Common Book Brings Up Current Issues

This year’s common book proposed some interesting topics for the new incoming freshmen at Otterbein College. The theme for this year’s common book is “Trading Places: The U.S. As Others See Us.” *The Eagle’s Shadow*, by Mark Hertsgaard, encompasses that idea completely.

Mark Hertsgaard, in an article from *The Guardian*, printed in London, on September 11, 2002, states that, “the world doesn’t hate us, the American people. It is our government, our military, and our corporations that are resented.” His book discusses the problem that Americans don’t understand the rest of the world and what they believe and how they feel about us. Hertsgaard states, “Americans are ignorant of the outside world mainly because most of what we’re told about it is little more than semi-official propaganda.”

Mark Hertsgaard is a journalist who has written for many journals in various countries. He has published five different books, which have been translated into fifteen different languages. His book, which was chosen as Otterbein’s 2004 common book, approaches many of the issues pertinent to this year’s election, and has been a great way to get student’s thinking.

Mark Hertsgaard will visit campus and speak to the Friends of the Library on Monday, November 8, at 7:30pm on the 2nd floor of the Courtright Memorial Library.

For more information, visit the library common book site (http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmhome.htm). Information from this article was found at, http://www.markhertsgaard.com/ (Mark Hertsgaard’s official site)
Coffee Shop Open House

There will be an open house for the new coffee shop on Friday, Oct 15, from 11:30am to 2:00pm.

Come and enjoy the official ribbon cutting and hear the new name announced at the Courtright Memorial Library. Refreshments will be served.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 15th, 2004!
11:30am-2:00pm
Alumni Book Club

Would you like some…

literature with your latté,

enlightenment with your espresso,

conversation with your cappuccino,

or memories with your mocha?

Then join the newly formed Alumni Book Club in the recently opened Cyber Café of the Courtright Memorial Library. You’ll read a good book each month, but the real fun comes from sipping on a cup of coffee as you connect with the book theme and reflect on it with others in this casual, yet engaging atmosphere.

The “books and beans” are enjoyable, but the best part will be connecting with other Otterbein alumni who share a passion for reading!

For more information, contact Melissa Lafayette Dardinger ‘95 at mdard@corp.oprs.org or 614-501-6608.

When: First Mondays of each month beginning Monday, November 1, 2004 at 7:30pm—First meeting, no pre-reading required.

Where: Cyber Café in the Courtright Memorial Library.

Sponsored by the Otterbein College Alumni Association, Friends of the Library and the Common Book Committee. (Also open to Otterbein faculty and students)

Political Debate

For the first time ever, the Otterbein College Library hosted a political debate. The debate was held on September 29, at 7pm on the second floor of the Courtright Memorial Library. Candidates running for the Ohio House of Representatives spoke, including Antoine Wright, Democrat, Larry Flowers, Republican, and Rick Otten, Green party. The candidates all represent the 19th district, which includes the Otterbein and Westerville Communities. The debate was open to the public, especially to Otterbein students as an attempt to promote voter awareness on campus. More than 60 people attended. A big thanks to Allen Reichert, Electronic Access Librarian, for the organization of this event!

Torch and Key Book Sale

The Otterbein College Torch and key Honorary Society is holding their annual book sale at the Courtright Memorial Library. Hundreds of books on a wide variety of topics will be available for purchase. Proceeds are used to fund student scholarships.

Book sale will be held:

NOON Tuesday, September 28, 2004 - NOON Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Library Hours:

Monday—Thursday 7:45am-11:00pm
Friday 7:45am- 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm-11:00pm
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Sunday 12:00 – 6:00 PM; Monday 12:00 – 11:00 PM

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A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

Dr. Jim Grissinger, 80, passed away in St. Ann’s Hospital of cancer on Monday, June 21, 2004. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, but lived out most of his life in Ohio. He received three degrees from The Ohio State University. He served in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific and the Cuban Crisis. He taught at many schools, including Yale University, the University of Illinois and the College of Wooster.

He arrived at Otterbein in 1950, the same year he married his lovely wife, Jo Ann (Jodi) Smith Grissinger who passed away earlier this year in February. They lived in Westerville for all of their 53 years of marriage. While at Otterbein, Jim served as the Chairman of the Department of Communications for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1987. He made huge contributions that have changed the face of the school, such as starting WOBN, the college’s FM station, and WOCC, the college/community TV channel.

Not only did he impact Otterbein, but also the Westerville community by serving as a member of the Westerville City Council from 1958-1970, finishing out the last two years of that term as Chairman. He has been a committed volunteer to many other organizations around Westerville, including the Friends of the Library. Jim served as Vice President of the Friends, performed in several productions, and offered his time, energy, and resources to helping make the Friends of the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library a success. In 2001 he received the Courtright Community Service Award.

Jim is survived by his daughter Lynnan, daughter Beth and husband Vern, and his six grandchildren, Shayne, Jeremy, Jessica, Ingrid, Geoffrey, and Courtney. Donations can be made to the Dr. Griss Endowed Fund, through the Development Office at Otterbein College. The Friends have purchased a book in Jim and Jodi’s memory to be housed in the library.

Source:
The Columbus Dispatch, June 24, 2004

Barbara Ann Bulthaup, 72, passed away at Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital, in Westerville on Wednesday, August 25, 2004. She was born in Indianapolis, IN to Robert and Gertrude (White) Sponsel on December 10, 1931. Later in Indianapolis, she married her husband of 52 years, Donald C. Bulthaup.

Barbara was an Otterbein College graduate and a graduate of The Ohio State University. She taught high school English in the Westerville Schools and chaired the Westerville North English Department for many years.

As a member of the Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville, she served in the Friendly Visitor Program. She was very active in the community, including in such organizations as New Century Club and AAUW, Westerville Branch. For AAUW, she served as President and many other offices as well.

Barbara was trustee of the Westerville Public Library for seven years. Also, she served as an active member of the Westerville Library Outreach Program. She was an active member of the Otterbein College Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library. She was a strong supporter through her various contributions and active involvement.

She is survived by husband, Donald; daughters Janet Cook and Sharon Bulthaup, grandchildren Nathan Cook, and Sarah E.R. Cook, brother David Sponsel, and sister Claris Amos. Gifts can be made to The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital.

Source:
The Columbus Dispatch, Sept. 1, 2004
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Enclosed is your latest copy of “Friendly Correspondence” the newsletter of the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library