



The Ohio State Alumni Club of Greater Kansas City
Autumn Newsletter 2005
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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

The past year (2004-2005) has been an active year for the club and will continue to be active for 2005-2006. The upcoming football season has many Buckeyes buzzing about a great season and the possibility of winning the Big 10 and National Championship. We should know early in the season how good the Buckeyes are... the first four games include highly ranked Texas and Iowa. We have those games at home, which should improve our chances of winning. The games the Bucks have to look out for are the games they should win easily and take for granted. That is when upsets happen. I mentioned we had an active year and the following is a brief summary of those activities:

Fall College Fairs – We continue to have representation at college fairs at various high schools in the KC area. We hope to influence some students to attending Ohio State and offer a scholarship to those who qualify.

November Wine Tasting Party – As in past years, we had our annual wine tasting party. This past year the focus was on Italy. The well-attended event was a great time. Members were able to purchase wines at discount, with profits from the event supporting our Scholarship Fund.

Spring Event 2005 – Our speaker this year was Fred Pagac, a former Buckeye gridder who played for Woody Hayes, was an assistant defensive coach for the Buckeyes, and is now the linebackers coach for the Kansas City Chiefs. Fred told the group great stories of his playing and coaching experiences, and some insights on both the Buckeyes and Chiefs in the upcoming season. The event was held at the Arrowhead Club at the stadium.

2005 Golf Tournament – The annual tournament was held at Iron Horse golf club on June 3rd. 28 players attended and had a great time. Dinner and prizes concluded the event.

Activities for this coming year will be the football games and weekly ticket raffles at Fuzzy's for future home games. The 2005 Leadership Conference is set for September 16. College Fairs will start on September 26. We may have a fall golf outing on October 2. The away game trip will be the Minnesota game on October 29. The annual wine tasting party will be in early November. The spring event will be in May 2006 followed by the annual golf tournament.

I want to thank the officers and board members for their hard work and support. Without their help we would not be a very active club. A list of the board members is shown in this newsletter. Brief reports from our Treasurer, College Fair chairmen, Scholarship, Membership, Special Events, and the Website are presented in the newsletter. I want to give special thanks to Becky Smith for preparation and distribution of the newsletter. One of our main goals for the upcoming year is to increase our dues paying membership. Everyone have a great year. GO BUCKS

Go Bucks! Ron Cook, Club President
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| <i>The Ohio State University Buckeyes 2005 Season</i> | | | | | |
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| Day | Date | Opponent | Location | TV | Time |
| Sat | 09/03 | MIAMI, OH (1) | Columbus, OH | ABC | 11:00 AM |
| Sat | 09/10 | TEXAS | Columbus, OH | ABC | 7:00 PM |
| Sat | 09/17 | SAN DIEGO STATE (2) | Columbus, OH | ABC | 2:30 PM |
| Sat | 9/24 | IOWA | Columbus, OH | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 10/08 | Penn State | University Park, PA | ESPN2/ESPN | 6 PM/ 6:45 PM |
| Sat | 10/15 | Michigan State (3) | Columbus, OH | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 10/22 | Indiana | Bloomington, IN | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 10/29 | Minnesota | Minneapolis, MN | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 11/05 | Illinois | Columbus, OH | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 11/12 | Northwestern | Columbus, OH | TBA | TBA |
| Sat | 11/19 | Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI | TBA | TBA |

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; (2) Hall of Fame Game (3) - Homecoming

Greetings and Preview from Columbus from JennyBucks

The buzz in Columbus has certainly been basketball of late with the "Thad" Five or the Fab Five or whatever name you want to call the incoming team with the commitments of the 2 stud hoopsters from Indianapolis a few weeks ago. Naturally, we expect Greg Oden's 5-plus star rating to fall now that he is a committed Buckeye!

The Jim O'Brien lawsuit has also been in the local media lately. A judge has ruled that Obie's legal team has the right to obtain material from the NCAA as part of Obie's assertion that he was the program's sacrificial lamb. And details of the NCAA inquiry into the final four season and possible penalties have not yet been released. It is considered likely the banners will come down as Boban Savovic will probably be deemed to have been ineligible at the time he competed for the Bucks.

All's been quiet on the football front ... and believe me, that's a good thing. No players in the news and that's been pleasant ... now that I've said that LOOK OUT! Seriously, there were a number of local talking heads calling upon the senior leadership to step up and take control of the team. While a lot of the media focus has been on AJ Hawk (deservedly,) one who has seriously emerged as a probable captain/leader is Anthony Schlegel. Tressel generally lets only a few of the guys meet with or talk to the media and Schlegel has been a mainstay since late last season. Hawk too but AJ is a rather quiet sort and no one would call Schlegel quiet. Nor Bobby Carpenter for that matter. The vote for captains will be an interesting one ... my predictions: Salley and Schlegel or Carp on defense; Holmes and Mangold on offense with an outside possibility of Sims and/or Troy Smith.

It has been said that Coach Tressel has been telling folks privately that this 2005 squad is the best he's ever coached (better than the 2002 squad). It is also said that Tressel plans to open up the offensive playbook (gasp) and throw everything at teams including the kitchen sink. If it is worth anything as a predictor, those with the new NCAA 2006 report that #7 is unstoppable. But, I think we already knew that ... Even ESPiN has called our linebacker corps the best in the nation. I think we know that too ...

I won't bore you with all the prognostications starting to emerge in the media but I think we all agree that punting and kicking will be the focus of the fall and probably have emerged as the biggest question marks followed by who will start the Texas game at QB. And speaking of Texas, game tickets are going for a minimum \$400 each and the tickets have not even been issued yet! The local media is telling viewers/readers to beware of any eBay or ticket brokers who purport to have tickets and are listing seat locations. All of those postings are bogus. Tickets will not be issued until approximately 2 weeks prior to the Miami game ... and let's not forget the Miami game! That game can not be overlooked or all the Texas hype will be for naught.

If any of you are thinking of heading back for an OSU game and want easy tickets, apparently the ticket office has set "no limit" for the SDSU game but you need to hurry.

Well ... that's a preview in a long nutshell ... GO BUCKS from JennyBucks!
Sign up form our regular emails and you'll get email updates on C-bus/OSU from JennyBucks

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: MIAMI & TEXAS will be **raffled FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH at 6PM at Fuzzy's South** to enable the winners to book their travel to Columbus. Only members that are current with their club dues are eligible to win tickets.

If you are interested in the first two games –Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20. IF you are unable to attend the drawing, 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 and should be received by August 15th.

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

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

A big “thank you” to webmaster – Paul Dulac! The website is up and running at kcbucks.org and kcbucks.com. Paul also maintains the outbound email list. If you want to receive club emails, go to the website and sign up!

The Buckeye Fall Invitational Golf Outing

Sunday, October 2nd – details to follow

9-hole scramble and dinner is being planned for Sunday, October 2.

For additional information email Jerry at jwgjwg@aol.com.

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Scholarship Opportunities

Available to qualified high school seniors who enroll at The Ohio State University and successfully apply for the \$2500 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 816.468.0347 or sanders_skylight@hotmail.com

Upcoming College Fairs

Show your Ohio State pride and share your experiences with prospective students and their parents at area college fairs! Volunteer with fellow OSU Alumni Club of Greater KC members for one or more of this year's area college fairs.

The Club plans on participating at the following college fairs:

| Date | Place | Time |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Sept 26, Monday | Blue Springs South | 7:00 – 8:30 |
| Sept 27, Tuesday | Longview Community | 6:30 – 8:00 |
| October 3, Monday | Park Hill South | 6:00 – 7:30 |
| Oct 10, Monday | Olathe Northwest | 7:00 – 9:00 |
| TBD | St. Joseph | |

To volunteer, please contact Todd Bell @ gandg59@hotmail.com or 913/897-6537 or Bob Shea @ b-shea@sbcglobal.net or 913/897-6195.

The club is currently looking for members who would like to become more active leaders of the organization. Scholarship and College Recruiting responsibilities are two positions that we will need to staff later this year along with new board members with new ideas! If you have any interest please contact Ron Cook.

4th Annual Alumni Club Wine Tasting - November

2005 will mark the 4th 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 attendees must have paid their club dues for 2005-06

4th 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 \$ _____

Financial Statement as of 7/9/05

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Checkbook Balance 7/9/05: \$3534.35 | | |
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| Income: | | |
| Dues | 75.00 | 1650.00 |
| Raffles | | 2208.00 |
| Events | 3220.00 | 11,749.00 |
| Scholarship Donations | | 806.00 |
| Other Income | 31.79 | 541.67 |
| Total Income: | 3326.79 | 16,954.67 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Scholarship Fund | 2500.00 | 2500.00 |
| Raffle | | 17.91 |
| Events | 3943.93 | 11202.62 |
| Scholarship Expenses | | 95.00 |
| Newsletter & Postage | | 714.95 |
| Other Expenses | | |
| Total Expenses | 6443.93 | 14,530.48 |
| Net Income: | (3117.14) | 2424.19 |

Note: Dues & additional Scholarship donations are collected in August/September, Raffle income (July-November), newsletters & member solicitation (August)

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 @ collegetraditions.com – you MUST indicate our group account: KC Alumni Club #AL9504 for us to get the credit.

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

OSU to play Cyclones in Capital Classic

December 17th at 7pm

The Iowa State men's basketball team will play host to Ohio State in the 2005 Mediacom Cyclone Capital Classic, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in front of a nationally televised audience on ESPN2.

The game will be ISU's first-ever played in the newly constructed Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines and will be the second game of an Iowa State basketball doubleheader. The Cyclone women's basketball team will battle Northern Iowa at 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in making a trip to Des Moines to support Thad's fabulous five...

email Becky Smith at 1kcbuckeye@everestkc.net or Jerry Gramlich at jwgjwg@aol.com

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 2005 – 2006. 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 \$ _____

Club dues are \$15 per household – Due date is September 15th!
Remember you cannot win raffle prizes if your dues are not current with the club.

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