



THE OSU VIEW

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Van Wert & Paulding Counties*

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Buckaholic Bulletin Board



The reason that you haven't received this edition of the latest (and highly anticipated, we hope) *Newsletter* is because we were waiting to confirm the speaker for the Spring Fling (Banquet). The speaker is now set and you will have to read about it elsewhere in this edition!

Much water has passed under the bridge since our last publication. Some of it was calm and some turbulent, but it is still flowing and so are we. Our basketball trip to the game event went very well. The forty fans who went got to see Greg Oden make his Ohio State debut - a great event which has gotten even greater as the year has gone on. Our team prevailed over Valparaiso as they did over 30 other opponents this year.

The football Buckeyes beat the Wolverines. They won outright the Big 10(11) title. Troy Smith won the Heisman trophy. Then the bubble burst and we lost to Florida in the national BCS title game. All of us were terribly disappointed but you win some and you lose some. It really upset me when the media threw around, as they do so much of the time, the negative aspect of the loss. I

felt profound sorrow for Joel and all the other seniors and for that matter all of the team, but life is full of ups and downs, joys and sorrows. This will all become eventually an unpleasant memory. Before I leave this paragraph, I will toss out a couple more thoughts. We all remember how happy and elated we were when Ohio State beat Miami and won the national championship, don't we? Did any of us give the slightest bit of thought as to how badly the Miami fans felt? I know I didn't. Well, now we know the other side, right? Every event has many different aspects to it. Should we not grow with every experience, good or bad, and then please tell me, shouldn't this be a character of a true fan? After all, another event, game or whatever is right around the corner, therefore, let's get on with it and stop moaning and groaning about the last one.

The Club has requested tickets for our one home football game we are permitted to attend for this coming fall. Perhaps I will have the information about it at the Spring Banquet. I hope so. A reminder to all that sign up sheets and tickets are limited to your being a Club member. If you are not a member and wish to go, then by all means get those membership dues paid. Paying dues not only allows you to participate in this trip, but your membership means that you want to see the Club prosper and grow. Please remember that our primary goal is to support the Ohio State University in any and every way we can and our underlying purpose is helping those who wish to go there and find out that it is the greatest and best of all universities, period.

Bulletin Board continues...

As I write this, the NCAA tournament is a few days off and the Ohio State basketball team is rated #1. In my opinion, the ratings are rather silly (Isn't that why the tournament is played - to find out just who is number 1?). I also feel that the post season conference tournaments shouldn't count when the NCAA decides who plays, with whom and where. I hope I'm not the only one that believes the conference title is 100 times more important than the so-called conference tournament championship is. After all, this tournament is just another excuse to make more money and exploit the kids. It is of no consequence unless, of course, Ohio State wins... What this all means is that the draw for the NCAA tournament should occur **BEFORE** the conference tournaments take place. If this were to happen, it would make the regular season have the gravity that it truly deserves, but what do I know and why should anyone care about my assessments? It does make me feel a whole lot better though, now that these thoughts are off my chest.

Now all this "I think", "I feel", "I know" and "I believe" has given me an idea. What do you think? If there is anyone out there who wants or wishes to write a piece, give an opinion or ask a question about the University or our Club, please send it to me (Dave Watkins and my address appears at the bottom of this article). It just might become a regular column in future *Newsletters*. Instead of "Dear Abby", how about "Dear Buckaholic" (and I am a "dear", of that there is no question...) This is **YOUR** *Newsletter*, so why not toss your 2 or more cents into it? Isn't it Nike that says, "*Just do it*"?

Enough of this stuff, my head hurts and my eyes are spinning counterclockwise from all this thinking. I **WILL** see you at the Spring Fling (Banquet), won't I? Move ahead Buckeyes!!

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THE GOLF OUTING OF 2007

Greetings and hello fellow OSU Club supporters! At the time of this writing, our men's basketball team beat Purdue for the third time this season. Before that, I listened to our team beat the school up north for a third time this basketball season. Some things just never get old, beating that team four times (in football and basketball) since November is definitely one of those things that rarely goes out of style!!

Today was also the first day this year that I didn't have to wear a coat. That, coupled with the sun shining, has put me in the mood for GOLF season. With golf season comes our **4TH ANNUAL OSU CLUB GOLF OUTING**. The event will be on Saturday, August 18 at 1 PM at Pond-A-River golf course outside of Antwerp.

The past 3 outings have raised over \$6,000 for scholarships. We are hoping for even better things this year. The success achieved and money raised would not be possible without the generous hole and tournament sponsorship numerous businesses and individuals have provided. Their contributions help us to bring in former OSU players such as Michael Wiley, Dee Miller, and Dan Stultz, while still allowing us to raise money for scholarships. If you are interested in supporting the outing in this manner, please contact Greg Owens, Matt Kelly, or me and we will be glad to provide you with information and levels of support. We will have more details at the Spring Banquet and in the summer newsletter.

If golf is not your cup of tea, you are still needed! We need of assistance in organizing the event, monitoring holes for potential hole in one prizes (provided by Greve Chrysler in Van Wert), or setting up tables and chairs, and especially attracting hole and tournament sponsors. Please let me know if you are interested.

We will have sign up sheets at the spring banquet and in the next *Newsletter*. With any questions, please either give me a call at 419-236-4347 or drop me an e-mail at agjason@verizon.net, and I'll be glad to discuss the outing in more detail.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 18, and be prepared for a great day of golfing and Buckeye fellowship.

Go Bucks,
Jason Williamson, **GOLF OUTING** Chairman

ODDS 'N ENDS

We wish to thank all of you who gave donations to be auctioned off at the "Buckeye Bash". Your support helps us to help OSU students.

Thanks also goes to Dr. Mark Bidlack for loaning us the use of his Buckeye RV for the Christmas parade. Those of us who decorated it with lights, etc. had a fun time.

Thanks to those who participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing. It might have been cold, but we all enjoyed it.

Grant Winners

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| From Paulding: | Stephanie Hall |
| Clint Bakle | Zack Hoverman |
| Brooke Bashore | Ashley Johnson |
| Laura Gerber | Emma Jones |
| Heather Gottke | Jena Martin |
| Rachel Jones | Mark Mefferd |
| Philip Klopfenstein | Melanie Menser |
| Stephanie Pease | Alek Mergy |
| Brittany Rhonehouse | Jordan Miller |
| Jaime Schaefer | Scott Nihiser |
| Connie Wehrkamp | Brandon Overholt |
| Valerie Wilhelm | Joshua Plumley |
| Kyle Zartman | Danielle Ray |
| From Van Wert: | Meagn Smith |
| Anne Altstaetter | Jeremy Stoller |
| Ashley Anderson | Rozanne Unterbrink |
| Andrea Dickson | Alysia Vaske |
| Joshua Early | Timothy Weldy |
| Jared Gehres | Stuart Zainea |

Did you know that Conrad's and College Traditions offer a club discount. Traditions said they offer a 15% discount. All you have to do is state that you are a member of a club. Your membership card could be used for such identification. For Conrad's a form needs to be filled out. We should have a form for you soon.

Speaking of membership cards, if you have not received one, please let us know. We'll get one to you as soon as possible.

Golf Outing Our annual golf outing will be held on Aug. 18 at Pond-A-River. See Jason Williamson's piece elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

DO NOT FORGET THE SPRING BANQUET

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DETAILS ABOUT THE SPRING BANQUET

Our annual Spring Banquet will be held on April 10 at JEHMMS in Van Wert. Doors will open at 5:30 and the festivities will begin at 6:00.

Speaker for the evening will be Jonathan Waters, Assistant Director of The Ohio State University Marching Band. He received his Bachelors of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University in 2000. He was a member of the Marching Band from 1995-1999. He served as graduate assistant for the band for the 2000 and 2001 seasons. He received two Masters degrees in Music Education and Conducting from The Ohio State University. Mr. Waters has written band shows for the Marching Band, Spring Athletic Band, and a number of high schools throughout the state. His other duties include teaching undergraduate conducting classes in the School of Music as well as conducting various concert ensembles.

Dr. Jon Woods, Director of the OSU Band may also attend if his personal schedule permits.

Tickets prices are \$12.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. They can be purchased by contacting any board member; by visiting *The Spelling Bee*, Mengerink's *Source for Sports*; the "I Don't Care Grille"; calling 238-2883 in Van Wert or 399-5855 in Paulding; or by mailing your ticket request along with your check made out the **Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Co.** to:

Alice Schaufelberger
1041 Mockingbird
Van Wert, OH 45891

You may pick up your tickets at the door the evening of the banquet. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Funds earned from our functions go to aid students from our counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.



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Tickets can be picked up at the door
the night of the Spring Banquet 4/10/07

Phone _____

Address _____

Name _____

Number of Student Tickets _____ @ \$12.00 ea. Enclosed \$ _____

Number of Adult Tickets _____ @ \$15.00 ea. Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail this to Alice...

2007 SPRING BANQUET TICKETS ORDER BLANK



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Notice:

Due to the increased cost of mailing these Newsletters, and unless you are a paid-up member of the Club, this will be the last time you will receive

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