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Happy New Year alumni! Welcome to another exciting edition of the Owens Community College Alumni Association's *Encounters* magazine. In addition to a variety of other topics, this edition of *Encounters* highlights student life at Owens Community College.

Owens has certainly changed since I attended. Currently, there are a variety of activities for students to participate in to make the most of their Owens experience. Owens has an outstanding athletic program where basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball are legendary. Owens also offers students the opportunity to become involved with a variety of clubs and organizations including the Camera Work Photo Club, the Japanese Club, the Ski Club, WinterGuard, the Environmental Club, the Chess Club and many more!

In addition to the previously mentioned clubs and organizations, Student Government is alive and well at Owens. Our students have a tremendous interest in what happens on their campuses. And, with so many more students becoming involved in extracurricular activities at Owens, the Alumni Association is optimistic that their commitment to Owens will continue as they become alumni of this fine institution.

As we begin 2006, I encourage our alumni to maintain their involvement to Owens through a number of fun and exciting alumni events.

Mark your calendars:

April 28 Outstanding Service Award Celebration

The Alumni Association celebrates the accomplishments of our community's first responders with the 3rd annual awards celebration. 8 a.m., Audio Visual Classroom Center, Toledo-area Campus.

June 16 Mud Hens Night and Annual Meeting

The Alumni Association sponsors the 3rd annual Alumni Night at Fifth Third Field with food, baseball, fun and fireworks. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

July 14 - 16 Whitewater Rafting Trip

Come conquer the rapids as the Alumni Association travels to Oak Hill, West Virginia, for the 3rd annual Whitewater Rafting Trip.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Encounters*! For more information on any upcoming alumni events, call the Owens Alumni Association at (567) 661-7410 or email Laura Moore, Alumni Affairs Manager, at laura_moore@owens.edu. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,



Janet M. Meacham
President, Owens Alumni Association



2005 Election Results and 2006 Election Outlook



Jennifer Fehnrich
Special Assistant to
the President for
Government Relations

The 2005 Election is behind us and we extend heartfelt congratulations to all of our elected officials. A high number of registered voters went to the polls — demonstrating again the influence individuals can have on the process. At Owens Community College, we hope to foster this sense of activism and urge supporters of the College to help us as we communicate with state and federal officials regarding the importance of higher education for Ohio's future.

One of our own was elected to Waterville Village Council. Derek Merrin, 19, replaced 12-year incumbent Norm Witzler. Merrin is an Owens Community College student majoring in economics. Congratulations to Derek for running a successful campaign.

With the New Year, our attention in Ohio will turn to the 2006 race for Governor. On the Republican side Attorney General Jim Petro,

Secretary of State Ken Blackwell and Auditor of State Betty Montgomery have all indicated that they are running. Candidates on the Democratic side originally included U.S. Congressman Ted Strickland and City of Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman. As you may be aware, Mayor Coleman has since dropped out of the race. All candidates must officially declare whether or not they will be running by February 16, 2006. The notion that higher education will be a leading-edge issue during the campaign race is anticipated.

If you would like more information about government relations activities occurring in Columbus or in your local communities, please contact Jennifer Fehnrich at jennifer_fehnrich@owens.edu.

Apple of the Month Award Given to Pat Wilcox and Julia Popp



Pat Wilcox



Julia Popp



During Owens Community College's Fall 2005 Opening Week Festivities, Dr. Paul Unger, Provost, announced the creation of a new award, "The Apple of the Month Award," to recognize faculty members who have achieved excellence in instruction.

In its first official month, "The Apple of the Month Award" was given to professors Pat Wilcox and Julia Popp, both full-time faculty members in the Owens Nursing Department.

"I am so proud to honor Pat and Julia with The Apple of the Month Award," said Dr. Paul Unger, Owens Provost. "Both are outstanding faculty members who continuously give of their time and energy to ensure their students receive the best education possible. I am proud of their efforts to create the paramedic to RN progression program to meet the continuing educational needs of first responders in our community. We are so fortunate to have them on our faculty here at Owens."

"Apple of the Month" awardees receive an invitation to a luncheon hosted by Dr. Adams, President of Owens, and Dr. Unger, as well as a pin and certificate in their honor.

Pathways: The Literary and Art Journal of Owens Community College

As alumni, you are invited to submit original music, artwork, poetry, essays or fiction to this year's edition of *Pathways: The Art and Literary Journal of Owens Community College*.

The Spring 2006 edition will feature original music and songs of all types, a variety of poems, essays and short fiction and artwork of all kinds. If you would like to submit artwork, call Kevin Schroeder at (567) 661-2666 for further information. For photography, call Shannon Smith at (567) 661-7069. And, for written and audio submissions, call Carl Dietrich at (567) 661-7479 and Eric Wallack at (567) 661-7277, respectively.

Submissions are now being accepted and should be hand-delivered to any of the following offices on the Toledo-area Campus: AVC 130, CH 170, PA 118 or 205. On the Findlay-area Campus, submissions should be hand-delivered to Charlie Ballard.

The deadline for all entries is February 10, 2006.

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INFORMATION You Can Use



Consumers' Counsel provides information on natural gas pricing, other utility services



Natural gas prices have been on the rise over the past few years with no indication that rates will be coming down any time soon. The temperature outside will play a significant role in whether prices will increase this winter and, if so, by how much. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the residential utility consumer advocate, brings consumers the following information on natural gas pricing.

There are three factors that impact natural gas prices:

Weather – Speculation about hurricane season and its impact on natural gas production sent summer natural gas prices soaring to record highs. The hot summer resulted in an increased demand for electricity from natural gas fired power plants. Temperatures this winter also may affect natural gas prices since lower temperatures result in a higher need for natural gas heat.

Limited Production – Prior to 2000, there had been a number of mild winters, which created a natural gas surplus. The surplus resulted in lower natural gas prices and a decrease in production. Although natural gas exploration and drilling have increased in the last couple of years, there is now a greater demand from electric generators on these new natural gas supplies.

Oil Prices – This year, world oil prices have dramatically increased due to uncertainty in key production areas, increased demand from other countries and the current economy. Many large industrial plants use either oil or natural gas as fuel, which causes the prices for both to be closely linked.

Currently, the Consumer's Council is advocating for Ohio's utilities to offer energy efficiency programs that will enable their customers to control their energy usage and ultimately lower their monthly bills.

The Council is committed to educating Ohioans about their electric, natural gas, telephone and water utility services. The state agency also advocates for quality service and reasonable prices while working to ensure the interests of Ohio's residential utility consumers are represented in important policy matters.

Part of the Council's mission as an advocate is to provide educational materials that assist residential consumers in making utility issues easier to understand and helps them make sound, knowledgeable decisions about their service. The Council brings utility information directly to consumers by providing presentations to community groups and organizations. Amy Carles (Marketing and Sales '97), an Owens Community College alum, is responsible for bringing utility information to consumers in Northwest Ohio.

Consumers who would like information on ways to conserve energy, have questions regarding their utility service or would like to schedule a presentation can contact the Ohio Consumer's Council toll free at 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622) or through its website at www.pickocc.org.



William "Bill" Buck, Jr.

Scholarship Created in Memory of Owens Alumnus/ Faculty Member

"Never give up. There's always a way around an obstacle." – Bill Buck, Jr.

That maxim shaped the life journey of Owens Community College alumnus and faculty member, William "Bill" Buck, Jr. A gifted speaker, published author and invaluable educator, Bill dedicated much of his life to others. He strived to create change, and teaching at Owens Community College was an avenue for his mission.

Having been stricken with severe polio at an early age, Bill lived his life exclusively from a wheelchair. Even though he had a disability, Bill chose to live in such a way that illustrated his abilities. This one-time Teacher of the Year graduated from Owens Community College in 1987 with an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming Technology. He went on to become a 1997 graduate of Spring Arbor University (BA, Management) and signed on at Owens as a part-time faculty member teaching Business Management, Marketing and Computer Programming. Bill was known for actively pursuing personal development and strived to be a better communicator, motivator and leader.

"With a smile on his face, Bill would do all that he could to enhance his abilities so that he could help others," said Lynn (pronounced Lynn) Buck, Bill's wife. "Through all of his accomplishments, he helped others – with and without disabilities – to increase their confidence and make them better listeners, thinkers and leaders."

"He was a phenomenal individual. Bill had a way of making people feel comfortable with his disability. He challenged us to appreciate all that we have and reminded us not to worry about the little things."

– Jeff Hardesty, Assistant Professor, Management and Marketing at Owens Community College

To honor his legacy and champion his life's mission, the Bill Buck Memorial Scholarship was created in 2003 by Bill's peers and awarded for the first time in Fall 2005 to Valerie McCampbell, an Owens Community College student majoring in office administration. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students with disabilities attending Owens. The goal is that, each year, the fund will grow in size and support to assist students.

To apply: Interested students are encouraged to apply for the Bill Buck Memorial Scholarship. 2006-2007 Scholarship Information booklets are located in the Owens Community College Financial Aid Office. All Scholarship Applications are due February 15, 2006.

To contribute: Individuals interested in donating to the Bill Buck Memorial Scholarship fund may contact Debbie Green for more information at (567) 661-7603.

Owens Scholarship Opportunities

The Owens Community College Foundation offers a variety of scholarships through the generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals in the community. In an effort to publicize these scholarship opportunities, Owens has created a 2006-2007 Scholarship Information booklet.



Featured in the Scholarship Information booklet, is the Owens Alumni Association's Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarship fund, a scholarship fund established to open new doors for future generations of students to pursue their career aspirations at Owens.

The selection criteria for this scholarship is not based upon financial need. Rather, the applicant must be a son or daughter of an Alumni Association member and carry a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA as an Owens student or soon-to-be high school graduate. An applicant's parent or legal guardian must be considered a current Alumni Association member on February 15 in order to be considered for this scholarship.

Alumni Legacy Scholarship information, along with other scholarship opportunities, is listed in the 2006-2007 Scholarship Information booklet and also on the Owens website under the Foundation link.

Applications for all scholarships are due by February 15, 2006. For scholarships based on financial need, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2006-2007 must be on file in the Financial Aid Office by February 15. Scholarship award notification is sent to students in March.

Copies of the Scholarship Information booklet are available in the Financial Aid offices on both campuses.



PARKING at Owens

Whether you're back for a big game, an outstanding performance at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts, or to exercise at the Student Health and Activities Center, it's important that you obtain a parking pass to park on either of Owens Community College's campuses.

Owens Alumni Association members are offered a parking pass when they sign up to join the Association. Completed forms are sent to the Safety and Security Department to verify and register vehicle information. If the Association member does not renew their membership in the Alumni Association, the parking pass expires with their membership.

If you haven't obtained a parking pass and visit Owens, remember the following information to avoid those pesky citations!

- Park at a meter for a maximum time of two hours (25 cents per hour).
- If you park at a malfunctioning meter, be sure to contact the Safety and Security Department at (567) 661-7575 to give them your license plate and the meter number.
- Meters are enforced from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Meter violations are \$20.
- All Toledo-area Campus citations may be paid at the Bursar's Office (Administration Hall) or at the Safety and Security Office (Alumni Hall). All Findlay-area Campus citations may be paid at the Bursar's Office or at the Safety and Security Office.

The Alumni Association works in collaboration with the Safety and Security Office to ensure parking bliss for all of its members. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Moore, Alumni Affairs Manager, at (567) 661-7410.

Can't wait to see you on campus!



The New Face of Student Government



More than 1,000 Owens students recently voted to elect new officers for Student Government. These officers will represent the interests of the student body to the administration.

“Our number one goal is to provide our students with more avenues in which to present their concerns and ideas,”

said Brooke Affholder of Sylvania, newly elected president of Student Government.

Other officers include vice president Matthew Myers of Findlay, secretary Lily Ingraham of Bowling Green, treasurer Constant Pearson of Toledo, historian Kristen Carino of Findlay, volunteer coordinator Lindsay Gregory of Toledo and non-traditional student representative Kelly Alford of Toledo. Toledo at-large representatives include Dusty Bastian of Delta, Marcus Nicely of McClure, Matthew Jeffers of Curtice, Nicholas Huenefeld of Northwood, Allison Cervenc and Jessica Schwind of Rossford and Sara Thimmes, Rodney Turner, Bradley Engeldinger, Sam Harden, Darius Hall, Derrick McCain and Darius Jones of Toledo. Findlay at-large representatives are Joshua Plageman of Jenera, and Deanna Hays and Patrick Gangwer of Findlay.



Hurricane Victims, Veterans Benefit from Student Initiatives

Owens students are making their presence known not just on campus, but in the community and on a national scale as well.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, Student Government organized the Hurricane Hustle to benefit victims of the natural disaster. Supplies from bottled water to pet food were collected in several locations on campus and donated to the American Red Cross for relief efforts.

“We felt this would be an opportunity to reach out on a national scale and help many people,” said Student Government President Brooke Affholder.

Student Government also recently partnered with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) to host Veteran’s Day memorials on the Findlay-area and Toledo-area campuses. Events included speeches, a viewing of the film “Saving Private Ryan” and the display of an actual flag from the USS Arizona that survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Students Give Back to North Star BlueScope LLC

North Star BlueScope LLC is getting a big return on its investment in Owens. The company has donated as much as \$140,000 in steel to help certify 400 Owens welding students annually.

Now, the students are returning the favor. As North Star embarks on a beautification project for their Delta facilities, a team of Owens students and faculty has created a set of sculptures to contribute to the project.

“Participating in this is a great way to say thank you for all they do for us,” said Charles Stewart, Owens Manufacturing Technologies faculty member.

The three sculptures have 12-foot wingspans and weigh 175 lbs. each and reflect one bird in a landing sequence. The team features Stewart, faculty member Bob Williams and 12 Owens students.

The blue heron sculptures are now visible from County Road 9 and Route 2 in Delta.



Tip-Off Classic Opens the Express Basketball Season

The Owens Express Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams got off to strong starts at home in the annual Owens Community College Tip-Off Classic. The tournament took place in the Student Health and Activities Center on back-to-back weekends in early November.

The Men’s team toppled Kellogg Community College on Friday, November 4, before losing a hard-fought championship game to Hillsborough Community College to finish second.

The Women’s Express squad first defeated Fanshawe College to advance to the championship on Saturday, November 12. There, they were overmatched by a powerful Schoolcraft Community College team, finishing second in the tournament.

Both teams look forward to another successful year of competition. It will also be the last season for the Men’s Express coach Jim Welling, who is stepping down after 20 years with the team.



Owens Events Take Students Beyond the Classroom

November provided two excellent venues for Owens students to take their academic experience beyond the classroom.

For the first time ever, the Ohio Shakespeare Conference was hosted by an Ohio community college. This highly respected seminar brought experts from around the nation to Owens’ Toledo-area Campus to discuss the continued relevance of the works of Shakespeare and their relation to modern legal issues. Students were invited to attend seminars, keynote lectures on topics such as “Teaching Shakespeare in Prison” and enthralling performances by the Shenandoah Blackfriars Stage Co. Atomic Fission Tour.

In addition, Owens students celebrated International Education Week with several events designed to explore international issues and their relation to the Owens community. Activities included art contests, multi-cultural speakers on Hispanic and Islamic issues, a showing of the Israeli film, Yaná’s Friends, and a display booth from 10,000 Villages, an organization that promotes fair trade by marketing products from diverse cultures around the world.

Owens Student Clubs & Organizations for 2005-2006

- Alpha Mu Gamma (Nu Kappa Chapter)
- Alpha Omega Pi (Phi Theta Kappa Chapter)
- Beta Xi Chi (Phi Theta Kappa Chapter)
- Bible Study Club
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Chinese as a Foreign Language Club
- Colleges Against Cancer at Owens
- Epsilon Pi Tau
- Health Information Technology Student Association (HITSA)
- Hip-Hop Politics
- Kappa Beta Delta (Pi Chapter)
- Landscape and Turf Crew
- Owens Black Student Union
- Owens Japanese Club
- Owens Poet’s Society: Broken Silence
- Owens Dance Express
- Owens Environmental Club (OEC)
- Owens Student Government
- Owens Students Involved in Dietetics (OSID)
- Owens Visual Arts Club
- Owens XPRESS Winterguard
- Phi Theta Kappa (Alpha Omega Pi Chapter)
- Psi Beta
- Rotaract Club
- Sigma Kappa Delta (Theta Alpha Chapter)
- Ski Club
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)
- Student African American Brotherhood
- Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA)
- Student Association for Young Children
- Student Nurse’s Association – Findlay
- Student Nurse’s Association – Toledo
- Student Occupational Therapy Association
- Student Physical Therapist Assistant Association
- Students in Free Enterprise
- Surgical Technology Club
- Tau Alpha Pi
- Teacher Education Student Association
- Tomorrow’s Imagers



ALUMNI News

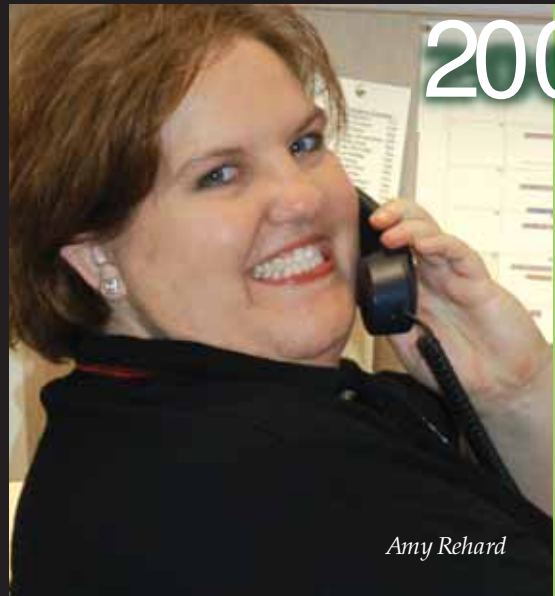
Alums Go For The Kill!



The second annual Alumni Volleyball Match was held at Owens Community College's Student Health and Activities Center (SHAC) on Sunday, October 23, at 1 p.m. The match featured alumnae vs. current members of the Owens Lady Express Team. A total of 14 players returned – dating back from Owens' first team in 1994 – to lead the alumni team to victory in front of a number of cheering spectators.



The event served as a forum to bring alumni members and their current team counterparts together to celebrate their Owens athletic connection, as well as Owens' 40th anniversary. Plans are already underway to repeat this event in 2006!



2005 Phonathon

The Owens Community College Alumni Association recently reached out to Owens alumni with two sessions of its annual Phonathon. More than 110 volunteers, made up of alumni, alumni board members, faculty, staff and students, manned the phones for the three-day, three-hour sessions. The focus of the Phonathon was to update information, promote the Alumni Association (membership and activities), as well as publicize and secure donations for the Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarship fund. The Phonathon was a huge success, resulting in pledges totaling more than \$4,100!

If you would like to update your information or make a donation, please go to www.owens.edu and select Alumni & Donors or call (567) 661-7410 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, ext. 7410

Amy Rehard

Thank you alumni for your continued support!

Profiles of Excellence

Owens Community College alumni make us proud each and every day. For that reason, the Alumni Association felt it was important to bring back our coveted "Alumni Profile of Excellence" column. Now, every first Wednesday of the month, you can read about the successes of a fellow Owens Community College alum in The Toledo Free Press!

If you know of an Owens alum who should be nominated for a profile, please contact Laura Moore, Alumni Affairs Manager, at laura_moore@owens.edu or (567) 661-7410. Feel free to nominate yourself!

Alumni Association Sponsors Classroom on New Findlay-area Campus

The Owens Community College Alumni Association is proud to announce its sponsorship of a classroom on the new, state-of-the-art Findlay-area Campus. The Association sponsored the \$60,000 classroom through the Owens Community College Foundation's Findlay Capital Campaign.

Owens Community College officially moved into its new Findlay-area Campus at 3200 Bright Road in August 2005. The 16,057 square foot campus was built to accommodate a vast increase in students attending Owens Community College in Findlay. In sponsoring a classroom, the Alumni Association will assist Owens Community College in continuing to provide a high quality education to Northwest Ohio students.



Owens Delivers Backpacks and Supplies To Area Elementary School Children



Owens Community College's Alumni Association and Student Government, in conjunction with Books-A-Million in Perrysburg, recently brightened many children's lives through a unique community service endeavor titled, "Backpack to the Future." Over 200 backpacks and nearly 3,000 school supply items collected throughout the summer months were presented to area schools and organizations, which included Northview Primary School in Findlay, the Community Learning Centers of Wood County, and Toledo Public Schools' Marshall Elementary School and Pickett Elementary School.

The event also collected nearly \$1,500 from community members. The charitable donations were used to purchase additional school supplies.

According to Laura Moore, Owens manager of Alumni Affairs, 'Backpack to the Future' represents one of many outreach activities that the Alumni Association has initiated within the past few years. "Our focus as an organization is to provide value-added programs and services that support the Owens mission and strengthen the surrounding communities. With the expanded efforts and support by Books-A-Million, the donations easily surpassed last year's totals, which is a great feeling," she stated.

"My favorite thing is the backpack, so I can put my glue in it."

– Brianna, a kindergartner at Pickett Elementary School

Since opening its doors in 1965, Owens Community College has provided higher education to more than 250,000 students. Owens' Alumni Association is committed to the personal and professional success of

alumni and students through the ongoing development of value-added initiatives.

"The impressive response area residents and businesses have made to the 'Backpack to the Future' supply drive is outstanding," said Kaye Koevenig, Owens community service chair of the Alumni Association. "Many more underprivileged children will be able to begin their school year with new educational resources."

Koevenig added, "We look forward to continuing the 'Backpack to the Future' event in the coming years so that even more children may continue to benefit from such a worthy cause."

The College's Student Government is comprised of individuals who serve as the student body voice on the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses. Balancing their time between school and work, Student Government members are constantly initiating new projects and events that cater to the interests of Owens' student body.

Over a period of four months, "Backpack to the Future" accepted gently-used or new backpacks and new school supplies from area residents to assist underprivileged kindergarten school children throughout Northwest Ohio. In addition to backpacks, individuals donated crayons, markers, bottles of glue, glue sticks, colored pencils, pencils, pink erasers, school boxes, pocket folders, marbled covered composition books and Kleenex tissues.

Founded in 1917 as a street corner newsstand in Florence, Alabama, Books-A-Million Inc. has grown to become the premier book retailing chain in the Southeastern United States and the third largest book retailer in the nation. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, the company currently operates more than 200 stores in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

"We really appreciate Owens Community College contributing to our children's educational future," said Rosemary Lugabihl, principal for Northview Primary School. "These supplies will help with the learning process and make the students even more successful in their studies."



CLASSNotes

70s

Catherine (Gstalter) Boudouris (Early Childhood Education '79) graduated from The University of Toledo in 1984 with her Bachelor of Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She went on to obtain her master's degree in May 2004. Catherine recently had an article published in the Ohio Reading Teacher Journal (Fall 2005) entitled "Peer Tutoring: Positive Peer Interaction." Currently, she is in her fifth year of teaching first grade at Trilby Elementary School in the Washington Local school district. Catherine resides with her husband, Greg, and their four children in Sylvania, Ohio.

80s

Dennis Meacham (Financial Management '84) graduated in 1989 from The University of Toledo with his Bachelor of Science in Business. Recently, he started his own company, Balanced Finances, LLC. The company is internet-based and sells personal and small business payment organizers. The website address is www.balancedfinances.com. For the last two years, he has been working as a Revenue Analyst at Tenneco Automotive in Monroe, Michigan. Dennis resides in Rossford, Ohio, with his wife Janet ('98), and their three daughters, Amanda, Ashely and Madeline.

Deborah (Salley) Dugan (Registered Nursing '89) recently moved to Sylvania, Ohio, with her husband.

90s

Tammy Roberts (Radiography '91) is currently working on her Bachelor of Business Management at The University of Findlay. She is employed with Siemens Medical Solutions, USA as a Clinical Applications Specialist, where she travels extensively conducting training applications on digital imaging equipment. After graduation from Owens, Tammy worked in a private office for three years, and in the Cardiac Cath Lab at The Toledo Hospital for five years. Tammy is also employed as a secretary on the Local 8 Credit Union board. She keeps busy with her son's sports by coordinating fundraisers and the end of the year banquet for Rossford Little League Football. Tammy resides in Rossford, Ohio, with her husband, Scott, and their two boys, Kyle (13) and Ryan (10).

Jill Collins (Diagnostic Medical Sonography '97) resides in Haskins, Ohio, with her husband, William ('03).

Maritza (Vardinakis) Wherry (Business Management '97) was married in 2003. She moved to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in 2004 with her husband. Maritza is currently employed with Save-A-Lot grocery as a Cashier.

Janet (Cichocki) Meacham (Business Management '98) was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Treasury Management, at Fifth Third Bank where she has been employed since 1999. She is the President of the Owens Alumni Association and a member of the Owens Foundation Board. She resides in Rossford, Ohio, with her husband, Dennis ('84), and their three daughters, Amanda, Ashely and Madeline.

Dawn Babcock (Occupational Therapy '99) is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Boswell Hospital in Sun City, Arizona. She loves working as an Occupational Therapist and currently resides in Peoria, Arizona.

Erin Patrizi (Transfer Student '99) graduated from Heidelberg College with her Bachelor of Arts in Education. Erin is employed at Mohawk High School in Sycamore, Ohio, as an Intervention Specialist in Special Education. She is also an Assistant Volleyball Coach at Heidelberg College. She resides in Tiffin, Ohio.

00s

Jennifer Hughes (AS General Concentration '00) just recently purchased a home in Oregon, Ohio. She earned her bachelor's degree in December 2004. She resides with her boyfriend and son (4 months) in Oregon, Ohio.

Lori (Maloch) Wagner (Transfer Student '00) went on to graduate from Urbana University with her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. She currently resides in Waterville, Ohio.

Lance Witt (Automotive '00) resides in New Boston, Michigan, with his wife and two children. He is employed with L&W Engineering in Belleville, Michigan.

Todd Rinehart (Landscape & Turfgrass Management '01) went on to obtain his Bachelor of Arts in Turfgrass Science from The Ohio State University. He currently works for the Village of Groveport as a Superintendent of Grounds in Pickerington, Ohio.

Daniel Elchert (Landscape & Turfgrass Management '02) currently resides in Lantana, Florida. He is employed with Woodfield Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida, as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent.

Heather Sobbry (Marketing and Sales '02) is employed with City Body Inc. as a Production Manager in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She resides in Milan, Michigan.

Regina Lester (Criminal Justice '03) graduated in May 2005 with her Bachelor of Criminal Justice from Tiffin University. She currently resides in Northwood, Ohio.

Association Gears Up for Annual Membership Drive

join the Alumni Association Today!

We are planning fun activities and events for 2006. With an Association membership, you will receive event invitations and enjoy discounts on the associated fees, and your children could be eligible for scholarship opportunities. But wait, there's more! As an Association member, you'll enjoy:

- Encounters Magazine
- Membership to Student Health and Activities Center (SHAC)
- Use of Computer Labs and College Library
- Invitation and discounts to all Alumni events
- Opportunities to serve on planning committees
- Reduced rental fees for use of College facilities
- Discounts on performances at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts
- Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarships for your children
- Ozone email account
- Job Search Services
- Discounts on Owens Express spirit wear
- Eligibility for Association leadership positions
- Opportunities for spouse membership and benefits
- Group discount on AAA Membership

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Get the **AAA advantage**. When you join the Owens Community College Alumni Association, you are entitled to a group rate discount. The group prices listed below represent a \$17 savings. The \$12 enrollment fee is waived, plus you will receive an additional \$5 discount off the regular membership price. Current AAA members can get the group discount upon their next renewal.

- AAA Basic Membership – Only \$40
- AAA Plus Membership – Only \$68
- AAA Plus RV Membership – Only \$98

Join the Alumni Association today by completing the membership form mailed to your home, completing the online application or returning the form included in this magazine.

If you have any questions, please call us at (567) 661-7410, email alumni@owens.edu or go to www.owens.edu and click on the Alumni & Donors link.

come join the fun!

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fair(I)y (stupid) Tales

Sunday, January 22, 2006 – 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Hold your noses and hang onto your hats! Based on the hit book, *THE STINKY CHEESE MAN*, which received a Caldecott Honor for its outrageous illustrations, this musical adaptation remains true to Jon Scieszka's zany source material. It's happily ever laughter when familiar fairy tales are told with an offbeat, irreverent and zany flair. Audiences

are in store for a nonstop hour and a half of hilarious havoc. A post show meet and greet with actors will follow each show. Grades: K-6.

All seats: \$10.00 • General Admission

Chapter 6 - Premier, Jazz A Cappella Ensemble

Saturday, January 28, 2006 – 8 p.m.



Chapter 6 has received numerous awards and recognition for their technique, performance and unique arrangements as one of the nations top a cappella groups. At the Lincoln Center in New York, Chapter 6 was crowned the 2001 International Collegiate A Cappella Champions. In 2002, Chapter 6 won the competition at the Chicago Harmony Sweepstakes.

All seats: \$16.00 • Students: \$10.00 • General Admission

The Spencers - Theatre of Illusion and the Healing of Magic One-day Workshop

Friday, February 3, 2006 – 8 p.m.



The Spencers tour with one of the largest and most successful illusion productions in the country. They have received an armful of awards - including Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for six consecutive years. An evening of incredible magic and theater, this is one production you won't want to miss!

Adults: 18.00 • Students: \$10.00 • Reserved Seating

Straight Ahead with Audrey Northington presents: The Blues Women of the 20th Century

Saturday, February 11, 2006 – 8 p.m.



With a wink or a nod or a shake of their hips, the women of blues and Rhythm and Blues weave tales of life, love, tenderness, heartache and hardship with their songs. The stage was set by such legends as Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday and Aretha Franklin... so, sit back and get ready to shake, rattle and roll with

the blues and Straight Ahead! This jazz quintet provides intricate rhythms and fine soloing. Student/Faculty Workshop will be offered. **Adults: \$18.00 • Students: \$10.00 • Reserved Seating**

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