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The President's Corner

Hello Buckeyes!

The Ohio State Alumni Club of DC has some great activities planned for spring and early summer, and we hope you'll join us! Our **Annual Spring Dinner** was May 1, and we were very fortunate to welcome **Jack Park, the famed Ohio State Commentator and historian**. We elected officers, and welcome the new officers the members who filled open spots on the Board.

We are launching an exciting new fundraising campaign to help support our **OSUDC Scholarship fund**. You can check it out on our website at www.osudc.org or look in the **May/June Marketplace in the OSUAA magazine**.

As President, I'm frequently asked about **networking opportunities** and help with finding jobs or internships in the DC area. We are very excited to announce that we will host our **very first educational networking event** on April 27th, and we expect it was the kick-off for many networking events to come.

Enjoy the most beautiful season in Washington, DC, and we hope to see you soon! Best wishes to the incoming board and many thanks to our members for a wonderful year.

Wendy Butler Mafuz,
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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:**

- Young Alumni Happy Hour:
1st Wednesday of each month
Buffalo Billiards, Dupont Circle, DC
- Nationals Baseball Game
Saturday, June 10, 2006
1:20 p.m.
- WWII Memorial Tour
June 13, 2006
Meet at Visitor building at 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Pic-nic and Student Send Off
August 2006
More information to come.

**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...



DC Bucks Here and There

Joseph Nunez is a past DC scholarship recipient who will be graduating at the conclusion of this Spring Quarter with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Joseph accepted an engineering position with Exxon-Mobil Corporation at its Fairfax, VA headquarters. After graduation, Joseph will be working in Exxon-Mobil's mechanical engineering troubleshooting and R&D group.

Get Involved!

We want you!!! Interested in joining the Board for the 2006-2007 year or starting off a bit smaller by chairing an event or Special Interest Group? Contact Wendy Butler Mafuz at 202-270-6446 or wendy.butler@cox.net.

To participate in our various community service projects contact Kirsten Freeman Fox at kfox2@umd.edu.

To assist with staffing gamewatches this fall, please email Tim Mallon at tmallon@yahoo.com. Kirsten Freeman Fox at kfox2@umd.edu.

Membership Message

If you haven't done so already, don't delay—renew your membership dues today!!

Survey: Want to Start an Intramural Sports Team?

Attention all DC Area Alumni! We are looking to start at least one OSUDC alumni intramural sports team this year! In order to do this, we need to see how much interest there is. If you would like to play with other alumni on a sports team, Jeff Zelek at jeff.zelek@gmail.com. Please include your name, contact information, and what sports you would like to play (softball, flag football, basketball, volleyball, or kickball). Thanks everyone!



WWII Memorial Tour

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The Second World War is the only 20th Century event commemorated on the National Mall's central axis.

In continuing our visits to local historic and interesting locations, we lined up a tour of this relatively new DC attraction. Join us, Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. for a one-hour tour of the newest addition to the Mall. We will hear about the architecture and learn about all the various parts of the memorial that pay tribute to the fallen heroes. We will gather at the visitors building and proceed from there.

For more information contact Kim Badenhop at kim@kimberlyb.com or 703-861-8106.

Networking Events

Interested in an opportunity to meet and network with fellow DC area Buckeyes? Looking for a career tune-up?

Our recent networking events are just the beginning of what we expect to be informative and helpful gatherings for area alumni. April 27, we heard a wonderful talk about "Branding" for a career by Dr. Leslie Fine from the Fisher College of Business. On May 11, we gathered with Alumni from other Ohio Schools for a networking reception.

Look for information on other networking events to come. If you are interested in participating or have suggestions on topics we welcome your input. Please drop us a line at osudc@cox.net.

Fisher College of Business

Executive MBA Program-D.C. area alumni had a unique opportunity to attend a special information session describing the Fisher College EMBA program. On Friday, April 28th, the Fisher College will hosted an informal information session for D.C. area alumni seeking to enhance their career by continuing their education, but who cannot interrupt their career by entering a full-time program. This unique program meets on campus in Columbus once per month for three consecutive days, over an 18 month period, allowing you to earn your degree while working, traveling and maintaining family obligations. While you are away from campus you stay in touch with your colleagues and professors and access your coursework through a dedicated web site. The program is perfect for present and future leaders who have at least seven years of significant work experience, and who are seeking an integrative and strategic perspective on management issues. For more information, visit their web site at www.fisher.osu.edu/emba.

Lasting Impressions

We Buckeyes take much pride in our sportsmanship, whether we are on or off the field. Below is an email that we received from a visiting Buckeye who happened to attend one of our gamewatches last fall with her family:

Hi! In 1977 I met the man I'd marry in Block O. I led the Block in 1978. We were married in scarlet and gray after the first home game in 1981 (before the students returned-plenty of tickets for groomsmen). So, I've seen my share of Buckeye fans and fanatics. I never worried about sportsmanship until this fall.

My beloved Buckeyes were scheduled to play the Texas Longhorns on the weekend that I had to return my elder son, Mathias, to Universal Ballet Academy in DC. He's studied there since he was twelve. He's a senior now, headed for a professional ballet career instead of Columbus. Because we're often in this area on game days, we watch the wide screens at Willie & Reed's, a Buckeye haven sports bar at 4901 Fairmont Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland (official meeting grounds of the OSU Alumni Association for the DC area). Mathias and I planned to go that Saturday.

One of Mathias' dorm-mates was already in town too. He and his mother wanted to come along. Of course I said yes. I didn't remember that they hail from Texas until they were in my car. We arrived well before kick-off and were seated at the booth farthest from the door. The establishment quickly became a standing room only sea of scarlet and gray. The only Texan fans the place were at our table, wildly cheering at all the "wrong" times. I was a little nervous, worried about unsportsmanlike behavior. Those seated near us were, at first, quite shocked, but by the second half we were all exchanging high-fives for both teams.

The game ended badly, but I've never been so proud to be a Buckeye. I listened to my fellow fans (complete strangers) say "Good game" to my guests from our booth all the way out the door. When it comes to sportsmanship, the folks at Willie & Reed's score high.

*Susan Lenz Dingman
Class of 1980, Medieval and Renaissance Studies
(My husband encouraged me to write!)
J. Steven Dingman
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Holiday Party Recap

In December we held our annual Holiday Party once again at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Complete with a turkey carver and tasty desserts, over 50 local Buckeyes brought in the Holiday Season in one of the Club's most scenic rooms, the Cocktail Porch. We collected items for St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, and held a raffle for OSU memorabilia. We ended the festive evening with our famous Carmen Ohio.

Also, many many thanks to our longtime, dedicated member, George Gableman, for sponsoring this event for the second year!



In Memoriam

William H. Hall

We are sad to report that Ohio State's Vice President for Student Affairs, William H. Hall, died on Sunday, November 27, 2005 from pancreatic and liver cancer. He was well-known, respected and a true legend in the Ohio State community and will be truly missed.

An online tribute dedicated to him has a fascinating chronology of his life. You can access this tribute at <http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/billhall.asp>.

Stephen J. Horton

We also offer our sincere condolences to the family of Stephen J. Horton, one of our local students (Gaithersburg, MD) who attended Ohio State. He passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

Memorial donations are being accepted in Stephen's honor, all of which will go toward The Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington DC Spearman Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship Fund helps deserving DC area students offset the cost of their education at Ohio State. Our Fund earned enough interest for us to offer scholarships to four outstanding local students for the current school year.

If you would like to send a donation, please make your check payable to: "Alumni Club of Washington DC/Spearman Scholarship Fund #604-938."

Note on the check: "In Memory of Stephen Horton."

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Annual Spring Dinner

Famed Ohio State Football Historian Addressed OSUDC Spring Dinner

In the hearts of Buckeye fans and many pundits, the tradition of Ohio State football is second to none. Whether at a tailgate outside the 'Shoe or at a 4th of July BBQ in the heart of summer, Ohio State fans have the innate ability to speak with great passion and knowledge when it comes to our football team.

If ever there was a patriarch of Ohio State football legend, it would be leading Ohio State football historian Jack Park. His book titled *The Ohio State Football Encyclopedia* is widely regarded as the most comprehensive review of Buckeye football ever produced. Mr. Park's wealth of knowledge on the history of Ohio State football has contributed greatly to making Ohio State the international brand it is today.

We were very proud this year to welcome Jack Park as our honored guest and speaker at OSUDC's Annual Spring Dinner May 1. This is a banner event put on by the DC Alumni Association each year and it proved to be one of the best ever this year, with Mr. Park keynoting the program.

Our program included election of officers, presentation of scholarships, and the auction and raffle of the right to buy our President's club football tickets. This year Penn State and Michigan were Auctioned, and the rest were included in the raffle. We appreciate those who participated, with thanks for the contribution it makes to our scholarship fund.





“Young” Alumni Happy Hour

The "Young" Alumni Special Interest Group (SIG) was started in Spring 2005 to encourage recent graduates to get more involved in the club, and the monthly happy hours hosted by this group have been wildly successful. If you are a young alumni, or just young at heart, come on out for an evening of socialization with the Club! All are welcome!

When: First Wednesday of each month
Where: Buffalo Billiards (19th Street NW, across from the Dupont South Metro)
Time: 6pm

For questions or more information, please contact the club at osudc@cox.net. Also, check your email for monthly reminders!

Area Buckeyes Have Big Hearts

What a great beginning to 2006! Members of the football team were not the only Buckeyes to have an impressive start to 2006 (though what a great victory over the Fighting Irish in the Fiesta Bowl!) Our DC area Buckeyes also had an impressive beginning to the 2006, by dropping off a large gift of toys, personal products, and financial contributions to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. Throughout the holiday season, local alums were very generous in contributing to the Ohio State Alumni Club of DC goods drive to benefit St. Ann's. We were able to provide many necessary items for children ages newborn to 12 years old. This year, there was a specific need to help out the older children, and our club responded, as DC area alums showed up with holiday spirit at game watches, the OSU/Michigan Happy Hour, and the Holiday Party ready to give!

This year, because of your generosity and contributions, we were able to give over \$200 dollars in money and gift cards. In addition to financial contributions, we received many necessities including diapers and baby supplies, soap, shampoo, lotion, dental products, and batteries. In response for items for the older children, we also received many games, books, and toys for children ages 6-12; thank you!

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 our annual summer activity with the children they serve.

Spring Student Recruitment Fairs Underway

Throughout March and April we had a busy student recruitment schedule! We participated at several locations including Wheaton, MD (Mon. April 3); Upper Marlboro, MD (Thurs. April 6); the Patriot Center in Northern Virginia (Wed. April 19); and the Montgomery Co. Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg, MD (Wed. April 26).

This is a great way to volunteer and help the university. There will be many more opportunities in the fall.

For more information or to volunteer for future fairs, please contact student recruitment chair Hongor Oulanoff at 703-351-6509 or oulanoff_hongor@bah.com.



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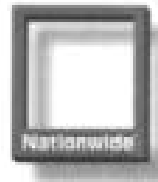
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