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Buckaholic Bulletin Board

As I write this, it appears as though Spring has sprung. Reason number one: we had to move our clocks ahead last weekend; number two: the weather feels like Spring and number three: basketball March Madness is here. (I'll put my 2¢ worth in on that later in this article.)

Further I know Spring is here because our rapidly approaching **SPRING BANQUET** is right around the corner. Since the sad demise of our usual banquet site, we will be moving to a new venue this time. You will have to continue reading to find out the time and place. <Sneaky, aren't I?>

The only thing that has changed is the site because all the other features of the banquet will be the same, i.e., food, friends, fellowship and our usual agenda. The one part of the agenda which I wish to remind you is our annual spirit award, i. e., "The H. Larry Stitsworth Buckaholic of the Year Award". I know that sometimes people hate to think about getting it because they have to put on the foolish Buckhead. When you go more deeply into the Award and get past all the hardware that comes with it, what you have is the people, the pride and the purpose of our Club. We have a lot of fun with this Award but to me this is our Club's "Heisman" Trophy. When you come to the Banquet or any other of our functions, take time to look at our scrapbooks and the "Buckaholic" scrapbook. As you turn the pages, you see a succession of notable faces who have been very active members. Everyone of our past "Buckaholic Award" winners is and/or was the very best our Club has to offer. Thus, if you need just one good reason to come to the **SPRING BANQUET**, come to see who will be the year's "Buckaholic of the Year" and meet another true American Hero!

Please turn over...

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For tickets to the Spring Banquet with Jon Woods, Conductor of the Ohio State Marching Band, please fill in the information needed below and insert in an envelope with your check made out to **The OSU Alumni Club VW/P Counties** and mail to:

Greg Owens or Emily Temple
1231 Klinger Rd. 101 Hickory Ln.
Convoy, Ohio 45832 Antwerp, Ohio 45813

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ # of Reservations: _____

Enclosed: Reservations x \$15.00 \$ _____

(I understand that my tickets will be received at the Banquet)

Deadline for Reservations is April 5th

Here then is my 2¢ worth about Buckeye sports. We own the Big Ten in football and basketball including the women. I sure loved the bowl victory. I was a very happy camper. How about you? But wait, there is more, not only did the men and women Buckeyes win the regular season titles, they also won the stupid league tournament.

Now, let me tell you why I believe it is STUPID. Why does the NCAA make the tournament winner an automatic selection for NCAA National Tournament? My common sense (some people have been known to question this...) tells me that the winning the conference season means everything and the league tournament means nothing. Look at Kent State, they won the regular season, lost in the post season tournament and now are playing in the N.I.T. Ohio University won the post tournament and they get to go to the "big dance". This is difficult for me to understand. Every year, after the NCAA tourney draw, the talking heads always say it is too bad that this or that team should or shouldn't have been chosen. This year they are complaining about the NCAA pondering about adding more teams. These "heads" say that this will weaken the tournament. I have a solution and why I think as I do. First, do away with the end of the year conference tournaments. (What are they good for-nothing?!) Next, and this will never happen, but stick with me, have a real tournament with every school included. You might that say this is impossible. I don't. If you have ever gone to a high school basketball tournament game, you know that it does work. Let the players who play the games, decide who is best, not a bunch of NCAA politically correct educated fools in a conference room someplace determine who and who shall not be included. Do the arithmetic, every completed level cuts the field in half. I declare, "Let the players and only the players decide who is number 1 when it's all said and done! This system would work because it works in very state of the Union, every year and it is called high school state championships. The solution has been hiding in plain sight for many years.

By the way, the preceding is just my opinion. If you put it in a bag with 2¢ and shake it, when you empty the bag all you get is 2¢. I sure have had fun writing you about it! Speaking of fun, see at the **Spring Banquet** and Go Bucks!

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Greetings fellow Buckeye Fans!!

It seems like it was just last week we were setting at the Buckeye Bash listening to Archie speak, what a great night that was. Soon we were celebrating another Victory over Michigan, a Big 10 Championship followed by a Rose Bowl Victory!!

As 2010 began...we soon realized both men's & women's basketball were destined to be something great also. Big 10 Championships for both men's and women's teams and now we start down the Tournament trail!!..All in all it has been quite exciting!! Thank You to ALL the Buckeye Teams for a year to remember!! (Especially Evan Turner's 3 pointer yesterday...can any one say "holding your breath!!" LOL)

This years Spring Banquet will be held at a new venue..The NPAC...but I'll let Club President Carl Jeffery fill you in on all of those details. I want to remind every one to make sure you didn't forget to pay your dues at the Buckeye Bash so you can sign the clip boards for tickets to OSU Football games. New Ticket Coordinator Jake Mohr will fill everyone in on details that night. (If Carl doesn't address the fact that: "We have a limited number of tickets to sell, 120, so be sure to get your Tickets early!!" That can be added at this point.))

Also don't forget to bring along a canned food item for our collection to both the Van Wert County & Paulding Food Banks.

If anyone wishes to become involved in any of our Club's Committees or would like to put your name in consideration for holding an office...please contact Carl Jeffery at 419-238-3037.

See You There, Go Bucks,
JoAnne Wolford

Buckeye Fans, Greetings,

We have great news . Dr. Jon Woods [the conductor of the famous Ohio State Marching band] will be our guest speaker at our spring banquet at 6:00p.m. on April 13th. The banquet will be held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert [it is attached to Van Wert High School]. You have got to see this facility. It is considered to be the premier performing arts center in northwest Ohio. Tickets are only \$15.00 and they can be purchased now. There are a limited amount of tickets for this event so if you plan on attending, please order them as soon as you can. Your ticket also includes a meal. **You can order tickets by contacting Dr. Carl Jeffery at 419-238-5810, JoAnneWolford at 419-238-3525, Burl and Ellie Barnes at 419-399-5855 or Missy Bowman at 203-2754. Tickets can also be purchased at "The Spelling Bee" and Mengerink's "Source for Sports.** I hope to see you at the banquet. Go Bucks!

Carl

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