



THE OSU VIEW

*The Newsletter from The Ohio State University Alumni Club
Van Wert & Paulding Counties*

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Well, here is your 2007 summer edition of *The OSU View*. In the last edition (Spring '07), I was writing about the Buckeyes losing to the Gators for the national college football championship and it never crossed my mind that I would have to write soon about another loss - this time with the national college basketball championship to the same Gators. I, however, did not feel nearly as bad about this last loss as I felt about the football score. My reasons for not feeling really upset with our basketball team are the following:

- a. The mere fact that they played in the championship was wonderful.
- b. Every game in which our team played in the tournament was “on the edge of your seat”, terrific and exciting. They made us in every game including the loss, proud.
- c. Finally, I truly feel and I know that the Gators were the only team that could have beaten us. They were just better because they had great talent AND experience which is usually the basis for winning.

Perhaps, though, maybe the most unhappy part of our basketball fortunes is that both Greg Oden, Mike Conley and now Daequan Cook are going off to the NBA. I understand Oden and Conley but Cook really needs more time in college. You might say, “What do you know and who asked you anyway”, right? (It’s that 2 cent thing again...)

If you missed the Spring Banquet, the main speaker was Jonathan Waters, Assistant Marching Band Director. In my opinion, he was one of the best speakers we have ever had. He made you want to be in the Band.

Also at the Banquet, the Buckaholic of the Year was announced. The winner was Burl Barnes from Paulding County (again). He is one of those people in our Club who could have probably and should have won it before now. With our great Club and all its great members, it is always difficult to chose someone for this honor but this year it turned out to be an easy task. Here is the argument for his garnering the award: he has been a member of this Club since it started; he has been a super diligent member behind the scene for many, many years; he has been a transporter, bidder, organizer and supporter of all the officers as well as cheerleader, comedian, song leader and most recently, Vice President of the Club; and, for the times he was an unofficial Co-President by always being there for Ellie when she was President of the Club to help in any way that he could. Burl graduated from Ohio State in 1957. Ohio State was where he met his wife; from where 3 of their 4 children

graduated; and, where he was a proud member of the Ohio State Men's Glee Club for 4 years. (These comments are almost word for word the way Burl was introduced by his wife.) The next time you see him, call him "Mr. Buckaholic" and thank him for all he has done for our Club. He is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. Thanks Burl, you certainly deserve this award.

All of the tickets for the Club's allotted football game against Akron on September 8th have been reserved by Club members. When the tickets arrive, I will notify you lucky people and deliver your ticket(s) to you. If, for whatever reason, anyone has extra tickets for any Ohio State football game, please give me a call at 419-238-5440. I can usually help find someone who can happily use them (only at face value, please) because I have a list of members who registered unsuccessfully for tickets. Please let me know if you have extras or can't use them. When you do this, you are helping Club members with your spare ticket(s).

Finally, we want to start a new community care project. Starting now at each Club Banquet and Club *Bash*, from everyone who attends, we are asking them to bring canned or boxed food for our local Food Pantries in Paulding and Van Wert Counties. We will have tables or drums set up to receive the members donation. These donations then will be divided evenly between the two counties. You really don't have to bring a lot but if each member gives something, we can make a big difference. I will remind (nag) you about this from now on.

I can't finish without writing about our new and improved web site. Matt Kelly first organized and set up the site. He deserves a very large thank you for getting the project on its way. Now, however, due to a very busy schedule which makes it impossible for him to continue, he has passed the task off to Laura Koenig. If you have not yet visited the site in your internet browsing, you should. There you will find a beautiful site full of information about our Club and for our members. The web address is <http://www.osuvwp.org/>. Thanks Matt for getting the site underway and thank you Laura for all that you are doing and going to do. I know I speak for everyone in this matter.

Well, that's all from me and so until the next issue of *The View*, or until I see you-
GO BUCKS!

Dave Watkins

FROM JOANNE WOLFORD

Hello Fellow Buckeyes!

Well, another summer has arrived. I want to thank all that helped Ellie and I during this past year. We saw a successful Golf Outing in June, a Great Bash in November, raising lots of money for Student Scholarships, and a wonderful Spring Banquet. The success of these events would not have come about without the help of our fellow officers as I was out West for almost 3 months and Ellie was laid up with a broken hip during some of the most crucial times...Thank You Alice for Taking over Chairmanship duties for The Bash...and Thank You to all who helped her put it together !!!

We have Great New Officers this year...You will meet them in upcoming issues of the Newsletter and a Great New Web site which our new Web Master, Laura Koenig, will tell you all about.

So, thanks again....It will be another Great Year for The Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties.....

Go Bucks!



FROM LAURA KOENIG

Please check out our new website! HYPERLINK "<http://www.osuvwp.org>" www.osuvwp.org

The OSU Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties has a new website that's been live since April. The web address is HYPERLINK "<http://www.osuvwp.org>" www.osuvwp.org. The site is a good source of information about upcoming and recent club activities, contacts, membership information, scholarship information, fundraisers, newsletters, photos, articles, and forms. Anyone with stories and photos (with captions) pertaining to our club can submit them to HYPERLINK "<mailto:webmaster@osuvwp.org>" webmaster@osuvwp.org.

Currently, we have the upcoming golf outing information and forms posted. Feel free to print out the promotional flyer and entry form and distribute at work or among friends & family! We are also promoting some fundraisers, with the proceeds going to our scholarship fund. The webmaster is always open to suggestions for additions to the website.

With the availability of viewing and printing our newsletter (The OSU View) online, we are going to attempt to save our club some money on administrative costs. Our goal is to cut down on paper, printing, and postage costs by emailing an announcement when a new issue of the newsletter is published to those interested in getting their newsletter online, rather than getting the newsletter in the regular mail. The money saved by our club on these expenses will be available for the scholarship fund.

Please take a few minutes and check out our new website. We'd like you to visit the newsletters page and take a look at the format for the OSU View. It can be viewed and printed in what is called PDF format. You will notice that it looks exactly like the printed newsletter that you have been receiving. If you do not have the Adobe Reader for this function, the link to download it is on the left side of the page.

Please take a moment and email [webmaster@osuvwp](mailto:webmaster@osuvwp.org) and let us know your preference for receiving the newsletter: *online announcement or regular mail*. Anyone is welcome to sign up for an online announcement for the newsletter. Club members only have the option of receiving our newsletter via regular mail.

If you do sign up for an online announcement, you may still receive the next newsletter in the mail. It may take us a time or 2 to get our mailing list and emailing list worked out.

Please add this email account to your address book so that we would possibly get a notification if your email address changes.

Please tell your friends about our website, too!

FROM JASON WILLIAMSON

Hello Fellow Buckeyes!! O-H..... you can give me a reply I-O at our 4th Annual Golf Outing. This year the outing will be played on Saturday, August 18 with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. The outing will again be at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Antwerp on the state line. The outing is \$50 per player (\$200 per team) and includes golf, cart, dinner following the round, and door prizes. There are also chances to win prizes during the outing.

We will once again be hosting a former OSU celebrity. This year with a local twist – Steve Hall former Ohio State and Wayne Trace graduate will be joining us. Stay tuned as other former football players are checking their schedules.

Over the past 3 years the golf outing has helped to raise over \$6,000 for scholarships. We are hoping for even more success this year. Our outing success is dependent on sponsorship. Sponsorship is a great way to support the outing, even if you do not golf.

There are two levels of support: a \$100 Tournament sponsorship and a \$50 hole sponsorship. A Tournament sponsorship will be noted in printed flyers the day of the outing and other Club events this year as well as a large sign prominently displayed near the clubhouse, on the course, and during dinner the day of the outing. The Hole Sponsorship is will be noted in printed flyers at club events this year as well as a sign that will be displayed on a hole at the course.

With over 100 golfers playing Pond-A-River every Saturday, this is great advertising for businesses. Individual sponsorships are welcomed as well and have grown in popularity in the last two years. You can add your own message to the golfers that day.

Finally, there is ALWAYS a need for volunteer support at the outing. We need folks willing to be witnesses on course, set up and tear down after the outing, and collect money and tickets, so please step up for a GREAT day at the course with all your fellow Buckeyes.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.osuvwp.org or contact Jason Williamson @ 419-263-1356 or e-mail at agjason@verizon.net

Thank you and GO BUCKS!