Our New Home for Music is Unveiled: Otto & Fran Walter Hall
Thank You, Otto and Fran Walter

Otto and Fran Walter Hall, Muskingum’s new music building, honors the extraordinary lives and generosity of two long-time champions of excellence. For Otto and Fran Walter, the arts, music, and literature were lifelong passions. Otto was an accomplished pianist who performed in chamber music concerts, and his wife, Fran, was a talented watercolorist.

Dr. Otto L. Walter was disbarred by Hitler’s anti-Jewish decrees from practicing his chosen profession of law, and he was driven from his native Bavaria by Nazi persecution. He came to the United States and, turning hatred into understanding, became a powerful voice for German-American reconciliation in the decades following World War II. With Fran at his side, he became a renowned international jurist, published and honored in both his native and adopted lands.

Fran Doonan Walter loved young people, but had no children of her own. She also never forgot the circumstances of her own impoverished childhood. She used her talents and her resources to make sure that innumerable young people she would never meet would have the happy memories that she had not known during her own upbringing.

May all those who walk through these doors remember the legacy of Otto and Fran Walter: when persecuted, they responded with charity. When they saw hunger and waste, they found ways to stop it. When confronted by barbarity, they became patrons of the arts.

“We are very proud that the indomitable spirit of Otto and Fran Walter will live on in the prized liberal arts tradition of music at Muskingum.”
Harold W. Burlingame ’62, Chair, Muskingum College Board of Trustees

WALTER HALL: OUR NEW HOME FOR MUSIC

“Our community will forever be enriched by the musical gifts that Muskingum students and faculty will share in the superb setting of Walter Hall.”
President Anne C. Steele
Walter Hall has been designed by Robert J. Miklos, principal of designLAB Architects (Boston, Massachusetts) and Gary G. Balog, principal of balog steines hendricks & manchester architects inc. (Columbus, Ohio). Jaffe Holden of Norwalk, Connecticut, sound consultants to the New York Philharmonic, will provide acoustical design. The building will feature:

- Two recital halls for choral and instrumental performances
- Composing and arranging laboratory
- Acoustically-designed classrooms
- Piano studio
- Percussion studio
- Ensemble music studio
- Faculty and student studios and practice rooms
- Music library
- Climate-controlled instrument room

Frank G. Helman ’51 and Martha Peak Helman, president and vice president of the Walter Foundation, with chapel pianist Kyle J. Ballentine ’09.

THANK YOU, WALTER HALL CORNERSTONE DONORS

Muskingum’s path toward a new music building began with four alumni families who stepped forward as Cornerstone Donors. Their outstanding generosity, leadership, and commitment sparked a dynamic synergy among alumni and friends, bringing this long-standing dream to fruition.
**Thank You, Donors**

Annette and Paul H. Alvarez ‘63

Paul Alvarez traces the beginning of his stellar career in public relations—during which he served as Chairman, CEO and President of Ketchum Communications, Inc. and Vice Chairman of Omnicom Group, Inc.—to his role as editor of the Black and Magenta.

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“As time goes on, I’ve recognized more and more just how valuable my Muskingum liberal arts education has been. I drew upon my training as a speech and theatre major every time I made a new business development presentation. And as a member of the Stag Club, I learned how to get along with people in a democracy!” he recalls.

Now retired and living in Naples, Florida, Paul and his wife, Annette, travel extensively; he enjoys golf, reading, and his role as commissioner of his fantasy football league.

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The Ryans reside in Columbus, Indiana, and Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Now retired—Mike from his career as President of the Irwin Union Bank and Phyllis from teaching high school English—they travel frequently. They have visited all seven continents—most of them more than once—and particularly enjoy travel study tours.

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Kimberly and Barry G. Gowdy ’86

Barry Gowdy, a business and accounting major at Muskingum, is now Chief Financial Officer of Stonehenge Capital, a specialty finance company in Columbus, Ohio.

“I chose Muskingum because I wanted a small school, where I could really get to know my professors and my classmates. It was a great choice.”

“My professors prepared me well technically and they introduced me to the ‘real world’ of business. They taught me the importance of relationship building and offered classroom experiences that were ideal training for what I would later encounter. They did an excellent job in bringing business professionals to campus and connecting us with them.” In fact, Barry’s first position in public accounting came about through one of those campus visits.

While at Muskingum, Barry took advantage of many co-curricular opportunities. He played on several intramural sports teams, was a radio station deejay, and a sportswriter for the Black and Magenta.

“I’ve learned in the business world that you need to give back to others. Muskingum helped me along my way, it shaped my life path, and now it’s my turn to help the College, as it charts its future path.”

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The Alban Reunion Group (from left to right):
First Row: Dave Bilen ’66, Serenade Leader.
Third Row: Chad Morris ’69, John Van Fleet ’70, Jack Hamilton ’68, Ray Barrow ’69, John Judd ’69, Bill Clouse ’67, Weldon Lodwick ’67.

On October 26, 2007, Muskingum dedicated the cornerstone for the Walter K. Chess Center. At Muskingum, a building’s cornerstone heralds its purpose—and shapes the strength of character and the moral compass of those who see it daily. We thank William T. Dentzer ’51 and Celia Hill Dentzer ’52, for recognizing the perfect biblical passage for the Chess Center’s cornerstone. This verse speaks to both our mission and our heritage.

CHESS CENTER CORNERSTONE DEDICATED

Alumni Gather on Campus: Celebrating Walter Hall and the Chess Center

THANK YOU, WALTER CHESS, OTTO AND FRAN WALTER, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS.


Margaret Martsolf Nelson ’44, Leroy Nelson ’46, and Dr. Carl Spragg ’50.

Erick Anderson ’06 performs at the Walter Hall design unveiling.

The Muskingum College Choir, under the direction of Robert O. Jones ’63.

Bettina and Margaret Brown admire the architect’s scale model of Walter Hall.

Margaret Martsolf Nelson ’44, Leroy Nelson ’46, and Dr. Carl Spragg ’50.

Jean Straker and Connie Van Sickle.

Eileen McComb Adams ’80, Greg Adams ’81, and Board Chair Harold W. Burlingame ’62.

Gary Fridley, Patricia Wright Fridley ’76, and Dr. Ruthann Fagan.

Dr. William F. Schlacks, Ruth Dorsey Neptune Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts.

Elicia Amicone ’06 and Shirley Kimmel Wagner ’51. Alainna performed a musical tribute at both the Chess Center groundbreaking and the cornerstone dedication ceremonies.

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The Café and Game Room, located on the Chess Center’s lowest level, opens onto a lighted outdoor terrace.

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A native of Roseville, Ohio, Carol Campbell represents the second generation in her family to become part of Muskingum’s historic tradition of excellence in teacher education. “My mother attended Muskingum’s summer teaching program in the 1920s, so it was a natural choice when it came time for me to attend college.” Carol’s bachelor’s degree in education launched a 30-year teaching career. Now retired from the East Muskingum district, she reflects: “One of my greatest joys was working with student teachers and student aides from Muskingum. Muskingum students are well trained in teaching, and the diversity of their liberal arts education sets them apart. The College instills a dedication in its students— their commitment is exceptional.”

Remembering her years at Muskingum, Carol notes, “The professors truly cared about us as individuals, and they inspired us to be lifelong learners. A saying from then-President Robert Montgomery has stayed with me to this day: ‘What you are to be, you are now becoming.’ “It’s such a pleasure to go back to the campus,” says Carol, “and see what Muskingum is becoming today, as it continually advances to meet the changing needs of students. Everyone’s gift counts at Muskingum, and together we alumni can leave a lasting legacy for those who come after us.”

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“I enjoy being an entrepreneur—I love the challenge and process of building a company. What I learned at Muskingum has held me in good stead, professionally and personally. Coming to Muskingum and entering a completely new environment so far from home was a formative experience—and it prepared me well for what I encounter in growing my business.”

Rohit and his wife, Amy, reside in Weston, Connecticut, with their son, Ishan, and daughter, Annika. Amy, also a trained chemist, works alongside Rohit at Milestone.

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Amy and Rohit Mirchandani ’87

Arriving in New Concord, Ohio from Bombay, India for his freshman year, Rohit remembers, “It was a very pleasant surprise to find such a friendly, warm, and welcoming environment. Muskingum’s size is an asset—I got to know everyone, and I was able to take advantage of many campus activities.”

A chemistry major, Rohit found that the chemistry program “was very strong academically. The faculty were excellent—they were interesting, engaging, and very supportive on a personal level.” Outside of the classroom, Rohit particularly enjoyed being a member of the Muskie intercollegiate tennis team and the Stag Club.

After graduation, Rohit joined a small scientific instrumentation firm in Connecticut. He created their international marketing program and soon branched out into sales and general management. In 1997, he founded his own company, which serves as the North American headquarters for Milestone, Inc., a global scientific instrumentation manufacturer based in Bergamo, Italy.

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New Athletic Facilities Dedicated: The Cooper Wing, Kalnow Training Center, Jones Players Lounge, and Sherman Gateway

For their leadership, their generosity, and their commitment to Muskingum, our community thanks William A. Cooper ’61 and Sandra Green Cooper ’61, Carl F. Kalnow ’72 and Kristin Kalnow, Dr. Martin Jones ’51 and Nancie Orr Jones ’53, and Edgar A. Sherman ’36 and Marjorie Marstellar Sherman ’36.

Completed in August, the $2 million renovation project provides our student-athletes with:

- Varsity football locker center
- Freshman football locker center
- Jones Players Lounge
- Sherman Gateway to Sherman Field
- Racquetball courts
- Modern rehabilitation facility
- Therapeutic immersion pools
- Taping rooms
- Video room
- Equipment issue room

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
Carl Kalnow ’72 and William A. “Cannonball” Cooper ’61 officially open the Kalnow Training Center and Cooper Wing.
Scenes from our New Athletic Complex

William A. "Cannonball" Cooper '61 and Sandra Green Cooper '61.

Karl Kalnow '72 inside the Kalnow Training Center.

Marjorie Marsteller Sherman '36 and Coach Edgar A. Sherman '36.

OCTOBER 26, 2007
Nancie Orr Jones '53, Football Co-Captains Nathan Hedge '08, Josh McInturff '08, Jack Murray '09, Andre Nash '09, and Dr. Martin Jones '51.

Nancie Orr Jones '53 and Dr. Martin Jones '51.
The Long Magenta Line

THE CAMPAIGN FOR MUSKINGUM COLLEGE

As we celebrate our progress, we express profound gratitude and deep appreciation to those who are making such a powerful impact on the lives of our Muskies today and tomorrow. Thank you!

More than $62 million has been raised for Muskingum!

63% of our alumni have participated in the campaign!

The $3.2 million Kresge Foundation Challenge was met and surpassed!

More than $1 million has been contributed by faculty and staff!

“Thank you, alumni and friends, for your incomparable leadership and dedication to Muskingum! You are truly transforming the lives of generations of Muskies—and you are ensuring that our College on the Hill’s historic excellence will endure into this new century.”

President Anne C. Steele

Campaign Chairs: Robert W. Patin ’64 and Lorraine Patin ’64.

THE CAMPAIGN’S IMPACT ON MUSKINGUM

Three New Buildings:
- Philip and Betsey Caldwell Hall
- Walter K. Chess Center
- Otto and Fran Walter Hall

Expanded and Renovated Facilities:
- Athletic Complex
- Sherman Field
- Studio Art Complex
- Montgomery Hall
- Cambridge Hall

Four New Academic Majors:
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Digital Media Design
- Master of Information Strategy, Systems, and Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

New Opportunities for Students:
- Significantly increased scholarship support
- Center for Regional Planning and Development
- Enhanced International Education
- Many new experiential learning and co-curricular options

For the First Time in Muskingum’s History:
- Six Endowed Professorships
- Endowed Faculty Development Fund
- Endowed Scientific Instrumentation Fund
Muskingum’s Center for Regional Planning and Development has created an exciting new cross-cultural learning partnership with Lanzhou University in China. During spring semester 2007, Muskingum hosted a group of Lanzhou students for a month-long residency, where they formed collaborative project teams with our students. In June, eleven Muskingum students and three faculty members traveled to China for their month-long residency at Lanzhou to complete their projects. The students’ interdisciplinary explorations blended social sciences, the arts, and technology, in parallel experiences on both campuses. An expanded program is planned for 2008.

During their immersion experience into Chinese culture and society, our students polished their language skills, honed their knowledge of China’s political economy and history, and toured important sites along the Silk Road — including the Terra Cotta Warriors and the Mogao Caves, whose artwork dates back to 400 A.D. Muskingum faculty leading the group were Dr. Walter Huber, Chair of the Political Science Department and Director of the Center; Dr. Stephen Van Horn of the Geology Department and Co-Director of the Center; and Professor Yan Sun of the Art Department.

The interdisciplinary Center for Regional Planning and Development, founded in 2005, applies highly sophisticated geographical mapping software to traditional city planning questions. Muskingum students and faculty have partnered with Ohio communities on such projects as city ward redistricting, downtown redevelopment planning, and crime mapping.

Right: Near Xi’an, at the tomb of Empress Wu Zetian, who ruled from 690-705 A.D.
Far right: On the train from Beijing to Lanzhou. Five cities were on the itinerary: Beijing, Lanzhou, Dunhuang, Xi’an, and Shanghai.

Right: Outside the Gansu Provincial Museum, before their private tour.

Above: Zhongshan Bridge, the first bridge over the Yellow River in Lanzhou, built in 1909.

Far left: Lanzhou University.
Left: Muskies in traditional garb of dynastic Chinese rulers, at Jingshan Park in Beijing.

Above: Camel riding near Dunhuang, a Gobi Desert oasis on the Silk Road.
Left: At the Summer Palace, outside Beijing.
Dr. Linda Morrow selected by The Carnegie Foundation as State of Ohio Professor of the Year

Muskingum College Professor of Education Dr. Linda Morrow ’74 was named Professor of the Year for the state of Ohio by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

This prestigious award honors the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country. Only one professor in each state is selected in recognition of their excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

A Muskingum faculty member since 1988, Dr. Morrow is co-author of Building on Student Diversity (Sage Publications) and numerous scholarly articles. She has secured more than $2 million in external grant funding.

“In the seventies, my professors at Muskingum inspired me to be and do what I had never even imagined. I try to ‘encourage, equip, and empower’ my students to do what, perhaps, they have never even imagined,” comments Dr. Morrow.

“We are immensely proud of Dr. Morrow and the far-reaching contributions she has made at Muskingum and in her field of teacher education.”

President Anne C. Steele

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