



THE OSU VIEW

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Van Wert & Paulding Counties*

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Buckaholic Bulletin Board

It is time for another edition of *The OSU View*.

As usual, a lot has happened and is going to happen since our last issue. What follows will get you up to date.

Our Spring Banquet went very well. The main speaker was Dr. John Dewitt from Ohio State for the evening. You might remember that he was a 1992 Paulding High School graduate who went on and became a team leader for Clinical Development and Director of both the Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residencies at the University. His speech was very well received and was very thought-provoking.

New officers for the coming year were elected.

They are:

President, ChilLim Gonzales

Vice President, Carl Jeffery

Secretary, Missie Bowman

Assistant Secretary, Pam Herminghuysen

Co-Treasurers, Greg Owens & Alice Schaufelberger

Membership Secretary, Alice Schaufelberger

Scholarship Chairman, Jake & Jessie Mohr

Ticket Coordinator & Historian, Dave Watkins

Official Board, Current Officers & Past Presidents

This year's recipients of the prestigious *Buckaholic of the Year Award* was announced to be Pam and Dave Herminghuysen.

Kimberly Lowe, another visitor from the University also spoke. She is the new director of Alumni Clubs for the Ohio State Alumni Association. It has been a rather long interval since a representative of her stature has spoken to the Club and the main reason for her visit was to explain the new policy on football tickets that the University has instituted. I asked and she answered some of my

question about the new policy. I will not tell you her answers but I still am not convinced of its worthiness. To me it is even more confusing than ever. Ah well, there is nothing certain except change...

Anyway, the sign-up sheets for tickets were available at the Banquet. We learned from Ms. Lowe that we will receive 40 tickets for a home game and a **possible** 20 tickets for a road game. The upshot for all this is that more fans signed up than what we have tickets. Thus, the ticket coordinator (me/I) will be contacting those who enrolled in the near future. I will then attempt to give explanations about the new policy and solutions *imposed* on our Club by the Association. (Do you the get the feeling that I am not too happy about all of this?)

A final observation - My wife, my mom, my dog and myself recently went and returned from visiting our daughter and son-in-law who live in Gonzales, Louisiana. If you didn't know, that is the home town of Glenn Dorsey, the All-American defensive star from Louisiana State University other wise know as LSU. I can tell you one thing, I got so sick of all the national championship signs and tee-shirts displayed by those people down there. I really never want Ohio State and LSU to play each other for the national title again. Of all the match-ups, that has be the worst possible combination there can be. For me it is, anyway. One good thing that prevails about college sports is that there is always next year and/or even just the next game.

There are many things about which I must attend, so I'll close and say, "See you later and as always - GO BUCKS!"



Dave Watkins

This is BarB Thompson, with

**A VIEW FROM THE TREE HOUSE AIRED -
WED., APR. 30, 2008**

It's a delightful Wednesday in Van Wert County and if the next four minutes color your morning's outlook a vivid scarlet and gray, that's because I continue to bask in those revered Ohio State colors, following my vivid experiences, Monday night at Lima's Shawnee Country Club.

The setting for this wild and wonderful evening was The Ohio State University at Lima's "Fifth Annual Spring For Scholarships" Dinner and Auction. Earlier this month, Apr. 8, to be exact, I had stood in the dinner line at our own OSU Alumni Spring Bash, and was caught up in a conversation as to how that great university has personally effected our individual lives. My contribution, of course, centered on my graduation from the Lima OSU campus in 1994 at the age of 58, and the moment when then OSU President, Dr. E. Gordon Gee handed me my Degree in English, paused, hugged me, and whispered in my ear, "You are what The Ohio State University is all about!"

That led to the news that Dr. Gee, who has recently returned to Columbus after several years, serving other prominent universities across the nation, would be in Lima, later in the month at its big spring affair - his first Lima visit since returning to Ohio. Later that week, I received a call from George Brooks of Van Wert's First Financial Bank, inviting me to accompany his wife, Altha, and him to Monday night's banquet/meeting in Lima. It would give me an opportunity to reconnect with Dr. Gee after almost 15 years. I jumped at the offer!

Well, prior to the dinner and auction, the OSU Lima Board of Trustees, which George serves as Alumni Representative, held its meeting at 4:30 and we took our places at the huge Trustees' table. Glancing at the agenda, I saw where I was to be introduced, following Dr. Gee's remarks. What a shock, but also, what a privilege.

Dr. Gee (that's G-E-E) is an incredible human being, who has the ability to make every individual he meets, feel special. I'm told, he often walks across the Columbus campus, shaking hands with students as they pass, and his memory for names is phenomenal! He reminded the crowd that his position is not a job, it's a calling - a spiritual responsibility, and trust me, he leaves no doubters in his path. He has been a university president for half of his life and my guess is that he's currently in his early 70s, approximately my age. He spreads his "love of life and the education of humanity" wherever he happens to be and had addressed Lima Rotary, earlier, just one of several Lima speeches, scheduled during his stay.

He reminded the crowd of 240 that OSU's enrollment, this current year, was up by 3900 and he predicted another significant rise next fall. Currently, The Ohio State University includes 60,000 students and 40,000 staff members, all dedicated to the university's success. OSU has four thriving regional campuses, located in Newark, Mansfield, Marion and Lima, and he exhibits a special fondness for ours. Students on the five campuses attend from all 50 states and 150 nations. He also reminded us that the annual budget is \$4 billion. Wow!

During the evening, our own Van Wert-Paulding Alumni Assoc. received the "The Judy Von Blon Buckeye Spirit Award" and banner, which was accepted by Alice Schaufelberger and Pam Herminghuysen. Whatta' wonderful surprise that was! Dr. Gee closed his remarks with the reminder that he loved to come to Lima for many reasons - one being, he loves its "Kewpee" hamburgers. A great man; a great evening and one where all 240 in attendance have learned to "Keep Their Faces to the OSU Scarlet and Gray Sunshine!"



L. to R.: Alice Schaufelberger, Judy Von Blon and Pam Herminghuysen

Are you feeling lucky?

A team consisting of The Alumni Association and the Athletics Ticket Office has made some big changes to the upcoming football ticket application process. One change is that active dues-paying members of the Association who apply for tickets by the deadline of May 31, 2008, will be entered into a random lottery. That lottery will decide who will receive tickets and for which games. In previous years an alphabetical system predetermined which games members could apply for. Also, no longer existing is the advantage for those members who had applied for tickets in consecutive years. Donor history will play no role in determining priority. All members will have an opportunity to participate in the lottery and will have an equal chance for the tickets. Another change made is no more "householding" the chance to apply for tickets. Before, the rule existed that if two single members lived in one household, they received only one application. With the new rules the household will now receive two applications, one for each member. But, joint members, who share one membership, will still receive one application. By entering the lottery for tickets the members are committed to accept the game tickets they are awarded, NO REFUNDS. The application process has The Association strongly encouraging members to apply online. In 2009, there will be no paper applications, making the online application mandatory. To end, just a few questions. Do you like the new changes? And, are you rubbing that lucky buckeye in hopes of winning the lottery for tickets to the game against that team up north?

Paying it Forward

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Van Wert and Paulding Counties the club is proud to announce that this year we awarded \$8930.00 to the OSU students at the main campus and its branches. Thirty-one students from Van Wert County and sixteen students from Paulding County were awarded \$190.00 each. The club has received many thank you cards and emails from the students stating their appreciation. One wrote that it will help pay for books and GAS!! The OSU Alumni Club of Van Wert and Paulding County would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our members and to those who help in any way to make all of this possible. Thanks again and GO BUCKS!

ChiLim Gonzales, President

Show your support of the Van Wert/Paulding County OSU Alumni Club with a fun personalized ad or promote your business!

We are offering ads on our website, www.osuvwp.org. These can be fun, personalized ads for individuals & families, or promotional business ads. We are getting a lot of traffic on our website, so lots of people will see your ad.

Support the Ohio State University & the Buckeyes!

This is a great fund raiser for us, as it allows us to utilize our website. There is no initial startup cost for this fundraiser and the labor is donated. So 100% will go to our local club fund, which assists local students attend the Ohio State University.

- Ad will be business card size: 3.5"W x 2"H.
- Individual/Family Ad - \$10 per year. Business Ad - \$25 per year.
- Ad will be placed on Buckeye E-Card page on www.osuvwp.org.
- Ad year is April through March. (From Spring Banquet to Spring Banquet)
- There will be 1 Buckeye E-Card page with 2 sections -- (Business section & Individual/Family section), unless quantity of ads warrants separate web pages for each type. Which would be great & we would be happy to do!
- Business card or graphic of business card may be used. Additional information may be designated.
- Attach Business card to order form.
- Suggested layout and color scheme can be designated.
- Artwork, graphic, or photo that can be adapted with content of ad are welcome and can be emailed or attached to order form.
- Ad may be linked to your website or e-mail address; please provide web address or e-mail address.
- Contact webmaster@osuvwp.org with any questions.

Visit www.osuvwp.org Buckeye E-Card page to view the ads & also to view and print the order form. Please circulate the order forms to anyone you think might be interested in having a Buckeye E-Card.

We have several E-Cards on our website. Thank you to everyone who is participating!



Details of Golf Outings!



Greetings to Everyone,

This year will mark the 5th year of the Paulding-Van Wert OSU Club golf outing. Each year we have tried to add a few wrinkles to make the outing more enjoyable. This year we are striving to spread the fun by having 2 golf outings. The first being June 28 at Willow Bend in Van Wert and a second outing on Saturday, August 16th at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Antwerp.

Everyone is welcome to participate in both outings. We need all Buckeye golfers to step forward and help support our club. Non-golfers are also needed to help organize the event and help in various functions through the day. It is a great way to support the club and enjoy a fun afternoon of Buckeye fellowship. The golf outings have helped contribute over \$8,000 to scholarships over the past 4 years, and this year we want to continue paying it forward.

As I've mentioned before, the success of the outing would not be possible if not for our Tournament and Hole sponsors. We cannot thank them enough for their generous support of the golf outing and our Club. As an additional value for their advertising funds, this year a business or individual sponsoring the golf outing, will be displayed at both outings. Please contact Jason Williamson (Jason@cropcoverage.com or 419-263-0145) Jake Mohr, or visit our website www.osuvwp.org. Below are the details for the Willow Bend outing.

We look forward to seeing you at the golf outings this summer and as always GO BUCKS!!

Jason Williamson

WILLOW BEND GOLF OUTING!

The time for the first of our two golf outings is fast approaching. We will be hosting a golf outing on June 28 at the Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert at 1:30. We are lucky enough to have two former players at the outing, R. J. Coleman and Ryan Hammy. The entry fee includes 18 hole with a cart and dinner following the round. We will have prizes for longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the pin, as well as door prizes. The outing is limited to the first sixteen *paid* teams. We are also looking for corporate and personal sponsors for the outing. This year, the one time fee will get your sign displayed at both outings. The deadline for sponsorship and golfing entries is June 20.

For more information or to sign up your team, please go to our website: www.osuvwp.org and click on the golf outing link. You can download the entry form as well as the sponsorship form. Go Bucks!

Thanks!

Jake