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President's Corner

Hello DC Buckeyes!

Our club is affiliated with the Ohio State Alumni Association. We serve the Washington, DC metro area, including parts of Maryland and Virginia. We offer opportunities for continued friendship and service to Ohio State, along with a variety of ways to enjoy and contribute to communities in this area.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter. This is one of many options available to communicate local Buckeye news. Our goal is to change the style of the newsletter to a format for highlighting area Buckeyes and Buckeye activities. We know there are a lot of amazing Buckeyes in our midst. We want to help all of you get to know each other. Continuing information about our club calendar and events are posted on our web site, and communicated through our listserv.

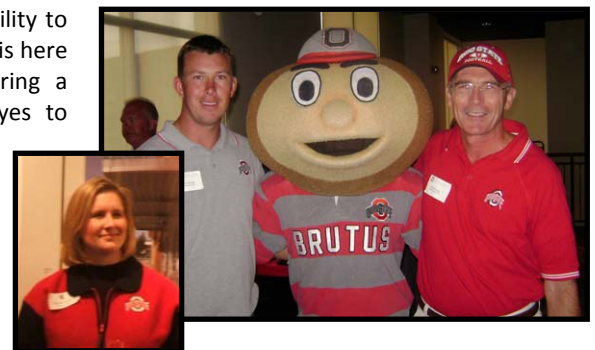
In addition to our many social and sports activities, we raise scholarship funds, inform prospective students, greet Ohio State athletes or performers and hear speakers on a variety of topics. There are a lot of Buckeyes in DC, and The Ohio State University has quite a presence here. Please join us for our activities.

One of our newest efforts is a close relationship with the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. As a club we have supported the Washington Academic Internship program participants for several years. Now, we are working with the Glenn School to help connect Buckeyes involved in the public policy area. In a place like DC, that includes almost everyone. Current efforts allow the possibility to be a mentor to an Ohio State student who is here as an intern. We look forward to offering a variety of ways for public policy Buckeyes to connect.

There is a lot going on with the Ohio State Alumni Association. If you are not a member of either the Alumni Association, or our club, we encourage you to join.

I wish you a happy new year in 2009.
GO BUCKS!

Kim Badenhop
President, OSUDC



Photos (top to bottom left): Union Jack's Gamewatch in Bethesda, Holiday Party, Operation Turkey service project with OSU and UM alumni, Alumni Leaders' Conference in Columbus, OSUDC President Kim Badenhop at our Wine Tasting with the John Glenn School of Public Affairs



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2008-2009 Scholarship Recipients

Last spring, the OSU Alumni Club of Washington, DC awarded scholarships to three outstanding students.

Hannah Schroder fell in love with Ohio State when she visited. She was editor of her high school newspaper, has been a mentor and tutor, and originally thought she wanted to go to the University of Michigan (that school up north). Hanna is from Olney, MD and has not decided on a major.

Benjamin Coughan wants to major in vocal performance and business. Ben is from Waldorf, MD. He has been in various bands and student government.

Kristin Weisser, of Port Republic, MD, is interested in chemical engineering. She has won science awards, physics and history awards.

We also presented two renewal scholarships to previous scholarship recipients: **Jennifer Horton** of Gaithersburg, MD, and **Brianne Bourassa**, of Waldorf, MD.

The Alumni Club honored the 2008-2009 scholarship recipients at the Spring 2008 Reception & Annual Meeting, featuring remarks by Tracy Stuck, Director of the Ohio Union & Student Activities.

Throughout the year, many of our events are held in order to raise funds for our own Spearman Scholarship Fund, which helps deserving DC area students offset the cost of their Ohio State education. We also appreciate your direct assistance to our fund. If you have any questions about our scholarships, please visit our website at www.osudc.org/scholarships.

You may donate to the DC Alumni Club's endowed fund online at www.giveto.osu.edu or by mail to:

University Development
The Ohio State University Foundation
1480 West Lane Avenue
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Online or by mail, please indicate that your gift is for the **DC Alumni Club's Spearman Scholarship Fund #604938**.



Ohio State Athletics

Though most of us follow Ohio State football religiously, there is still life after that season ends.

In 2008, the Ohio State men's lacrosse team shared the Great Western Lacrosse League title with an 11-6 record, and was among the nation's elite, reaching the NCAA quarterfinals and ending the season ranked seventh in the country.

For the 2009 season, the OSU-MLAX team returns 33 lettermen, including 7 starters and 4 All-conference players.

Upcoming games:

- February 14th: Navy (at Annapolis)
- March 21st: UMBC (at Baltimore)
- April 11th: UNC (at Baltimore)

The Ohio State women's lacrosse team finished 2008 with a 10-8 season. In 2009, the team returns seven starters.

Upcoming games:

- February 13th: American University
- February 15th: GWU

Look for more details at www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com.

Buckeye Profile

Former Ohio State students are proud of their background. That's why it's not unusual to see bumper stickers on cars, red Buckeye pens, or red and white key chains with the Ohio State logo being used all around the Metro DC area.

We think you should get to know these fellow Ohio State graduates.

This newsletter, we introduce you to **Chris Stallsmith**, who says he learned at an early age how to properly respond to "O-H!"

A resident of Falls Church, Virginia, Chris works for Gryphon Technologies as a project manager. This makes him very familiar with ship maintenance and modernization. His focus is on minesweepers.

This is one of those areas a lot of people would confess they know nothing about. But Chris does. He earned a B.S. in ceramic engineering from Ohio State in 1983, was commissioned into the U.S. Navy and assigned to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion directorate in Arlington, Virginia, as a nuclear power engineer. Chris also has an MBA in marketing. In addition, he does some very human things. He is a director of the JOBS! Ministry, a program that offers spiritual and practical guidance to individuals in career transition.



OSU Student Recruitment

Alumni volunteers attended nine college fairs at local high schools last fall designed for students to get information on colleges and universities. We distributed brochures, scholarship information, and answered questions about what it's like to be a Buckeye.

You may not know how many majors are offered on main campus (there are over 170 majors and hundreds of specializations within those majors) or how many valedictorians were in the admitted freshman class in 2007 (there were 290), but you can still help! What's most important is sharing your passion for OSU.

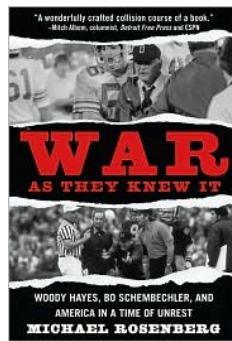
To participate in spring 2009 student recruitment, please contact Hongor Oulanoff at recruitment@osudc.org

Photos: Spring Reception with speaker Tracy Stuck (top), Intramural Flag Football Team (bottom)



Buckeye Tidbits

A new book has been written about the age-old rivalry between Ohio State and the University of Michigan. *War as They Knew It: Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler and America in a Time of Unrest*, by Michael Rosenberg, discusses the upheavals, controversies and good stories of those years. The book is available through amazon.com.



Buckeye Trivia

1. What two buildings at OSU are named after U.S. Presidents?
2. Who owned a farm using the land before it was turned into the Ohio State campus?
3. The original campus contained how many acres?
4. What is the "long walk"?
5. How long is the Oval?
6. Which department's building burned down three times?

See the answers on page 4.

Mentor a Glenn Fellow

The John Glenn School of Public Affairs is looking for DC-area mentors for junior and senior OSU

students participating in the Washington Academic Internship Program (WAIP). The goal of the WAIP mentoring program is to help students adjust to a new and challenging environment, and to work with them on career planning, networking, and professional skills development.

In addition to the natural development of the mentorship relationship based on the distinctive intellectual and social needs of the mentor and student, participants will have the opportunity to participate in several Glenn School events throughout the quarter. Each quarter, the official mentorship program kicks off with a meet and greet and concludes with a farewell dinner at the end of the quarter. Ideally, the bonds between Glenn Fellows and their mentors will often continue beyond the end of the quarter.

If you are interested in learning more about the WAIP mentoring program, please contact Laura Allen at 202.543.6215 or allen.878@osu.edu.



Upcoming Events

February 18, 2009: Washington Capitals Hockey Outing

Join the Ohio State Alumni Club of Metro Washington DC at the Verizon Center as the Caps host the Montreal Canadiens. Immediately following the game is the "Big Broomball Battle" of Ohio State alumni vs. Syracuse alumni. Visit <http://www.capstickets.com/osu.html> for game tickets. Pre-game happy hour with Syracuse TBA.

First Wednesday of Every Month: OSUDC Happy Hour

Our location changes, but the Buckeye spirit and networking opportunities prevail on the first Wednesday of each month at Buckeye Happy Hour. Check the website at www.osudc.org for each month's location. Recommendations and locations appreciated – contact us at alumni@osudc.org.



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Buckeye Trivia Answers

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2. William Neil
3. 327 acres
4. The sidewalk in the center of the Oval
5. 1,275 feet
6. Chemistry

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