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The President's Corner

2004 was a great year for the club, and even though we endured what was a tumultuous football season for the Buckeyes, any year that we beat that team up north and win a bowl game has to be chalked up as a good year! Like all of you, we can hardly wait for the team that takes the field this year. The prognosticators of college football are telling everyone to look out for the **Buckeyes in '05!**

It was a great year for our club, and a few of the many **highlights of the year for OSUDC** include:

- Dr. Woods, Director of TBDBITL, spoke to us at the **spring dinner**. At that dinner we raised \$1800.00 for the scholarship fund through auctions that were conducted;
- We donated \$1500.00 to the **John Glenn Institute** to support cultural activities for the students who are interning in Washington;
- We awarded over \$8000.00 in **scholarships** to local area students attending OSU;
- Once again, our club was selected as a **Gold Star Alumni Club**, an award presented to the top 10% of alumni clubs across the world;
- Les Palkuti was awarded the **"Best Buckeye"** award. He joins the ranks of some other very special DC Buckeyes who have made us proud. Congratulations Les, and thank you for your years of service to the club;
- The rivalry against that team up North wasn't confined to Columbus this year—we partnered with the Michigan Club here for a **Happy Hour before THE GAME**, and we raised a significant amount of money for St. Ann's, our adopted local charity!

Looking forward to **an even better 2005!**
GO BUCKS!

Wendy Butler, '95
OSUDC President



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For more information on our Club or its activities, please visit our website at: www.osudc.org or feel free to contact one of our officers. **GO BUCKS!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and JOIN US
FOR THESE GREAT UPCOMING OSUDC EVENTS:**

- Annual Spring Dinner:
May 2005
- Baltimore Orioles vs. Cleveland Indians:
July 2, 2005
- Washington Nationals vs. Cincinnati Reds:
August, 2005

Check your e-mail, access the website and look out for future Bits issues for information on other events the Board is working on.

events...

On the Move...

The Buckeye Bits

As you may have noticed, The Buckeye BITS hasn't arrived in your mailbox in the recent past, and we wanted to let you know what we have been up to in its absence. It was a monumental year for the Board with regard to change and turnover. So many of our distinguished Board members, who served so ably for so long, moved on and passed the torch to a new cadre of OSU Alumni and Board members. We apologize for our lack of communication in the interim, but pledge to you in 2005 to provide you with information that keeps you up-to-speed on all the happenings of your Alumni Association in Washington, DC. We appreciate your patience and look forward to staying in touch. Thanks and GO BUCKS!

Membership Message

Renew your membership today! If you have an * next to your name on the address label, your membership has lapsed. Be sure to renew your membership by April 15th to be entered into a drawing for a 1 year subscription to the Buckeye Sports Bulletin. Don't miss out! (Note: All members paid for the 2004-2005 year as of 4/15/05 will be entered into the drawing)

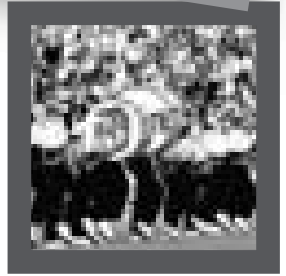
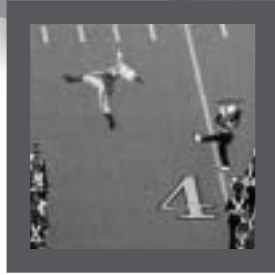
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Interested in serving on the Board of Directors for 2005-2006? Contact Wendy Butler at 202-270-6446 or wendy.butler@cox.net.





OSU's TBDBITL shows their true Buckeye Spirit in the 2005 Inaugural Parade in Washington DC.



the best damn Hello Buckeye Fans!!!!

It was another great year for watching the Buckeyes at Willie & Reed's. This year, even though the Buckeyes were not in championship form, the crowd at the gamewatches had their game faces on every Saturday. As in years past there were great raffle gifts given away at every gamewatch, and this year we even had people donate gifts to be auctioned off at halftime. The highlight of this year's gamewatches was the Michigan game, when Willie & Reeds was full of Buckeyes by 11:00am, and we had over 250 fans watch the Buckeyes destroy the Wolverines. Even though the Alamo bowl was played in the middle of the work week, we still had a huge crowd at Willie & Reeds to cheer on the Buckeyes, as they absolutely routed Oklahoma State. Will the Big 12 ever have our number?

In 2005, we had two basketball gamewatches at Willie & Reed's. We watched the Michigan game with the Michigan Alumni society of DC, and each group provided appetizers for those in

attendance. We hope this is the beginning of a tradition to not just have gamewatches for Football games, but to also have gamewatches for basketball games. As we all know, Coach Thad Matta has our program back on track and we bring back one heck of a team next year, led by Terrance Dials. Speaking of which, what a win over # 1-ranked and previously undefeated Illinois! In our last 6 basketball games against the # 1-ranked team in the country, Ohio State is 5-1!

And let's not forget about the stellar season put forth by our women's basketball team. They had a great season that ended with a close, hard-fought loss in to Rutgers in the Sweet 16.

And last, but certainly not least, we hope to see everyone on September 3, 2005 at Willie & Reed's as the Buckeyes start the 2005 season against Miami Ohio.

GO BUCKS!!!!



Holiday Party 2004

Buckeyes celebrate the holidays together

In December over 50 area Buckeyes gathered together to celebrate the season at our Annual Holiday Party. As usual, there was good company, good food, camaraderie, and overall a tremendous holiday (and Buckeye) spirit.

We changed venues this year and hosted the event at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Many thanks go out to George Gableman for sponsoring the club; allowing us to hold the party there.

Many terrific Buckeye items were donated and auctioned off (some new and some vintage!), and we raised over \$400 for the scholarship fund! Thank you to all for your generosity!



Hanging out with Future Ohio State Alumni

Eleven (11) Ohio State Students decided to forego the traditional Spring Break when they visited Washington, DC from March 18th to 26th to volunteer as part of the Alternate Spring Break program. Many of them are interested in moving to the DC area after they graduate, and they were eager to meet alumni in the area to hear about our experiences and why we love DC so much.

We kicked off their visit to the Nation's Capital on March 20th by giving them a walking tour of the Capitol Hill area and then treated them to pizza afterwards.

It was a great day as we all boasted our Scarlet and Gray clothing – the future of the Ohio State Alumni Association in Washington, DC sure looks bright!



Student Recruitment 2004-05

Over the past year there have been several changes in Ohio State's admissions policy that have made the student recruitment process easier at College Fairs. The University is encouraging students to apply online. OSUDC volunteer recruiters are no longer accepting information cards from students at fairs. Instead we are distributing webpointer cards and asking students to request specific information and apply at the indicated website.

This past Fall, OSUDC mustered 8 volunteers to staff 8 college fairs. Pitching in were Louise Zimmerman-White, Ken Balog, Daniel Elwell, Kim Badenhop, Marc Schie, Wendy Butler, and Jack Schreibman (whose wife Marci is expecting a baby!). Special thanks goes to new volunteer recruiter Angie Hinze who recently graduated, and was able to share the Ohio State experience with great enthusiasm for the prospective students.

This Spring, OSUDC club members will be staffing seven college fairs and recruitment events in an effort to attract the students that help make The Ohio State University the great learning institution that it is. The schedule of fairs is posted on the OSUDC website. For more information contact Hongor J. Oulanoff on (703) 351-6509.



Young Alumni Special Interest Group

OSUDC has launched a "young alumni" special interest group for the young and the young at heart. The group got things started by hosting a happy hour on Wednesday, April 6th at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. We hope you can join us for our next event!

Also, if you are interested in being added to the mailing list, or for more information, please email Katie Smith at ksmith015@verizon.net. Also, watch the website www.osudc.org for more information and upcoming events.

Buckeyes with Giving Spirit

What a great way to end 2004! And no, we're not talking about the bowl victory this time. Take time to pat yourself on the back - what a wonderful and giving group of alumni we have here in the DC area! Local alums were very generous as the Ohio State Alumni Club of DC held a very successful goods drive to benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. We provided many necessary items for children ages newborn to 12 years old as well as teenage mothers. Items were collected during all of the gamewatches, at the OSU/Michigan Happy Hour, and the Holiday Party. In all, we collected almost 200 items!

We need to also thank the alumni club from that school up north who helped by donating \$200 dollars to St. Ann's on their behalf during the OSU/Michigan Happy Hour. OSUDC was able to match their contribution - what a great way to work together.

This year, because of so much generosity, we were able to give \$570 dollars in money and gift cards. In addition to financial contributions, we donated much-needed items such as hundreds of diapers, dozens of bars of soap, numerous bottles of shampoo and lotion, an amazing supply of dental hygiene items, and various sizes of batteries - as well as children's books, a blanket, and two disposable cameras.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed! OSUDC will continue to work with St. Ann's throughout the year. Be on the lookout for an early summer activity with the children of St. Ann's.

Les Palkuti Receives Best Buckeye Award



One of our longtime club members, Les Palkuti, had the distinct honor of receiving the Ohio State Alumni Association's Best Buckeye Award in May 2004. Les' outstanding service to the Ohio State Community include serving as the sole editor for the Washington, DC alumni club's newsletter (Buckeye Bits) for seven years, five of those winning an award for outstanding newsletter; staying actively involved with the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Bay Area Santa Clara (CA) Valley, and the Washington, DC Clubs since the 1970's; coordinating numerous club events for OSUDC such as annual ski trips, the Legg Mason Tennis Classic and a club brunch at The John Glenn Institute in DC; serving as club

representative at area college fairs; and many other activities. We truly appreciate Les for all he's done over the years in serving Ohio State, and congratulate him on a job well done!



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