along with **Faith MacDonald '16** and **Daniel Greenleaf '05**, had an article titled "Recovery After a Decline in the Size of the Freshman Class at Private Small Liberal Arts Colleges: What Works?"

published in the spring 2018 issue of the journal *College and University*. MacDonald's work was supported by the Economics Department's Norman Leonard Endowed Student Research Grant which was initiated by the family of **Dick Summerlee '69** and supported by the Alumni Advisory Board of the Woltemade Center.

Gerald Goldstein, professor of botany/microbiology, along with **Sarah Bergman '18**, **Marielle Buss '19**, **Mary Cranley '18** and **Nicholas Reed '18**, had an article titled "Ginger extract inhibits the replication of T2 bacteriophage by inhibiting the synthesis of nucleosides" accepted for publication in the February 2018 issue of *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Biotechnology*.

Marty J. Kalb, professor emeritus of fine arts, had paintings and pastels featured in a group show of Ohio artists last year at the Ohio Governor's Mansion in Columbus. A larger number of Kalb's paintings and drawings will be presented this year in a

Shari Stone-Mediatore, professor of philosophy, had her work "Global Ethics, Epistemic Colonialism, and Paths Toward More Democratic Knowledge Practices" selected as lead article for the upcoming issue of *Radical Philosophical Review*, and "How America Disguises Its Violence: Colonialism, Mass Incarceration, and the Need for Resistant Imagination" for a forthcoming special issue of *Critical Review of International Social & Political Philosophy*. She was also a co-producer of a "Prisoners' Lives Matter" stamp designed to replace the one used on outgoing prisoner mail, in an effort to combat prison stigma. She exhibited the stamp at a Chicago fundraiser.



Chris Wolverton, professor of botany and microbiology, saw his Plant Gravity Perception experiment launched on Dec. 15 aboard SpaceX CRS13 mission from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The research is now underway on the International Space Station (ISS).



Wolverton (above) participates in a NASA press conference at Kennedy Space Center that featured presentations on some of the science experiments bound for the International Space Station.

Photo credit: NASA/Kim Shiflett

special “Spot Light” exhibition at the governor’s residence in July and August. Additionally, in April, artwork from Kalb’s *Holocaust Series* will be displayed at the residence in conjunction with a small memorial exhibition of work by Holocaust survivor and Columbus sculptor Alfred Tibor. A drawing from Kalb’s *Holocaust Series* was recently acquired for the permanent collection of the Columbus Museum in Columbus, Georgia. The drawing will be part of a display of newly acquired art on paper at the museum this summer.

John Krygier, professor of geography and director of the environmental studies program, and **Emily Howald ’18** wrote a chapter about student-driven sustainability efforts at OWU, “‘Scrappy’ Sustainability at Ohio Wesleyan University,” for the book *Sustainable Cities and Communities Design Handbook* (Butterworth-Heinemann, 2017). It was edited by **Woodrow “Woody” Clark ’67** (see alumni profile, Page 24).

Jennifer Jolley, assistant professor of music, was one of the winners at the International Alliance for Women in Music Annual Concert Competition for her piece “The Lives and Opinions of Literary Cats” (piano trio). The competition was held in October at the University of Kansas School of Music. Also in October, Jolley had the world premiere of her wind symphony piece “Never Forget, Never Remember” by the Bowling Green State Wind Symphony during the 38th annual Bowling Green New Music Festival.

John (Jay) Martin III, professor of health and human kinetics and head men’s soccer coach, wrote the first chapter for *The Real Giants of Soccer Coaching: Insights and Wisdom From the Game’s Greatest Coaches* (Meyer & Meyer Sport, 2018), a book featuring 30 of the world’s top soccer coaches and their advice and theories for aspiring and new coaches in the sport.

Ana Oancea, assistant professor of modern foreign languages,

had three articles published in top French and romance-languages journals last year: “Heredity Beyond the Rougon-Macquart: The Case of Travail” in *French Forum*; “The Temptation of the Material in Jean Lorrain’s Fairy Tales” in *Dix-Neuf*; and “Verne at Lyon’s Fête des Lumières: New Media, Old Dystopia” in *Romance Notes*. She also wrote a book review of *Fairy Tales for the Disillusioned* edited by G. Schultz and L. Seifert in *Nineteenth Century French Studies*.

Eva Paris-Huesca, assistant professor of modern foreign languages, had an article titled “Ryu Dressed to Kill: Isabel Coixet’s Noir Universe” published in the book *Tras las lentes de Isabel Coixet* (University of Zaragoza, 2018), edited by Barbara Zecchi. She also had the article “Female Victims, Heroines, and Law Enforcers: Polyphony of Identities in Susana Martín Gijón’s novels” featured in the book *From Noir to Gris: Spanish and Latin American*

Women’s Crime Fiction in the New Millennium (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017), edited by Nancy Vosburg and Nina Molinaro. Additionally, Paris-Huesca received a faculty research grant through the GLCA Global Crossroads Initiative and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a project titled “Women in Spanish Cinema.” The project will culminate in a book featuring interviews with female directors of Spanish films and documentaries.

Karen Poremski, associate professor of English, had an article titled “Basket Becomes Codex: A Poem by Trevino Brings Plenty in the Portland Art Museum” published in the journal *Transmotion*.

Brad Trees, professor of physics-astronomy, contributed over 300 animations with interactive exercises for a digital-only version of the classic physics text *Fundamentals of Physics, 11th Edition, Vol. 1* (2018).

Bahrick to receive national award

Professor Emeritus Harry Bahrick will receive the Association for Psychological Science’s Mentor Award at the group’s annual convention in San Francisco in May.

Bahrick, the former Helen Whitelaw Jackson Professor of Psychology, joined the Ohio Wesleyan faculty in 1949 and retired in 2006. He is one of three recipients this year of the APS Mentor Award, which recognizes psychology researchers and educators who have shaped the future direction of science by fostering the careers of students and colleagues.

Bahrick is nationally known for his pioneering research into the maintenance of long-term memory. His work is cited frequently in introductory psychology textbooks and has been the subject of articles in popular magazines including *Psychology Today* and *Science News*.

In 2013, he co-authored a book with OWU psychology Professor Lynda Hall and former associate professor of psychology Melinda Baker summarizing more than 50 years of research on maintenance of knowledge.

During his career, Bahrick published more than 70 articles on learning and memory, and received numerous grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health to investigate human memory and the maintenance of knowledge throughout the human lifespan.

Bahrick also was the 1994 recipient of the American Psychological Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching in Psychology.



Banner Bottom, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2017 by emeritus professor of art Justin Kronewetter. Part of his one-person exhibition, “Seen While Looking,” that ran February and March at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. Kronewetter is a 1962 graduate of IWU.

The deadline to submit Class Notes and Faculty Notes for the Fall OWU Magazine is June 8, 2018. Send to: classnotes@owu.edu

Regional campaign kickoffs

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Regional kickoffs of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign were held in select cities during our annual holiday parties and at the annual Red & Black luncheon in Naples, Florida, in February.



Boston event attendees at the Harvard Club of Boston (from left): **Hillary Panas Pember '85**, **Andy Morrison '85**, **Marylee Gordon Schroeder '87**, **Noelle Shiland '87**, and **Nancy Roberts Mahoney '86**.



Chicago event attendees at the Chicago Yacht Club (from left): **Garrett Van Schaick '15**, **Dave Mack '76**, and **Kevin McGrath '11**.



Washington, D.C. event attendees at the National Press Club (from left): **Woodrow English**, **Anne Derhammer English '82**, OWU associate director of admission & coordinator of multicultural recruitment **Reggie Onyido**, **Catherine Hope P'20**, and **Dan Lesmez P'20**.



Columbus event attendees at the Columbus Museum of Art (from left): **Kimberly McConville '89**, **Bob the Bishop**, **Victoria Joshua Gresh '88**, and **Amy Wrobbel '87**.



Philadelphia event attendees at the Wayne Hotel (from left): **Karen Spofford**, **Ed Spofford '81**, **Neal Bozentka '81**, and **Sharon Bozentka**.



Cleveland event attendees at the Inifinti Club at Progressive Field (from left): **James DiBiasio '12**, **Kevin Herman '15**, **Bob the Bishop**, **Colton Poncsak '14**, and **Blake Adkins '15**.



Red & Black luncheon attendees at Royal Poinciana Golf Club in February: (seated, from left) **Christine Anderson Kurtz '66**, **Tom Fenton '64**, **Sharon Fenton**, **Sue Petri Locke '65**; (back row) **Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64**, **Grant Kurtz '64**, **Carolee O'Hara '70**, and **Jim Locke '64**.



Red & Black luncheon attendees: (seated, from left) **Anne Houston Rismiller '61**, **Martha Ferguson**, **Sheila Lockwood**; (back row) **Lloyd Ferguson '62**, **Lou Simpson '58**, **Roger Lockwood '60**, OWU vice president for university advancement **Colleen Garland**, and **David Rismiller**.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

To RSVP for an event, please visit owu.edu/alumni or call (740) 368-3325.

APRIL 2018

April 15 | Various locations
OWU vs. Denison lacrosse viewing parties

April 19 – 21 | On campus
Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting

April 21 | Columbus Zoo
Family Day at the Columbus Zoo

MAY 2018

May 5 | Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio
Monnett Club 100th anniversary celebration

May 18-20 | On campus
Reunion Weekend (celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8)



JULY 2018

July 14 | Bay Harbor Golf Club, Bay Harbor, Michigan
Red & Black Luncheon
Connect Today, Create Tomorrow regional kickoff

July 29 | Eastham, Mass.
Home of Rich '82 & Kim Alexander
Clambake on the Cape

AUGUST 2018

August 20 | Scioto Reserve Country Club, Powell, Ohio
Team OWU Golf Outing

SEPTEMBER 2018

September 12 | Various locations
Welcome to the City

OCTOBER 2018

October 5 -7 | On campus
Homecoming & Family Weekend

October 19-20 | On campus
Women of Ohio Wesleyan,
owu.edu/wow

VOTE FOR TRUSTEES!

Official Alumni Trustee Ballot 2018

Ellen Simpson '77 (see bio below)

TRUSTEE SLATE

New Alumni Trustees: **Ellen Simpson '77**

Incumbent Trustees:

Craig Luke '85, Cynthia O'Neill '81

Please vote by May 11 at owu.edu/alumni/BOTslate

To nominate an alumnus/a for future consideration, please send an email to alumni@owu.edu. Please include name, class year, and qualifications.

Ellen Simpson '77, of

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1977 with a B.A. in politics and government with a history minor.



After serving in the admission offices at Defiance College, University of Denver, and Millbrook School, in 1988 she switched to the development and alumni side of school administration. She has participated in or led annual, planned, major, and capital campaign efforts, as well as alumni programming, at Elizabethtown College, Ohio Wesleyan, and Lancaster Country Day School, where she currently serves as a development officer.

While at OWU, Ellen was active in Kappa Kappa Gamma, where she continues to volunteer today, as a co-president of the Lancaster Alumnae chapter and as a reader for the national organization's scholarship program. She also earned her OWU varsity letter in women's basketball during her one year of play.

Ellen has served as a member of numerous reunion committees at OWU, as an OWU Fund chair, as an Admission volunteer, and on the Alumni Board. She received the Alumni Award in 2012, and is a member of the Tower Society. Ellen is the proud aunt of **Hannah Mary Simpson '16**.

Introducing OWU Alumni Network

We recently launched OWU Alumni Network, an exciting new networking platform just for you! Through this online platform you can connect with fellow alumni in your city and your field. Once you join, you'll also be able to offer career advice to current OWU students: answer their burning questions about career paths, industries of interest, graduate school choices, and much more.

Please visit owu.wisr.io to create your profile, join the online communities, and start connecting – or reconnecting – today.



Do you know a great Greek?

The Ohio Wesleyan Greek Alumni Award celebrates our Greek alumni who contribute to the OWU fraternity/sorority community. The 2017-18 honoree was **Laurie McGregor Connor '77**. We look to the Greek alumni community to nominate individuals worthy of receiving these honors. Please visit owu.edu/greekawards. Nominations are due by June 1.

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CLASSnotes

We're excited to share notes from those classes ending in '3 and '8, which are in their reunion years. Thanks to all who submitted.

1930s

Mary Laning Stewart '39, of Norwalk, Ohio, turned 100 on Dec. 21, a day that the mayor of Norwalk proclaimed "Mary Laning Stewart Day."

1940s

William Farragher '49, a steel industry expert, gave a presentation in January at the library in Boardman, Ohio, about his career as a marketing professional.

1950s

Philip Dietterich '55 and **Jane Francis Dietterich '55** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 23. The couple eloped when they were students at Ohio Wesleyan.

Pat Childs Crane '58 married **Chuck Crane '57** (Delta Tau Delta) after graduation and moved to New Jersey. She worked for five years as a "home economist" for the local utility company. After a

few years staying home with a daughter and son and substitute teaching, she went back to work in the mid '70s as the director of a seminar company. In the early '80s, she worked for a company that produced satellite video conferences, then as an event coordinator in the medical community for the next 15 years. In early 2000, Chuck and Pat retired to Easton, Md., an eclectic community on Chesapeake Bay. Chuck passed away in 2003.

Elizabeth "Libby" James '58 published the historical novel *White Shadow: Godmother to a Revolution* in January. James spent almost a year in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, more than a decade ago. While researching the history of Mozambique, she was inspired to write the story of a 17-year-old American girl who fell in love with a 31-year-old Mozambican revolutionary.

Curt Ormond '58, who was presented with OWU's 2016



Gebhardts' travels span the globe

George Gebhardt '63 and his wife Joan Marie are pictured in Grindelwald, Switzerland. George earned his M.B.A. in marketing and finance from the Tuck School of Business. In 1965, his first jobs with PPG Industries were as controller trainee and cobol programmer. In 1968, he became text and monograph editor and manager of new ventures for Williams & Wilkins. He left the corporate world in 1976 and for 40-plus years was an independent IT technical writer. He also taught management at three Baltimore-area colleges. In 2008, the Gebhardts attended the Summer Olympics in Beijing. They've been to Europe three times, Nova Scotia 14 times, and Newfoundland three times, in addition to attending baseball games at many of America's iconic ballparks. They live in Pikesville, Md., and Boynton Beach, Fla., and welcome visitors.



Tilson wins community service award

Stephen Tilson '71, attorney at Hottenroth Garverick Tilson & Garverick Co., was honored by the Ohio State Bar Association at its annual awards dinner on Oct. 6 with the 2017 Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service. A resident of Galion, Ohio, Tilson leads the School Parent Teacher League, campaigns for school levies, and serves on the Crawford County Community Mental Health Board and the Crawford County Business/Education Advisory Council.

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Distinguished Athletic Alumni Award in 2016, won the Bomar Lake Sunfish sailboat racing trophy again this year in Littleton, Colo., his 25th Sunfish Colorado State Championship.

1960s

John Bartle Everts '61 and **Judith Pyle Everts '62** recently moved from their home in Collingswood, N.J., to a retirement community in Pitman, N.J., near their eldest daughter. In 2015, Judith retired as director of Respond, Inc., a nonprofit agency in Camden, N.J.

Sherry Smith Bell '63 is an artist whose collection of etchings called "Oklahoma Suite" is featured in the Western History

Library at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Bell's etchings depict the culture and scenery of the Western plains. She lives in a waterfront home in Friday Harbor, Wash.

Edith Mahon Davis '63 was widowed when her husband of 43 years, Joseph, died of a brain tumor in 2016. She has been instrumental in organizing "Next Step," a fellowship community for widowed persons. The group meets monthly and plans excursions. After serving First Presbyterian Church in Laurens, S.C., for many years a choir director, she has completely retired. She has taken several trips and has more planned, including visiting the Holy

Land in 2018 and a cruise tour of Alaska with a fellow '63 OWU graduate following their reunion in May. Davis has fond OWU memories of friends and classmates who were musicians in Sanborn Hall, where she also worked part-time in the music office.

Wes Johnston '63 visited Normandy, France, in 2015 and felt that the military sacrifices made there during World War II by his parents' generation, the British, and Canadians are well-presented. However, he says the Omaha Beach cemetery makes you appreciate the sacrifices they made even more. He attends as many of his grandchildren's athletic events as he can. His grandson

Cole is a freshman lacrosse player at University of Maryland. His late wife Millicent's brother played lacrosse at Princeton, and watching Cole brings back many great memories. Johnston is active in Huntington Disease Chapter events near his home in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Laurie LeCompte '68 and his wife Linda have been married since 1970 and have two children, Meredith and Evan. LeCompte earned his M.B.A. at Rutgers University. He retired in 2008 after a career in supply chain management. After living in Glen Ridge, N.J., for 35 years, he moved to Burlington, Vt., in 2010. He is the DJ and host of the radio show "Blue Suede Rock: The Heart and Soul of



OWU and rutabagas

James Goche '73: "My father, the son of immigrants, always had a large garden even though he could buy what we grew at the grocery. He understood the fundamental value of food. My family is continuing that tradition with the century-old farm that we saved from development near Olympia, Wash. Now we eat what we grow, sell our surplus commercially, and have teamed up with Kiwanis on half an acre to grow produce for the county food bank (4 to 6 tons annually). Kiwanis volunteers also get to see where food comes from and how agriculture and resource conservation can both support good stewardship of the land. After wearing several hats over the years (deputy prosecutor, lobbyist, administrative

law judge, etc.), now as a farmer I appreciate in some new ways my OWU history classes (Dr. Macias, et. al) that gave me a better appreciation for the world's societies, cultures, and foods."

Shumate honored by *Who's Who in Black Columbus*



Rob Hardin, Columbus CEO

Alex Shumate '72, managing partner, Squire Patton Boggs, was the main honoree at the 15th anniversary unveiling of *Who's Who in Black Columbus*, held at Ohio State University on March 7. OWU friends were in attendance to celebrate Shumate, at a table hosted by President Rock Jones. Shumate, a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees, also received the publication's lifetime achievement award.



Members of the 60+ division of OWU LAX alumni (from left): **Pete Lee '65**, **Kevin Culp '82**, **Scott Wilson '91**, coach **Bob D'Antonio '74**, and **Mike Bishop '81**.

Lacrosse alumni reunite for tournaments

Eighteen years ago, **Charlie Hartigan '75** founded OWU Legends Lacrosse, which allows former OWU men's lacrosse players to don red and black once again and compete together in national tournaments. Now coordinated by **Steve Corrigan '74**, the Legends participate in the Summit Lacrosse Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y., each August and the Florida Lacrosse Classic in January. At the latter, the Legends competed in four divisions for ages 45 to 60 and older.

Recruitment for August in Lake Placid is underway, with more than 40 players registered. Anyone interested in dusting off the stick, gloves, and helmet to join the Band of Brothers ("Be Somebody, Be a Legend!") can contact Steve Corrigan at stevecorrigan2@hotmail.com or Pete Lee, owu.legends@gmail.com. Save the date for the OWU Men's Lacrosse 60th Anniversary Celebration Reunion at Homecoming & Family Weekend 2018.

Rock & Roll,” which streams live Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at www.Bigheavyworld.com and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. at www.993wbvtv.org.

Richard Levine '68 made a career change about 15 years ago and is director of employment services for a nonprofit agency that has taken over Maine's Welfare to Work Program. He moved from Boston to Portland, Maine, in January of 2017 to begin the position. He would love to hear from any alumni in the Portland area. He travels regularly to visit his three children and three grandchildren scattered from California to Vermont.

Peggy Ames Ward '68 lives on the Outer Banks of North Carolina surrounded by the ocean and nature's beauty — her little piece of heaven, as her late husband **Michael Ward '68** liked to call it. She agrees wholeheartedly. It is quiet in the off-season, but many area and community groups keep her exceptionally busy. In the summer, the house is constantly filled with family and friends — a different kind of busy and never quiet, but great fun! Traveling is an off-season activity (why leave the beach in the summer?) and involves visiting her three children and their families in Virginia and New Jersey, as well as her brother in Florida.

A travel highlight of 2018 will be journeying to OWU for the 50th reunion in May. It will be wonderful to see dear friends of old who remain so special now.

Keith Burich '69, a Native American history professor at Canisius College, in Buffalo, N.Y., published the book *The Thomas Indian School and the 'Irredeemable' Children of New York* in 2016, which tells the story of a federal boarding school.

Richard Shale '69, professor emeritus at Youngstown State University, gave a lecture about Joseph Butler, the Youngstown industrialist, philanthropist and historian, at the library in Boardman, Ohio, on Nov. 11.

1970s

Sanford "Pete" Lee '70 received the Political Award from the Colorado Springs chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop on Jan. 14.

Robert Clutterbuck '72 was named to the board of directors of ImageWare Systems, Inc., a leader in mobile and cloud-based, multimodal biometric identity management solutions, in September.

Cheryl Forth Eastburn '72 and her daughter are co-owners of Amaranthus Paper & Flora in Atlanta, which specializes in handcrafted crepe paper flowers. The company was featured on

Janson wins silver medal in 400-meter race

David Janson '73 has been competing for the past 13 years in the 400- and

200-meter races of the master's division of the USA Track and Field Association. In 2015, he was inducted into the Ohio Senior Games Hall of Fame. In 2016, Janson won the USATF 400 meters championship held at Grand Rapids, Mich. Last year, he won the silver medal in the 400 at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Ala., where he is pictured here, third from left.



Seattle alums gather at bar owned by '93 grad

Seattle-area alumni gathered in November at Brother Barrel, a bar and restaurant owned by **Brent Norton '93**. Pictured from left: (bottom row) OWU director of major gifts Pablo Banhos, **David Chow '97**, **Mary Voytko '81**, **Brent Norton '93**, **Andrea Kraus '13**, **Rachel Ramey '12**, **Thomas Simons '88**; (top row) **James Scola '96**, **Elizabeth Andersen '13**, **John Wright '98**, **Kevin Vorenkamp '98**, **Tracie Winbigler '87**, **Sallie Bodie '74**, **Brendan Walsh '93**, and **Paul Johnson '73**.

OWU roommates visit Ireland

Tricia Meggison Kalinowski '83 (left) and **Lori Trego '83** (right) toured Ireland together for a week in September. The former OWU roommates began their trip in Dublin and continued on to explore Northern Ireland, Belfast, Galway, Innisheer, the Cliffs of Moher, and Cork. "We had a great time together, minus the stress of driving on some very narrow streets (not to mention the 'wrong' side of the road), and it was as if all those years since graduation melted away," Kalinowski says. The Bishop himself came along on the trip to "keep them in line." Kalinowski and Trego look forward to catching up at their 35th reunion this spring.



AJC.com (*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*) on Jan. 24.

Jay Baksa '73 has been retired for 10 years after 35 years in city government, including 30 as city manager of Gilroy, Calif. He now serves as a volunteer senior advisor/mentor for the California League of Cities. He was inducted into the Gilroy High School Athletic Hall of Fame for 14 years of coaching boy's basketball and volleyball; he continues to coach boys' basketball at an area middle school. He's also busy serving on the boards of directors of his local Community Foundation Gilroy Gardens (a nonprofit park), and Gilroy Rotary Endowment. He is enjoying travel with his

recently retired wife Vicki and his three sons and daughters-in-law, who all live in the Bay Area.

Sue Kanzenbach Bays '73 has been a real estate broker in Denver for 27 years; she has her own company and still loves it. She lost her husband of 34 years in 2013 to cancer. She now has a new man in her life and all is good. They also have a condo in Dillon, Colo., on Dillon Reservoir and way too many (five) boats! They love sailing, which at an altitude of 9,017 feet creates some interesting experiences. They bareboat to the British Virgin Islands frequently, and returned from their last sail two weeks before a hurricane. She'll miss the reunion because

they'll be sailing in the Bahamas that week. She'll miss seeing everyone but will be at the 50th, God willing.

Sue Donaldson Boyd '73 and **Jay Boyd '73** spend most of their free time with their family and never get tired of living close to the beach in West Allenhurst, N. J. Jay works as a contractor and is involved in their town's human services department. Sue retired from occupational therapy and oversees the care of her 98-year-old mother, who lives nearby. Their children are scattered from coast to coast. Ben, Jenn, and their daughter Aven live in San Rafael, Calif. **Mark Boyd '05, Laura Boyd '07,** and their sons Crosby and Brooks

live in Bethesda, Md. Jillian and Giancarlo live in New Rochelle, N.Y., and are expecting their first baby June 1. Unfortunately, Sue and Jay will probably miss their reunion due to the birth of their grandchild. They will certainly miss seeing all of their friends.

Nancy Shape Buettner '73 is retired, and she and her husband Bill have five grandsons, ages 3 to 7, with whom they enjoy spending time in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Golden, Colo., where the grandchildren live. Nancy and Bill are officially snowbirds who leave the cold Cleveland area and spend winters in North Naples, Fla., where they golf, play tennis and pickleball, bike, work out, and



The next generation of Bishops

Marya Christina Intal Fischer '07 (left) and **Ha Nguyen Feinglass '06** (right) pose with their "future Bishops," Elle Grace Fischer and Zahn Feinglass.



No bull about it, alumnus on CBS drama

Ryan Haddad '15 played the role of "Juror #2" on the Jan. 9 episode of the CBS television series *Bull*. He is pictured here with the star of the show, Michael Weatherly, whom he asked for a photograph to give to his grandmother for Christmas. Weatherly replied, "Well, that's my demographic." Haddad says that he, too, is Weatherly's demographic.



Celebrating 20 years of 'Hope'

Lizzy Wynne '16 (left), **Doug Dittrick '55**, and **Emma Sparks '16** at Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope) orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti, on the facility's 20th anniversary. Lizzy and Emma are serving as volunteer coordinators there, continuing a long OWU tradition. Dittrick has played an integral role in supporting the operations.



Alex (right) with the mayor of the Fijian mainland village where he completed his Peace Corps training.

FIJI in Fiji

Alex Widman '17, from Bucyrus, Ohio, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity: "I am serving in the Peace Corps working in the Fiji Islands. I arrived the first of September and will be on the island of Yanuca until December of 2019. I am the only American on the island. As a former British colony, they teach English in the schools and most everybody speaks some English. I am still learning the Fijian language, which is what is spoken at home and social events, etc. At present, my responsibilities include developing a library for elementary school students, assisting in the construction of a community building, and assisting in the planning for several other community projects. The good news is that the temperature never goes below 75 degrees and my machete skills are improving. The bad news is that I only have electricity a couple of hours each day and I have to take a boat 25 miles to secure groceries. Things are going very well."

Anyone interested in donating English-language new or used books for students grades one through six may contact magazine@owu.edu.

enjoy life. They feel very blessed and are thankful for their good health and good knees! Nancy plans to attend her 50th reunion since she can't make her 45th.

Lee Calvert '73 worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after graduating from OWU, and he served in the Peace Corps in South Korea. He then earned his master's degree at the University of Kentucky and Ph.D. at the University of Florida in plant pathology. He has lived in Cali, Colombia since 1989. He's retired from the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical, where he worked as a plant virologist and for six years was the leader of the Rice Project. He plans to

stay in Colombia and is an active birdwatcher. He is married, and his son currently lives in Iceland.

Christine Campbell '73 and her husband Doug have lived in Burlington, Vt., since 1986. They have two daughters, Elizabeth (Denison 2008) and **Mollie Campbell '10**, each of whom is married. They live in Burlington and Tahoe City, Calif. Christine retired from a 30-year career at the University of Vermont, where she taught drawing and was director of art education. The OWU Art Department (especially Ebb Haycock) launched her into graduate school and a life in academia. It's great to have unlimited time for tennis and doing things with Doug.

Douglas Campbell '73 and his wife Christine still love their Burlington, Vt., home on Lake Champlain, where the Adirondack Mountain views change daily. Doug still performs orthopedic surgery at the University of Vermont Medical Center, where teaching medical students and residents always reminds him of the great teaching/learning at OWU. They enjoy hiking, sailing, skiing, and traveling with their two daughters and sons-in-law. Doug's passion is still playing old-time string band music, and the mandolin keeps him both happy and sane. It started in Stuy Glen with the Hot Mud Family. The fabulous 1969-73 musical events at OWU served

them well. Woodworking, bird-watching/ecology, yard work, and just thinking about things keeps Doug going. OWU was such a great place to be! Thanks to the Zoology Department, Dr. Stull, the Entertainment Committee and all those he knew there.

Tom Cole '73 is proud to share that his wife Karen retired after 33 years. His daughter Christy is chief prosecutor in Sylvania, Ohio. Tom and Karen published the young children's sports book *Benny and Babe*, for which their son Clayton did the artwork. The couple also published the adult fiction book *One Last Fall*, in which some of the characters are teammates from OWU. Tom



Blair-Schwab wedding

Janice Blair '02 married Matthew Schwab on Oct. 1 in Estes Park, Colo. Joining in the celebration were, from left: **Megan Maurer Hill '02**, the bride and groom, and **Michelle Waltz '02**.



McKee-Sedlak wedding

Charles Russell McKee, Jr. '07 and **Laura Sedlak McKee '08** were married on Sept. 23 in Hillsboro Beach, Fla. They currently live in Delray Beach, Fla. Pictured from left: **Michael Mucher '07**, **Annie Almquist Yardis '02**, **Jonathan Smith '07**, the groom and bride, **Nicholas Johnson '07**, **Elizabeth Griffith-Niemann '08**, **Timothy Welly '07**, and **Amanda Giaco '08**.



Hanahan-Gatz Wedding

Erin Hanahan '10 married **David Gatz '10** on Sept. 8 in Cleveland. The bride and groom were members of the OWU swimming and diving team. Pictured from left: (back row) **Michael Gatz '12**, **Kevin Fahey '10**, **Syed Usman Javaid '10**, **Jaime Javier '10**, **Colin Hawes '20**, **Kristin Kovach White '10**, **Andrew White '10**, **Casey Teeters '08**, Jane Hawes (wife of Richard Hawes), Richard Hawes (OWU swimming coach), John Gatz (OWU professor and father of the groom); (front row) **Bhavna Mural '12**, **Anna Spencer '12**, **Kelsie Patton Fahey '10**, the groom and bride, **Alex Martin '09**, **Katie Donnan '08**, **Megan Downing Teeters '09**, and **Whitney Marker '07**.

works in sports broadcasting at BCSN in the Toledo, Ohio, area. He also recently received a Fairness in Media Award from the State of Ohio Board of Education and Springfield Board of Education. Tom and Karen have three fantastic grandkids, Josie, Cole, and Cooper.

Jody Dodd Cottrill '73 is acting public affairs team lead in FEMA's Atlanta Regional Office. She has worked more than 60 disasters, including numerous tornadoes and floods; the Haiti earthquake, Deepwater Horizon, hurricanes Katrina, Matthew, and Irma, and Superstorm Sandy. She has been designated the senior external affairs advisor to federal officials on eight

disasters. She also served for three years on the region's rapid-response Incident Management Assistance Team and has taught external affairs classes at the Emergency Management Institute and the Center for Domestic Preparedness. Jody is the proud mother of four, and enjoys travel, museums, and reading.

Melissa McCoy Cox '73 is still happily employed as an administrative assistant at Washington and Lee University after 28 years, and she's thinking about retirement in another year to spend more time in Richmond, Va., with her grand kids. She has been married for 45 years, and has three children

and four grandchildren. She enjoys walking with her dog in the beautiful valleys of Virginia, knitting, reading, and doing volunteer work at church and in the Lexington, Va., community.

Dick Eakins '73 is looking forward to the reunion with the best class ever! His wife Cynthia retired last May and moved to Hamilton, N.Y., near where she grew up. Dick spends weekends there and weekdays in New Jersey as he winds down business and sells their property. He's planning to sail the Finger Lakes and enjoy what Colgate University has to offer.

John Ford '73 is still working and living up north full-time. His

companion Mary Funkhouser owns a home in Florida and winters there, and John visits for a long weekend a month, but otherwise it's his law office, heavy coats, and a snowblower for him and golf and pickleball for her when the snow flies in South Bend, Ind. They manage to squeeze some traveling in, usually someplace warm in the fall, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren (two each) when they can. Lots of golf between April and October and an occasional concert (while the acts they like are still alive and kicking) fill in their free time. OWU reunions are the best. John has not missed one yet. Go Delt.



Rozak-Henry wedding

Ryan Rozak '08, Phi Delta Theta, married Ellen Henry Rozak on Oct. 21 in Palm Desert, Calif. Pictured from left: **Chris Hill '06**, **Andrew Keatts '06**, **Ben Farber '08**, **Dan Dyer '08**, **Elliot Kaple '08**, the bride and groom, **Ted Thode '08**, **Rhett Rybarczyk '09**, **Andy Warnock '06**, **Ross Rybarczyk '06**, **Nick Levine '06**, and **Jeff King '06**.



Little-Thomason wedding

Erika Little '02 married Matthew Thomason on Oct. 13 in New Albany, Ohio. Pictured from left: **Laura Kraly Lee '00**, **Terese Klucar Klonowski '02**, **Kristen Shockley Mercuri '00**, **Lauren Colpitts '02**, **Michael Jonesco '02**, **Joe Loudenslager '04**, **Jeff Bing '03**, the bride and groom, **Tyler Mott '04**, **Mark Wherry '03**, **Seth Tenpenny '03**, **Shana Heilbron '02**, **Travis Falk '03**, **Kim Dubovec Miller '02**, **Joe Seddelmeyer '01**, and **Heather Hover Seddelmeyer '00**.



Nestleroth-Johnson wedding

Caitlyn Nestleroth Johnson '08 married James "JJ" Johnson IV on Aug. 26 in Columbus. Pictured from left: **Denise Sabo Brenner '00**, **Nick Goulette '10**, **Kathryn Seevers '10**, the groom and bride, **Erin Hoagland Frey '08**, **Theresa Dahlinghaus Kramer '08**, **Allison Lehman '06**, and **Barbara Sicaras Pasalis '74**. Not pictured: **Mike Brenner '99**.

Dave Fouts '73 and **Binney Brown Fouts '73** are retired and live half the year in Boca Grande, Fla. Their other home is in Cleveland. Their son, the last of their three kids, got married in January in Columbus. Their two daughters got married in 2014, and each has a daughter. They feel very blessed!

Paula Lukeman Furr '73 used her journalism education to build a successful Army career as a public affairs officer and a second career as a journalism professor. She is currently a department head at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. She regrets that travel plans will prevent her from attending her reunion.

Nicole Gnezda '73 is retired from a career teaching art, and she now works as an artist, writer, speaker, and creativity specialist (with a Ph.D. in creativity studies). She has written *Teaching Difficult Students: Blue Jays in the Classroom*, professional articles, and poetry. She is enjoying learning to make lace with the rosewood bobbins she inherited from her Slovenian ancestors. She also volunteers as an art therapist for Columbus' Homeless Families Foundation. After being widowed in 1998, she re-met and married her college boyfriend, who has traveled with her around the U.S. and abroad. They also play golf and work for

their local historical society. She is the mother of two adult daughters and a deceased son and is about to be a grandmother for the first time! Her website is www.compassioncreativityandteaching.com.

Kathleen Doeringer Gross '73 is still working full-time with the Women's Resource Center in Radford, Va., a domestic violence/sexual assault shelter, as a night counselor. Her family has grown in the past five years with the addition of two great-grandchildren. She has participated in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic for the past six years, which has been both humbling and gratifying as she and her team note the

progress being made there. One of Kathleen's newer volunteer activities is helping with JAM, an after-school activity for students who want to learn about their Appalachian music history. It is very rewarding to see what most of the beginners can learn in such a short amount of time.

Martha Dunn Gross '73 has been married to her husband John for 25 years. Between them they have three children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Martha was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1977, and retired in 2011 to Toledo. Since then, she has been active in her church and community as a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader, Mobile



Warren-Bennett wedding

Lucy Warren '10 married **Gavin Bennett '10** on Sept. 17, 2016, in Washington, D.C. Pictured from left (front row): **Carrie Williams Schlegel '05**, the groom and bride, **Katharine Mannix '10**, **Chris Ehlinger '10**, **John Schlegel '05**; (back row) **Jake Bennett**, **Jonathan Hood '10**, **Timmy White**, **Eliot Hubbell Jeffers '11**, **Haleigh Rohr Hauser '10**, **Sam Salk '08**, **Andrew Newhouse '10**, **Jeff Scholtz '08**, **Patrick Williams '10**, and **Alex Giles '11**. Not pictured: **Kelly Marchesi '10**, **Chris Sluyter '11**, **Elizabeth Lambert '10**, **Jessica Copeland Wall '10**, **Tyler Wall '11**, and **Warren McDaniel '11**.



Hankins-Prantil wedding

Erika Hankins '11 married **Michael Prantil** on March 17, 2017, in Gray Chapel at Ohio Wesleyan. Wedding party members behind the bride and groom in Slocum Reading Room (from left): **Laura Bishop**, **David Prantil**, **Christina Yost Lelache '11**, **Sarah Kenny '11**, **Rachel Bowes '11**, **Robert Hankins**, and **Amadea Weber '12**.



Clark-Alonzo wedding

Gloria Clark Alonzo '11 and **AJ Alonzo '13** were married on Aug. 26. in Salem, Mass. Pictured from left: (back row) **Marisa Popeck '14**, **Kate MacLam '11**, **Emily Rose '10**, **Kristen Curtis '12**, **Misa Farslow '12**, **Matthew Wasserman '14**, **Adithya Manohar '12**, **Shane Gorbett '15**, (middle row) **Erin Gregory '14**, **Dominic Stripoli '12**, **Chris Williams '12**, **Nick Oleski '12**; (front row) **Emily Feldmesser '16**, **Whitney Weadock Gorbett '16**, **Eric Charette '12**, the groom and bride, and **Brian Williams '15**.

Meals driver, church pianist, and chair of the missions team, as well as substituting in the pulpit.

Mary Lou Brecht Johnson '73 retired after a 42½ year career as a speech-language pathologist at Children's Hospital Colorado. She credits Barbara Tull, Ph.D., then of the OWU Speech Department, with inspiring her enthusiasm for this profession and steering her to the graduate program at Washington University in St. Louis.

Bruce Kapner '73 and **Amy Brinberg Kapner '73** have lived in Manhattan for the past 12 years, near their three children and three grandchildren. Bruce sold his scrap steel processing

business in 2000 and has morphed the proceeds into a real estate investment holding company. Amy retired last year from her position as speech pathologist at the Shield Institute. Since then, they have traveled extensively, including a one-month trip to Australia and New Zealand, to be followed soon by some rest and relaxation in Mexico.

Chris Kloth '73 lives in Columbus with his wife of 30 years, Julie Harmon, Ph.D., and their 12 year-old granddaughter, Kaya. After graduation, Kloth worked in community corrections and at the National Institute of Corrections. In 1986, he co-founded ChangeWorks

of the Heartland to provide organization and community development consulting throughout the U.S. Chris has written professional articles, contributed to four books, and served on numerous local and national nonprofit boards. In addition, since graduation he has continued to play drums in local bands, most recently Snazzie Mac and the Bluetones and the Riverside Rats.

Patricia Stevenson Mantei '73 has been teaching U.S. government in Houston, Texas, since the fall of 2001. She retired from her law firm in 2001 and studied for a teaching certification. She loves her new career. Her children are now 33,

32 and 24, so she has an empty nest. She's looking forward to the reunion.

Marian Mather '73 is still thinking about whether to accept her boyfriend Tom's 18-year-old proposal of marriage. She is living in Indianapolis and retired for the third and last time in 2016, but still keeps busy keeping the books for Tom's company. She enjoys traveling while she is still young enough to go. She has checked Iceland and Ireland off the bucket list, and she will be in the Orkney Islands of Scotland in May. She still dabbles in woodworking, but the projects are smaller now. She promises to have the dining room table finished by her 50th reunion!



Foley-Mastrilli wedding

Cara Foley '12 married Alex Mastrilli on Sept. 23 at Wequassett Resort & Golf Club in Chatham, Mass. Pictured from left: (back row) **Emily Fitzgibbons '12**, **Jake Liebrock '13**, **Lilly Jianas '11**, **Katie Carlin '12**, **Tori Morris '12**, **Kelly Zdenek '12**, **Aisha Brinkwart '12**, the bride, **Erin Clayton Saunders '12**, **Kelsey Morrison '12**; (front row) **Justin Saunders '10**, and **Nathan Barnett '12**.



Dean-Katz wedding

Shannon Dean '15 married Mendel Katz on Oct. 22 in Princeton, N.J. Pictured from left: (back row) **Zoe Crankshaw '15**, **Katie Powell '15**, **Lucas Scaros '15**, **Emily Poltor '17**, **Hannah Simpson '16**, **Alyssa Reed '15**, **Kelsey Gallaher '15**; (middle row) **Anderson Molina '17**, the bride, **Anna Campbell '15**, **Ben McCoy '12**; (front row) **Jason Bogdany '14**, **Cara Slotkin '14**, and **Alexandra Haubrich '12**. The bride is also pictured with her grandmother, **Juddean Ferguson '56**, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



Leeds-Kyrick wedding

Chelsea Leeds '13 married Shawn Kyrick on Oct. 1 in Indianapolis. Pictured from left: **Lauren Holler '15**, **Clare Whitaker '13**, **Taurey Overturf '12**, **Allyson North '13**, **Kate Raulin '12**, the bride and groom, **Kelsey Ullom '14**, **Shannon Sedgwick '10**, and **Allison Kolbe '13**.

Debbie Guentter McNett '73 and her husband Dick live in Southport, N.C. Debbie retired from teaching in 2011. Dick has a new career as an independent representative in the automobile industry. The couple loves living along the coast and in a gated community. They welcome visitors!

Jim Mendenhall '73 and his wife Gail moved back to central Ohio six years ago after years living in Chicago and London. He absolutely loves his "pre-retirement" job at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. It's made even sweeter as his boss, Mayme Norman, is a longtime friend and former director of annual giving at OWU. Jim's daughter Taylor (29) lives close-by in Hilliard, Ohio. Gail retired after 40 years in dental hygiene and began a new career as a life health coach. Jim and Gail have two grandchildren, Mekhi (5) and Malaysia (2). Jim volunteers with OWU's Career Services and with Professor Paul Dean to coach and mentor first generation students. He helps to nationally stream all home OWU men's lacrosse games with **Mark Shipp's '70**.

Clark Morehouse '73 has been married to **Susan Currie Morehouse '74** for nearly 42 years. They have three children living in New York City and Los Angeles. While Susan still practices law, Clark is retired from a long career in the media world. In April 2017, he joined the Larchmont (N.Y.) Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and plans to get his EMT certification. He's also active at his church. Susan and Clark travel frequently. When the weather in southern Westchester County isn't too inhospitable for golf, Clark tees up at Winged Foot Golf Club, in Mamaroneck, N.Y., where he's been a member since 1992. Clark sees his Sigma Chi brother **Steve Kisling '73** frequently. They are both looking forward to their reunion, despite the sadness of the passing of their beloved friends and brothers **Jeff Dunbar '73** and **Carl Schroeter '73**, who were both

in Delaware in May 2013 to celebrate their 40th reunion.

Robyn Morgan '73 reports that not much has changed since her reunion update five years ago, except the causes for which she demonstrates (Go Women's March!). She and her husband, Mike Johnston, have been married 35 years and are still skiing, hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and horseback riding in Colorado. When she's not outdoors, Morgan is singing in two choirs and officiating weddings for kids she's known. She continues to volunteer for the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, HOPE Coalition for suicide prevention awareness, the I Have a Dream Foundation, and the Stephen Ministry at church. Teaching classes in mental health first aid and suicide prevention/intervention keeps her counseling skills sharp and raises awareness for an important cause.

Thomas Moushey '73 was a 2017 winner of Walsh Jesuit High School's Manresa Award in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The Manresa Award, the school's highest honor, is presented to members of the Walsh Jesuit community who are outstanding exemplars of Walsh Jesuit's mission, "men and women for others," and who have served selflessly to further the school's mission over the years.

Lauri Nair '73 lives in upstate New York and is retired from teaching music in the Saratoga Springs City School District, where she taught for 34 years. She has been coordinator of music ministries for the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church in Clifton Park, N.Y. for 38 years. She travels and sings with Journeys with Joe, through Perform International. She has sung in many places including DAR Constitution Hall in Washington D.C., onboard the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and in the American cemetery at Normandy, France on the Fourth of July. Additionally, she has sung in numerous cathedrals in Ireland,

Scotland, Germany, and Austria. She also enjoys spending time on Cape Cod, Mass.

Susan Pellegrino '73 continues to teach dance aerobics after 25 years. Her greatest accomplishment is raising three children on her own, including being a substitute teacher, scout leader, ice skating mom, PTA this & that, science fair judge, and everything else that comes with raising children. She ice-skated for 10 years on a synchronized team, continues to be an evaluator for the national science fair, participates in flash mobs, and performs in showcases at senior facilities. She won second runner-up and Ms. Congeniality in the 2014 Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant (not a beauty pageant!) and now is producer of the pageant sponsored by the Missouri Cameo Club, a nonprofit, charitable organization. A special note of sympathy for the family and friends of **Walter Hutichson '72**, her first husband, who passed away in March 2017.

Kenyon Pike '73 and his wife Vivian have both retired and continue to home-school their 16-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter in Willoughby, Ohio. Their oldest daughter is a freshman at the College of Wooster, majoring in chemistry.

Amy Kinney Raffel '73 is living in Madison, N.J. After 25 years of teaching mostly first grade, she retired in June 2017 after becoming a grandmother in May to Emilia. She is still contra dancing, singing, quilting, and figuring out retirement. She's the proud mother of **Dr. Tom Raffel '01**, a biology professor at Oakland University, Susan Raffel, a partner at Ernst and Young in New York City, and Dr. Amy Raffel, recent Ph.D. in art history from CUNY University.

Tracey Holmes Riley '73 has lived in Lexington, Va., in the lovely Shenandoah Valley for 27 years and has just begun her 20th year working at Washington and Lee University. She's the senior programming assistant in

the Office of Lifelong Learning. Retirement is at least a year away. Coincidentally, classmate **Melissa McCoy Cox '73** and Tracey both ended up in Lexington, working at W&L, and being active members of the same Episcopal Church. Tracey has been married to Wayne Riley for four years. They enjoy traveling, antiquing, reading, movies, and taking advantage of the W&L fitness center and indoor swimming pool. Last May, Wayne and Tracey had a wonderful time traveling to Italy with classmate and sorority sister **Becky Monroe Wick '73** and her husband Jim.

Carol Ruppel '73 has lived in Washington, D.C. for about 38 years and loves it. She is retired from careers in teaching and government relations. She plays competitive tennis, interprets for a low-income Hispanic-serving health clinic, swims, writes, and volunteers with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Ballet, the Washington English Center, and the Studio Theater. She enjoys life with her husband and dog.

Susan Ela Saunders '73 retired in 2011 with no regrets and enough free time to volunteer at the Nature Conservancy and with the League of Women Voters of Boulder County, Colorado. Her two daughters are grown and married, and via Alyssa's recent marriage they instantly gained two grandsons. Susan and her husband Jim haven't moved since 1988, but they've been fortunate to travel in the U.S., Cuba, and the Galapagos islands.

Nancy Nott Shannon '73 retired from UTC Aerospace Systems in 2016, after 26 years in contract management for gearboxes and pumps. It was a great career for her, challenging and busy, with lots of U.S. and European travel. But she does not miss it — retirement is wonderful. She has been married to Marty Langenberg for 10 years, and each has an adult daughter from their first marriage, including **Kate Shannon '08**. Their

days are filled with gardening, woodworking and reading, trying new recipes and relaxing with their families and friends. They love camping in Wisconsin and Canada in their teardrop travel trailer, kayaking day trips to the Mississippi River, and hiking at nearby Rock Cut State Park. They live in beautiful Rockford, Ill., 85 miles northwest of Chicago, so they also enjoy following the Cubs and having easy access to big city life.

Martha Smith '73 attended OWU for her freshman and sophomore years and then transferred back east to attend the University of New Hampshire for a degree in occupational therapy. She has been living in Jacksonville, Fla., since 1976 with her husband and two grown children. She hopes attend the May reunion.

Ron Stoufer '73 earned a master's in geology from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He worked for five years as a hydrogeologist for the State of Delaware Environmental Control. From 1980 to 1982, he worked as a hydrogeology consultant in New York state, before getting married and moving to California, where he worked as a consultant. In 1990, Ron, his wife, and two daughters moved to Nepal with Christian Veterinary Mission, where they worked on training villagers in animal health, water systems, and general community development. In 2003, they moved to Seattle to get their daughters started into college, and planned to return to Nepal after three years. But three Nepali orphan refugees arrived in Seattle needing foster parents. They signed up to do that for 10 years and haven't returned to work in Nepal, except for short visits.

Tom Talling '73 and his wife Susan moved to Chesapeake City, Md. after living just outside of Doylestown, Pa., for more than 32 years. They welcome visitors.

Carrie Thomas '73 has lived with the love of her life, Dave,

in the wilds of Shohola, Pa., since 2001, when they made their weekend home their permanent home. Or, so they thought. Dave has taken on a larger CEO consulting business in Jacksonville, Fla., where he currently spends half a month. Carrie is working industriously to complete home projects that she thought she'd have years to finish in order to get the house on the market. Then it's off to Florida and away from the cold and snow! Daughter Kate, her mate, and two cats joined Carrie's menagerie in September after Hurricane Irma blasted them out of St. John, U. S. Virgin Islands. With Carrie's two dogs, two cats, and umbrella cockatoo, plus Kate's two cats, they have a very active, fun household!

Kathi Tighe '73 wishes she could be there for the 45th! She's been working as a studio potter for more than 35 years and also working part-time for Watertown Children's Theatre and Mosesian Center for the Arts in Watertown, Mass. One of her ongoing joys is singing with the Spectrum Singers, a small, audition-based chorus in the Boston area. She also dances with Muddy River Morris dancers, and in any spare time is a bead crochet artist and sewing enthusiast. Her spouse, Jerry Orloff, continues to teach math at MIT. Their son Joel lives nearby in Providence, R.I., with his recently adopted dog, Laylah, and is a freelance animator.

Susan Henze Twomey '73 and her husband Larry are semi-retired, expecting their eighth grandchild (fifth for Susan), and cruising their boat in Baja California and mainland Mexico — where they are now. Otherwise, loving life in San Diego!

Bob Walters '73 and **Chris Campbell Walters '73** split their time in retirement between Charlotte, N.C., and Isle of Palms, S.C., and are fortunate to have children and grandchildren in both places. Their enjoyment of international travel and foreign cultures, which began 40 years ago working in Europe,

has continued. Throw in social activities like golf (Bob) and bridge (Chris), a little consulting, and active roles in not-for-profit organizations, and the velocity of passing time just seems to accelerate. They are looking forward to being in Delaware for the 45th!

Rebecca Monroe Wick '73 and her husband Jim moved from Huntington, W.Va., to a golf community near Charleston, S.C., after Jim retired from Marathon Petroleum in Catlettsburg, Ky. The couple loves to travel, and they've enjoyed trips to Europe, a cruise in Southeast Asia, a tour of Scandinavia, and family visits. Both of their daughters live in Boston. Rebecca's daughter was married in Vermont in 2015 and her first grandchild was born in September. Her sons live in Seattle and Houston. Nearby Kiawah Island has sparked Rebecca's interest in preserving loggerhead turtles, so summer mornings often find her on turtle patrol. Exercise classes, yoga, book club, golf, an organization that promotes education for women, church, and local theater productions round out her retirement days.

Jean McLelland Wolf '73 sold her home of 40 years in 2017 and bought a beautiful new condominium in Lewis Center, Ohio. On Feb. 16, she retired from US Bank. She's looking forward to doing what she wants to do when she wants to do it, including spending more time with her daughter, son-in-law, and three handsome grandsons. They are 6, 4, and 2 years old. She just hopes she has enough energy to keep up with them! She's really looking forward to the reunion and returning to OWU to remember fun times and get reacquainted with some long time friends.

Carol Dittrick Wolters '73 and her husband, John Wolters, are very busy this year with the Civitan International district covering Ohio and parts of West Virginia. John is the governor 2017-18 (Carol was governor 2012-14), and Carol holds several

offices, including club president. Civitan focuses on people with developmental disabilities, so the club held a Special Needs Holiday Dance and will hold a Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt this spring. John retired from banking in May 2017, and they have been visiting three grandchildren in Boca Raton, Fla., and two in Chicago. They're planning a trip to Great Britain this year. They're also active at church, and Carol is involved with the women's Philanthropic Educational Organization, which provides scholarships for women at all stages of the educational process. Life is very busy but fulfilling. They look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

Richard Kelley '75, president and general manager of NBC 7 San Diego, was named to the "San Diego 500" in January, which includes business leaders and executives who have founded or are running significant companies in the San Diego community.

Michael Jordan '76 was invited to join the International Association of Crime Writers following the January publication of his murder mystery *The Company of Demons*. He is at work on his next book, a thriller set during the closing stages of World War II.

William "Bill" Rees '76 was named director of scouting for Notre Dame football. His son Tommy is the Irish quarterbacks coach.

Robert Hill '76 was the chaplain-in-residence at the Chautauqua Institution in August of 2017. He gave a sermon themed "Toward a Common Hope." In May of 2017, several excerpts from his sermons preached at Boston University Marsh Chapel were posted on *The Huffington Post*.

Jim Almendinger '78 was named the new director of the St. Croix Watershed Research Station, the field research station for the Science Museum of Minnesota at the Marine in St. Croix. He has been a

Senior Scientist for the State of Minnesota since 1995.

T. J. Antich '78 is “living the dream” in Chester County, Pa., where he is semi-retired after practicing physical therapy for 36 years. He holds one part-time position, works some evening hours, sees private outpatient clients, and referees boys lacrosse and soccer in the spring and fall seasons. His two youngest children will graduate from college this May. Antich is enjoying the RV he purchased a couple of years ago. He looks forward to hearing from classmates.

Anne Ayres '78 moved back to Connecticut in late 2017 to be closer to family after 23 years in Jacksonville, Fla. Her first grandchild was born in October and lives nearby. Though she misses her friends in Florida, she enjoys being able to spend time with family. Ayres' two sons are grown and thriving; she is so proud of both of them and of the women they have chosen as partners. Her youngest will be married in August. She is still working in the brokerage field and will be for a while. She keeps up with her OWU classmates on Facebook and is looking forward to Reunion Weekend.

Rolla Beach '78 retired in 2015 from teaching high school English in the South-Western City Schools after 35 years. For 19 of those years he had the privilege of serving as president of the South-Western Education Association. He is currently working part-time in a law firm in Grove City, Ohio. He lives in Columbus with his wife Caryn. They have two daughters, **Catherine (Catie) Beach '16**, and Jessica (Jessie), who attends Miami University.

Joni Manos Brown '78 and her family made a gift to The Strand Theatre in Delaware, Ohio, that funded the renovation of its third and final theater, the Balcony, which will be renamed The Brown Family Generations Theater in their honor. Brown

was the Strand Theatre board president from 2009 to 2017.

Susan Feldkamp '78 is so sorry to miss her reunion. Her oldest daughter, Sarah Whitworth, will be getting married on May 19 and Susan will be in Pinehurst, N.C., attending her wedding. She's still enjoying her career in educational publishing, which began 30 years ago at Holt, Rinehart and Winston and included some freelance years as a science writer and editor. She is currently a senior curriculum specialist with Six Red Marbles, a learning design and development agency in Austin, Texas. She will miss seeing everyone at the reunion; she loves hearing from former classmates!

Bob Gordon '78 is actively working in residential real estate in Boulder, Colo. He's happily married to Julie; they have two beautiful granddaughters. He just wrote his 1,000th blog post at BoulderRealEstateNews.com and is currently a director on the OWU Alumni Board. He's active in Denver OWU Alumni leadership and is a director on the Boulder Area Realtor Board.

Robert Hickson Jr. '78 is living in Mount Gilead, Ohio and has enjoyed a solid 31-year marriage to Sharon (Ashland University '81) and has been exceedingly blessed with triplets who recently completed college and are now paying for their own Netflix. Since the statute of limitations has run on his long-term borrowing of a few Smith Hall trays, he should soon be headed into his third term as an Ohio Common Pleas judge... that is as long as none of his close college friends speaks with any of his constituents. He looks forward to reminiscing and to other exaggerations of common OWU experiences.

Jane Gumley Janiak '78 and her husband Peter have enjoyed a growing family since Jane's 35th reunion. Three years ago, they welcomed **Rachel Jolly '09**, daughter of **Tom Jolly '77**, into their family. She and their middle

son, **Brian Janiak '11**, gave birth to their first grandchild, Ellis, in March 2016. Jane and Peter are thoroughly enjoying their roles as Mimi and Pop Pete. After 25 years, they're still living in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Hurricane Matthew displaced them for several months but thankfully they have returned to a new and improved home. Jane has been keeping busy running the office of Peter's construction company, along with managing their vacation rental home in the Bahamas. In addition, she continues to play tennis and compete on several USTA teams throughout the year. Life is good!

Virginia “Ginny” Smythe Spofford '78 continues to teach first grade at Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pa., where she is just completing her 25th year. She is the proud mother of three grown children, John (Rose), Peter, and Annie (Billy) and the proud grandmother of two, Margaux Spofford and James Ripley. She remembers her OWU years fondly and wishes she could be there to celebrate her 40th.

Richard “Rick” Stazesky '78 lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with his wife Elsa and their 24-year-old daughter Drew. He just finished a nine-year run as the senior director of IT for NYC Correctional Health Services and is embarking on a new career with a medical software company. He also spends time at his second home on a beautiful lake in New Hampshire. Having spent his junior OWU year studying abroad in Wales, he continues to travel, most recently to Hong Kong, Thailand, and Cambodia. He welcomes correspondence. Austin Manor rocked!

1980s

Daniel Dickerson '80, longtime radio play-by-play baseball broadcaster, served as a narrator in the concert “The Voice of Baseball,” presented by Center Stage Choirs at Midland Center for the Arts in Midland, Mich., in November.

Gregory Dyson '80 was named chief operating officer of the ANA Enterprise, the organizing platform of the American Nurses Association, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the American Nurses Foundation.

Mario Spangenberg '80, who heads General Motors in the Middle East and Africa out of Dubai, was featured in *Forbes Middle East* on Dec. 17, for his contributions to the scheduled 2018 launch of the company's all-electric car, the Chevrolet Bolt EV.

Jeffrey Davis '81 was named managing partner of Van Eperen, a public relations agency based in the Bethesda and Baltimore, Md., area, in October.

Robert O'Brien III '82 was named sales and charter consultant at IYC luxury yachting company's Palm Beach office in November.

Tom Claerson '83 is project director of the Performing Arts Readiness project, an Atlanta-based organization that helps performing arts organizations nationwide learn how to preserve and protect their assets, sustain operations, and be prepared for emergencies. He works remotely from his home in Westerville, Ohio. He serves as senior consultant for digital and preservation services at LYRISIS, consulting and teaching nationally and internationally on preservation, disaster preparedness, digitization, and advocacy for libraries, archives, and museums. Claerson also serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, and secretary of the Board of Directors of LancasterChorale, a professional chamber choir in Ohio.

Susan Johnson Gerhardt '83 is still living in Houston, Texas, with her husband and two teenage boys. Her coastal

decor store, Mermaid Ranch, in Rockport, Texas, is going strong in spite of Hurricane Harvey. The store offers one-of-a-kind hand-painted furnishings, home accessories, art, jewelry, and gifts (she's still using that art degree!). She has stayed in close contact with **Jan Decker McCormick '83, Chris McCormick '83, and Thea Bowers '83** and sees them every few years.

Kaye Fritz Ridolfi '83 and her husband Phil will celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary this summer, and 13 years in their home in Brecksville, Ohio. She is in her seventh year as senior vice president of advancement for the Cleveland Foundation. Phil continues to run a privately held company. Kaye's daughter, Janie, is a junior at Vanderbilt University, currently studying abroad in Barcelona. Kaye and Phil planned to meet her for her spring break and visit Paris, Florence, and Barcelona. While they are technically empty-nesters, they do have a "baby" at home—their one-year-old mini Schnauzer. They have three grandchildren, and a fourth on the way, on Phil's side.

Stephen Silveira '84 was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on the Future of Transportation in the Commonwealth on Jan. 23. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker created the commission to advise the administration on the future of transportation in the state in the context of changes to technology, climate, demographics, and more. Silveira is senior vice president at ML Strategies, where he assists clients in their interactions with state and local governments.

Perry Walker '87 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of First Federal Bank of Ohio. He owns his own C.P.A. firm, Walker and Associates, in Galion, Ohio. He resides in Lexington, Ohio, with his wife of 28 years, Meredith Walker (Ohio State University '91). They have two daughters, Alexandra

(OSU '15) and Lauren (Miami University '19).

Matthew V. Henry '88 was sworn in as county superintendent of schools for Gallatin County, Bozeman, Mont. in October.

1990s

Raghu Rags Narain '93 has been living in Hong Kong for the past 10 years working as head of investment banking, APAC for Natixis. He and his wife, Isis Hernandez, have two children, Aria (6) and Xander (3). Xander was born at home, delivered by Raghu and Isis without a doctor, on the same date as Aria, Jan. 25.

Sara Sheets '93 lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband **Jon Sinclair '90**, whom she didn't know at OWU but met in 2001. The couple enjoys coming back to campus for their respective reunions. They have two children, Robin (13) and Henry (10). After OWU, Sheets joined Teach for America, taught in Los Angeles for two years, then went to UCLA for her M.A. in urban planning. She currently works as executive director of a nonprofit community development corporation, working with residents, businesses, the city, and others to improve the economic vitality of the neighborhood through job creation, economic and housing development, and community engagement.

SJ Barakony '98 is chair of the Central Ohio Alumni Leadership Board's careers subcommittee. He lives in Delaware County and runs Service Before Self Leadership: An Educational Solutions Provider, while also serving as territory director for H7 Network, a group that combines business networking, lead generation, and business/professional development. He was a guest on an educational podcast; co-facilitated a session of the SeaChange Accelerator program; spoke in five webinars for HECO; and is an authorized partner for the Five Behaviors &

Everything DISC programs. He has served the Union County chapter of Young Entrepreneurs Academy for the past several years as a student mentor and mock judge.

Kelli Kearney Izzo '98 earned her master of arts in teaching and educational specialist degree from Kent State University. She taught French for 15 years in the Strongsville (Ohio) City Schools and is in her third year as an assistant principal at Strongsville Middle School. She has lived in North Olmsted since 2007. She married Mario Izzo in 2002, and they have two children, John and Ava. John is a freshman in high school, and they're just starting to talk college. OWU is at the top of Mom's list for campus visits. Ava is a sixth-grader, and her upcoming performance in *Seussical* may keep Kelli from seeing all her CDC (Chappellear Drama Center) pals, but it seems fitting. She's still hoping to make it for at least one day of the 20th reunion.

Susan Carraway Medina '98 moved to Charlotte, N.C., three years ago after 15 years in Atlanta (and a six-month stint in Germany). She is a strategic marketing manager for Siemens, and in her free time she has become involved in the civic community in Charlotte. She shares life with her husband Pablo Medina, originally of Chile, and their daughters Maryn (10) and Kara (8). As a family, they enjoy weekend trips to the North Carolina mountains, traveling (Chile, Hawaii, Costa Rica) and keeping active.

Jonathan Toretta '98 and his family send best wishes to the Class of 1998 for the 20th reunion.

2000s

April Vaughn Deacon '01 and **Nicholas Stull '07** were selected from more than 300 applicants to show their artwork in the Ohio Arts Council's 2017 Biennial Juried Exhibition. The exhibition was on display through Jan. 6

at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus.

Braden Molhoek '03 graduated with his Ph.D. in ethics and social theory from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He continues to work at the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences and as an adjunct professor of science and religion at the Graduate Theological Union.

Elizabeth Tulberg Bedford '04 and **William Bedford II '05** opened Ferrell-Whited Physical Therapy Services in Berea, Ohio, in August.

Jennifer Goodman Karum '05 was a producer of the film *1000 – The Sword in the Stone*, which won the award for Best Action Screenplay at the 2017 L.A. Film Awards.

Scott Pycraft '07 opened an optometry practice, Pycraft Family Eye Care, in Wooster, Ohio, following in his father's professional footsteps.

Kit McCann '08 lived, worked, and went to graduate school in New York City after graduating from OWU, before leaving in 2013 to backpack the entire Appalachian Trail. After completing her six-month, 2,200 mile hike, she settled on the seacoast in southern Maine, where she lives in a 144 square foot tiny house with her partner. Kit is a licensed marriage and family therapist with a private practice in Portsmouth, N.H. She is a gender specialist who works primarily with transgender and gender nonconforming youth, as well as other LGBTQ youth and adults.

2010s

Kevin Fahey '10 received his Ph.D. in political science from Florida State University in August. He has accepted a three-year postdoctoral position at Cardiff University in Cardiff, Wales, working for the Center for Political and Legal Analytics.

Kellie Gross '12 received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Minnesota on Sept. 21 and has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship in the Frick Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Anna Cooper '13 started in January as the first director of data and information systems for the Communications Workers of America, which represents 700,000 private and public sector workers in the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Anthony McGuire '13 left his job working in Global Partnerships at Facebook in London. He is starting his own company focusing on projects in emerging markets across the fields of media, technology, and politics.

Danielle Muzina '13 partnered with artist Ariel Lavery to create the exhibition "So Much Between" at Murray State University in Murray, Ky., in late 2017. The duo used multiple artistic processes and formats, incorporating found objects and digital methods.

Paige Pramik '15 joined the environmental group of Barton & Loguidice, an engineering, planning, environmental, and landscape architecture firm in Albany, N.Y.

Brenda Gonzalez '17 was named program coordinator at One Earth Future, a nonprofit organization located outside of Boulder, Colo. She is still playing ultimate frisbee through Mile High Ultimate, a competitive league in Denver, with former OWU teammate **Abby Bennet '15**.

Births

1980s

Robert Albrecht '80 and his wife Kelsey welcomed son Preston James on Dec. 22 and were pleased to be able to celebrate the Christmas holiday with big brother Bryson Timothy at their home in Gaithersburg, Md. Preston is the Albrechts' sixth child, joining Bryson, Ashley, Michael, Tommy, and Alison.

1990s

Doug Pierson '92 and his wife Maggie welcomed their first daughter, Olivia Catherine, on Dec. 6. They live in Bellevue, Wash., and Pierson graduated from the U.S. Army War College in July with a master of strategic studies degree.

2000s

Alison Drake Burciaga '03 and her husband Juan welcomed their second son, Mateo Drake Burciaga, on Dec. 2. Grandparents are **Tim Drake '74** and **Sandi Aker Drake '75**.

Molly Everett Enrick '08 and her husband Brian welcomed their first child, Elliot, on Thanksgiving.

In Memoriam

1930s

Beatrice Ricker Elder '34, of the Marshes of Skidaway Island, Ga., Nov. 30, at the age of 104. She was predeceased by her husband, **Burton Elder '33**, and is survived by a son, **Bruce Elder '62**, and a grandson, **Carl Elder '92**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Alumni Board of Directors.

Helen Pennywitt Hendrie '36, of Los Angeles, Nov. 9, at the age of 102. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1940s

Emma Sansom Gibbs '40, of Westlake, Ohio, Dec. 26, at the age of 100. She was predeceased by a brother, **Arthur Sansom '42**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Helen Rowan Mansfield '40, of Portland, Ore., Oct. 22, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by her husband, **Oliver Mansfield '37**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Richard Ames '41, of Fayetteville, N.Y., Dec. 28, at the age of 97.

Miriam Taylor Hyde '41, of Walloon Lake, Mich., Jan. 5, at the age of 97. She was predeceased by two brothers, **Edwin Taylor '38** and **Paul Taylor '48**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Edna Pinkerton Shilvock '42, of Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16, at the age of 99. She was predeceased by her husband, **Jack Shilvock '42**.

Dorothy Howell Feldmaier '45, of Beaver, Ohio, Nov. 16, at the age of 94. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Betty Targett Jarratt '45, of Portland, Maine, Oct. 5, at the age of 94.

Robert Sinclair '45, of Olathe, Kan., Nov. 30, at the age of 93.

William Walser '45, of Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 28, at the age of 95. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Helen Lausten '46, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Oct. 24, at the age of 93.

Barbara Frentsos Butler '47, of Mansfield, Ohio, Nov. 20, at the age of 93. She was predeceased by a brother, **George Frentsos '50**.

William Gass '47, of St. Louis, Miss., Dec. 6, at the age of 93.

Arline Miller Moore '47, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Dec. 22, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband, **Russ Moore '49**, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Helen Brandeberry Baldwin '48, of Maumee, Ohio, Dec. 21, at the age of 91. She was predeceased by her brother, **Edward Brandeberry '46**.

Richard Fernstrum '48, of Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 13, at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his wife, **Margaret Mehlhope Fernstrum '44**, and is survived by a son, **David Fernstrum '72**.

Robert McBride '48, of Santa Rosa, Calif., Oct. 11, at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Sanders McBride '46**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Elizabeth Blanpied McKeen '48, of Ithaca, Wis., Dec. 22, at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

John McKenney '48, of Eden, N.C., Jan. 17, at the age of 91. He is survived by a daughter, **Alice McKenney '73**.

Bliss Wiant '48, of Silver Spring, Md., Sept. 2, at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his parents, **Mildred Artz Wiant 1920** and **Bliss Wiant 1920**, and a brother, **Benjamin Wiant '57**.

John Auble '49, of Bucyrus, Ohio, Dec. 16, at the age of 92.

Elizabeth Hagemeyer Crook '49, of Dublin, Ohio, Dec. 25, at the age of 90. She is survived by a brother, **Bartlett Hagemeyer '51**, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Julia Bower Dubetz '49, of Stow, Ohio, Sept. 19, at the age of 89.

Ann Kelso Hurd '49, of Winnipeg, Canada, Dec. 5, at the age of 89.

Marilyn Swinehart Johnson '49, of Hixson, Tenn., Oct. 7, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her husband, **Richard Johnson '46**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

James Kirk '49, of San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 4, at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Eley Kirk '49**, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

June Jensen Olimpio '49, of Sanbornville, N.H., in January, at the age of 90. She is survived by a daughter, **Gina Olimpio Balourdard '84**.

Donald Rush '49, of Coshocton, Ohio, Aug. 29, at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his wife,

Barbara Putnam Rush '48, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

1950s

Phyllis Snouffer Hollenbaugh '50, of Oxford, Ohio, Oct. 7, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her husband, **Morris Hollenbaugh '49**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Eleanor Rideout Melville '50, of Owego, N.Y., Dec. 13, at the age of 89. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

David Schultz '50, of Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 17, at the age of 88. He is survived by a daughter, **Deborah Barta Thurston '82**, a sister, **Molly Schultz Slenker '54**, and a son, **Adam Schultz '08**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

William Strasburg '50, of Worcester, Pa., Oct. 27, at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his mother, **Helen Huston Strasburg '22**, and a brother, **Robert Strasburg '58**. He is survived by his wife, **Sylvia Schweiker Strasburg '52**, a sister, **Phyllis Strasburg Rowland '47**, and a grandson, **Matthew Strasburg '05**.

Margaret Geyer Temple '50, of Fredonia, N.Y., Dec. 13, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her mother, **Ada Wehrly Geyer 1918**, and two brothers, **Donald Geyer '46** and **Alan Geyer '52**. She is survived by her husband, **Dean Temple '50**.

Jacquelyn Jones Comey '51, of Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 5, at the age of 88. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Dorothy Dailey Jackson '51, of Midland, Mich., Sept. 21, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her husband, **Robert Jackson '51**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Sherman Moreland '51, of Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 9, at the age of 88. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Harry Skillman '51, of Scituate, Mass., Oct. 11, at the age of 88. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Julian Smith '51, of Dallas, Nov. 1, at the age of 87. He is survived by a son, **Charles Smith '80**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Smith was born on March 23, 1930 in Portsmouth, Ohio. After graduating from OWU, he received his medical degree from Columbia University in 1955. While in medical school he met the love of his life, **Eleanore Stankunas**, a nurse at New York Presbyterian Hospital. They were married in 1954. Following medical school, he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University in 1959. He served in Germany as a reserve commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. During his fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Hospital and Cancer Center in Houston in 1967, he conducted clinical trials that proved the superior results of applying multidisciplinary therapy in the treatment of ovarian cancer. He led the Department of Gynecological Oncology at MD Anderson to become one of the nation's most esteemed and productive academic training centers. He advanced the treatment of ovarian cancer and was internationally known for his groundbreaking research, surgical techniques, and teaching skills. Smith joined the faculty as chairman at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1978 and Loyola University in Chicago in 1987. He subsequently served as chief of gynecological oncology at the University of Maryland until his retirement in 1995 at the age of 65.

Carlene Marks Burroughs '52, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Dec. 28, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by a brother, **Wayne Marks '54**.

Nancy Enochs '52, of Charlotte, N.C., Oct. 22, at the age of 86. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Jack Jones '52, of Lima, Ohio, Dec. 11, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Patricia Oldfather Kelly '52, of Exeter, N.H., Jan. 12, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her husband, **William Kelly '52**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Jack Kerby '52, of Novi, Mich., Oct. 17, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his wife, **Barbara Wallace Kerby '54**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Anne Child Sheaffer '52, of Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 14, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her husband, **Jerry Sheaffer '55**, her mother, **Anna Blackford Child 1913**, a sister, **Bette Child Loyd '39**, and three brothers, **Rollin Child '37**, **Harold Child '46**, and **Earl Child '41**. She is survived by two sons, **Jeremy Sheaffer '90** and **Dan Sheaffer '81**, and a granddaughter, **Elizabeth Sheaffer '13**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

James Wagner '52, of Simsbury, Mass., Oct. 6, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his parents, **Justine Heasley Wagner '25** and **H. Hughes Wagner '25**. He is survived by a sister, **Mary Wagner Manley '52**, and two sons, **Jeffrey Wagner '83** and **James Wagner '80**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Harlan Long '53, of Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 4, at the age of 86. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Katherine Clauson Mackinnon '53, of Jay, N.Y., Nov. 26, at the age of 85. She was predeceased by her husband, **John MacKinnon '52**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Molly Hedlund Marple '53, of Painesville, Ohio, Jan. 23, at the age of 86. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

John Moore '53, of Denver, Colo., Jan. 6, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his mother, **Cheryl Moore '28**. He was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Joseph Mosher '53, of Westerville, Ohio, Jan. 1, at the age of 87.

Helen Henes Prittie '53, of Louisville, Ky., Oct. 15, at the age of 86. She was predeceased by her husband, **Gerald Prittie '53**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Robert Stecher '53, of Woodland Hills, Calif., April 2017, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, **Patsy Palmer Stecher '54**, his children Robert, Frederick, Ruth, and Paul, and 10 grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was an animator, writer, and historian.

Allan Steer '53, of Holland, Mich., Dec. 30, at the age of 87. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Barbara Kreutz Barrett '54, of Westminster, Colo., Jan. 22, at the age of 85. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Ruth Palmer Roberts '54, of Spencerport, N.Y., Sept. 18, at the age of 85. She is survived by a daughter, **Nancy Roberts Mahoney '86**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Thomas Roos '55, of Westlake, Ohio, Dec. 19, at the age of 83. He is survived by a sister, **Kathryn Roos Meuth '65**, and two brothers, **James Roos '53** and **Philip Roos '60**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and its barbershop quartet, as well as the OWU Chorale. Roos had a long career in human resources and retired in 1997, going on to serve as a volunteer consultant for the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.

Virginia Hein Seamon '55, of Monroe, Ohio, Nov. 21, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

William Sevon III '55, of Worcester, Mass., Oct. 8 at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife Cecilia, two sons and daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and his former wife, **Joan Johnson LaFleur '58**. After earning his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Illinois, he taught for several years at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. He joined the Pennsylvania Geological Survey in 1965, from which he retired in 2001.

John Cozier '56, of Asheville, N.C., Jan. 4, at the age 86. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

James Dailey '56, of Hilliard, Ohio, Sept. 21, at the age of 83. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

William Davidson '56, of Aurora, Ohio, Jan. 25, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, **Margot Freed Davidson '56**, and a brother, **Charles Davidson '56**.

George Fallon '56, of Lubec, Maine, Dec. 26, at the age of 83.

Mary Bauders Gleske '56, of The Woodlands, Texas, Oct. 16, at the age of 82. She was predeceased by her husband, **Elmer Gleske '54**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Carolyn Lazier Laymon '56, of Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 29, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **Douglas Laymon '56**, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Carol Vogt Ross '56, of Annapolis, Md., Dec. 6, at the age of 83. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Frederick Ballard '57, of Westerville, Ohio, Sept. 20, at the age of 82. He is survived by a daughter, **Michele Scott Zimmermann '90**, and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Mary Ellen Basbagill '57, of Delaware, Ohio, Sept. 30, at the age of 82. She is survived by a brother, **Leo Basbagill '63**, and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Robert Dickson '57, of Dallas, Oct. 1, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Thomas Manuel '57, of Bonita Springs, Fla., Oct. 14, at the age of 81. He was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Thomas McCune '57, of Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 22, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Warren Smith '57, of Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 9, at the age of 81. He was predeceased by his father, **Charles Smith '23**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Laura Pierce Bump '58, of Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 14, at the age of 81. She was predeceased by her parents, **Stanley Pierce '33** and **Cornelia King Pierce '32**, and her husband, **Richard Bump '58**. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society, OWU Athletic Hall of Fame, and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Barbara Tobener Sanford '58, of Abilene, Texas, Nov. 27, at the age of 81. She was predeceased by a brother, **William Tobener '59**, and is survived by her husband, **Calvin Sanford '57**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Marilyn Clasen '59, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Jan. 21, at the age of 80. She was predeceased by a brother, **Robert Clasen '55**, and is survived by her partner,

James Kitson '59. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Robert Shaw '59, of Defiance, Ohio, Oct. 21, at the age of 80. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Frank Waldhaus '59, of Shelton, Conn., Dec. 11, at the age of 79. He is survived by a daughter, **Frances Waldhaus '02**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

1960s

Robert Boyd '60, of Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 19, at the age of 79. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Joel Horowitz '60, of Wayne, N.J., Oct. 2, at the age of 79. Horowitz attended OWU for two years before going into the Army and then to the University of Chicago where he obtained a Ph.D. He led the Sociology Department at Columbus College in Georgia.

Joan Dillon Mays '60, of Indianapolis, Oct. 26, at the age of 78. She is survived by a brother, **William Dillon '69**, and three children, **Stephen Croner '89**, **Michael Croner '87**, and **James Croner '90**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Roger Hopper '62, of Akron, Ohio, Dec. 11, at the age of 77. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Kent Jeffrey '62, of Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 16, at the age of 77.

Sheila Wagner Ploger '62 of Oberlin, Ohio, Oct. 30, at the age of 76. She is survived by a brother, **Randall Wagner '60**, and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Douglas Barno '63, of Granville, Ohio, Dec. 16, at the age of 76. He was predeceased by his mother, **Janet Campbell Barno**

'36, and is survived by a son, **Christopher Barno '91**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

David Williams '63, of Somerset, N.J., Jan. 13, at the age of 76. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Robert Hartmann '64, of Macon, Ga., Dec. 15, at the age of 75. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Sara Mason Murdock '65, of Norfolk, Mass., Oct. 16, at the age of 74. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Ann Bird Seaberg '65, of Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 30, at the age of 74. She was predeceased by her husband, **Edwin Seaberg '65**, and is survived by a sister, **Karen Bird Hill '67**, and two children, **John Seaberg '99** and **Eric Seaberg '00**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Carolyn Coss Cassin '67, of Winnetka, Ill., Oct. 29, at the age of 72.

James Baldrige '68, of Baltimore, Dec. 20 at the age of 71. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Michael Banzhaf '68, of Newport Beach, Calif., Jan. 27, at the age of 71. He is survived by a son, **Peter Banzhaf '06**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Michael Treman '68, of Santa Barbara, Calif., Oct. 1, at the age of 71. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Thomas Leonard Sr. '69, of Wallingford, Pa., Oct. 23, at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife, **Penelope Holston Leonard '72**, and a brother, **John Leonard '67**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1970s

Judith Duncan Flood '70, of Annapolis, Md., Dec. 11, at the age of 69.

Karl Kuivinen '71, of Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 10, at the age of 69. He is survived by a sister, **Rachael Kuivinen ver Duin '75**, and was a member of the OWU Tower Society.

Constance Hargis Clay '73, of Chicago, Sept. 27, at the age of 68.

John "B.J." Lawson '75, of Thonotosassa, Fla., Dec. 5, at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife, **Valarie Hart Lawson '73**.

M. Blair Bucknell Gregory '76, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Sept. 22, at the age of 62.

Michael Murphy '76, of New Orleans, Oct. 19, at the age of 62.

Kim Potter Bixler '77, of Granville, N.Y., Dec. 13, at the age of 62. She is survived by two sisters, **Tracey Potter Stamatel '82** and **Debra Potter Hoesterey '72**. Her son **Samuel Bixler '10**, died Feb. 14 (see below).

Kim McKinney Engelsman '77 of Falls Township, Pa., July 26 at the age of 62. She is survived by a son, Robertson C. Engelsman, her daughter, Alison C. Engelsman of Newtown, Pa., and her sister and brother-in-law. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. *Incorrect information was included in the Winter 2018 issue; we regret the error.*

Gary Kleinman '77, of Wyckoff, N.J., Sept. 24, at the age of 62. He is survived by his wife, **Maureen Curran Kleinman '78**, and a daughter, **Jessica Kleinman Constantine '09**. He

was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Brenda Kale '78, of Miami, Oct. 10, at the age of 61. She is survived by a brother, **Robert Kale '75**.

Susan Bowman Leddy '79, of Findlay, Ohio, Nov. 30, at the age of 60. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1980s

Everett Henderson '80, of Laconia, N.H., Dec. 4, at the age of 60. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

John Langhorne '80, of Green Valley, Ariz., Jan. 12, at the age of 60. He is survived by a sister, **Elizabeth Langhorne Redinger '83**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Ray Cook '81, of Westerville, Ohio, Nov. 24, at the age of 58.

Georgia Blum Herminghausen '88, of Columbus, Oct. 29, at the age of 51. She is survived by her husband, **Steve Blum Herminghausen '86**.

1990s

Alexander Knowlton '97, of Springfield, Ohio, Oct. 29, at the age of 45.

2010s



Samuel Bixler '10, of Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 14, at the age of 29, following injuries

sustained when he was hit by a car in January. He was a high school history teacher. He is predeceased by his mother, **Kim Potter Bixler '77**, and is survived by his father, **Matt Bixler '78**.

Michael "Bret" Irvine '13, of Gahanna, Ohio, Jan. 21, at the age of 27. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Faculty/Staff

Thomas Agne, of Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 22, at the age of 64. For more than 25 years, he was head athletic trainer at OWU.

Virginia Dolbeare Anderson, of Loveland, Colo., Nov. 16, 2016, at the age of 87. She taught English as a second language at OWU in the 1970s and 1980s, and she is survived by two sons, **Alan Anderson '81** and **Robert Anderson '88**. Her husband, Daniel "Andy" Anderson, taught in the OWU Philosophy Department from 1965 until his death in 1994.

Mabel Casey Harter, of Ostrander, Ohio, Jan. 6, at the age of 66. She worked in facility services through Aramark at OWU.

Joann Reichart, of Ostrander, Ohio, Oct. 10, at the age of 70. She worked in the Office of Alumni Relations at OWU.

Friends

Dale Dykema, of Newport Beach, Calif., July 4, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his wife, **Suzanne Williams Dykema '67**, and was a member of the OWU Tower Society.

Sympathy to

Kathy Earls, assistant to the vice president for University Advancement, and her husband Carl for the death of their son, Carl Jr., on Jan. 10, at the age of 33.

Edward Khan, professor of theatre and dance, for the death of his mother, Dorothy Khan, on Jan. 21.

Betty Jane Farquhar Shultz '53 for the death of her husband, John T. "Ted" Shultz, on Sept. 10.

Jane Conklin Setterlin '59 for the death of her daughter, Wendy Jo Setterlin, on Aug. 27.

Barbara Martin Kamman '60 for the death of her husband, Arnold Kamman, on Jan. 25.

Sharon Smithey Coale '72, **Deborah Smithey Durham '74**, **Billy Coale '02**, **Brooke Coale Krapf '05**, **John Krapf '07**, **Brittany Coale Bourassa '07**, **Adam Rosen '97**, and **Courtney Durham '12**, for the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy R. Smithey, on Jan. 11.

Joseph Glatthaar '78 for the death of his father, Joseph Glatthaar, on Dec. 17.

Meggie Feran Sexton '06 for the death of her sister-in-law, Kathryn Sexton, on Oct. 21.

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Marty, had reserved it a year ahead in anticipation of the event.

Jim's family was only moderately excited about the event. Some of them were there mostly for the family reunion. Most of them had seen partial eclipses. "How much better could the totality be?" they asked.

I replied with writer Annie Dillard's famous comparison of a partial and total solar eclipse: "It's the difference between kissing a man and marrying him."

They were for the most part unimpressed. "You'll see," I said.

Inspiring but exhausting was our pre-eclipse hike up the mountain to see Sawtooth Lake, a 10-mile round trip up to 1,700 feet. As we neared the summit, we passed a young woman with a huge backpack full of camera equipment. "It's my second time up," she said. "The first time was for my camping stuff." Now that's inspiring.

And as we came finally to the lake, we saw at least 200 tents placed in every conceivable tent location. Some of the campers had been there for a week, such was their ardor to see the most beautiful of natural events from one of the most beautiful places in America.

And abruptly inspiration hit us smack in the kisser. As we rounded a rock face, there was the crystalline-blue lake. Across from it was Sawtooth Mountain, a granite peak so high that not a single inch of it was below the tree line. It was all rock and snow pack set against the perfect blue of the lake below and sky above.

We wanted to stay to see the eclipse from there, but we lacked the necessary camping equipment. So down the mountain we went.

A quick trip into Stanley to check the weather confirmed our suspicions. Its population had swelled from 56 to over 10,000. The main eatery was a giant and temporary open-pit cookery with a badly spray-painted sign that read "Booze and BBQ." Inspiring in its way, I suppose, but too crowded (and inebriated) for my taste. Back to our campsite we went.

As I arose at 5 a.m. on eclipse day, my heart sank as a heavy haze hung around our campsite. But as predicted, the sun burned off the haze. By 7 a.m. I was hustling solar-safe telescopes and binoculars out to our observing field.



As our little group's gasps and cries finally turned to total, awestruck silence, the first point of brilliant sunlight appeared surprisingly but as expected through a lunar valley.



Burns' daughter Krishna in a mid-eclipse selfie with her dog Emma, from their viewing spot in Carbondale, Illinois.

And as the moon took its first bite out of the solar cookie and then the bite grew slowly larger, I imagined the shadow of the moon, just 70 miles wide, sweeping from west to east at 1,200 miles per hour across America.

And then, abruptly, the sun was consumed.

How can I find the words to describe the two minutes and eight seconds of totality? The sun's feathery corona was dotted with red solar prominences, each one a gigantic explosion of outrushing gases larger than planet Earth.

The corona itself is a strange contradiction. The sun's outer atmosphere cascades outward, pushed violently away from the sun by the solar wind at hundreds of thousands of degrees Fahrenheit. We see in it the force of the sun's explosive, hydrogen-bomb power. How can anything so fierce be so ephemerally and delicately beautiful?

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the first point of brilliant sunlight appeared surprisingly but as expected through a lunar valley.

"The diamond ring!" I cried, and the totality was over.

As the sun slowly reappeared, I sat in dazed silence for a long time by my telescope. I imagined the moon's shadow darting down the eclipse path for my friends and family across the country to see. "Now Don in Wyoming. Now Brad in Nebraska. Now Krishna in Carbondale. Now Bob in Kentucky. Now Dave in Nashville. Now Al in South Carolina."

And my heart flew to Carbondale. "Promise fulfilled," I thought. Krishna and I stood apart by 1,500 miles, but that day we bathed our faces in unearthly light as we stood together in the shadow of the moon.

Inspiration is the first cry of a newborn child just moments after he is born. Except that this time, the cry signaled not birth but rebirth. Except that this time, back at Inspiration Point, the cry came from me.

"We have to get going," my wife said, snapping me from my eclipse reverie. "How's the view? Are you inspired?"

"Nope," I said, lying and hoping she did not notice the catch in my throat. "But it's a pretty good view, all in all." ■



Carol A. Latham '61 to be Honored by OFIC

Carol A. Latham '61, of Bay Village, Ohio, will be inducted in April into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence. Latham is the retired founder, president, and CEO of Thermagon, Inc., a custom manufacturer of high performance heat-transfer materials for electronic components. Under her leadership, Thermagon changed the microchip industry and, within five years of its launch, achieved sales of \$18 million annually.

A chemistry major at Ohio Wesleyan, Latham is the 11th OWU graduate to be inducted into the Hall of Excellence since it was created in 1987 to honor distinguished alumni from OFIC-member colleges.

"Carol Latham was a true entrepreneur then and now," said Colleen C. Garland, Ohio Wesleyan's vice president for university advancement, who collaborated with university President Rock Jones to nominate Latham for the OFIC honor.

Latham remains active in coaching entrepreneurs in technology start-up companies and in supporting both her alma mater and its students. She is a member of the OWU Board of Trustees and of the advisory board for the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship. She also serves on the campaign leadership committee for the university's \$200 million Connect Today, Create Tomorrow fundraising campaign and is one of its leading donors.

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The view from Inspiration Point: THOUGHTS ON THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Tom Burns will retire at the end of the school year after 34 years as a part-time professor of English and 25 years as director of Perkins Observatory.

By Tom Burns

My wife and I took the long way home after viewing the “Great American Solar Eclipse” in Stanley, Idaho. And thus it was that I stood with her a few days later in Grand Teton National Park on a rocky outcropping called Inspiration Point.

Inspiration is the first cry of my first-born child, Krishni, as she lay cradled in my arms just moments after she was born. Inspiration was my first total solar eclipse off the coast of the Baja Peninsula in 1991. How bitterly my then-7-year-old daughter cried



Tom Burns displays the binoculars he used for about 15 seconds during totality.

when we left her at home. How fervently we promised that we would take her along to the next one.

Inspiration was the total phase of the 1991 eclipse. As I stared dumbstruck at the hole in the sky where the sun used to be and saw the iridescent corona encircling the sun like an excess of feather boas, my thoughts turned to my daughter. She must see this someday. Afterward at dinner, my wife, Susie, and I began to make plans for 2017.

Disappointment mixed with pride was my reaction to my daughter’s announcement of her appointment to a teaching position at the University of Illinois. Classes began soon after eclipse day, Aug. 21, and she was required to attend meetings for new faculty. I could not keep my promise to her.

But fortune is knowing that the university is but a three-hour drive from Carbondale, Illinois, the place along the path where

totality would last the longest.

And so we stopped at her place in Urbana, Illinois, to drop off our dog. She had planned her sprint to Carbondale to perfection.

We bid her a sad farewell as we headed much farther west.

Uninspiring was the 2,000-mile drive to a primitive campsite near Stanley, Idaho — a bone-grinding, extended labor, the consequences of which only the weather gods knew.

And uninspiring indeed was the weather forecast for Idaho



Burns’ wife, Susan Schaeffgen, at the aptly named Inspiration Point in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, where they stopped on their way back to Delaware after viewing the eclipse.

and Illinois, which shifted a dozen times from clear to cloudy and back again. Time and again, I checked the weather in Stanley, but time and again, thinking of my daughter, my iPhone took me to the forecast in Carbondale and to all the places along the eclipse path I knew my friends were waiting.

Deeply uninspiring was planning our bailout strategy if Stanley turned out cloudy. We would arise (if we had slept at all) at 1 a.m. on eclipse day and dash to the east to Rexburg, Idaho, or to the west to Lime, Oregon, population zero, the site of the long-defunct and decaying Portland Cement Factory, where we would experience the zombie apocalypse version of totality.

The sky was partly cloudy when we arrived two days before the eclipse at our campsite. We shared it with the extended family of Columbus Astronomical Society member Jim Schoultz. Jim’s wife,

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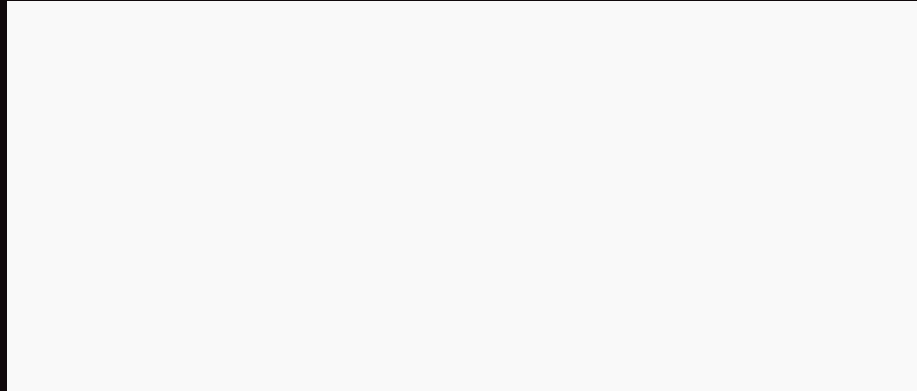
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