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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

Imagination

On Saturday, April 16, 2004 the Otterbein Freshman Musical Theatre Ensemble joined the Courtright Memorial Library for the Friends' Annual Spring Event. Dennis Davenport, Associate Professor of Music, provided music direction and served as the pianist for the night, while Stella Kane and John Stefano contributed in the areas of staging, coaching, and choreography. The evening of musical entertainment featured songs about the imagination and the places it can take the mind. The song lineup included favorites from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Into the Woods*, *Iolanthe*, *Pippin*, and more. Sponsored by the Friends of the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library, the event also included refreshments and



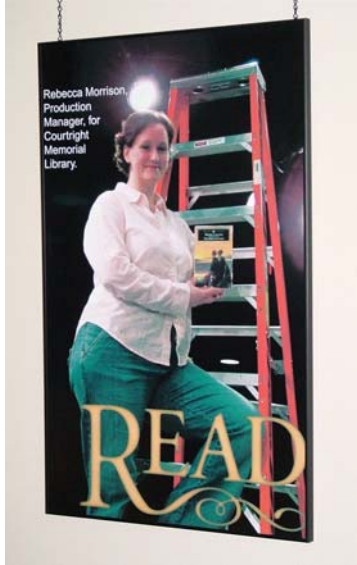
Posing for a picture after their performance.
Front (l-r): Selena Verastigui, Abi Gregory, Brittany Cope, Steve Chazaro and David Bahgat.
Back (l-r): Dir. Stella Kane, Keeshon Morrow, Lucas Dixon, Tess Emerson, David Caamano, Catherine Burns, and Dir. Dennis Davenport

honored bookmark winner, Sandra Thouvenin.

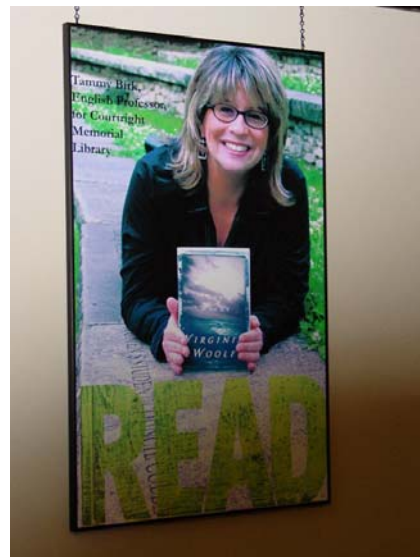
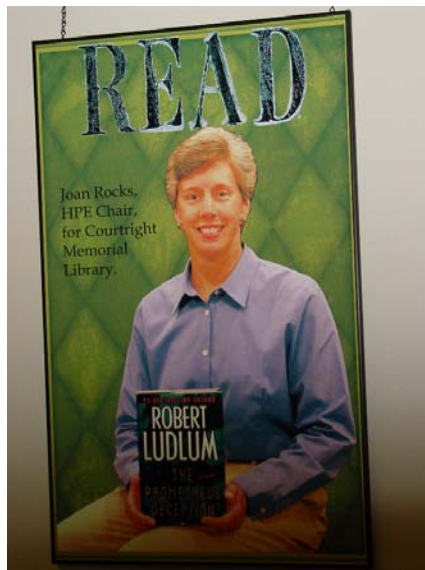
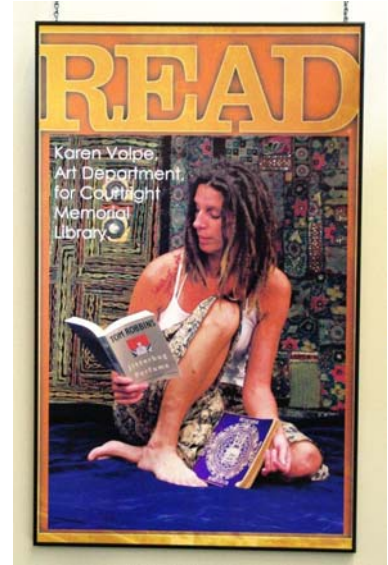
See page 3 for more on this year's bookmark winner and minutes from the Annual Friends Meeting that followed the event.



READ Posters Featuring Faculty and Staff!



The library is proud to announce the winners of the READ poster contest. Students and staff voted for their favorite Otterbein faculty and staff members to appear on READ posters in the library, alongside the famous figures already claiming space among the stacks. After counting all their online and ballot votes, the top four choices include: Rebecca Morrison, Production Manager of the Theatre & Dance Department; Karen Volpe, Academic Administrative Assistant of the Art Department; Joan Rocks, Assistant Professor, Chair and Athletic Training Program Director of the Health & Physical Education Department; and Tammy Birk, Visiting Instructor of the English Department.



OOPS!!!!

Your treasurer goofed!

After a recent review of IRS regulations with Tracy Roush from Institutional Advancement, we realized that your \$10/person donation to attend the April 16th Imagination event is NOT tax deductible. However, if you donated money in addition to the \$10/person amount, then you can deduct the amount in excess of \$10.00.

I apologize for the confusion.

Lois Szudy
Treasurer

Friends Annual Meeting - April 16, 2005

President Marge Trent convened the Annual Meeting, following "Imagination," a most enjoyable program presented by talented freshman musical theater students, and directed by Dr. Dennis Davenport.

Minutes of April 2004 Annual Meeting were dispensed with.

Lois Szudy reported a current balance of \$4,058.52, the July 2004 balance of \$13,023.41 having provided funds for library book carts, printing the new bookmark, and reupholstering 230 chairs.

Several observations were offered on the previous year's program: (a) There was a good response to Common Book author Mark Hertzgaard (although he will not be making a second visit to the campus); (b) the political debate provided a potentially useful connection between Larry Flowers and higher education and library interests; (c) the current evening's program was excellent and consensus was to ask Dr. Davenport to present next year's program as well.

Suggestions for the future include additional use of the new coffee shop. Publicity is important to continue. Some signed catalog cards are still available, an earlier silent auction having netted \$6,000.

Those who made phone calls to members about the program were thanked.

Next issue of the newsletter, nearly completed, will be out late April or early May. Plans for future newsletters include one edition each term, with a smaller one in the summer.

Lois noted that the Friends' web site needs to be updated.

Membership renewals were discussed. Individual renewal dates are often unclear; the college thank-you letter can be confusing. Do we set one renewal date for all, or use annually renewed library cards with each member's renewal date? Opinion leaned toward the latter.

New Business:

The library's new connection with Westerville Public Library through Ohio Link may impact Friends' membership: the college library can now be accessed with a Westerville Library card. Also, college library computers are not filtered, so policies for children will need to be addressed.

A packet of information is being prepared for the Class of 2005 of what is available to alumni, to encourage continued connection with the college. Many "enticements" are being considered.

Next Year's Common Book is *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.

The 2005 Annual Meeting adjourned.

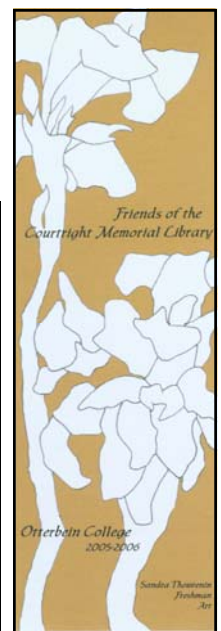
Mary Cay Wells, Secretary

Bookmark Contest 2005-2006

For the past four years, the Courtright Memorial Library has gone on a search for a design for its annual bookmark. Each year during the winter quarter, students from Professor Don Austin's Design 2D class (ART 110) come up with ideas for the library's bookmark as a part of a contest held by the library. The bookmark chosen is distributed throughout the year to members of the Friends. This year's winner was Sandra Thouvenin, a Freshman Art Major. Her design is shown at the right. This year due to the number of excellent designs, we also chose other winners as well. Christine Wheeler won 2nd Place and Brendan Gatens and Lynn Wiczorek received honorable mentions.

As I tried to come up with an idea for my bookmark, I wanted an image that was connected with a library: books, glasses, desk lamps. Sort of like a teacher is represented by an image of an apple. I assumed everyone else would be doing the same thing—using images that relate to the library, so I wanted something different. I used a drawing I had done previously of flowers located around Otterbein's campus as the basis.

Sandra Thouvenin, Freshman Art Major



A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

Otterbein mourns the loss of **Dan Thompson**, 48, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of Institutional Research. He passed away suddenly March 4, 2005, at St. Ann's Hospital. Thompson was an Otterbein alumnus from the class of '78, a brother of Eta Phi Mu (Jonda), and has served the College for 27 years as Registrar, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Director of Institutional Research. He received his MBA at Capital University and was a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Toledo.

Thompson was devoted to his students and to the college. "He loved the college," Bob Gatti, Vice President for Student Affairs said. "People have been saying he was the brick and mortar of Otterbein and the heartbeat of the campus."

Up and down the halls at Otterbein there are students and faculty sharing memories of Thompson and the vast impact he had on campus. "He will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he has touched," Dr. Patti Frick, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean said.

"You don't replace Dan Thompson," Gatti said. "I miss Dan very much as do many here at Otterbein, but I take comfort that I was able to work with him, to know him, and to be his friend for even part of his too short time with us," John Weispfenning, Associate

Professor of Communication said.

Dan was a member of the Westerville Community Church of Christ, a fisherman and a sports enthusiast.

Not only was Thompson devoted to his college and students, but he was a devoted father and a loving husband. Thompson is survived by his loving wife Dr. Susan Thompson, Chairperson of the Mathematical Sciences department at Otterbein College, and his three children Abby, Marlie and Alexander. He is also survived by his father James Harry Thompson, and brothers, Kent and Rev. Doug Thompson.

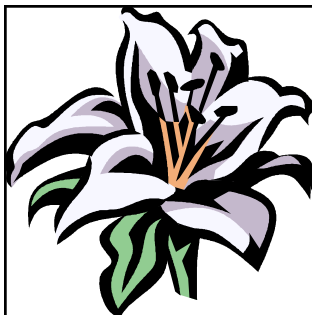
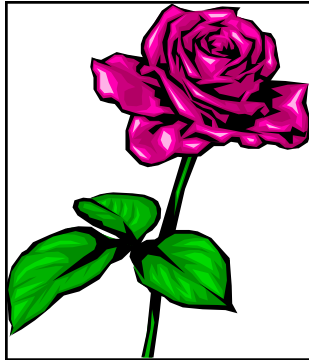
Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time,

particularly due to his mother's [Laura (Gates) Thompson] death on March 11, 2005.

A liberty elm tree, accompanied by a plaque, was planted between the south side of Towers Hall and the north entrance of Roush in memory of Dan.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Daniel C. Thompson Memorial Fund, Institutional Advancement c/o Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081 or to the American Heart Association.

Sources: Columbus Dispatch and the Tan & Cardinal



Otterbein College mourns the loss of **Kenneth E. Freeman**. Kenny was the husband of Dorothy Freeman, long time secretary to the Courtright Memorial Library. Kenny passed away January 31, 2005 at the age of 86. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy; sons, Gary and Ron; son-in-law John Lesosky; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and nieces.

We will all miss his sense of humor and wonderful smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



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