



The Ohio State Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City
Autumn Newsletter 2004

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Our **Mission**... Ohio State Alumni Clubs exist to promote our university... through communications and community relations; through student recruitment; through fellowship and networking.

Cook's Corner

OH-IO! That cheer and many others will soon be resounding around Ohio Stadium and thousands of sports bars around the world on September 4 when the Buckeyes open their season against Cincinnati. We have all been waiting for that opener, which is now only days away.

Your alumni club is off and running. At the last board meeting we appointed new board members, Paul and Shawn Kovacik, Trevor Cooke, and Jeb Beckley. We welcome them and look forward to their participation.

Last year was another outstanding year for our alumni club. We had several activities-most of which will be repeated this year.

- In May, Frank Moskowitz, publisher for the Buckeye Sports Bulletin, was our guest speaker. We had a very good turnout and Frank shared interesting stories and commentary on various Buckeye athletic programs and individuals. And a special thanks to Jerry Gramlich, in an excellent job in taking charge of the event.
- A double header in May, Jerry Gramlich put together our annual golf outing at Iron Horse Golf Club. Originally the Big Ten Outing, we've claimed it as our own due to our dominance in participation and planning. It is now named the Ohio State Alumni Invitational.

Upcoming Activities:

- College fairs will soon be here and we need help at the various high schools to promote Ohio State. Larry Motycka continues to do a great job in leading our recruiting efforts and will be looking for volunteers.
- Our alumni group along with some Iowa alumni has planned a bus trip to Iowa City on October 15 for the OSU-Iowa game on October 16. See reservation form later in the newsletter.
- Continuing fundraising efforts through raffles of Ohio State football ticket raffles and other OSU stuff! See details in the newsletter for how to register-to-win some of the early home game tickets.
- Our 3rd Annual Fall Wine Tasting party will be coming up in November

Paul Dulac, our webmaster. Check out www.scaredshark.com/kcbucks.htm to see his great work. Keep your e-mail address current in order that we can give you up-to-date information on upcoming events and opportunities.

Thank you to our membership chairman and 1st vice-president is Paul Young; scholarship chair – Melissa Sanders; Denny Hamblin, club treasurer; Becky Smith for her hard work in putting together this newsletter to help us stay linked to the membership and Bob Shea, our secretary who does a fine job in recording and preparing the minutes and keeping us linked to the Alumni Association.

I would like to thank all of our board members for the work they do for our club. They make my job a lot easier and are great to work with. Looking forward to a great year with future club activities and following the Buckeyes.

Go Bucks! Ron Cook, Club President
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<i>The Ohio State University Buckeyes 2003 Season</i>					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV	Time
Sat	09/04/2004	Cincinnati (1)	Columbus, OH	ESPN Regional	11:00 AM
Sat	09/11/2004	Marshall	Columbus, OH	ABC	2:30 PM
Sat	09/18/2004	North Carolina State	Raleigh, NC	ABC	2:30 PM
Sat	10/02/2004	Northwestern	Evanston, IL	ESPN/ESPN2	6:45/8:00 PM
Sat	10/09/2004	Wisconsin	Columbus, OH		TBA
Sat	10/16/2004	Iowa	Iowa City, IA		TBA
Sat	10/23/2004	Indiana (3)	Columbus, OH		TBA
Sat	10/30/2004	Penn St	Columbus, OH		TBA
Sat	11/06/2004	Michigan St	East Lansing, MI		TBA
Sat	11/13/2004	Purdue	West Lafayette, IN		TBA
Sat	11/20/2004	Michigan	Columbus, OH	ABC	12:00 PM

Join local OSU alumni and friends of the University every Saturday at Fuzzy's South, Southeast corner of State Line and 103rd. Note all game times are Central Time and subject to change. (1) - Alumni Band Day; (3) - Homecoming

Greetings and Football Preview from Columbus

With a week till the team reports for fall practice, there are plenty of balls in the air for Jim Tressel and the rest of the coaching staff. First a report on two high school all-star games played this summer and future Buckeye standouts ...

- DE Alex Barrow, MVP on defense in the North-South game, would have been in the Big 33 game had they awarded a DE award. He's got a big frame and he'll likely get larger once in the weight room.
- RB Erik Haw, Columbus Independence showed some of the speed he's known for in the Big 33 game, but this time in the passing game snagging 4 catches for 62 yds and a TD in the winning effort against the PA all-stars.

But the most talked about recruit since Clarett has got to be DB/WR Ted Ginn Jr. Ted did not play in the North -South game as he was involved in national track - he's a probable member of the '08 Olympic team as a sprinter, easily winning the Ohio competition. He's sub 10 for 100M - I hear around 9.62 but don't quote me. He did play in the Big 33 where he was MVP. He grabbed 5 catches for 142 yds, 1 TD and threw a TD pass on a double-pass play for Ohio's win. He has unbelievable speed but not quite a Breaston yet and he's small, listed in the Big 33 at 170 lbs. Anyone who's seen him play back can not think that Tressel can keep this kid off the field, even with his diminutive stature. He's a threat on special teams to run one back every time he touches the ball and he's a shutdown corner.

Reporting in a week will be a team that will try to replace 26 seniors from last year's 11-2 season. Here's a snapshot from Jim Tressel's July presser on what he's got coming back ...

- Starting with the O-line, O-coordinator Bollman has his hands full. Returning starters Sims (6-4, 310) and Mangold (6-4, 290) will anchor what's being termed an "athletic" line in a move away from the traditional meat-wagons up front. Mangold is a pre-season prospect for the Rimington given to the year's outstanding center. TJ Downing (6-5, 305) and soph Tim Shafer (6-5, 290) plus redshirt FR Kirk Barton are candidates for RT. Sr Mike Kne (6-4, 303), Jr Andree Tyree (6-3, 290) and soph Doug Datish (6-5, 295) are the candidates at G. A big hole to fill is TE. Jr Ryan Hamby (6-5, 255) is capable but back-ups are a little thin with the loss of Irizarry to his legal issues (he's enrolled in Y- State). Backups include Caldwell, White Jr. and incoming Fr Hoobler and Nicol.
- The major question mark is QB and Tressel has not tipped his hat. Zwick (6-4, 225) came to OSU riding on serious records for passing at Massillon but he's done nothing to separate himself from Troy Smith (6-1, 215). Both are 3rd year sophs. Former recruiting coach Conley, now working for 610 WTVN, has said to watch for third stringer Todd Boeckman (6-5, 235) to make noise.
- Replacing Michael Jenkins and Drew Carter may be difficult. Jenkins left as OSU's all-time pass yardage leader but soph Roy Hall (6-3, 228) has been waiting for his chance and we've seen what 5-11 soph Santonio Holmes can do in 6 games last season. He and Underwood have been having some fun apparently dueling it out over who can cover whom - Holmes is said to win most of the matches and you'll see below what Tressel thinks of Underwood. Sr Bam Childress is ready to make some noise as are backups Sr Hollins, redshirt FR Gonzalez and Jordan.
- The RB spot seems to be Sr Lydell Ross's who was the healthiest he's been in spring drills. Sr Mo Hall had both knees surgically repaired and sat out most of spring but is expected to come back healthy and sprinter-fast. Backups include early-enrollee Tony Pittman who made a lot of noise in the spring game and Erik Haw. The FB spot starts with Westerville's Branden Joe (6-0, 235) and is backed up by Brandon Schnittker. An incoming freshman FB with a stellar pedigree is Pepper Johnson's son Dionte.

How will the Bucks feel the loss of Defensive genius Mark Dantonio (the opening game against his Cincinnati squad is days away)?

- Mark Snyder and D-line coach Heacock have but one returner on the D-line, Nagurski award nominee and Upper Arlington native Simon Fraser who is now up to 6-6, 280 and is a returning 3-year starter. Jr Mike Kudla seems poised to replace Will Smith at the other end and Jr Marcus Green and soph Quinn Pitcock seem poised to fill the 2 DT spots. DE backups include soph Richardson, Jr Arden and redshirt FR Frost and Smith. Given Frost's unstoppable performance on the scout team last season, Frost (6-5, 255) will likely see considerable playing time. Back ups DTs will be soph Patterson and soph Penton plus redshirt FR Cotton and Maupin.
- Coach Fickell is stacked at LB - who says anyone but OSU is now linebacker-U with Lombardi award nominee Jr AJ Hawk and Bobby Carpenter. Jr Mike D'Andrea backup up Fred Pagac last year and with his shoulder repaired is going to see competition for the middle spot with Air Force transfer and scout team standout Anthony Schlegel and Indiana transfer John Kerr. Also making noise is Fr early-enrollee Marcus Freeman and backups Sr Thomas Matthews and redshirt FR Curt Lukens.
- Coach Tucker will anchor the DE backfield with Thorpe nominee Sr Dustin Fox. Fox led '03 in solo tackles (55) and interceptions (3). Vying to replace early exiting Chris Gamble are EJ Underwood and soph Ashton Youboty. Tressel was quoted in saying that Underwood was the "most talented corner he's ever coached" and Youboty is not far behind. Youboty is also a talented return man. Backups include Sr Jacobs and incoming super-FR Ted Ginn Jr. Ginn was the nation's top-rated corner and USA Today defensive player of the year as a high school senior. Jr Nate Salley (6-3, 205) returns at free safety where he's noted for his hard-hitting style. Joining him is soph Donte Whitner who will fill the shoes of Will Allen ('03 All-American). Whitner saw lots of playing time in the nickel in 2003 as a true FR. Backups include experienced JR Everett and soph Mitchell, a one-time starter till Salley beat him out.

Last but certainly not least in a Tressel coached team is special teams. Sr Mike Nugent returns at PK. He's within striking distance of the Pete Johnson all-time scoring record of 348 points with 254 at the start of the season. He's likely to pass Dan Stultz's 59 career field goals with 48 career field goals to start the year. The big question mark - maybe bigger even than QB - is who will be the punter?

- Nuge's backup Josh Huston, also a SR, punted well in the spring. Competition is coming from early-enrollee FR AJ Trapasso and JR Kyle Turano. Trapasso has had 2 summer arrests for underage drinking and is in Tressel's doghouse pretty deep at this point. Even Nuge has been punting the ball some.
- The Buckeyes have relied on the punter position in the past 2 seasons and we all know that Tressel thinks the punt is the most important play in football. Playing the conservative offensive style Tressel does, field position is key. No one has emerged to take control of this position. The long-snapper returns - former walk-on, now scholarship athlete Kyle Andrews is a 3-year starter and arguably the best in the nation at the position.

Well ... that's a preview in a long nutshell ... GO BUCKS from JennyBucks!
See regular C-bus/OSU updates from JennyBucks on the club website.

Win Tickets to Home Games! Act NOW to get tickets to first two games!

Our contributions to the alumni club scholarship fund have made us eligible for 2 season tickets. To keep this going, we offer these tickets through a club raffle. The two early games: Sept 4 vs. Cincinnati and Sept 11 vs. Marshall will be **raffled FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH** to enable the winners to book their travel to Columbus.

If you are interested in the first two games –Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20. All early game raffle submissions should be mailed to Jerry Gramlich at PO Box 481608, KC, MO 64148. Checks should be paid to OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City.

All other raffle tickets will be sold at Fuzzy's South

- Wisconsin and Indiana raffle tickets will be sold September 4, 11 and 18th – and raffled September 18th at the 3rd quarter of the North Carolina State game.
- Penn State raffle tickets will be sold Oct. 9 and 16th – and raffled October 16th at the 3rd quarter of the Iowa game.
- Michigan raffle tickets will be sold Oct. 23, 30th and November 6th and will be raffled November 6th at the 3rd quarter of the Michigan State game.

*Note – winners will need to be current with their club dues to claim their game tickets.

The Buckeye Fall Invitational Golf Outing at Falcon Valley Golf Course

Sunday, October 10th – 2:30pm

The format is a scramble and putting contest – no real skill is necessary! It's just a lot of fun. The fee is \$40 per person, which includes a 9 hole scramble/9 hole putting contest, burgers & brats and prizes. Indicate how you wish to be paired – with a specific team or individual. Make your check payable to the OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City and mail your entry to Jerry Gramlich at PO Box 481608, KC, MO 64148. For additional information email Jerry at jwgjwg@aol.com.

A letter from 2003 and 2004 Scholarship Recipient Clara Lau...

I just finished my first year, which was an amazing experience for me. I feel like I accomplished and grew a lot, from learning to take care of myself to managing my time wisely. I also learned a lot about college, how to take advantage of opportunities available and how to study for college classes.

Starting this fall, I will try to be more involved in the OSU community, along with keeping a steady and challenging class load. I will be an Office Assistant at the front desk of Blackburn dorm, a peer mentor for the Minority Scholars Programs, a tutor for the Ohio State Reach 1 program, which allows Ohio State Facilities employees and their families the opportunity to earn their GEDs and have been elected secretary of the OSU Women's Glee Club.

As for my classes, I am starting out autumn quarter with 22 credits, including English 547, Honors Sociology 101, Chemistry 101, Chinese 101.51, Women's Glee Club, Jazz dance, and voice lessons. Hopefully all of these activities will keep me busy and challenged. I will be sure keep you posted throughout the year on life at Ohio State. Thank you to the Kansas City Ohio State Alumni Club. I really appreciate all of the support that the club has given to me this past year. I would love to meet with any Ohio State alumni if they visit Columbus. Thanks again.

Clara Lau
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Scholarship Opportunities

Available to qualified high school seniors who enroll at The Ohio State University and successfully apply for the \$3000 scholarship available from the Greater Kansas City Ohio State Alumni Club. Our scholarship is available to one local high school senior ranking in the top quarter of their graduating class who demonstrates involvement in school and community activities.

The University has a “National Buckeye Plus Scholarship” and- “National Buckeye Scholarship” for out-of-state students with superior academics. 2005 scholarship information will be posted on the club web site as soon as application information is available.

For additional info on alumni scholarships contact:

Melissa Sanders at 816.584.8444 or
msanders@mccormickcompany.com.

Upcoming College Fairs

Talk to prospective Kansas City youth and their parents about the educational benefits and traditions of our great alma mater – The Ohio State University. Contact Larry if you are interested in participating lmotycka@aol.com

- Longview Comm. College – Tues 9/28, 6:30 – 8pm
- Park Hill – Monday 10/4, 6-7:30pm
- Olathe North Senior H.S. - Monday 10/11, 7-9pm
- Shawnee Mission East – Wed 10/13, 6:30 – 9pm

Local college fairs have increasingly charged a fee for participation, which has limited our ability to participate. SME is now \$75, Park Hill is \$20 and Lees Summit is \$25. If you are interested in helping sponsor our club participation, please contact Larry.

OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City Financial Report as of July 31, 2004	
Balance Sheet	
Cash 7/31	3055.66
Income Statement	
Income:	
Dues	525.00
Raffle	128.00
Events	3105.00
Scholarship Donations	826.00
Other Income	468.17
Total Income	5052.17
Expenses:	
Scholarship Fund	2500.00
Events	3097.33
Other Expenses	129.35
Total Expenses	5726.68
Net Income	(674.51)

Club Finances

\$15 per household club dues, season ticket and miscellaneous raffles and club events fuels the club coffers. As a non-profit organization, our main focus is in generating profits to fund scholarships.

In addition to your on-time payment of dues, and participation in club events, you can help keep our scholarship program going through your generous gifts and by shopping! Yes, shopping can help the cause and keep you in scarlet and gray far away from campus.

Your purchases at COLLEGE TRADITIONS have a direct benefit to our club. 15% of your purchase is rebated to our group account. So next time, whether in person, on the phone or on the web-site – indicate our group account: KC Alumni Club #AL9504.

Keep on wearing the scarlet & gray proudly... and consider College Traditions when you make a purchase!

Iowa Game Trip – Friday, October 15th

When Mike Runde isn't supporting the Buckeyes – he's bound to his home state Iowa Hawkeyes. Mike is helping sponsor a busload of Buckeyes and Hawkeyes to Iowa City on Friday, October 15th. The bus will leave Fuzzy's South at Noon – and will make a pick-up off of I-35 North for those North of the river. We will return to KC immediately following the game.

A \$50 deposit per participant is due by September 1st to Jerry Gramlich at PO Box 481608, KC, MO 64148. Checks should be paid to OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City.

Total cost of the trip is \$160/person and includes bus ride, tailgate, game ticket and hotel (one night, double occupancy).

Iowa Game Trip Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Contact information

Phone number(s) _____

Email _____

Number of bus/hotel/ticket/tailgate participants _____

Enclose \$50 deposit per participant by September 1st. First come, first serve – and club dues paying members will have priority.

The remaining balance is due by September 15th.

3rd Annual Alumni Club Wine Tasting - November

2004 will mark the 3rd year of one of our most unique and fun events. Club friend, Tom Dixon has provided expert advice with a special nod to picking great wines for the holidays. The night is topped off with some one-time-only special prices on the wines sampled during the evening. The date will be a weeknight in early November. Stay tuned!

This special event will be at Quivira Falls Clubhouse, lower level. Entrance to Quivira Falls is off College Blvd, west of Quivira. Mail your reservation to Jerry Gramlich at PO Box 481608, KC, MO 64148. Cost of the event is \$20/person. Checks should be paid to OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City. Space is limited and reservations will be based on first come, first serve – and club dues paying members will have priority.

3rd Annual Wine Tasting Reservation

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Checks Payable to: OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City

attending _____ @ \$20/person.

Total \$ _____

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Greater KC
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Don't let this be your last newsletter

The harsh realities of life are about to effect you if you have not sent in your dues for 2004 – 2005. You will be removed from the club mailing list, miss the next newsletter and be ineligible for game ticket raffles. Don't let this happen. Complete the following form and send in your \$15 check to **Dennis Hamblin, 12104 Cedar, Overland Park, KS 66209**. In addition, include a little extra in your check and help the scholarship fund.

Name

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Year Graduated, degrees or Friend of Ohio State

Checks Payable to:
OSU Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City

Dues \$ _____
Scholarship Fund \$ _____
Total \$ _____



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Contact Becky Smith, smthbcky@aol.com if you are interested in sponsoring a future newsletter.